

SECOND BAPTIST SCHOOL

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Second Baptist School

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Established in 1946, SBS provides a world-class education for the leaders of tomorrow. SBS is a learning community for over 1,200 students (PK-12) who enjoy a breadth of educational opportunities – from customized learning experiences to travel exposure to technological advancement. Nurtured by a Christ-centered community that edifies the soul and an academically rigorous environment that enriches the mind, SBS graduates are armed with the character, confidence and capability needed to succeed in the world they confront in the 21st century.

Our Mission

The mission of Second Baptist School is to equip students to think critically, live biblically and lead courageously to impact the world for Jesus Christ.

Our Passion

Our passion is to bring every student into a personal relationship with Jesus Christ while equipping them to do with excellence that which God has called them to do.

Core Values

Christ-Centered
Pursuit of Excellence
Caring Community

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This magazine captures the spirit of a place I have loved for decades—a way to honor the stories that might otherwise go unseen.

LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

As you flip through the pages of this year's *Eagle* magazine, I hope you will see what I see: a rich reflection of who we are as a school—built on tradition, rooted in faith, committed to excellence and full of life.

This edition marks a personal milestone. It is the 20th *Eagle* I have had the privilege to shape as editor. While it is not technically the 20th *magazine* in format—our earliest versions were black-and-white newsletters with a splash of color on the cover—it represents two decades of capturing the heartbeat of Second Baptist School as a full-fledged magazine.

When I took on this project years ago, I was handed a big responsibility and a blank canvas. I had to figure out how to shape a publication that truly reflected our school community. With the support of two incredibly talented graphic designers (and now dear friends), I learned how to structure content, manage timelines and tell the SBS story with clarity and authenticity.

The *Eagle* has grown alongside our school. What began as a robust newsletter is now a full-color annual publication that celebrates our students, our mission and our community. Some things have stayed the same—campus life, athletics and the arts—but the design is sharper, the photography stronger and the storytelling more vibrant and intentional.

What I love most about this work is the opportunity to celebrate the stories that make Second Baptist School what it is. Every day, I witness the incredible—quiet acts of faith, bold displays of talent, leadership in motion—and this magazine provides a way to share those moments with our entire SBS family. It is never a solo effort. Each issue comes to life through the creativity, care and dedication of my communications team—writers, creators and editors who understand how to capture what makes SBS distinct.

The *Eagle* magazine is meaningful to me because it captures the spirit of a place I have loved for decades, a place I have considered my second home. It is a way to honor the stories unfolding every day at SBS—the ones that might otherwise go unseen—and to reflect the heart of this school through the lens of truth, faith and community.

Our theme from this year, *Walk in Truth*, runs through every page. It reminds us of what we are called to do—live with purpose, anchored in God's Word, and lead with clarity and courage.

Thank you for reading, and thank you for being part of the SBS story.

With gratitude,

Director of Communications





Walk in Truth
was more than
a theme — it
was a daily
commitment,
lived out in
classrooms,
hallways and
hearts.

Dear SBS Family,

From Convocation to Graduation, this school year has been one I will never forget.

When I stepped into this role last summer, I already loved Second Baptist School. As a pastor, a parent and a member of this church community, I have seen firsthand the impact this school has on the lives of students and families. But leading alongside our faculty and staff—watching them give so much of themselves each day—has grown that love into something deeper. What I have experienced this year is something I can only describe as remarkable: a community committed to truth, marked by grace and unified in purpose.

Our theme this year, *Walk in Truth*, has been more than a banner or a Bible verse. It has been a guidepost. Psalm 86:11 says, “Teach me your way, O Lord, that I may walk in Your truth; unite my heart to fear Your name.” This has been a year of leaning into that prayer—asking the Lord to teach us, to center us and to shape our hearts to follow Him.

And I believe He has answered that prayer. I have seen it in the quiet strength of our teachers, the joy in our classrooms, the courage in our student leaders and the way our families have shown up for one another. Truth has not only been taught—it has been lived. That is what makes this place special.

Second Baptist School is more than a school. It is a place where students are equipped to think critically, live biblically and lead courageously. That calling is not a cliché—it is a commitment. And every time a student stands up to lead in chapel, or a teacher stays late to help a student succeed, or a parent speaks words of encouragement at just the right time, that commitment is renewed.

What I have seen this year has only strengthened my belief in the mission of this school, the power of its people and the grace of our God. I am grateful to every person who made this year possible—teachers, staff, students, families, church members and friends. You have reminded me that when we pursue excellence and live in truth, God shows up.

There is more ahead—more growth, more challenges and more opportunities to live out the calling we have been given. But for now, I want to simply say thank you. It has been my honor to serve this school and lead alongside a team so dedicated to truth and excellence.

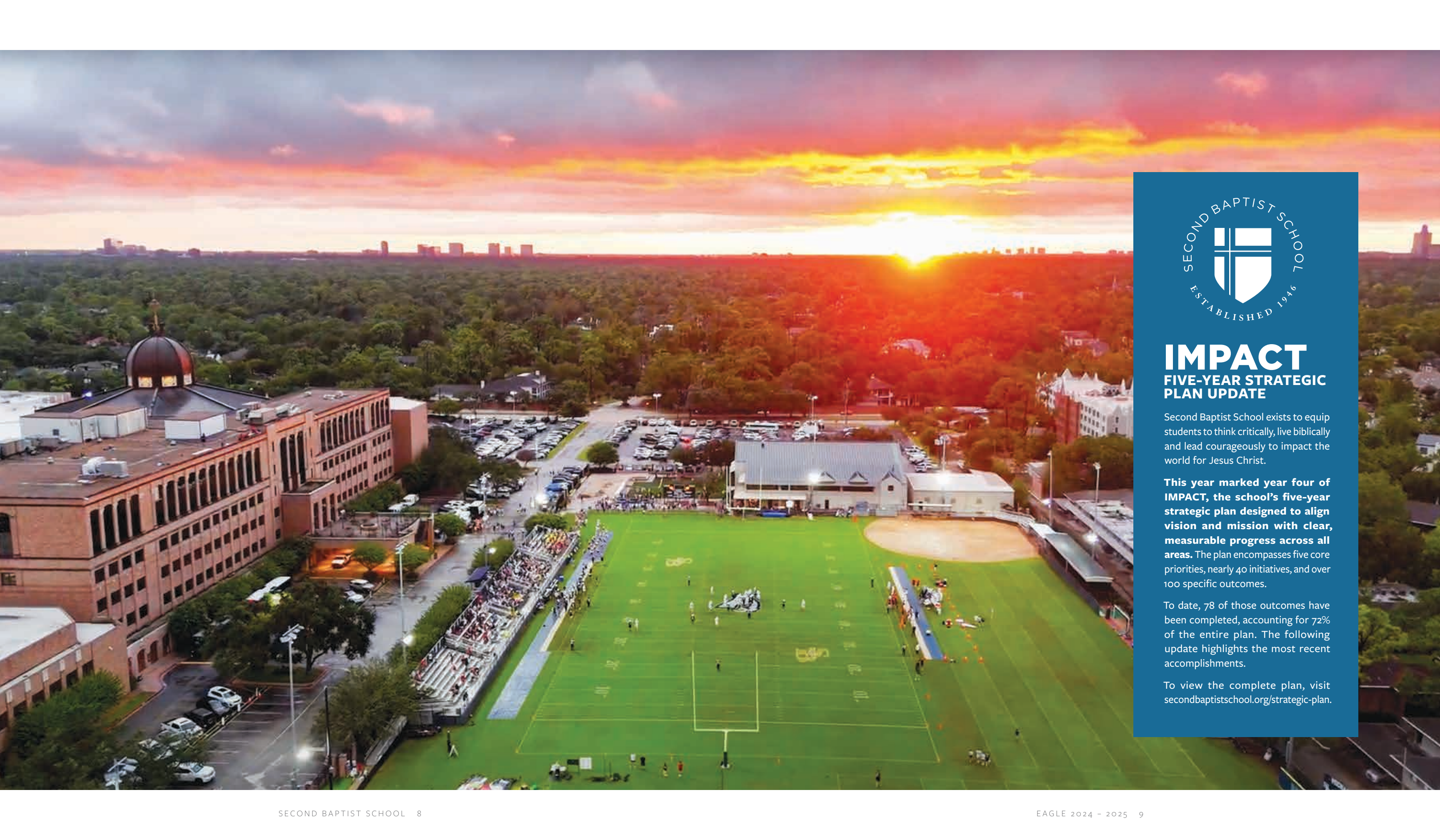
In His Service,

John Card
Interim Head of School



IMPACT

2021-2026
Five-Year Strategic Plan Update



IMPACT

FIVE-YEAR STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATE

Second Baptist School exists to equip students to think critically, live biblically and lead courageously to impact the world for Jesus Christ.

This year marked year four of IMPACT, the school's five-year strategic plan designed to align vision and mission with clear, measurable progress across all areas. The plan encompasses five core priorities, nearly 40 initiatives, and over 100 specific outcomes.

To date, 78 of those outcomes have been completed, accounting for 72% of the entire plan. The following update highlights the most recent accomplishments.

To view the complete plan, visit secondbaptistschool.org/strategic-plan.



“Our Bible courses reflect our deep commitment to helping students see the world through the lens of Scripture. Whether they’re studying theology, leadership or culture, our students are being equipped to think critically, stand firm in truth and follow Christ with wisdom and courage.”

OSCAR VILLANUEVA, UPPER SCHOOL BIBLE TEACHER



Mission and Distinctives

Key Initiatives

TRACKING MISSION

- **2022–2023 School Year:** Course surveys were introduced in the middle and upper schools, and parent focus groups were launched to gather feedback on the effectiveness of accomplishing the mission. Both now occur on a regular schedule each semester or year.
- **2024–2025 School Year:** A leadership dashboard was developed to help track key data points that measure mission alignment and effectiveness, supporting long-term vision and excellence.

Enhanced Student Experience

Key Initiatives in the Classroom

WORLDVIEW FORMATION

IMMERSIVE EXPERIENCES

- **2024–2025 School Year:** Chapel programming for middle and upper school students was redesigned to include live worship and updated teaching formats, reflecting our commitment to better reaching students’ hearts for Christ.

STUDENT DISCIPLESHIP

- **2022–2023 School Year:** The advisory programs in middle and upper school were revised to strengthen discipleship and provide more intentional, relational support for students.

INTENTIONAL CURRICULUM

- **2024–2025 School Year:** The Bible curriculum in upper school was updated with new courses set to launch in the 2025–2026 school year: Ethics and Leadership, Worldview and World Religions, Honors Apologetics, The Writings of John, and The Life of Paul.

CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION

ENHANCED DOCUMENTATION

- **2022–2023 School Year:** A KN–grade 12 research skills scope and sequence was created to support student growth in information gathering, analysis and presentation.
- **2023–2024 School Year:** The “What Matters Bible” curriculum guide was developed to unify Bible instruction across all grades under shared priorities and goals.
- **2024–2025 School Year:** The “What Matters Math” curriculum guide was completed, aligning all math instruction with school-wide expectations for content and delivery.
- **2022–2023 School Year:** All courses were documented using a new scope and sequence format, designed to bring clarity and consistency to curriculum planning.

ENHANCED UNIT PLANS

- **Spring 2023 & Fall 2023:** English language arts teachers received training and began implementing a new unit planning process.
- **Spring 2024 & Fall 2024:** Bible teachers participated in the same unit planning process.

TECHNOLOGY

BENCHMARKS

- **2022–2023 School Year:** A technology skills progression was created and introduced in lower and middle school to help prepare students for effective and responsible use of technology.

DIGITAL CITIZENSHIP

- **2024–2025 School Year:** A digital citizenship scope and sequence was created for middle school, offering clear guidance on safe and ethical digital habits.

On the Stage and Field

Key Initiatives

ALIGNED OPPORTUNITIES

- **2023–2024 School Year:** The arts and athletics leadership teams began meeting annually to coordinate programming and identify ways to support each other’s goals and events.

PLANNED PROGRESSION

- **2022–2023 School Year:** Middle school physical education classes added sport-specific units, taught by varsity coaches, to help students build early connections with the upper school athletics program.

Student Leadership

Key Initiatives

PLANNED PROGRESSION

- **2024–2025 School Year:** A structured leadership development approach was introduced for upper school student leaders. This plan equips students in various roles to lead more effectively through student-led projects and initiatives rooted in the school’s mission.

College Guidance

Key Initiatives

INTENTIONAL CURRICULUM

- **2023–2024 School Year:** New communication resources were created to support families through the college application process with continued plans to launch a College Guidance newsletter or podcast.
- **2023–2024 School Year:** A semester-long College Guidance study hall course was introduced to provide students with dedicated time and guidance during the college application season.

DIGITAL FOOTPRINT

- **2022–2023 School Year:** A College Guidance webpage was launched to give students and families online access to essential application resources and updates.
- **2022–2023 School Year:** The department began using social media more intentionally to share student college decisions and increase visibility around the college process.

COLLEGE GUIDANCE
By the Numbers 2022-2025

MORE THAN
2,270
COLLEGE APPLICATIONS SUBMITTED
ACROSS THREE YEARS

1,128
ACCEPTANCES FROM
282
UNIQUE INSTITUTIONS

GRADUATES ATTENDING
91 DIFFERENT COLLEGES
AND UNIVERSITIES IN
23 STATES AND
TWO COUNTRIES

\$37.6
MILLION IN SCHOLARSHIPS OFFERED

80%
OF STUDENTS GRADUATED
WITH A CUMULATIVE
GPA OF
3.5 OR HIGHER

AVERAGE
SAT
COMPOSITE OVER
THREE YEARS:
1234

11
NATIONAL MERIT COMMENDED STUDENTS
AND 1 NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLAR

78 AP SCHOLARS
TOTAL, INCLUDING
30 WITH DISTINCTION

194
STUDENTS INDUCTED
INTO THE
NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY



“When the arts and athletics come together, incredible things happen. We’ve seen how collaboration can break down silos and build each other up—and our students benefit most of all. I love that we’re not just running in our own lanes, but cheering each other on, united in our mission to glorify God through excellence.

Students who participate in both athletics and the arts tend to possess a deep appreciation for both worlds, noteworthy time management skills and clear character confidence. They are respectful, disciplined, hardworking and problem solvers.”

CINDY BLADES, DIRECTOR OF ARTS





“Small group discussions with faculty and staff around our values, mission and passion created meaningful opportunities to explore what makes SBS truly unique—and how each new team member plays a vital role in shaping students’ lives every day.”

ANDREA PROTHRO, DIRECTOR OF ADMISSIONS



Staffing and Professional Development

Key Initiatives

ATTRACTING AND RETAINING

- **2022–2023 School Year:** The personnel team expanded recruitment efforts by building partnerships, attending targeted events and using professional networks to identify strong candidates.
- **2022–2023 School Year:** A revised employee onboarding process was introduced, including a structured mentor/mentee system and six onboarding sessions led by school leadership.

COLLABORATIVE TIME

- **2023–2024 School Year:** A policy was established to provide faculty with one dedicated curriculum planning day per semester. In addition, grade-level and department schedules were adjusted to protect collaborative planning time throughout the school year.

Institutional Advancement

Key Initiatives

ALUMNI ENGAGEMENT

- **2024–2025 School Year:** SBS Alumni Connect launched as a professional and personal networking tool for alumni with 360 registered users and more than 4,000 page views in its first year.

ADMISSIONS PROCESS

- **2022–2023 School Year:** A monthly newsletter was created to communicate with prospective families during the admissions season.
- **2022–2023 School Year:** New opportunities were formalized for prospective students and families to engage directly with the arts and athletics programs as part of the admissions experience.

Facilities

Key Initiatives

ACADEMIC SPACES

- **Summer 2024:** The A Building was renovated to house lower school activity classes and middle school electives, including the new KN-grade 6 library. The updated library now serves over 500 students and features approximately 14,800 titles.
- **Fall 2024:** Renovations to the sixth floor of the E Building were completed, creating new science labs, classrooms, a Learning Commons, an updated library for grades 7–12 and a new office suite for College Guidance.
- **Summer 2024:** Repurposed space in Woodway Village to add three classrooms for middle school.
- **Spring 2024:** The new Admissions suite opened to more conveniently serve prospective families from a centralized location on campus.





Living with a biblical worldview means aligning one’s thoughts, desires and actions with God’s directives as revealed in the Bible.

*Empowering Future Leaders with
Christ-Centered Education:*
A BWV APPROACH

At Second Baptist School, we are dedicated to nurturing leaders who are not only academically proficient but also spiritually equipped to meet the challenges of the world with a Christ-like perspective. Our unique educational approach is deeply rooted in a biblical worldview, encouraging students to think critically, live according to biblical principles and lead with courage.

**DEFINING A BIBLICAL
WORLDVIEW**

A biblical worldview (BWV) involves seeing the world through the lens of scripture. Beck Brydon, our director of student impact, explains that living with a BWV means aligning one’s thoughts, desires, and actions with God’s directives as revealed in the Bible. This framework not only informs ethical decisions but also enriches the educational experience across all school disciplines.

**INTEGRATION IN
ACADEMICS**

From pre-kindergarten through grade 12, our educators integrate biblical principles into every subject area. Whether it’s solving complex mathematical problems

or analyzing literature, students are taught to consider how biblical truths shape understanding and responses to academic challenges. This integration ensures that education at Second Baptist School goes beyond academics; it is about shaping hearts and minds to reflect God’s truth in every facet of life.

**CULTIVATING
CHARACTER THROUGH
EXTRACURRICULARS**

Our commitment extends beyond the classroom. In arts and athletics, we strive to create environments where sportsmanship and artistic integrity are predicated on biblical values. This consistent reinforcement of BWV encourages students to express their faith creatively and competitively.

**IMPACT BEYOND THE
CLASSROOM**

By modeling a deep, intentional relationship with Jesus Christ, our educators embody Psalm 86:11: “Teach me your way, O LORD, that I may walk in your truth; unite my heart to fear your name.” Students see firsthand the transformative power of a life led by faith and an intimate relationship

with Christ, inspiring them to emulate these qualities in their own lives. As students witness this walk in truth, they learn to follow Christ, understanding that “the fully trained student will be like his teacher.”

**DEVELOPING LEADERS
FOR TOMORROW**

Ultimately, our mission at Second Baptist School is to cultivate courageous leaders, grounded in biblical truth, who are prepared to lead with integrity and engage the world with the love and truth of Jesus Christ. Through comprehensive academic programming and a supportive, faith-based community, we prepare students to make meaningful contributions to society, guided by a firm foundation in their faith.

As we continue to advance our mission, Second Baptist School remains committed to a Christ-centered educational paradigm that prepares young individuals to excel and lead in an increasingly complex world. We invite you to join us in this pivotal journey of education and faith development, where every student is equipped to walk in truth and impact the world for Jesus Christ.

PROMOTING STUDENT SUCCESS

KATHY KOCH ON MEETING THE TOP 5 NEEDS OF CHILDREN

Every child searches for answers to five critical questions that shape their success and well-being. Dr. Kathy Koch, founder of Celebrate Kids, Inc., shared valuable insights on how meeting these five core needs of Security, Identity, Belonging, Purpose and Competence can significantly enhance a student’s educational journey and personal development. These needs are not only essential for student growth, but are also answered through the knowledge that the answer lies in the very object of our faith—Jesus Christ.

1 SECURITY Helping students answer: Who can I trust?

Dr. Kathy began with the most basic need—security, explaining that students thrive when they know who they can trust, not just what they can trust. True security comes from knowing God’s character and not relying solely on one’s faith, which can waver. We must teach children to “develop and discern healthy character, and more importantly, know God’s character.” By modeling trustworthiness and demonstrating reliance on God, educators and parents help children find security and stability in their relationship with Christ.

Proverbs 3:5-6 reminds us:
Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not rely on your own understanding; in all your ways know Him, and He will make your paths straight.

2 IDENTITY Helping students answer: Who am I?

Building on security, students must develop a holistic and accurate understanding of themselves—intellectually, socially, emotionally, physically and spiritually. Dr. Kathy emphasized that an identity that lacks the fullness of these five factors is not complete or accurate. Students often adopt the labels adults give them, which makes it crucial to affirm their strengths and correct any lies they believe about themselves. When students understand their worth in God’s design, they embrace their strengths without falling into the trap of comparison.

In line with 1 Corinthians 12:18-20, students can learn that:
God has placed each part in the body just as He wanted it to be. If all the parts were the same, how could there be a body? As it is, there are many parts. But there is only one body.

3 BELONGING Helping students answer: Who wants me?

“It’s not about who needs us but who genuinely wants us.” Children crave connection through shared interests, values and beliefs, and as they mature, they also learn to appreciate differences. At Second Baptist School, we desire to foster a caring community for families and students, to provide students with a sense of belonging where they feel seen, valued and encouraged. Educators and parents are called to model vibrant, life-giving relationships that reflect God’s love, teaching students the value of deep, meaningful connections within their community.

As John 13:34-35 teaches us:
A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are My disciples, if you love one another.

Dr. Kathy’s sessions provided our educators with actionable strategies to address the core needs of our students, creating a holistic approach to education that extends beyond academics.

4 PURPOSE Helping students answer: Why am I alive?

Purpose directs our lives, and Dr. Kathy emphasized its critical role in student well-being. Adults must establish purpose by connecting students’ interests and talents to meaningful pursuits, guiding them to serve others and helping them set life goals that align with their God-given abilities. Purpose builds on belonging: if students don’t know who they are, they won’t know what to do. If they don’t want to belong to God, they won’t have a profitable purpose. Purpose not only motivates students but also helps them persevere through life’s challenges with optimism and faith.

Ephesians 2:10 reminds us:
For we are God’s handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

5 COMPETENCE Helping students answer: What do I do well?

“Competence is about fulfilling one’s purpose with excellence, not perfection.” As parents and educators, it’s important not to push children into perfectionism, as we know it is unattainable. Instead, we should encourage them to “work hard and not define their success by how they compare to others.” Dr. Kathy highlighted that when students understand their core needs—Security, Identity, Belonging and Purpose—they naturally develop the competence to thrive.

Colossians 3:17 offers encouragement:
And whatever you do, in word or in deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.

By meeting these needs, Second Baptist School is committed to nurturing students who are secure, confident and purpose-driven, ready to make a positive impact in their communities and the world.





SBS Faculty Take Faith Further with Colson Fellows

At Second Baptist School, “walk in truth” is more than just a thematic statement. Thinking critically, living biblically, and leading courageously are not just a mission—each is a daily practice that students, parents, faculty and staff continually strive toward.

This year, thirteen faculty and staff members deepened their commitment to living out this calling through participation in Colson Fellows, a program designed to “establish a solid foundation for those who are new to the study of Christian worldview, and for those who are well-versed in Christian worldview and apologetics.”

THE PROGRAM EXPERIENCE

From August through April, participants read, wrestled with ideas, reflected and discussed what it means to live biblically in a culture increasingly shaped by feelings over truth. Through essays, Scripture, books and small group conversations, they explored how worldview informs every aspect of life—from how we define identity to how we approach politics, work and worship.

For many, it was both a deepening and a sharpening of their faith—challenging them not only to think differently, but to live with greater clarity, courage and conviction.

FACULTY AND STAFF PRESENTATIONS

Over the course of the program, four participants—Andrea Prothro, Oscar Villanueva, Ashley Corbin and Derrick Hickle—shared key takeaways during faculty and staff professional development meetings. Their presentations reflected the essence of the Colson Fellows’ mission: not merely to inform minds, but to transform lives through the truth of the gospel.

ANDREA PROTHRO Admissions

“You can only lead those entrusted to you as far as you are yourself.” With this clear and compelling truth, Andrea Prothro emphasized the personal responsibility of walking daily with Christ, and in truth.

At Second Baptist School, our passion is to lead every student into a personal relationship with Jesus Christ while equipping them to do with excellence that which God has called them to do. Andrea’s message reminded us that this mission begins with the spiritual health and example of our leadership and educators.

OSCAR VILLANUEVA Upper School Bible

The mission and passion of Second Baptist School, however, are not accomplished by example alone, but by a community-wide commitment to a biblical worldview. “There is a way which seems right to man,” Oscar Villanueva said, quoting Proverbs, “but its end is the way of death.”

Villanueva reminded colleagues to be discerning, especially when interacting with students, warning that many modern ideas may sound “Christian” but ultimately contradict the moral or spiritual truth of Scripture. He spoke of the subtle dangers of moralistic therapeutic deism—a belief

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system that reduces God to a cosmic fixer rather than Lord of all.

We, therefore, must not display Jesus as someone to turn to when needed. Rather, we should live and speak in such a way that highlights John 15:5, “I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in Me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from Me you can do nothing.”

ASHLEY CORBIN Lower School Bible

It is through our interactions with the world and culture that we must display our unlikeness to it. Ashley Corbin offered a powerful analysis of current cultural flashpoints—from sexuality and identity to abortion and IVF—through the lens of a biblical worldview.

She described culture as an iceberg: visible behavior may be shocking or confusing, but the battle lies beneath the surface, in questions of authority, identity and truth. Her presentation challenged faculty and staff to recognize the brokenness beneath the behavior and respond with both clarity and compassion.

At SBS, this is the work we are called to do—helping students think deeply, live wisely, and stand on truth, even when it is countercultural.

DERRICK HICKLE Middle School Bible

Derrick Hickle provided a biblical framework for understanding life and

culture through the grand narrative of Scripture—creation, fall, redemption and restoration. His session aligned with Second Baptist School’s mission to develop servant leaders who engage the world with wisdom and grace. From politics and economics to the dignity of work, he reminded faculty that everything we teach and model has eternal significance.

Hickle closed his session with a powerful quote from Chuck Colson and Nancy Pearcey: “Christians who understand biblical truth and have the courage to live it out can indeed redeem a culture, or even create one. This is the challenge facing all of us in the new millennium.”

This is the challenge that Second Baptist School embraces—not just in theory, but in daily practice—as we strive to prepare students to walk in truth and shape culture, wholly committed to Christ.

As these faculty and staff members brought back what they learned through the Colson Fellows program, they didn’t just add to their personal knowledge—they deepened the school’s collective commitment to biblical worldview education.

Their willingness to ask hard questions, engage culture through the lens of Scripture, and model authentic faith continues to shape the spiritual fabric of Second Baptist School, inspiring our community to think critically, live biblically and lead courageously.

FALL IN REVIEW



CONVOCATION

“Convocation began, and I listened as Head Prefect Zoe Chapman stepped up to the podium to address fellow students, faculty and families. As her classmate and having the honor of watching her lead in and outside the classroom daily, I can truly speak to her diligence, driven nature, and desire to serve.

“Shaping your year is a lot like building a house,” Chapman said. “I know a lot about building houses thanks to the Guatemala mission trip I was fortunate to participate in during Interim Term this last school year.”

Chapman emphasized the importance of maintaining a stable support system and looking to Jesus in every circumstance. She referenced the steps she learned to build a home during the mission trip, illustrating the detail that a firm foundation demands. “I may not be able to predict what my year will look like exactly, but I know three things: my stable foundation is in Christ, I will have another year full of good memories, and I am supported by those around me,” Chapman said.

Lillian Baker '25 | Communications Fellow



Senior Retreat has been a cherished annual tradition at Second Baptist School for over three decades, offering the graduating class an opportunity to reflect and prepare to take on the mantle of leadership during their final year at SBS.

Communications Fellow Lillian Baker '25 reflected on the special moment when the seniors received encouraging letters from their family and loved ones. “My favorite part of senior retreat was reading the letters from our parents. It was such a sweet surprise, and the

letters are definitely something I will hold on to for a long, long time.”

After taking time to quietly reflect and absorb the letters, students gathered around the campfire for worship. The night concluded with science teacher Geoff Brooks leading a special “Under the Stars” session, where he prayed for each student by name as they gazed at the night sky. Ministry Prefect Dylan Jenkins '25 shared, “The worship night under the stars was my favorite part of the senior retreat. It created a peaceful and beautiful atmosphere that deepened our connections with each other.”



SENIOR RETREAT

MORE THAN A GAME

The Second Baptist School varsity football team began their season with a memory packed trip to Chicago to play Wheaton Academy. This opportunity reminded athletes to live out 1 Corinthians 10:31—seeking to glorify God through competition and connection, ultimately understanding that we are all part of a greater team with a higher calling. Head Coach Beck Brydon summed it up best, explaining, “This trip was certainly more than just a football game.”



Balancing teaching and coaching



Balancing teaching and coaching is no small feat, but for Mr. Cooper, it’s an invigorating challenge. He shares, “It’s hectic, and I’m constantly busy, but spending time with high school students and athletes is exhilarating.” Mr. Cooper finds inspiration in Psalm 1:1-6, a passage that speaks to the blessings that come to those who walk in the way of righteousness. It resonates deeply with his mission to encourage his students and athletes to seek faith and pursue excellence in all they do.

Sarah Cela '26 | Communications Fellow

FRESHMAN RETREAT

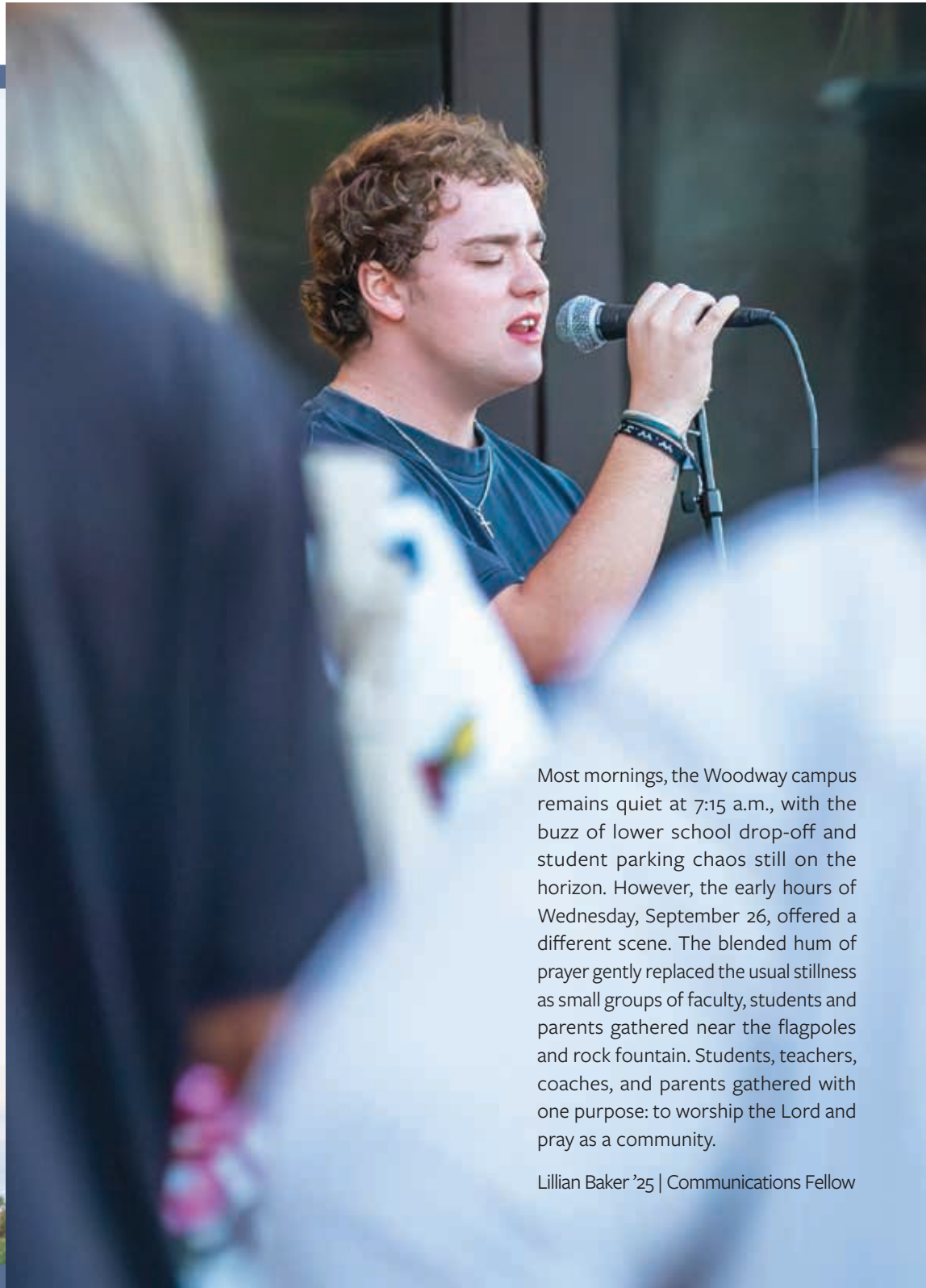


In more ways than just matching pink t-shirts, the ninety-two students who stepped off the bus at Freshman Retreat arrived as individuals but left as a unified Class of 2028. From spirited games to heartfelt conversations, freshmen were immersed in tradition that has long been a rite of passage for Second Baptist School students. While games like “Ships and Sailors” got the

students moving and laughing, it was the quieter moments that truly bonded the group. Memorable moments like morning chapel by the lake provided a serene moment of worship and offered a reminder that above all else, they share the commonality of being loved by a gracious heavenly Father who will guide every step of their upper school experience and beyond.



SEE YOU AT THE POLE



Most mornings, the Woodway campus remains quiet at 7:15 a.m., with the buzz of lower school drop-off and student parking chaos still on the horizon. However, the early hours of Wednesday, September 26, offered a different scene. The blended hum of prayer gently replaced the usual stillness as small groups of faculty, students and parents gathered near the flagpoles and rock fountain. Students, teachers, coaches, and parents gathered with one purpose: to worship the Lord and pray as a community.

Lillian Baker '25 | Communications Fellow



OUR LARGEST-EVER COLLEGE DAY

“College Day is so important for our school because it allows students to interact with college representatives, ask real questions and learn more about academic programs, scholarships and the application process,” says College Guidance Fellow Ella Allen '25. Whether students are just starting to explore their options or making final decisions, this event never fails to spark meaningful conversations about where God is calling them to go next. Director of College Guidance Amy St. Denis captured the heart of the event when she said, “This year, we welcomed over 100 universities to our campus for a college fair. Our students can connect with representatives to learn about programs and opportunities at national and international institutions. More importantly, our students have a chance to step forward, think critically about their futures and represent our school in the best way possible as they live and lead with purpose.”

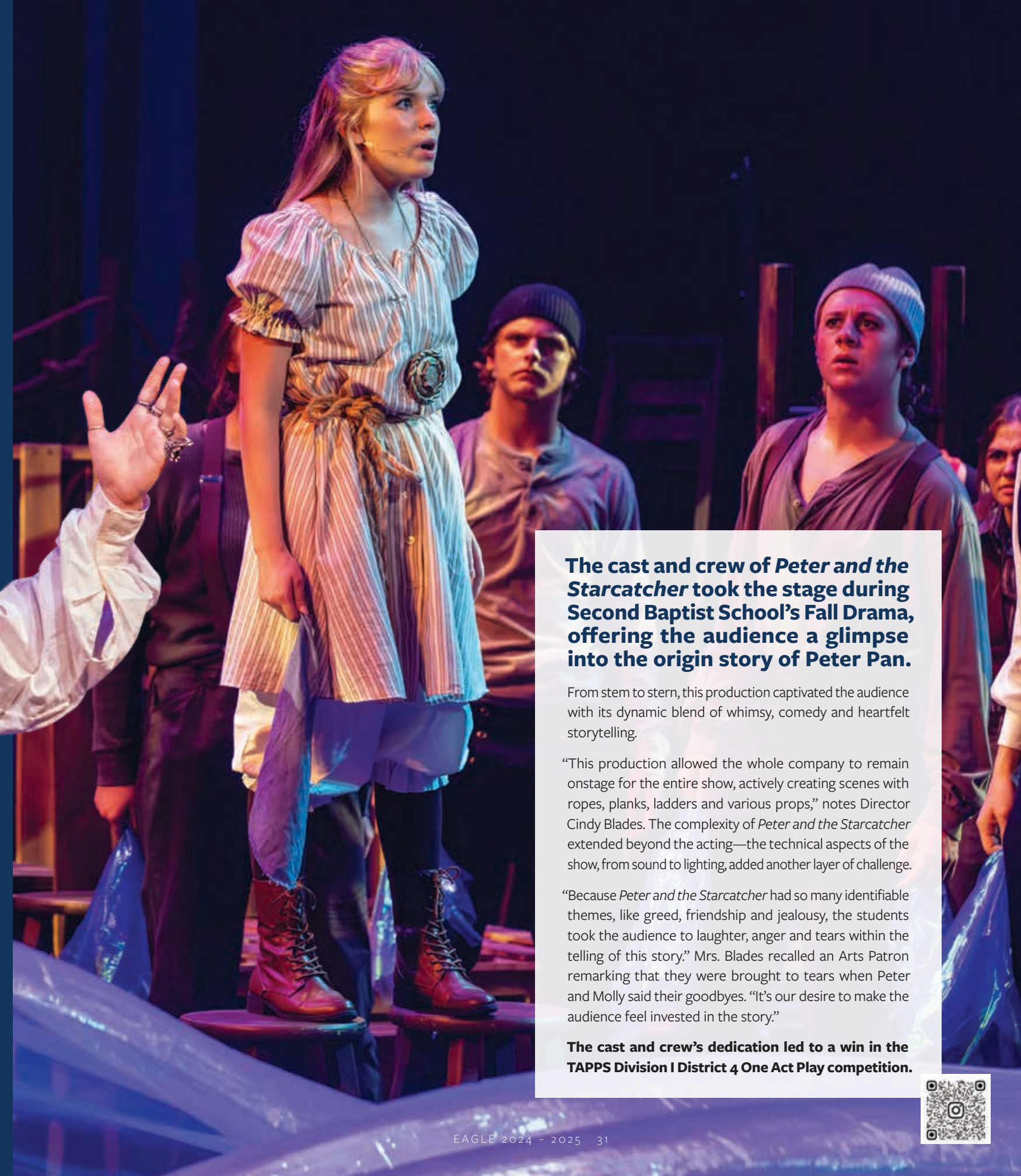


ALL HANDS ON DECK FOR A DISTRICT CHAMPIONSHIP



For over four decades, Mrs. Blades has guided students through the transformative world of theatre, where creativity flourishes and confidence is built. For Mrs. Blades, theatre is much more than lines and stage directions; it's about empowerment. "Theatre gives students the courage to be themselves, not who others want them to be." This unique approach helps students thrive in and outside the theatre, giving them tools applicable in every aspect of life.

Sarah Cela '26 | Communications Fellow



The cast and crew of *Peter and the Starcatcher* took the stage during Second Baptist School's Fall Drama, offering the audience a glimpse into the origin story of Peter Pan.

From stem to stern, this production captivated the audience with its dynamic blend of whimsy, comedy and heartfelt storytelling.

"This production allowed the whole company to remain onstage for the entire show, actively creating scenes with ropes, planks, ladders and various props," notes Director Cindy Blades. The complexity of *Peter and the Starcatcher* extended beyond the acting—the technical aspects of the show, from sound to lighting, added another layer of challenge.

"Because *Peter and the Starcatcher* had so many identifiable themes, like greed, friendship and jealousy, the students took the audience to laughter, anger and tears within the telling of this story," Mrs. Blades recalled an Arts Patron remarking that they were brought to tears when Peter and Molly said their goodbyes. "It's our desire to make the audience feel invested in the story."

The cast and crew's dedication led to a win in the TAPPS Division I District 4 One Act Play competition.



EXTREME EAGLE

The middle school's Extreme Eagle Week was filled with booming cheers, creative costumes and a contagious sense of unity that could only come from our incredible students and teachers. Middle School Counselor Janet Harrison said, "Extreme Eagle is an opportunity for us to come together as a middle school community, build camaraderie and strengthen the unity that defines our school family. Students love the opportunity to dress up in blue and gold and to end the day with an exciting middle school pep rally."



DREAM BIG



"THERE'S ONE THING THAT WE KNOW IS TRUE: WE WANT TO BE JUST LIKE YOU!"

"There's one thing that we know is true: we want to be just like you!" The final chant from future "Moms," Birdie '36 and Emerson '36, touched the hearts of parents and grandparents attending the first grade Dream Big program. As students portrayed a wide range of professions—athletes, astronauts, doctors and designers—they expressed their dreams for the future, all with the understanding that God has a plan for their lives.

The Dream Big performance warmed the hearts of parents and grandparents and reflected the passion of Second Baptist School: "to bring every student into a personal relationship with Jesus Christ while equipping them to do with excellence that which God has called them to do." First grade teacher Mrs. Henderson echoed this sentiment: "Helping students dream big is about encouraging them to see themselves the way God sees them—capable of doing things for His kingdom."



Encouraging her students to dream big



Mrs. Julie Henderson joined Second Baptist School in January 2023 as a first grade teacher. For Mrs. Henderson, teaching at SBS is more than a job; it is a calling to integrate her faith into her classroom.

A highlight of the year for Mrs. Henderson is the annual Dream Big program. "My favorite thing about the Dream Big program is seeing a different side of my student's personalities emerge," she says. "Every year, I have several students who shock me with their ability to captivate

their audience. I love how Dream Big creates leaders out of children who are so young!" This year, Mrs. Henderson played an integral role in the program as she created the rhymes that students chanted about their dream jobs.

As her first-grade students performed on the Dream Big stage, it's clear that Mrs. Henderson is inspiring and encouraging her students to dream big, all while pointing to Christ

Sarah Cela '26 | Communications Fellow

HOMECOMING 2024



Homecoming 2024 united the SBS community for a night to remember as the Eagles faced off against Cypress Christian, securing a triumphant 49-0 win.

From the first snap, the team's determination and skill were evident, bringing pride to the assembled alumni and adding momentum to their state championship aspirations.

The evening's highlights included an alumni dinner honoring the 1999 State Championship Football team and a special tribute to Ms. Jeannene Simonton for her 40 years of service to Second Baptist School. Joined by former teammates, alumni, current students and faculty, this gathering celebrated a legacy of excellence and perseverance. The stories shared reminded everyone of the tradition and dedication that has left a long lasting legacy at SBS.



In a fitting celebration of the SBS family, cousins Wes Baker '25 and Lillian Baker '25 were crowned Homecoming King and Queen. With cheers echoing through the stands, Wes and Lillian's win symbolized the bonds and shared memories that make the SBS experience unforgettable.

Homecoming 2024 celebrated the tradition, community and passion that define the SBS experience both on and off the field. From honoring past achievements to embracing the future, it was a night that showcased what makes Second Baptist School truly special—a place where every Eagle, past and present, shares in the legacy of this remarkable community.



MS MUSICAL: *ELF JR.*



Christmas in November? That’s crazy!

But that’s just what Second Baptist School did with their production of *Elf Jr.* This year’s seventh and eighth grade musical brought tinsel and snow to the campus and got everyone in the holiday spirit a bit early. Mac Goolsby ’29 as Buddy the Elf was the best way to spread Christmas cheer, and he brought many laughs to the audience. “It was fun to do it with all my friends and make people smile. It’s always fun to see the show come together. And I like taking

nap after every rehearsal,” says Mac. But not all the credit goes to the people onstage. There were also many people working behind the scenes to make sure the show ran as smoothly as possible. Anthony Jin ’29 helped to make sure that the sound for all the songs was flawless and on cue. From working the lights to operating the smoke machine, the behind-scenes crew really brought the show to life.

“The best part of *Elf Jr.* is when all of the moving pieces, even for a single moment, connect to create a great show,” says Findley Caballero ’29 who played Walter Hobbs in the show. All of the set pieces, the people who worked on the set and the people who acted were essential to the success of the play. Though it took many hours of rehearsal over several months, the final outcome was definitely worth it!

William Stewart ’29

Helping students grow in confidence and faith



When it comes to inspiring middle schoolers through theatre, Mr. Cole Ryden does so with passion, purpose and a heart for the Lord. As the seventh and eighth grade Advanced Theatre teacher and musical director, Mr. Ryden sees his work as far more than directing productions, but about helping students grow in confidence and faith through performing arts.

This year, Mr. Ryden directed the middle school production of *Elf Jr.* “Helping middle schoolers love and respect the arts is a challenge and a blessing.

Watching them use their gifts and abilities for the glory of God is the best part!” he said. Whether helping a student break through a confidence wall or step fully into a character, he finds joy in every step of the process.

Above all, Mr. Ryden challenges his students. “I ask my students to always try their hardest and to not hold back,” he said. “I challenge them to push past what they think they can do to find how much they actually can achieve!”

Sarah Cela ’26 | Communications Fellow

DSD

Featuring Olympic gold medalist Sydney McLaughlin-Levrone and her husband, former NFL player Andre Levrone Jr.



Second Baptist School welcomed alumni, families and friends to the nineteenth annual Distinguished Speaker Dinner, featuring Olympic gold medalist Sydney McLaughlin-Levrone and her husband, former NFL player Andre Levrone Jr., who inspired guests with their stories of resilience and faith.

Dinner Chairs Trinecia and Jason Pernel, along with Amanda and Terry Boffone, guided the evening with warmth and gratitude. The evening began with a beautiful rendition of “Amazing Grace,” performed by the Second Baptist School Reflection Choir under the direction of Ms. Becky Martin. Following the choir, Mr. Jon Konzelman, assistant head of school, led a heartfelt invocation, underscoring the school’s mission to bring every student into a relationship with Jesus Christ and recognizing the dedicated educators who inspire students daily.

Interim Head of School John Card presented the Distinguished Alumnus and Distinguished Alumni Parents

awards, honoring those who embody the school’s mission and values. The Distinguished Alumnus Award was presented to Mr. Peyton Millinor, a 1994 graduate who has dedicated his life to serving others. After a pivotal moment in 2009, Peyton’s journey led him to co-found HOPE Coffee, a business-as-missions venture that uses its profits to spread the gospel through community projects. Today, he continues to lead mission trips to Honduras, sharing God’s love in action and inspiring others to live purposefully.

Judy and Matthew Ramsey were celebrated as Distinguished Alumni Parents, having been deeply rooted in the Second Baptist community since 1986. They embraced the SBS family, fully investing in school and church life for over fourteen years. Their involvement touched nearly every aspect of the community, from supporting athletics and the arts to volunteering in classrooms and serving as presidents

of the Parents Association. Matt often says, “It wasn’t us serving the church and the school—it was the church and the school serving us.”

Dr. Ben Young introduced the evening’s keynote speakers, Sydney McLaughlin-Levrone and Andre Levrone, who were welcomed with eager anticipation. Known for her historic Olympic accomplishments and unwavering faith, Sydney spoke with humility and depth about her athletic journey, her dedication to her faith, and the resilience that has guided her. In a question-and-answer session led by Ben, Sydney and Andre shared their candid insights on faith, perseverance and identity, offering a window into their lives as individuals, partners and believers.

The 2024 Distinguished Speaker Dinner left an indelible mark, reinforcing Second Baptist School’s commitment to nurturing leaders of character, courage and faith in all they pursue.

2024-2025 ATHLETICS RECAP – FALL

FOOTBALL Season Record

11 wins, 3 losses

District Record

4 wins, 1 loss

Awards/Honors

State Runner Up

ALL-DISTRICT First Team

Kelvin Baptiste '26 – Defense
Bryce Butler '25 – Defense
Langston Davis '26 – Offense
Ethan Dishman '25 – Defense
Cash Harris '25 – Defense
RJ Lee '25 – Offense
Felan Li '25 – Punter
Allen Thomas '26 – Offense
TJ Walker '25 – Offense

Second Team

Max Bagwell '25 – Defense
JB Burnett '26 – Defense

Jordan Jones '26 – Offense
Jirius Khoury '27 – Defense
Felan Li '25 – Kicker
Hudson McCulley '25 – Offense
Lucas Mensing '25 – Offense
Mac Northrup '26 – Offense
Canon Toon '26 – Offense

Honorable Mention

Cash Franz '27 – Offense
Gray Gilbert '25 – Defense
Colton Hudson '25 – Offense
Gray Koerner '27 – Defense
Enoc Lemus '26 – Defense

ALL-STATE First Team

Bryce Butler '25 – Defense
Langston Davis '26 – Offense
Ethan Dishman '25 – Defense
RJ Lee '25 – Offense

Second Team

Kelvin Baptiste '26 – Defense

Honorable Mention

Cash Harris '25 – Defense
Felan Li '25 – Punter
Allen Thomas '26 – Offense
TJ Walker '25 – Offense

Academic All-State

Jordan Jones '26
Felan Li '25
Hudson McCulley '25
Lucas Mensing '25
Mac Northrup '26
Canon Toon '26
Adam Vessel '26
TJ Walker '25

Texas Built Ford Tough Player of the Week

Bryce Butler '25

VOLLEYBALL

Season Record

11 wins, 20 losses

District Record

5 wins, 5 losses

ALL-DISTRICT First Team

Kate Miers '27

Second Team

Avery Bodine '25
Lauren Davis '28
Kyleigh Fleming '25
Mady Schmidt '26

Honorable Mention

Caroline Chadwick '27

Academic All-State

Avery Bodine '25
Kyleigh Fleming '25
Mady Schmidt '26

CROSS COUNTRY

“At Second Baptist School, cross country runners are called to compete with

integrity, give their best effort and pursue personal growth each day. Led by junior captains Sara Griffin, Carson Ford, Sophia Tarazona and Owen Osowski, the team exemplified commitment and perseverance throughout the season. Their steady progress is a testament to the discipline and determination they bring to every practice and race.”
– Coach Stevens

CHEER

Gold Team – TAPPS Cheer Championship

Superior Rating
5th place overall

ALL-DISTRICT First Team

Quin Harder '26

Second Team

Gianna Fasanella '25
Izzy Millard '25

Honorable Mention

Ava Wilson '25

Academic All-State

Gianna Fasanella '25
Quin Harder '25
Izzy Millard '25

NCA SUMMER CAMP AWARDS All-American

Alex Alpe '26
Aubrielle Bob '28
Gianna Fasanella '25
Quin Harder '26
Grace Kell '25
Izzy Millard '25
Isabella Murray '25
Elizabeth Newhouse '28
Elizabeth Papa '28
Presley Rodgers '28

GOLDEN GIRLS

TAPPS Dance Championship

3rd Runner-Up Large Team –
Tier 1, Superior Rating

ALL-STATE First Team

Olivia Shoemaker '25
Taylor Stensgaard '25

Second Team

Zoe Chapman '25

Honorable Mention

Ella Farias '25

Academic All-State

Zoe Chapman '25
Olivia Shoemaker '25
Taylor Stensgaard '25

Crowd Pleasers Cypress Woods Showcase

Overall Grand Champion
Classic Team

Grand Champion Small
Classic Team

High Platinum Soloist –
Zoe Chapman '25

High Platinum Soloist –
Tessa Garcia '26

7th Runner Up 10th Grade
Soloist – Anna Kate Asby '27

5th Runner Up 12th Grade
Soloist – Taylor Stensgaard '25

High Platinum Duet – Kambell
Crites '26 & Tessa Garcia '26

Winner Small Classic Officer
Novelty – High Platinum

Crowd Pleaser Officer Award

Winner Small Classic Team
Lyrical – High Platinum

Winner Small Classic Team
Novelty – High Platinum

Winner Small Classic Team
Pom – High Platinum

Crowd Pleaser Award Team

PomHigh Point Classic Team
Pom

Highest GPA Award





WINTER IN REVIEW



Through music, theatre and visual arts, students shared their God-given gifts.

Parents, grandparents, faculty and staff gathered for festive celebrations of student talent at Second Baptist School. From Lyrics & Lattes, featuring vocal and dance performances as well as piano solos, to Festival of Christmas, students showcased the joy of the season. The Winter Art Show displayed stunning works by middle and upper school artists, including AP Art students' focus pieces. Through music, theatre and visual arts, students shared their God-given gifts, inspiring the audience with creativity and worship.

“We are supposed to develop our talents for His glory. That’s why I teach!”



Inspiring students to develop their singing abilities



For 12 years, Ms. Martin has led the choir program at Second Baptist School, inspiring students to develop their singing abilities while using their talents to God’s glory. Her passion for music and teaching is evident; she reflects these passions throughout the year by leading the choir through many concerts and events. During the Christmas season, Ms. Martin directs the choral arrangements in the Festival of Christmas and assists students who sing in Lyrics & Lattes. “My favorite part of Lyrics & Lattes is seeing the different students perform and seeing the crowd’s reactions,” Ms. Martin shared. “Music is a gift from God, and we are supposed to develop our talents for His glory. That’s why I teach!” For Ms. Martin, it’s not just about the music—it’s about creating moments that bring joy and remind others of God’s love.

CELEBRATING CHRISTMAS WITH THE ARTS

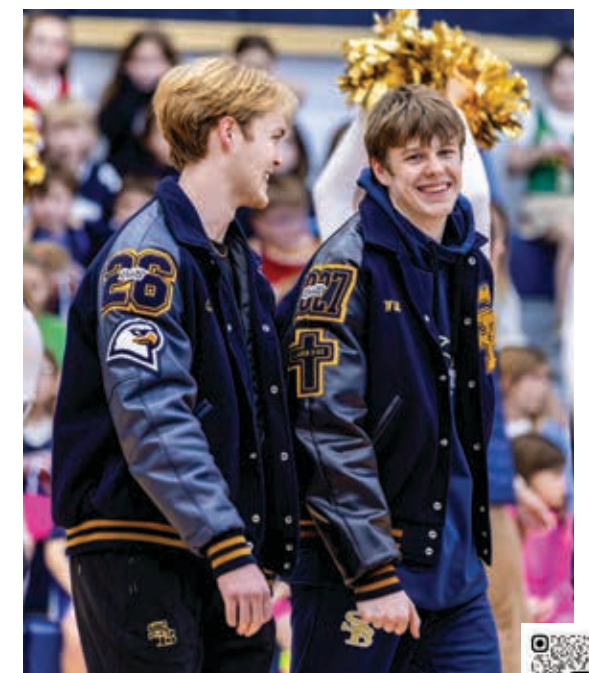


FLIGHT NIGHT

Flight Night 2025 blasted off with a high-energy pep rally, thrilling games, and a Space Jam twist. A roaring crowd fueled the excitement as youth teams played and halftime featured electrifying performances. Varsity women's basketball secured a 63-45 win, while varsity men's dominated 88-57. Coach Taylor Land praised the night's energy and support. Senior Night honored Michael Pratt and Terrance Baylor, making the evening unforgettable for athletes and fans alike.



A roaring crowd fueled the excitement





NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

Second Baptist School proudly hosted the National Honor Society Induction Ceremony, honoring students who exemplify scholarship, leadership, service and character. Assistant Head of School Jon Konzelman welcomed attendees, reflecting on the legacy of Florence Weaver. Assistant Head of Upper School Brent Harrison outlined NHS qualifications, while prefects encouraged inductees to lead by example. Students were reminded that their achievements reflect both academic excellence and a commitment to serving others and honoring God.

PARADE OF PRESIDENTS



Each year, Second Baptist School's second grade students bring history to life through the beloved Parade of Presidents program. This time-honored tradition is not just a performance but an experience that displays the academic growth of students and their confidence as public speakers.

Second grade teacher Julia Patino emphasizes the progress students make throughout several weeks of preparation, noting that "students not only memorize their speech but also gradually add their

personality to it," adding, "I love watching them grow into confident speakers who strive for excellence."

With each speech, students embrace their moment in the spotlight, delivering their lines with confidence and enthusiasm. The Parade of Presidents concludes with a moving performance of "God Bless the USA" as the entire class sings together. The sight and sound of their young voices uniting in song is a powerful moment, bringing tears to the eyes of audience members—a reminder of the lasting impact of this treasured tradition.





The Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo Art Competition is a highly anticipated event each year, showcasing the creativity and dedication of SBS art students. Participants from all division-levels submit their artwork, with selected pieces advancing to the citywide competition.

A turquoise ribbon signifies eligibility for Best of Show or a medal. This year, SBS students excelled, with Kamryn Price '32 and Amanda Woody '29 being awarded gold medals for their artwork. Additionally, Alyssa Zang '27 earned Best of Show, one of the most coveted awards in the entire Houston competition, recognizing her artwork as one of the best among thousands of entries citywide.

From bold strokes to intricate details, these students poured their hearts into each piece, demonstrating the power of art to inspire, challenge and create beauty. Their achievements reflect both their individual talent and the strong support of the SBS arts program.

PK4 AND BRIDGE HOEDOWN

The unmistakable sound of “Deep in the Heart of Texas” filled the E Gym as little cowboys and cowgirls galloped in on stick horses, greeted by an eager audience of parents, grandparents, and friends. More than just a beloved tradition, Hoedown is a joyful celebration of faith, Texas pride and community, bringing generations together through song, dance and heartfelt worship.

For many young students, Hoedown marks their first experience performing in front of an audience, making it a key milestone in their SBS journey. As students stood before a packed gym to recite John 3:16, their voices rang loud and proud—a beautiful reminder of the foundation of faith SBS instills in even its youngest students.



A joyful celebration of faith, Texas pride and community, bringing generations together through song, dance and heartfelt worship.



WHITE CHRISTMAS

World War II veterans-turned-entertainers team up with a sister act to put on a festive show—discovering love and the true meaning of Christmas along the way.

7X TOMMY TUNE AWARD WINNER

OUTSTANDING ENSEMBLE | *Company of White Christmas*

OUTSTANDING DIRECTOR | *Zoe Chapman, Cindy Blades*

OUTSTANDING MUSIC DIRECTOR | *Kambell Crites, Jacqueline Lunsford, Claire Westmoreland*

OUTSTANDING STAGE MANAGEMENT | *Avery Glauser, Avelynn Stovall, Sara Griffin*

OUTSTANDING TECHNICAL ACHIEVEMENT

OUTSTANDING SOUND DESIGN | *Caroline Morrisett, Mac Brown*

OUTSTANDING DANCER | *Olivia Shoemaker as Judy Haynes*

SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT | *Ella Farias as Martha Watson*

Under the direction of Cindy Blades and Claire Westmoreland, students dedicated months to bringing this classic story to life. With dazzling choreography, stunning vocals and iconic musical numbers, the audience was transported to a nostalgic 1950s inn.

Featuring beloved songs like “Blue Skies,” “I Love a Piano” and “White Christmas,” the show highlighted the dedication and talent of SBS performing arts students. From intricate dance numbers to heartfelt solos, the production captured the spirit of the season and the pursuit of excellence in the arts.

Two students stood out in particular: Nic Schweers '26 and Chatham Carlson '25. Playing Phil Davis, Nic took on the challenge of tap dancing, spending the summer refining his skills for the show. His hard work paid off in a breathtaking number with Olivia Shoemaker '25 as Judy Haynes. Meanwhile, Chatham served as student choreographer, leading rehearsals and ensuring every routine was executed with precision and energy.



White Christmas was a standout production, bringing warmth and joy to the SBS community while showcasing the passion and talent of Second Theatre Company.





UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A Historic Season for SBS Women's Soccer

Resilient. Dominant. Unforgettable.

The 2024-2025 Second Baptist School varsity women's soccer team embodied these words, making history as TAPPS 6A state runner-up and delivering the best season in program history. With a remarkable 21-2-1 record, the Eagles soared through the season, claiming an undefeated district championship and a thrilling trip to the TAPPS DII State Championship Game.

Their journey to the championship was full of grit and heart. After a dramatic overtime victory against Lutheran South Academy in the regional round, the Eagles advanced to Waco for the state tournament. In the semifinals against Emery/Weiner, they battled through 100 minutes of play before triumphing in a sudden-death penalty shootout—thanks to a game-winning stop by goalkeeper Jeannie Hollingshead '28.

"I ended up saving the shot, and the second it reached my hands, it hit me—we were going to State," said Hollingshead. "Watching my teammates run up to me to celebrate and the smiles on everyone's faces was a moment I will never forget."

The championship game against Fort Worth All Saints was a true test of perseverance. Down a goal late in the match, Peyton Walsh '26 delivered a crucial assist to Berkley Blount '27, who

buried the equalizer with under three minutes left, sending the game into double overtime.

"This team was united by a deep trust in one another," said Madison Kalife '26. "Whenever we were in a tough spot, we turned to each other and to prayer for encouragement."

That spiritual strength and unity carried them through their historic season. Blount reflected on the heart behind their success:

"I think our relationships off the field helped us communicate on the field, ultimately making us more successful," said Blount. "Whenever I was down on myself, my teammates always found a way to cheer me up. Our faith in each other helped us stay positive and get through hard games."

For Carson Patterson '27, the season was about more than soccer—it was about purpose.

"We knew we would not make it to state if we were playing for our own individual glory, so instead we banded together," Patterson said. "The unity our team carried was an encouragement. When we won, we celebrated together, and when we lost, we comforted each other, knowing that we had done it all for the Lord's glory."

Head Coach Geoff Brooks saw that spirit of determination in every practice and game.

"This season, the biggest lesson I learned from the girls was to level up and never quit," said Brooks. "At the start of the season, we were hopeful and determined, but I didn't realize I had a team of overachievers."

"From freshmen stepping into key roles to upperclassmen leading with excellence, every player on this team elevated their game. Whether it was pushing through sprints at the end of practice, equalizing a game in the final minutes or securing a last-minute victory over a district rival, they gave everything they had."

While the season ended just short of a title, their impact was far greater than any trophy.

"Even though we placed second at state, it's not just about winning," said Blount. "It's about building friendships and memories that will last a lifetime."

This season raised the bar for Second Baptist School women's soccer. A championship team marked by excellence, unity and purpose, they left a legacy—and they're not finished yet.



WEST HOUSTON TEEN LEADERSHIP SUMMIT

Four of our upper school student leaders represented Second Baptist School at State Representative Mano DeAyala's West Houston Teen Leadership Summit. Nominated by faculty for their leadership and character, Quin Harder '26, Emma Cornelius '26, Mady Schmidt '26 and Ava Kate Maffet '26 joined other students from across the district for a day of engaging panels on business, communication and media, government and politics and community leadership.





STATE CHAMPIONS!

Varsity Men's Basketball Takes the Title!

Second Baptist School varsity men's basketball team achieved the ultimate goal—winning the TAPPS 5A State Championship. The historic victory marked the culmination of a season defined by perseverance, faith and camaraderie.

From the start, the team knew this season was different. “From the moment Coach Land got here, I knew we had something special,” said Shia Francis ’26. “We could not have done it without God.

In the doubts and the struggles, He was there.” The Eagles faced adversity but never wavered. “Even through the losses, we stayed together as a family—we had each other’s backs,” Francis added.

For Michael Pratt ’25, this season reignited his passion for the game. “Coach Land and Coach Artis made me fall in love with basketball again,” he shared. “Seeing all our hard work come together in a championship means everything.”

The team’s potential became clear in key matchups, proving their ability to compete at the highest level. “It took a minute to get going, but in games against St. John’s and St. Francis, we showed what we were capable of,” said Reese Alston ’27. “All our hard work paid off—we put our faith in God.”

Canon Toon ’26 embodied that relentless mindset. Just one day after competing in the football state championship

“Seeing all our hard work come together in a championship means everything.”



in December, he stepped onto the basketball court, ready to give his all. “I knew we had potential, so we played hard, had fun, and did whatever it took to win,” Toon said.

Reflecting on the season, Coach Land praised the team’s character and unity. “Sometimes you get to the end of the year, and you’re exhausted, but not with this group. They are always ready to play, and I feel like we could just keep

going. These guys believe they are part of something bigger than themselves.”

This championship marks the fourth state title in school history, joining previous championships from 1996-1997, 1999-2000 and 2017-2018. It stands as a testament to the team’s resilience and faith. With a strong foundation in place, the future of SBS basketball is bright. Congratulations to the Eagles—2024-2025 5A State Champions!



2024-2025 ATHLETICS RECAP – WINTER

MEN’S BASKETBALL
Season Record
33 wins, 4 losses
District Record
8 wins, 0 losses

Awards/Honors
District Champions
VYPE Private School Team
of the Year

ALL-DISTRICT
Reese Alston ’27– District MVP

First Team
Shia Francis ’26
Will Goolsby ’27
Michael Pratt ’25

Second Team
Jude Brown ’27
Maverick Manginello ’26
Canon Toon ’26

Honorable Mention
Terrance Baylor ’25

ALL-STATE
Reese Alston ’27 – State
Tournament MVP

First Team
Reese Alston ’27
Will Goolsby ’27

Second Team
Michael Pratt ’25

State All Tournament Team
Reese Alston ’27
Shia Francis ’26
Michael Pratt ’25

Academic All-State
Maverick Manginello ’26
Michael Pratt ’25
Canon Toon ’26

VYPE Private School 1st Team
Houston Chronicle Private School 2nd Team
Shia Francis ’26

TAPPS 5A Player of the Year
VYPE Private School Player of the Year
1,000 Point Club
Reese Alston ’27

TAPPS 5A Coach of the Year
Taylor Land

WOMEN’S BASKETBALL
Season Record
19 wins, 11 losses
District Record
9 wins, 1 loss

ALL-DISTRICT First Team
Casey Krueger ’26
Eloise Tackett ’27
Grace Wehring ’26

Second Team
Sophia Buehler ’27
Sloane Secrest ’28

Honorable Mention
Kynadi Butler ’28
Mackenzie Sloan ’27
Mary McCaffrey ’27

ALL-STATE First Team
Grace Wehring ’26

Second Team
Eloise Tackett ’27

Academic All-State
Casey Krueger ’26
Grace Wehring ’26

1,000 Point Club
Grace Wehring ’26

MEN’S SOCCER
Season Record
12 wins, 10 losses
District Record
9 wins, 5 losses

Awards/Honors
4th in District
Regional Finalists

ALL-DISTRICT First Team
Wyatt McFarland ’25
Matthew Corbin ’26
Thomas Haun ’26
Titus Brown ’27
Eli Adams ’25

Second Team
Nathan Blair ’26

Honorable Mention
Carter Blair ’28
James Murphy ’26

ALL-STATE Second Team
Wyatt McFarland ’25

Honorable Mention
Titus Brown ’27

Academic All-State
Eli Adams ’25
Matthew Corbin ’26
Nathan Blair ’26

Goalie of the year
Eli Adams ’25

Defensive Player of the Year
Titus Brown ’27

WOMEN’S SOCCER
Season Record
10 wins, 11 losses
District Record
4 wins, 10 losses

ALL-DISTRICT First Team
Syriah DeBakey ’26
Amy Menendez ’25
Bailey Ultis ’28

Carson Patterson ’27
Jeannie Hollingshead ’28

Second Team
Berkley Blount ’27
Sophie Nicholson ’28
Aubrey Jackson ’27

Honorable Mention
Presley Rodgers ’28
Madison Kalife ’26
Avery Campbell ’27

ALL-STATE First Team
Amy Menendez ’25
Bailey Ultis ’28
Carson Patterson ’27
Jeannie Hollingshead ’28

Second Team
Syriah DeBakey ’26

Academic All-State
Syriah DeBakey ’26
Amy Menendez ’25
Madison Kalife ’26

State All Tournament Team
Jeannie Hollingshead ’28
Aubrey Jackson ’27
Syriah DeBakey ’26
Amy Menendez ’25

TAPPS DII Coach of the Year
Geoff Brooks

VYPE Private School Team of the Year

SWIM
2025 TAPPS EASTERN REGIONALS

Awards/Honors
Boys Team – 4th
Girls Team – 9th

Individual Awards
Cash Franz ’27
Men’s 100 Free – 3rd place
Men’s 50 Free – 7th place
Sam Milinski ’25
Men’s 500 Free – 2nd place
Men’s 200 Free – 3rd place
Micheal Pratt ’25
Men’s 100 Free – 12th place
Men’s 50 Free – 15th place
Noah Utley ’25
Men’s 100 Free – 6th place
Men’s 50 Free – 9th place

Men’s 200 Free Relay – 4th place
Cash Franz ’27, Sam Milinski ’25,
Michael Pratt ’25, Noah Utley ’25

Men’s 400 Free Relay – 3rd place
Cash Franz ’27, Sam Milinski ’25,
Michael Pratt ’25, Noah Utley ’25

2024 TAPPS STATE MEET Awards/Honors
Boys Team – 8th of 27 teams

Individual Awards
Cash Franz ’27
Men’s 100 Free – 5 place
Men’s 50 Free – 12th place
Sam Milinski ’25
Men’s 500 Free – 4th place
Men’s 200 Free – 4th place
Noah Utley ’25
Men’s 100 Free – 12th place

Men’s 200 Free Relay – 5th place
Cash Franz ’27, Sam Milinski ’25,
Michael Pratt ’25, Noah Utley ’25

Men’s 400 Free Relay – 8th place
Cash Franz ’27, Sam Milinski ’25,
Michael Pratt ’25, Noah Utley ’25

Academic All-State
Sam Milinski ’25
Michael Pratt ’25



SPRING IN REVIEW





WW2

“The most memorable moment of my trip was stepping onto the beaches of Normandy and imagining what it must have been like for the soldiers who stormed them. Walking through the cemetery and seeing the rows of crosses stretched out before me completely changed how I view bravery and sacrifice. This trip helped me truly understand the weight of World War II and deepened my gratitude that the Allies were victorious.”
– Mac Northrup '26



“It was actually my first time ever traveling out of the continental United States, and I absolutely loved the experience! Berlin was amazing to visit, you could always tell which side of the city you were on—the West was full of vibrant colors and fun architecture, while the East was very modernist with gray monochromatic coloring. While we were in London, we got to go to St. James’ Park and walk around, and Westminster Abbey was absolutely amazing. My favorite church we visited though, was Notre Dame cathedral in Paris, which just recently reopened to the public after renovations due to damage caused by the 2020 fire. We also visited the American soldiers’ cemetery at Colleville-sur-Mer in Normandy, where each of the headstones is marked with the soldier’s name, birth and death dates and state of origin; we found a Texan

soldier’s grave to lay our wreath. On our last day, we got to go to an ancient Roman arena in Paris, and stopped at Sennelier’s art supply store on our way back to the hotel (a special request from me that our tour guide graciously obliged). There are so many little things, some very light-hearted (how me and one of my friends got Starbucks in each country) and some rather heavy (our time at Sachsenhausen) which made this trip memorable.”
– Sara Griffin '26



“The art and architecture, still standing after centuries, told a powerful story of its past and present.”



CENTURIES OF ART AND HISTORY

“**T**his trip challenged me in a way I wasn’t expecting. I’m used to trips with plenty of leisure and relaxation, but in Paris, it was ‘go, go, go’ with no breaks. Looking back, I think that pace allowed us to make the most of every moment and truly take in everything Paris had to offer. One experience I’ll never forget was standing inside the Palace of Versailles—realizing that royalty once lived there, going about their daily lives centuries ago. It was mind-boggling and fascinating to think about.” – Ryann Wolfe ’25

“This trip completely shifted my perspective on history, especially as I explored Paris. Seeing firsthand both the beauty and hardships that shaped such an old city made me appreciate its resilience. The art and architecture, still standing after centuries, told a powerful story of its past and present.” – Lizzie Baker ’27





GUATEMALA CHANGED MY PERSPECTIVE ON JOY.

“**T**he genuine happiness of these families was incredible, and their gratitude for a simple four-walled house with a roof really hit me. They showed their thanks by cooking for us—giving us their meat, something they only eat maybe once a week, and making larger portions just for us. They wanted to give us so much of what seemed like nothing to us but meant everything to them. It was a powerful reminder of what true gratitude and generosity look like.”
– Mady Schmidt '26



“**The most memorable part of my trip to Guatemala was having the opportunity to change lives and serve others. This experience made me truly grateful for the blessings I have.**” – James Enger '25

CROATIA



Life moves at a slower pace—so different from our fast-paced drive-thru culture



“**T**his trip completely shifted my perspective on the world, especially the constant busyness of life in the U.S. In Croatia and Slovenia, life moves at a slower pace—people truly take the time to enjoy each other’s company. Cafes and restaurants aren’t just places to grab a quick bite; they spend hours talking over coffee and meals, which is so different from the fast-paced drive-thru culture we’re used to. Experiencing this was refreshing, and it reminded me to be more intentional about slowing down and meaningfully spending time with the people I’m blessed to have in my life.”
– Audrey Scarborough ’25

A+SLOVENIA





“**T**he most memorable part of the trip was spending time with the kids in the community. We played outside for hours—giving piggy-back rides, doing stunts, swinging them around, and just having fun together. Even though we spoke different languages, we connected through smiles, hand motions, and laughter. It reminded me how joy can be shared without words. This trip really challenged me to be more grateful for what I have. Watching the children light up over a small toy or snack showed me how to find joy in the little things. One

moment I’ll never forget was revealing the finished house to the family at the end of the week. We prayed over them and shared some words, and when the little boy saw the house, he started crying. It was powerful to see how something so simple could mean so much. That moment really stayed with me.” – Bridget Roth ’25

“This trip opened my eyes to be more grateful for every single blessing in my life. Every day, we met families and children who faced difficult circumstances, yet they still smiled so brightly.” – Reese Womble ’26



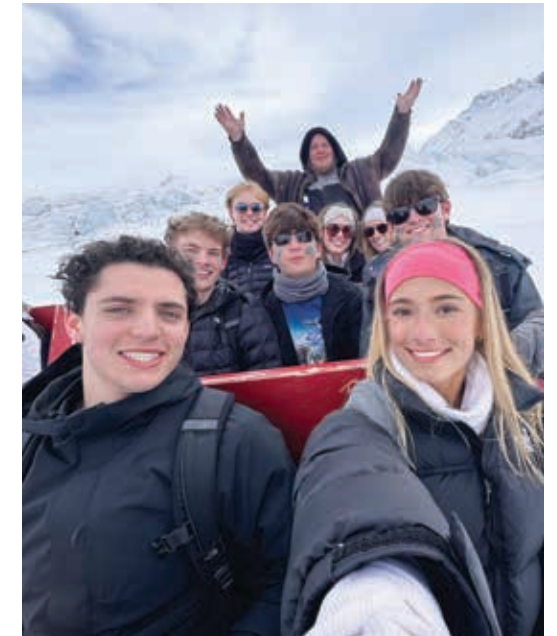
Their joy and resilience inspired me to be more positive.





“The most memorable moment of the trip was the day we explored a glacier. It was breathtaking—walking through narrow openings, surrounded by stunning sights. We slid on the ice and even filled our water bottles from a hole in the ground. It was an experience I’ll never forget—so much fun and truly once in a lifetime.”
– Kambell Crites ’26

“This trip changed my perspective on the world. Seeing the mountains and glaciers helped me realize that everything around us is a blessing from God. The simple things—like the beauty of nature—can be absolutely incredible when we take the time to appreciate them.” – Tessa Garcia ’26



“The sights on this trip were absolutely incredible and constantly reminded me of how amazing God’s creation is. I reflected on that so many times—just standing in awe of what He has the power to do. One moment I’ll never forget was hiking the Matanuska Glacier. The views were breathtaking, and it truly felt like a once-in-a-lifetime experience. It opened my eyes to the beauty of nature and made me appreciate the incredible world God has given us.” – EK Brown ’26



STEPPING INTO ADVENTURE

“Chopping down my first real tree was something I never thought I could do—it was huge. But after a lot of hard work and perseverance, it finally fell, and seeing my effort pay off was so satisfying. This experience taught me to push through challenges and let go of everyday comforts.” – Michael Pratt ’25

“One of the biggest things I learned on the Arkansas trip was how much I rely on modern-day conveniences. Camping

definitely pushed me out of my comfort zone, but it also gave me the chance to grow as a man. Reading *Wild at Heart* by John Eldredge stood out the most—it talks about stepping into adventure and becoming who God made you to be. Getting to apply that while camping with a group of guys made the whole experience meaningful and unforgettable.” – Trevor Vick ’25



TEXAS COLLEGE TOURS



“Texas College Tours was such a great experience, and it was an amazing way for me to see more colleges while in high school. We visited 6 schools, including A&M, UT, Southwestern, TCU, SMU, and Baylor. Personally, A&M and UT stood out to me the most because I loved the feeling of the large campus and exciting environment. My biggest takeaway from the experience is that college is meant for people to find what is right for them, and these colleges represent that very well, as they have such unique traits and resemble very different qualities while helping students all over the world. I love that SBS created this trip during interim term as it allowed me to see many options early on in high school and further understand the college experience.” – Peyton Deffebach ’27

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INTERNSHIPS

“During Interim Term, I interned one week with Christ the King Pre-school and the next with Kimberly Parks Communications. My personal favorite internship was with the pre-school. I had one of the most fun, rewarding and life-giving weeks, and the kids were so much fun. I loved reading and worshiping with them! **That week made me realize that I want to major in early childhood education and I felt God tugging on my heart the whole week.**”
– Vivian Wise ’26

“I got the opportunity to work with Mac Brown and his team to see the behind the scenes of preparing for a Sunday morning church service and the everyday activities that come with being a part of the tech team. I was able to learn about all the areas within the department. I got to learn about media, lights, audio, and the cameras they run during service. It was a very helpful learning experience and helped me build my skill set in areas I had not experienced before.” – Brayden Harrison ’25

“During my internship at Turtlebox Audio, I was able to witness how a successful business operates on a day-to-day basis. I am extremely thankful that I was able to learn from the many creative, intelligent, and determined people that I met while interning.”
– Nate King ’25



LOCAL COURSES



- College Dorm Room Cooking
- Houston Day Trips
- Houston Museum Tours
- Lifeguard Certification
- Performing Arts at Night
- Serve Houston
- Fake News
- Harry Potter
- Imagination, Improv & Impact
- Intro to Logic
- Intro to Sewing and Design
- Smart Sparks: Intro to Programming
- Legos & Design
- Pottery: On The Wheel
- Self-Defense
- Script to Screen
- Strength and Conditioning
- The Gospel According to Disney
- Theology of Tolkien, Lewis & Bunyan
- Kung Fu Master
- Pilates

“The first week of interim term I participated in Serve Houston! Throughout the week we went to different serving ministries. Together, we packed thousands of meals and helped non-English-speaking people get groceries with food stamps. **I learned what real poverty looked like and I was very grateful for the life my family has given me.** In the second week of interim term, I took Pilates and kung fu! In Pilates, I learned how to exercise with proper form through intentional movements and stretches. In kung fu, I learned different moves that could help with self-defense, along with a signature kung fu sequence!”
– Harper Womble ’28

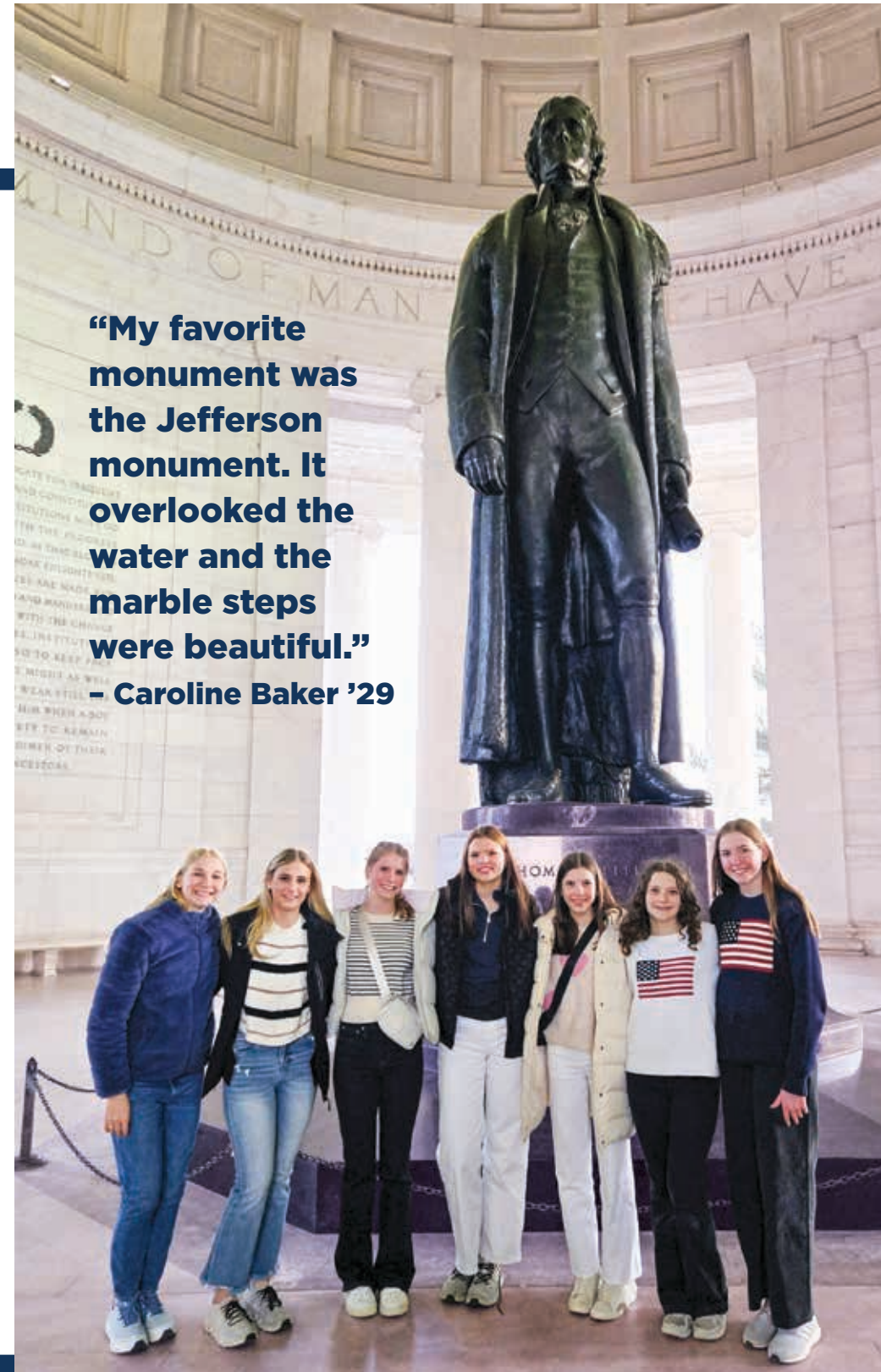
“Fake News taught me a lot about not trusting everything we read on the internet, but rather digging into what information we are trusting in. **We learned how to have structured debates on what we believe,** and how to back up what we are debating. In Harry Potter, we got to see how the hero’s journey was written and displayed, which was really cool!” – Abby Berkman ’28

“The first week I participated in Script to Screen and Fake News. Script to Screen helped me learn the connection between writing and editing and the creativity it takes to transform your own story into a full film. **Fake News taught me the principles of knowing if the information from an online news site or channel is trustworthy and reliable.** Week two, I took Performing Arts at Night. This class revealed to me the talented actors and amazing performances that make the theatre and performing community what it is today (like *Hamilton* and the *Cirque du Soleil*).” – Oliver Dawley ’27

“It was refreshing to only do something for others, and not for myself. **I found more satisfaction in serving wholeheartedly for the Lord and others, rather than doing things for myself.** I loved getting to serve at WHAM, a grocery store for those who could not afford to buy groceries for themselves, because it set me out of my comfort zone, but ended up being a way for me to channel the Lord through serving acts.” – Anna Kate Asby ’27



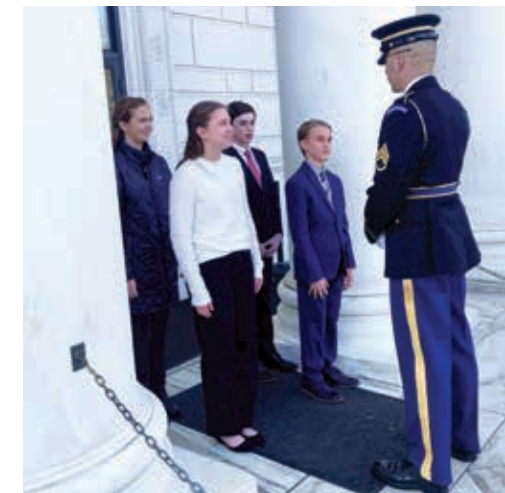
WASHINGTON, D.C. TRIP



“My favorite monument was the Jefferson monument. It overlooked the water and the marble steps were beautiful.”
– Caroline Baker '29



“Meeting Senator Ted Cruz '88 was amazing. He spoke with passion and answered our questions with deep thought and reasoning. He mainly talked about the events that occurred at the State of the Union the previous night. We also asked him some other funny icebreakers. Afterward, everyone shook his hand and we left.” – Elliott Dawley '29



The Class of 2029 had the unique opportunity to tour the White House after it recently re-opened to touring in January. Karlyse Firenza '29 reflects on the experience, “Seeing the White House was something that I could never forget. I was able to walk the same halls presidents walked in, and they had artwork to remember them by and beautiful architecture along the walls and ceilings showing how elegant the house was. There were lovely and large flowers in almost every room that were themed and colored to the room. It was definitely an impactful moment and I hope everyone can experience it.”



FIFTH AND SIXTH GRADE MUSICAL

Jungle Book Kids



It's about transformation



Mrs. Patterson's journey with Second Baptist School is a full-circle story of faith and purpose. After attending SBS as a student, she never anticipated finding herself back in the place that raised her.

For Mrs. Patterson, teaching theatre isn't just about guiding students through memorizing scripts and performing, it's about transformation. "I have seen students be goofy, bold and completely hilarious who are typically quiet and reserved. I have seen true talent come

to the surface, and it is an honor to be in the audience."

Mrs. Patterson's class offers a space for students to explore their personalities and talents. Her belief in the potential of every student provides a unique outlet for middle school students to unleash creativity. It's clear that her calling is much more than a job, but is a continuation of the values that shaped her own journey at SBS.

Sarah Cela '26 | Communications Fellow

Second Baptist School's fifth and sixth grade musical, *Jungle Book Kids*, featured the largest cast ever to take the stage in this beloved middle school tradition. The cast brought the jungle to life through music, movement and storytelling, making this production burst with energy and character. With over 60 student participants, this year's fifth and sixth grade musical was a testament to the growing enthusiasm for performing arts at Second Baptist School.

Based on the beloved Disney film and

Rudyard Kipling's novel, *Jungle Book Kids* follows the journey of Mowgli, played by Harrison Angel '31, a boy raised by wolves in the Indian jungle. With help from the wise panther Bagheera, played by Claire Zieben '31, and the carefree Baloo the Bear, played by Becks Crenshaw '31, Mowgli learns the importance of friendship, identity and belonging.

Directed by middle school theater teacher Caroline Patterson, *Jungle Book Kids* was more than just a performance—it was a celebration of student creativity

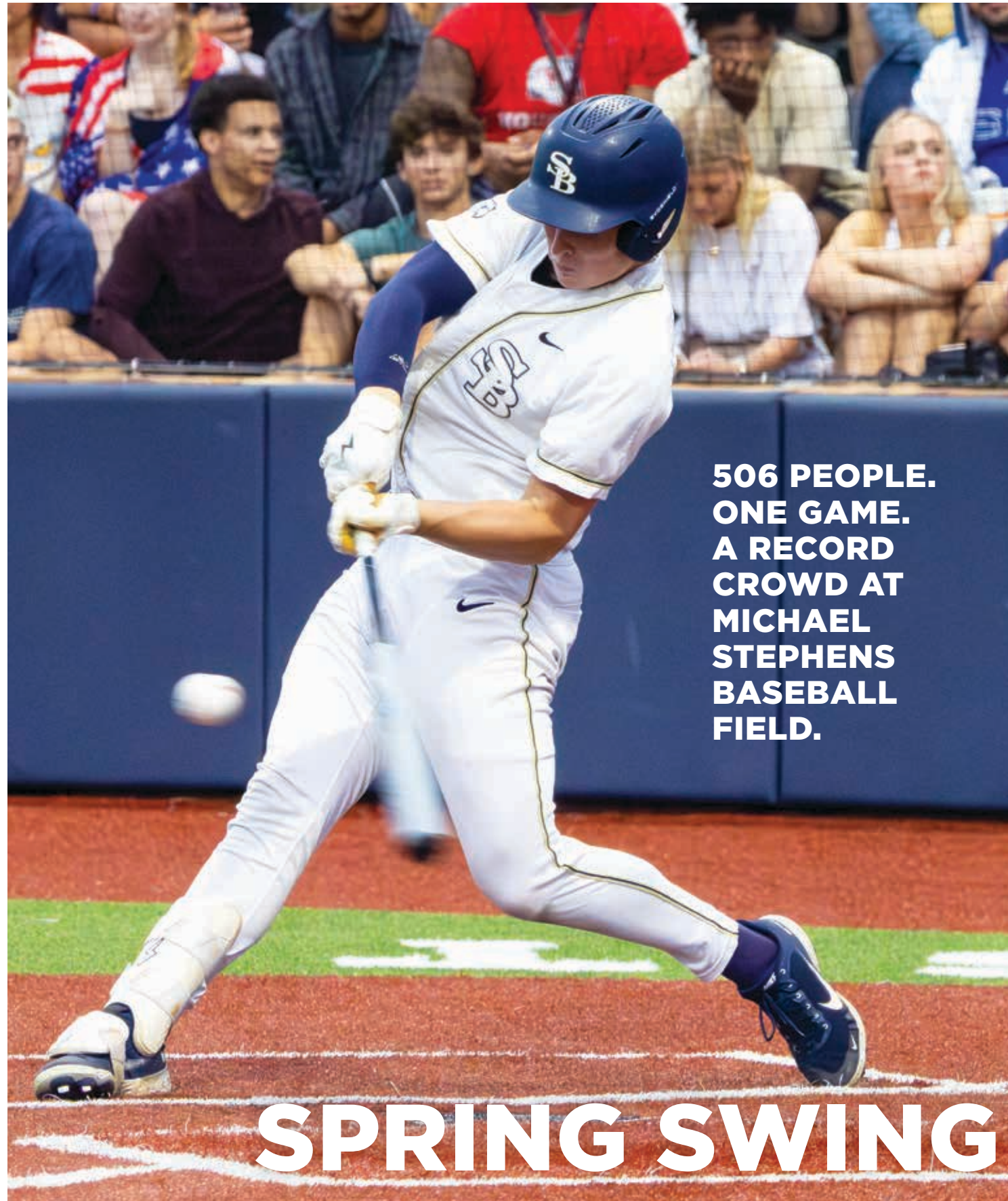
and growth. Patterson, an SBS alumna, brings both passion and purpose to the stage. Her love for teaching and theatre set the tone for a joyful and encouraging rehearsal process that invited students to take risks, build confidence and work together.

From Mowgli's jungle journey to the infectious fun of "The Bare Necessities," *Jungle Book Kids* was a roaring success—thanks to an invested cast and crew led by a teacher who believed in their potential.



The largest cast ever to take the stage in this beloved middle school tradition





**506 PEOPLE.
ONE GAME.
A RECORD
CROWD AT
MICHAEL
STEPHENS
BASEBALL
FIELD.**

SPRING SWING



Fans filled the bleachers and even settled on the walkways until the only remaining option was to stand along the fence. Eventually, those spots are filled, too. Inning after inning, the student section brought relentless energy to the atmosphere—cheering on the Eagles and, at times, taunting the visiting team. Even after the sun set and the field lights flickered on, the spirit from the stands never dwindled. This is Spring Swing at Second Baptist School.

The day kicked off with varsity cheerleaders greeting lower school students at morning carpool, followed by high school athletes signing autographs during lunch. Later, the entire school gathered in the E Gym for a USA-themed pep rally featuring routines from the Golden Girls and cheerleaders—and, of course, the highly anticipated senior guys' dance performance.

That afternoon, the community gathered to support the junior varsity baseball and softball teams despite looming storm clouds. However, Houston's unpredictable weather took a turn. The skies cleared, and lower and middle school students played on the green as the games continued. By 7 p.m., fans made their way from the food trucks to the baseball field and cheered the varsity baseball team on to victory.

"We played a fun team with a good pitcher, and we ended up winning 6-1 that night," Wes Baker '25 said. "The student section was really awesome—they were chirping the other team. It brought a lot of extra energy to the guys in the dugout and on the field and made the game intense and fun at the same time."

Lillian Baker '25 | Communications Fellow





**A DISPLAY
OF ARTISTRY,
LEADERSHIP
AND JOY**



GOLDEN GIRLS

This year's Golden Girls Spring Show was a display of artistry, leadership and joy—showcasing not only the incredible talent of our dancers, but the community that supports them.

The night opened with a high-energy pom routine to “Boot Scootin’ Boogie,” officially introducing the 2024–2025 Golden Girls to the stage. Next, our youngest stars took the spotlight—future Golden Girls from PK4 to fourth grade brought the crowd to their feet with “9 to 5” and “Real Gone.” These sweet and spirited dancers reminded everyone just how deep the legacy of Golden Girls runs at Second Baptist School.

As the evening continued, the audience

enjoyed an incredible variety of styles—from the lyrical “Stand By Me” and the bold Officer Novelty “Jet Set” to the fun and fearless hip hop routine “Round and Round.” With heartfelt solos, energetic duets and crowd-favorite traditions like the Bob & Susie Dances and the hilarious Golden Guys, the Spring Show had something for everyone.

As the Spring Show came to a close, the spotlight turned to the five seniors who have faithfully led their team with heart and humility. Each tribute was a celebration of the legacy they leave behind—one marked by servant leadership, consistent encouragement, and a deep love for their teammates.

The final performance, “One More Time,” a cherished tradition, gave the team one last opportunity to dance together and celebrate a year filled with growth, accomplishment and unforgettable memories.





REAL TOPICS. REAL VOICES. REAL IMPACT.

Each spring, juniors in Mrs. Shannon Brooks' AP English Language and Composition class take the stage for their culminating project: a TED Talk-inspired presentation that challenges them to think deeply, write persuasively and speak with purpose.

This multi-week assignment begins with students identifying a topic they care about—something that matters to them personally. From there, they research, reflect, draft essays, design visual aids and rehearse their delivery. The final product is more than a speech; it is a window into what today's students are passionate about, curious about and wrestling with.

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Topics ranged from psychology and pop culture to faith, wellness and emerging technology—reflecting the diversity of thought and experiences within the Class of 2026. But beyond the subject matter, what stood out most was the depth of conviction, clarity of voice and courage each student brought to his/her presentation in front of peers, faculty and staff.

Each student brought a unique perspective to the stage, reminding us that when students are invited to lead from their God-given strengths and convictions, they rise to the challenge—with thoughtfulness, boldness and purpose.



THIS YEAR'S LINEUP FEATURED:

“Will Hydrogen Cars Make You Rich?” by Clayton Hedges
 “Manipulation: The Art of Mind Control” by Josh Rhames
 “Why God” by Mady Schmidt
 “The Dangers of Criminal Psychology” by Emma Hodge
 “Is Concentrating Really That Hard?” by Quin Harder
 “The Importance of Laughter” Grace Wehring
 “Reel Influence” by Mac Northrup
 “Is What We Envy Actually Real?” by Ava Kate Maffet
 “9 Types of Intelligence” by Canon Toon



JESUS FREAK



“I’m a Believer”

“I’m a Believer.” “Bad to the Bone.” “Stayin’ Alive.” While these titles bring back memories of pop hits from the ’70s and ’80s, to fourth grade students at Second Baptist School, they are the perfect soundtrack for sharing the gospel. Jesus Freak, a long-standing and much-loved tradition at SBS, leads the audience on a gospel journey filled with singing, dancing and a little disco flair!

Dressed in tie-dye, the Class of 2033 brought the story to life as “Baby Jesus Freak,” played by Ava Drum, searches for answers about faith. Along the way, she meets early believers, including Peter, Paul and James, and learns how their stories point to Jesus. Whether dancing in their “Gospel Shoes” or belting out “Bad to the Bone,” the message was clear: knowing Jesus changes everything.

With unforgettable characters like the gospel-singing Einstein and crowd-favorite roles like “Grapes,” the performance was a colorful and energetic display of creativity and growing gospel understanding. Jesus Freak brought truth to life with imagination and joy.



THIS. IS. EAGLEFEST.



One day a year, books are set aside, uniforms are replaced with face paint and team colors, and the entire student body at Second Baptist School comes together for a day of carnival games, community and competition—this is EagleFest.

The parade kicks off the day, beginning with the kindergarten class leading the way through the inflatable eagle onto the field. One by one, each grade follows, culminating in a heartwarming tradition—the Class of 2025 seniors walking alongside their Class of 2038 prekindergarten and Bridge buddies. After the last students enter, the games commence.

From the youngest students playing “mountains and bowls” to a down-to-the-wire hula-hooping showdown with lower school teachers, to capture the flag, tug-of-war and potato-sack racing, game after game, class after class, the scoreboard ticked up. Blue... Gold... Blue... Gold... Blue... Blue... Blue. Cheers erupted with each win, the friendly rivalry pushing every grade to give it their all. By the end of the competition, the results were in: the BLUE team claimed the 2025 EagleFest victory.

At Second Baptist School, EagleFest is more than a day of games. It’s a celebration of legacy, camaraderie and joy—of little hands in big



ones, of friendly rivalries that bond us closer, and of memories made in the sunshine, together.

**ONE DAY. ONE COMMUNITY.
ONE UNFORGETTABLE TRADITION.
THIS IS EAGLEFEST.**



SPRING ART SHOW

The 2025 Spring Art Show highlighted the God-given creativity of Second Baptist School students from kindergarten through twelfth grade. With a wide range of media and thoughtful visual storytelling, **the exhibition culminated in powerful AP 2D Art presentations, where five upper school students explored deeply personal inquiries through their work.**



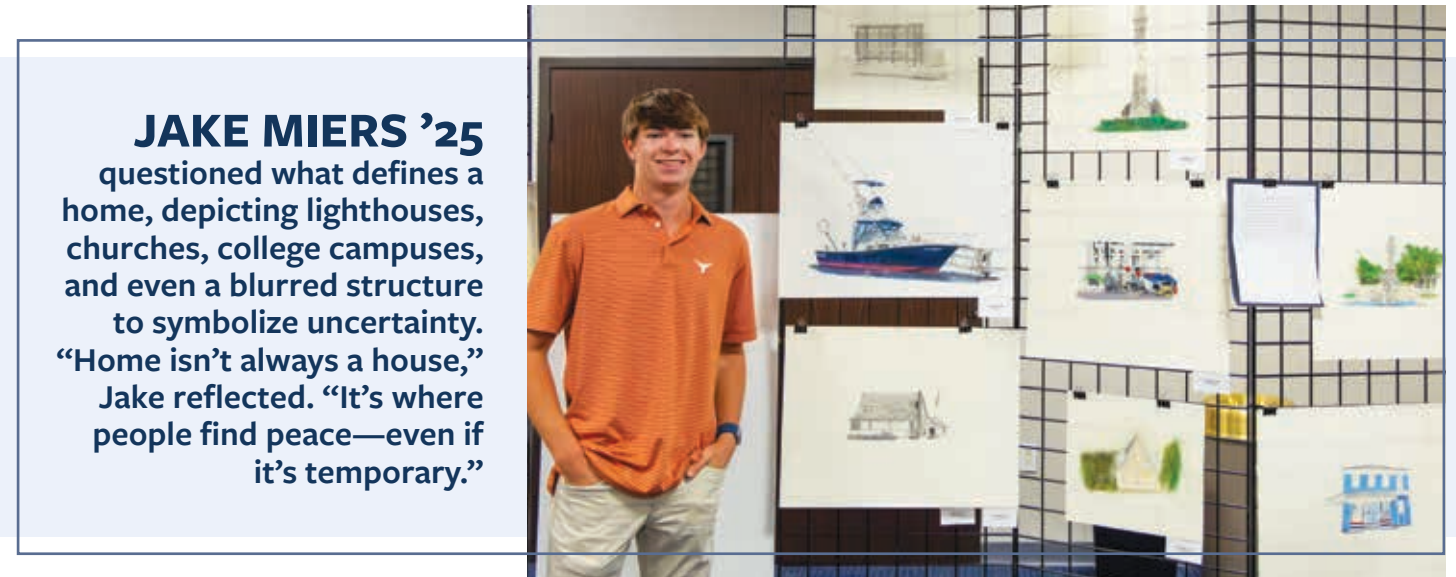
KYLEIGH FLEMING '25 explored mental health through the lens of cultural identity, drawing from her vibrant Mexican heritage. Using graphite to contrast colorful themes, she explained, "Each piece reflects how emotions feel—not how they look. Even in moments of darkness, God is present. He won't bring you through something He hasn't equipped you for."



NATE KING '25 conveyed emotion through sports, focusing on celebrations and frustrations without using facial expressions. "I wanted to capture the energy of athletic highs and lows because they reflect the full range of emotions God calls us to walk through in life," he said.



EMILY TARASIUK '25 examined multiculturalism and identity, creating architectural and floral works that reflect beauty, dissonance and growth. "Culture can be overwhelming and beautiful at the same time," she shared. "Instead of letting that confusion defeat us, we can learn to coexist with it—trusting God's design."



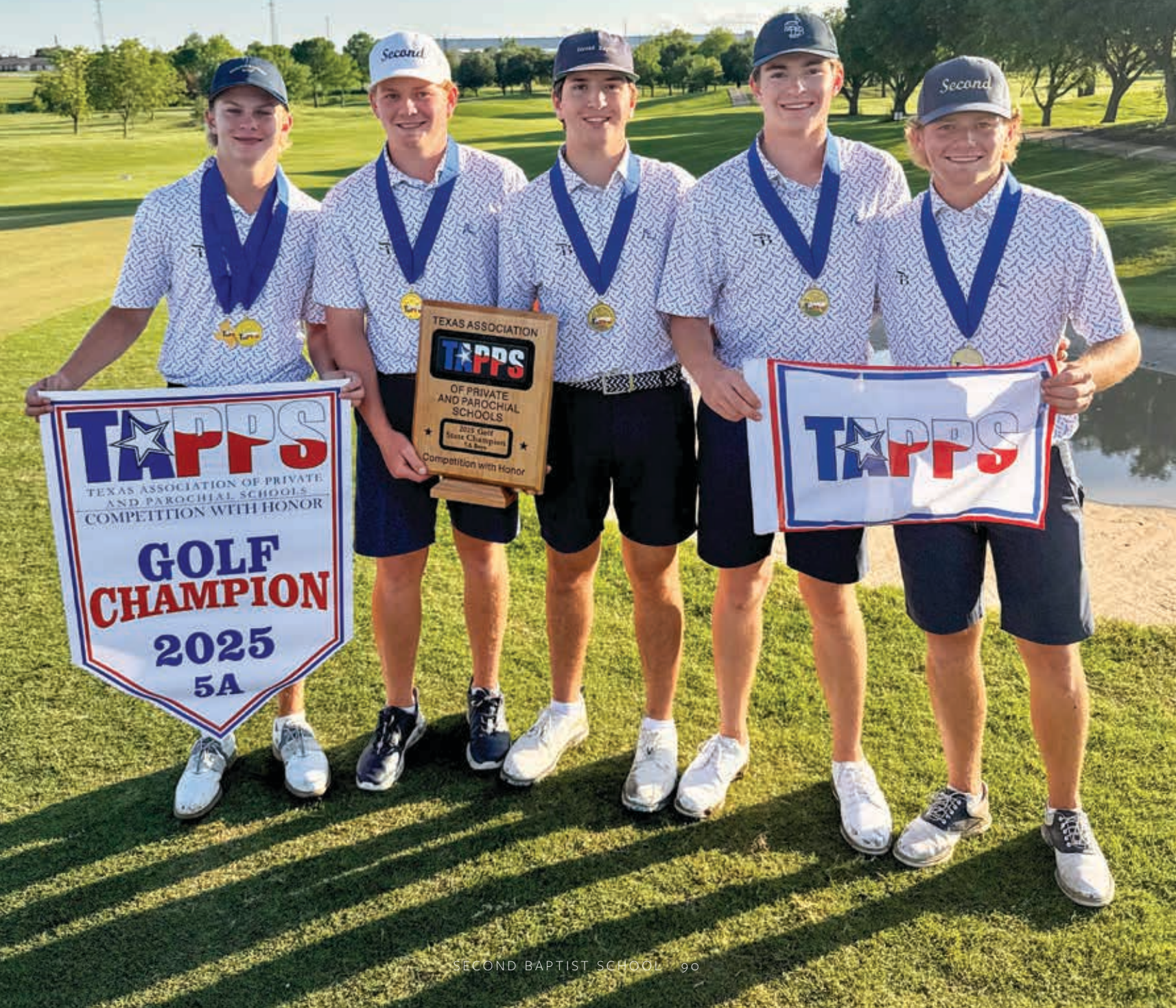
JAKE MIERS '25 questioned what defines a home, depicting lighthouses, churches, college campuses, and even a blurred structure to symbolize uncertainty. "Home isn't always a house," Jake reflected. "It's where people find peace—even if it's temporary."



PRESLEY TOWNSEN '25 examined the emotional power of music by capturing expressive portraits of musicians. "Music has shaped who I am. I wanted to show how it connects to our emotions and how, through it all, the Lord is with us."



SBS VARSITY MEN'S GOLF WINS BY ONE STROKE



Led by Head Golf Coach Jenny Murdock, the five-member team—Carson Elder '25, Matthew Elder '25, Jake Miers '25, Christopher Torn '26 and William Carlson '28—entered the tournament determined to finish what they started. Just weeks earlier, they narrowly lost to The Woodlands Christian Academy at regionals by one stroke. In the state championship, they hoped to flip the script.

"It wasn't losing that motivated us—it was only losing by one," said Coach Murdock. "In the past, TWCA has blown the field away by 20 strokes. This year, our team believed they could win."

The championship, held in Waco, was defined by rain delays and uncertainty. Intermittent storms disrupted the schedule, threatening to shorten the tournament and testing the mental toughness of every competitor.

"The delays were frustrating," admitted Murdock. "I reminded our boys that the wet course could affect other teams more than us. All five of our players are long hitters and mentally tough—they didn't let the weather throw them off."

"It reminded me that the tournament was in God's hands," said Matthew Elder '25. "It actually helped calm my mind."

When play resumed Tuesday for the final nine holes, the Eagles trailed TWCA by two strokes. "We told the boys we didn't need spectacular—we just needed steady," said Murdock.

Freshman William Carlson '28 set the tone early with a strong round of 73. Carson Elder '25 drained back-to-back birdies on his final two holes. Christopher Torn '26 closed with two par-saving putts from six and nine feet. Under

immense pressure on the final hole, senior Matthew Elder '25 stuck his tee shot just off the green and calmly made a four-footer to save par.

"As I stood on the 18th tee, I heard the roar when Carson made his putt," said Torn. "That's when I knew—we had a chance."

With each stroke, the energy shifted. Coach Murdock watched the live scoring, realizing the title was within reach. "Every player made every putt from 10 feet and in," she recalled. "That never happens."

With grit and precision, the Eagles edged out the competition by a single stroke to win the TAPPS State Golf Championship.

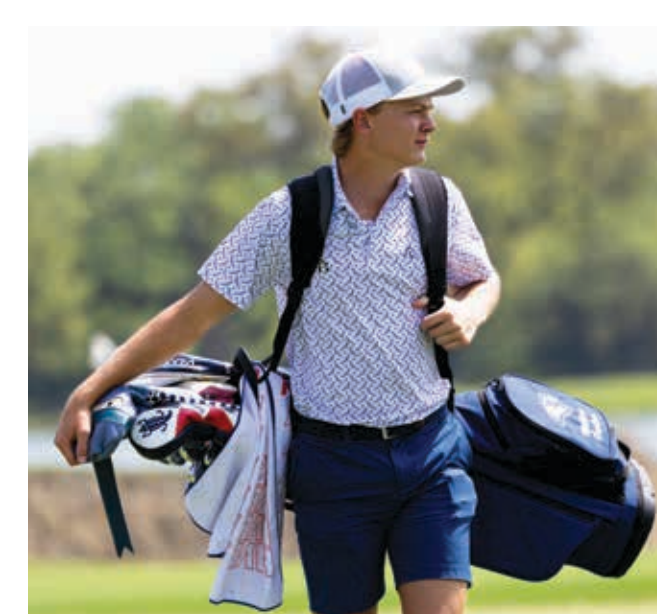
For seniors Carson, Matthew and Jake, the championship was the culmination of years of hard work and shared history—many of them have been playing together since middle school.

"I'll always remember the clutch moments—Torn's putt, Matthew's final par, and the look on everyone's faces when we realized we won," said Jake Miers '25.

Murdock, who has coached these seniors since they were in seventh grade, also celebrated a personal milestone—her first state title as a coach.

"I hadn't really thought about how I'd feel," she said. "But this week has been incredible. I'm proud of our boys, proud of this program, and grateful for our coaching staff—especially Coach Charlotta Wharton, who has been a steady presence of support throughout the season"

With talent, tenacity and teamwork, the Eagles made school history—one shot at a time.



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SPRING CHOIR CONCERT



The Spring Choir Concert at Second Baptist School was a heartfelt celebration of dedication, growth and the lasting impact of student leadership. From middle school choir to the senior showcase, the evening reflected the growth that comes from dedication.

A highlight of the evening was the recognition of six outstanding senior choir members for their contributions to the choir program:

National School Choral Award: Given to top choir students nationwide for exemplary musicianship and leadership, this year's recipients were **Ella Farias and Olivia Shoemaker.**

Director's Award: Honoring consistency, participation and a love for music, this award was presented to **Gray Gilbert, Jacqueline Lunsford and Anastasia Rowlen.**

Outstanding Senior Boy and Girl: This award recognizes seniors who are strong leaders and accomplished musicians, including members of the TMEA All-State Choir. This year's recipients were **Brayden Harrison, Olivia Shoemaker and Ella Farias.**

"These six students have all made great contributions to the success of our choir. They are leaving big shoes to fill for the next group of seniors," shared Choir Director Becky Martin.

The evening's program featured a wide range of music performed by all choir levels. Highlights included "Amazing" by the Middle School Choir, featuring multiple soloists; "Defying Gravity" performed by the Women's Choir with a solo by Tessa Garcia '26; and "Found/Tonight" by the combined 10-12 choirs, featuring soloist Bennett Lane '27.

The Senior Showcase closed the night with memorable solo performances from graduating seniors. Selections like "What I Did for Love" by Ella Farias, "Place in This World" by Brayden Harrison, and "For Good" by Olivia Shoemaker and Jacqueline Lunsford offered a touching farewell to a talented senior class.

From solos to full ensemble pieces, the Spring Choir Concert was a testament to the joy and discipline of music education at Second Baptist School.

Rising Up: *Celebrating the Class of 2029*

Student Devotionals

A highlight of the ceremony was the devotional portion, where students reflected on Scripture through personal stories.

Elyse Chan shared how Psalm 121 reminded her of God's comfort during a time of grief.

Andrew Geiger urged classmates to love others—even enemies—following Christ's example.

Hannah Blackard offered encouragement to let go of worry and trust God's daily provision.

Mac Goolsby reflected on finding identity in Christ through surgery and shifting friendships.

Sophie Ultis reminded her peers that only Christ—not grades or popularity—brings true fulfillment.

Nate Long spoke of transformation and strength through trusting the Lord.

Ruth Parrish closed with a bold message on choosing freedom through Christ.



“Make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and purpose.” – Philippians 2:2



OPENING CHARGE

The Second Baptist School community gathered to celebrate the Class of 2029 as they celebrated the milestone of completing middle school. Surrounded by family, faculty and friends, students were honored for their academic, personal and spiritual growth.

Zach Heaton '17, who serves as the liaison between Second Baptist Church and School opened the ceremony with a meaningful charge, encouraging students to step confidently into the next chapter, grounded in biblical truth and their identity in Christ.

AWARDS AND PROMOTION

As the ceremony concluded, students received their certificates of promotion.

Karlyse Firenza was honored with the 2025 DAR Youth Citizenship Award.

June Berry and **William Stewart** received the Karen Jensen Scholar Award.

Congratulations, Class of 2029!

2024-2025 MIDDLE SCHOOL ATHLETICS

Second Baptist School proudly recognizes the remarkable accomplishments of our middle school athletes. Under the leadership of Middle School Athletic Director Jeff Schroeder, our student-athletes have demonstrated exceptional growth and success across all sports. With **2 undefeated teams and 4 HJPC championships**, this season reflects the strength of our athletic development and the dedication of both our coaches and students. These achievements mark an exciting chapter for the future of middle school athletics at SBS.



8TH GRADE GIRLS VOLLEYBALL – HJPC CHAMPIONS



8TH GRADE GIRLS BASKETBALL – HJPC CHAMPIONS



8TH GRADE BASEBALL – HJPC CHAMPIONS



BOYS GOLF – HJPC CHAMPIONS

2025 ATHLETICS RECAP – SPRING

BASEBALL

Season Record

26 wins, 4 losses

District Record

8 wins, 2 losses

Awards/Honors

State Semifinalist

ALL-DISTRICT

First Team

Wes Baker '25
Christian McCleary '26
Miles Williams '25

Second Team

Ford Allen '27
Samuel Arrendell '27
Sam Garcia '25
William Newhouse '27

Honorable Mention

Ethan Eschweiler '25
Aiden Nick '26
Jace Trozzo '25

ALL-STATE

First Team

Wes Baker '25

Honorable Mention

Christian McCleary '26
Miles Williams '25

SOFTBALL

Season Record

3 wins, 9 losses

District Record

0 wins, 4 losses

ALL-DISTRICT

First Team

Ellie Cornelius '28
Peyton Walsh '26

Second Team

Vanessa Canas '28
Sofia Duarte '26
Evie King '28
Sophie Navarette '26
Sam Wagner '26
Jordan Warnica '28

TENNIS

State Runner Up

Men's Doubles

Brandon Sek '25 &
Marcos West '26

Academic All-State

Brandon Sek '25

TRACK

TEAM DISTRICT AWARDS

Women's 4x100m Relay –

2nd place

Reese Bratcher '27
Izzie Stagner '27
Jordan Warnica '28
Sienna Walter '28

Women's 4x200m Relay –

2nd place

Cate Collins '27
Leah Garner '28
Casey Kruger '26
Jordan Warnica '28

Men's 4x200m Relay –

2nd place

Jordan Jones '26
Wade Kurtz '25
Harrison Knape '28
Luc Normand '28

Women's 4x100m Relay –

3rd place

Reese Bratcher '27
Cate Collins '27
Leah Garner '28
Sara Griffin '26

Men's 4x100 Relay –

4th place

Bryce Butler '25
Jordan Jones '26
Harrison Knape '28
Wade Kurtz '25

Men's 4x400 Relay –

5th place

Jordan Jones '26
Peyton Jones '27
Harrison Knape '28
Luc Normand '28

Individual District

Awards

Kynadi Butler '28

Women's Discus – 5th Place

Shia Francis '26

Men's High Jump – 1st place

Samantha Griffin '26

Women's High Jump –
2nd Place

Women's 400 – 6th Place

Peyton Jones '27

Men's 400 – 3rd Place

Harrison Knape '28

Men's Long Jump – 4th Place

Wade Kurtz '25

Men's 100 Meter – 7th Place

RJ Lee '25

Men's Shot Put – 4th place

Luc Normand '28

Men's High Jump – 2nd Place

Michael Pratt '25

Men's Shot Put – 1st place

Bridget Roth '25

Women's Pole Vault –
1st place

Sienna Walter '28

Women's 100 Meter –
2nd Place

Women's 200 Meter –
3rd Place

Jordan Warnica '28

Women's 100 Meter –
4th Place

TEAM STATE AWARDS

Men's 4x100 Relay - 6th place

Shia Francis '26
Peyton Jones '27
Harrison Knape '28
Wade Kurtz '25

Women's 4x100m Relay -

4th place (New School Record)

Reese Bratcher '27
Izzie Stagner '27
Jordan Warnica '28
Sienna Walter '28

Women's 4x200m Relay -

4th place

Cate Collins '27
Leah Garner '28
Casey Kruger '26
Jordan Warnica '28

Individual State Awards

Shia Francis '26

Men's High Jump – 4th place

Peyton Jones '27

Men's 400 – 3rd Place

Luc Normand '28

Men's High Jump – 5th Place

Bridget Roth '25

Women's Pole Vault –
2nd place

Sienna Walter '28

Women's 100 Meter –
2nd Place

Women's 200 Meter –
2nd Place

Michael Pratt '25

Men's Shot Put – 3rd place
(New School Record)

GOLF

District Tournament –

Magnolia Creek

Course

Team – Third Place

William Carlson '28 – 6th place
Carson Elder '25 – 10th place
Matthew Elder '25 – 11th place

Regionals Tournament –

River Crossing

Golf Course

Team – Second place

Jake Miers '25 – 5th place
Carson Elder '25 – 10th place

State Tournament –

Cottonwood Creek

Golf Course

Boys State Championship

William Carlson '28
Carson Elder '25
Matthew Elder '25
Jake Miers '25
Christopher Torn '26

William Carlson '28 –
6th place

Carson Elder '25 &
Matthew Elder '25 –
Tied for 11th place

VYPE Private School

Team of the Year





CELEBRATING *the* **CLASS OF 2025**

Class of 2025 GRADUATION

a generation ready to lead with integrity, resilience and joy



in a ceremony filled with joy, gratitude and personal testimonies, Second Baptist School honored the Class of 2025 with family, faculty and friends in attendance. The evening served not only as a recognition of academic achievement and personal growth but also as a powerful reminder of God's faithfulness in the lives of our graduates.

Ella Allen '25, who will attend Texas A&M University in the fall, opened the ceremony with a warm welcome and invocation, expressing a heartfelt thanks on behalf of her fellow graduates. "Your constant support, sacrifice, patience and unconditional love have made us the upper school graduates that sit in front of you today," she said, addressing the parents and faculty. Ella acknowledged the support system provided to each graduate by both their families and the Second Baptist School community—a testament to the vital partnership between teachers and parents in the development of students. She pointed to God's unwavering faithfulness throughout her invocation, calling all graduates to continue to trust in Him as they move into the next chapter of their lives: **"More than anything, I pray we would define success as knowing [Christ] deeply and making [Him] known."**

Ella's welcome and invocation were followed by the choir performing "Be Thou My Vision," an annual tradition, and a reading of the class scripture by Isobel DeBailey '25. Proverbs 3:5-6, "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will direct your path." These moments





set the tone for the evening, reminding graduates and audience members that while our plans may fail, faith in Jesus and a strong support system will remain firm foundations.

Salutatorian Jake Meirs, who will attend the University of Texas at Austin, expanded on this theme with a speech centered around an unexpected topic: failure. With humor and honesty, Jake recounted personal setbacks—from tough golf rounds to a particularly rough academic week—reminding his classmates that failure is often the training ground for growth: **“If you’re not failing, you’re probably not trying hard enough,” he said.** “Failure doesn’t mean you are not good

enough—it means you’re in the process of becoming better.” He closed by urging graduates to live boldly and pursue their biggest aspirations, even at the risk of falling short: “Let it refine you. Let it teach you. Let it drive you forward.”

Valedictorian Bridget Roth followed with a heartfelt and faith-filled address. Headed to Trinity University on a full academic scholarship, **Bridget reflected on her mother’s daily encouragement to “be a light that shines”—a phrase she’s heard every day for over 6,000 days.** She linked this advice to the words of C.S. Lewis: “Don’t shine so that others can see you. Shine, so that through you, others can see Him.” Bridget encouraged her

classmates to live lives that reflect Christ and point others to Him. Her message was simple yet profound: “We don’t shine for ourselves. We shine for the glory of the One who made us.”

As the evening concluded, the Class of 2025 left the stage as graduates—equipped not only with academic knowledge, but with a deep sense of purpose, a foundation of faith and a challenge to live courageously in the light of truth.

Second Baptist School’s year closes with a celebration of legacy and a generation ready to lead with integrity, resilience and joy.



CLASS OF 2025

Eli Holt Adams*+
Baylor University
Summa Cum Laude

Ella Grace Allen*
Texas A&M University
Summa Cum Laude

Christian Arce+
Baylor University
Cum Laude

Maxwell Grayson Bagwell
Texas A&M University

Lillian Swanson Baker*
Texas A&M University
Summa Cum Laude

Wes Richmond Baker*
Sam Houston State University
Cum Laude

Terrance Christopher Baylor II*
Houston Christian University
Cum Laude

Dierk Garland Beddingfield*
Hendrix College
Summa Cum Laude

Emily Katherine Beeckman*+
University of Texas
Summa Cum Laude

Katie Mae Berkman*
Baylor University
Cum Laude

Jackson Oliver Bloodworth
Texas A&M University

Avery Lynn Bodine*
Texas A&M University
Summa Cum Laude

John Carson Bratcher*+
Wharton County Junior College
Magna Cum Laude

Braden Edwards Brown*
Baylor University
Summa Cum Laude

Bryce William-Eugene Butler
Texas Southern University

Chatham Fairchild Carlson*
University of Alabama
Summa Cum Laude

Zoe Rae Chapman*
Baylor University
Summa Cum Laude

Andrea Colchado*
University of Texas
Summa Cum Laude

Isobel Rose DeBakey*
Texas A&M University
Summa Cum Laude

James Peter Diamond*
Texas A&M University
Magna Cum Laude

Ethan Cole Dishman
Midwestern State University

Courtney Alexa Duncan*
Texas A&M University
Summa Cum Laude

Carson Glenn Elder*+
Southwestern University
Summa Cum Laude

Matthew Brown Elder*+
Blinn College at Brenham
Summa Cum Laude

James Pierson Enger*
Baylor University
Cum Laude

Cameron Evren Ertan*
Rhodes College
Magna Cum Laude

Ethan Galen Eschweiler*+
Baylor University
Summa Cum Laude

Nadezhda Lou Fabre*
University of Houston
Summa Cum Laude

Ella Makenzie Farias*
Oklahoma City University
Summa Cum Laude

Gianna Marie Fasanella*
Texas A&M University
Summa Cum Laude

Kyleigh Rene Fleming*
University of Oklahoma
Cum Laude

Samuel Adrian Garcia+
Southwestern University

Gray Willis Gilbert
Hendrix College

Isaac Douglas Gobin
Baylor University
Cum Laude

McKinzie Elizabeth Hall*
Baylor University
Summa Cum Laude

Cash William Harris
Samford University

Brayden Mitchell Harrison
East Texas Baptist University

Samantha Grace Howard*
University of Central Florida
Summa Cum Laude

Colton Thomas Hudson
University of Mississippi

Dylan Thomas Jenkins*+
Texas A&M University
Summa Cum Laude

Grace Cline Kell*
Texas A&M University
Cum Laude

Nate Hudson King*
Baylor University
Summa Cum Laude

Wade Charles Kurtz
Oklahoma State University

Reginald Jermaine Lee Jr.
University of Houston

Asher Michael Levine*+
Auburn University
Magna Cum Laude

Gavin Adam Lewis*+
Texas A&M University
Summa Cum Laude

Hanchen Felan Li*+
University of Texas
Summa Cum Laude

Jacqueline Georgene Lunsford*
University of Oklahoma
Summa Cum Laude

Morgan Denay Madison*+
Loyola University New Orleans
Magna Cum Laude

Glory Ola-Eze Matthew*+
Texas Christian University
Summa Cum Laude

Hudson Joseph McCulley*
Trinity University
Summa Cum Laude

Wyatt James McFarland
University of Alabama

Amy Michelle Menendez*
Marist University
Cum Laude

Robert Lucas Mensing+
Trinity University
Summa Cum Laude

James Jacob Miers*
University of Texas
Summa Cum Laude

Samuel Edward Milinski*+
Southwestern University
Summa Cum Laude

Isabel Langley Millard*
Texas A&M University
Summa Cum Laude

Sophia Naara Moncada*
University of Houston
Summa Cum Laude

Isabella Marie Murray*
Texas A&M University
Summa Cum Laude

Luke David Nini*
Texas A&M University
Cum Laude

Jinghe Andy Pan
University of Illinois
at Urbana-Champaign
Magna Cum Laude

Julia Lynn Pedersen
Oklahoma State University

Michael Grayson Pratt*
Texas A&M University
Summa Cum Laude

Grace Ann Pruiett*
University of Oklahoma
Cum Laude

Chloe Elizabeth Ritchmond*
University of Mississippi
Cum Laude

Bridget Anne Roth*
Trinity University
Summa Cum Laude

Anastasia Elisa Rowlen
Texas Christian University
Magna Cum Laude

Audrey Ryan Scarborough*
University of Texas
Summa Cum Laude

Brandon Kheng Sek*
Texas A&M University
Summa Cum Laude

Brooke Addison Sems*
Texas A&M University
Magna Cum Laude

Olivia Marie Shoemaker*
University of North Carolina
Summa Cum Laude

Ella Blaine Soussan*
Texas A&M University
Cum Laude

Taylor Olivia Stensgaard*
Clemson University
Summa Cum Laude

Presley Thomas Townsen*
Baylor University
Cum Laude

Jace Matthew Trozzo+
Rhodes College
Magna Cum Laude

Noah Daniel Utley
Texas A&M University

Trevor Daniel Vick*
Baylor University
Magna Cum Laude

Tymothy James Walker*+
Indiana Wesleyan University
Summa Cum Laude

Miles Brandon Williams
Dallas Baptist University

Arianna Renee Willis*+
University of Houston
Magna Cum Laude

Ava Brynn Wilson*
Texas Christian University
Magna Cum Laude

Ryann Elizabeth Wolfe*
Texas A&M University
Cum Laude

William Luke Young*
Texas A&M University
Summa Cum Laude

* National Honor Society Member
+ School of Distinction



SENIOR TRADITIONS

AT SECOND BAPTIST SCHOOL

Second Baptist School celebrates seniors with beloved traditions that mark both the end of their SBS journey and the excitement of what lies ahead. The Senior Car Parade, which began in 2020, allows students to decorate their cars and drive through campus proudly displaying their college choices—a vibrant expression of both school spirit and future dreams. Another favorite tradition is the Last Bell and Fountain Run. Seniors hear the symbolic “last bell” on the sixth floor, then dash through the hallways down to the sanctuary fountain, dressed in their future university shirts. The run is a joyful and emotional send-off, uniting students in gratitude for their time at SBS and anticipation for what’s next.

BY THE NUMBERS

CLASS OF 2025



83

CLASS OF 2025
GRADUATES



1222

AVERAGE SAT
SCORE



82%

HELD A GPA OF
3.5 OR HIGHER



4

CLASS OF 2023 ALL-STATE
CHOIR SELECTIONS



3

MAJOR AWARDS EARNED
BY THE YEARBOOK STAFF



19

COMPETING IN COLLEGE
ATHLETICS THIS FALL

4

STUDENT-ATHLETES
WILL COMPETE AT THE
DIVISION I LEVEL



7

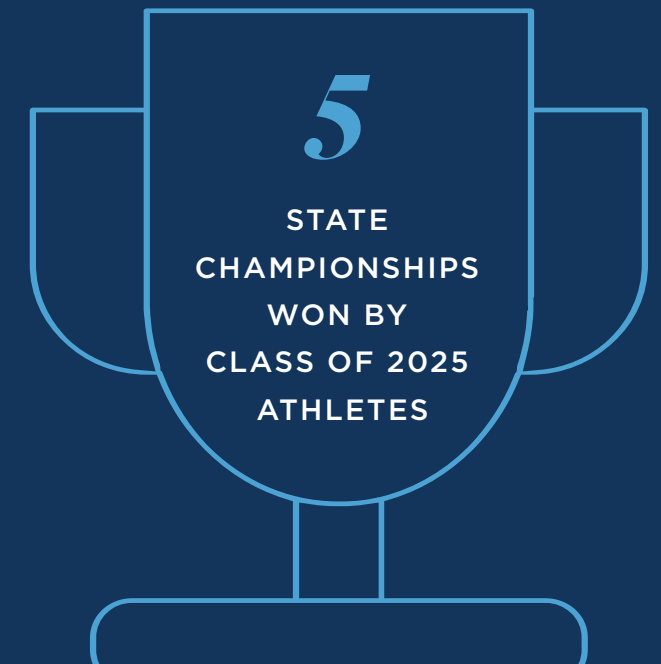
TOMMY TUNE
AWARDS

THE 60-MEMBER CAST AND CREW OF
WHITE CHRISTMAS, ANCHORED BY
13 SENIORS, ENTERTAINED
AUDIENCES TOTALLING
MORE THAN

1,750



10 SENIORS LED THE FALL
DRAMA CAST AND CREW
OF 50, ENTERTAINING 1,200



5

STATE
CHAMPIONSHIPS
WON BY
CLASS OF 2025
ATHLETES



\$13.5

MILLION IN
SCHOLARSHIPS

CLASS OF 2024 WILL ATTEND
30 COLLEGES IN
13 STATES

30
13

STATES



384

ACCEPTANCES
RECEIVED

NEXT LEVEL ATHLETES

19 MEMBERS OF THE CLASS OF 2025 MADE COLLEGE COMMITMENTS.



Bryce Butler
TEXAS SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY



RJ Lee
UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON



Lucas Mensing
TRINITY UNIVERSITY



Gray Gilbert
HENDRIX COLLEGE



TJ Walker
INDIANA WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY



Ethan Dishman
MIDWESTERN STATE UNIVERSITY



Carson Elder
SOUTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY



Matthew Elder
BLINN COLLEGE



Morgan Madison
LOYOLA UNIVERSITY

NEXT LEVEL ATHLETES

19 MEMBERS OF THE CLASS OF 2025 MADE COLLEGE COMMITMENTS.



Wes Baker
SAM HOUSTON STATE UNIVERSITY



Carson Bratcher
WHARTON COLLEGE



Cameron Ertan
RHODES COLLEGE



Jace Trozzo
RHODES COLLEGE



Miles Williams
DALLAS BAPTIST UNIVERSITY



Dierk Bedingfield
HENDRIX COLLEGE



Sam Garcia
SOUTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY



Bridget Roth
TRINITY UNIVERSITY



Hudson McCulley
TRINITY UNIVERSITY



Sam Milinski
SOUTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY



Lillian Baker

letter from a senior

I can vividly remember my first day at Second Baptist. With my new backpack and lunchbox in hand, I walked down the halls of the F Building and into Mrs. Jennings' Bridge classroom. At the age of five, I was shy, uncertain of my surroundings, and utterly unaware of the impact this school would have on my life in years to come. Now, as a graduating senior, I look back at pictures and memories from that season and can hardly believe that my time here as a student has come to an end.

Second Baptist is my second home. This place has provided me with far more than an exceptional education; it has shaped me relationally, emotionally, and most importantly, spiritually. Learning in an environment where I am free to talk about God is a gift, one that I should not take for granted. Therefore, I am grateful for a community where worship is frequent, discipleship is elemental, and the Word of God is treasured above all else.

This school has given me a platform and a voice. Through sports teams, the fellows program, yearbook management, and so much more, Second Baptist has inspired me to pursue excellence and lead with integrity and confidence. I have found encouragement, advice, and comfort in the classrooms and offices of those who have mentored me throughout my time in high school. Faculty and staff members have presented me with the tools to discover and develop my passions and talents in ways that glorify God, and words truly cannot express how thankful I am for the unique impact these men and women have had on my life.

I am leaving this school with a community that I will remain connected to long after

Faculty and staff members have presented me with the tools to discover and develop my passions and talents in ways that glorify God, and words truly cannot express how thankful I am for the unique impact these men and women have had on my life.

I graduate. My teachers have instilled in me a desire for academic excellence, unlimited curiosity, and honorable character. My classmates have given me memories that I will cherish forever. I cannot imagine what my high school experience would look like apart from each of these people.

Leaving is bittersweet, but I am excited for what the Lord has in store for my future both in college and beyond. My journey has not always been easy, but it has been formative and valuable. As I step into the next chapter of my life at Texas A&M in the fall, I am confident that Second Baptist has prepared me to embrace challenges, cultivate quality relationships, and pursue Christ.

Second Baptist, thank you for providing me with a nurturing environment and a Christ-centered community that will last a lifetime—I wouldn't trade my experience here for anything.

Lillian Baker '25 | Communications Fellow



PORTRAIT OF AN SBS GRADUATE

C L A S S O F 2 0 2 5



Ella Allen

TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY
BUSINESS: FINANCE

“Ella just ‘gets it’ in a way I haven’t seen in any other teenager. She can integrate qualitative and quantitative analysis with excellent communication skills, in a highly unique and thoughtful way, while skillfully integrating scripture. Ella is talented, well-organized, and creative at the same time. Expect great things from Ella in the future.” – **Dr. Jill Foote**, *Dean of Schools of Distinction*

“When it comes to leading courageously, Ella means business. She is competitive, driven, and holds herself to a high standard, yet she does so with humility and a great sense of humor that makes her a joy to be around. Whether she is on the court or in the classroom, she brings energy, focus, and a team-first mentality that elevates those around her. Ella may not always seek the spotlight, but she shines in all the ways that matter most. Her passion, resilience, and commitment to excellence make her a perfect representation of what it means to be an SBS graduate.” – **Chandace Tryon**, *Volleyball Coach*



Zoe Chapman

BAYLOR UNIVERSITY
PSYCHOLOGY

“Zoe is one of the kindest people you will meet. Her passion for Christ shines through everything she does. Her kind spirit and loving heart make her an excellent example of a portrait of a graduate.” – **Jacqueline Comparin**, Dance Coach

“Zoe Chapman is a fierce and faithful young woman, and I count it a blessing to have taught her for two years. Watching her grow from a confident sophomore into a young woman who, even at just eighteen, already reflects so many of the Proverbs

31 virtues we as a community hope to see in our daughters—what a gift that has been. Zoe is strong, trustworthy, generous, and grounded in faith. She is kind, hard-working, humble, and wise, offering truth and encouragement to those who need it most. She lives with a quiet strength and deep reverence for God that inspires those around her. Knowing Zoe has been a blessing; I cannot wait to see the path God lays before her in the years ahead.” – **Geoff Brooks**, Science Teacher

Ethan Dishman

MIDWESTERN STATE UNIVERSITY
BUSINESS
COLLEGIATE SPORT | FOOTBALL

“Ethan came to Second as a junior and immediately made a huge impact on our football program. He made tremendous strides leading our program athletically and spiritually. He impacted our players and made me want to work even harder to be a better coach. As good a player as Ethan is, he is a better student, son, friend, and leader to the people he engages with on a daily basis. I believe Ethan will continue to spread the word of Christ every day the rest of his life. Very proud and honored to witness his leadership and love for the Lord.” – **Tim Smith**, Football Coach

“Ethan is a hardworking and kind young man. He does not fall to the peer pressure around him. When he arrived at Second last year, he was behind academically. However, he sat through my class twice daily (once during his scheduled class time and once during his open bin) because he was committed to improving his grades and understanding the material. I have never had a success story as meaningful as Ethan’s. He is the definition of grit and a great example to young men around him.” – **Miranda Itchon**, Math Teacher



Ella Farias

OKLAHOMA CITY UNIVERSITY
MUSICAL THEATRE

“Ella beautifully exemplifies the portrait of a Second Baptist School graduate. She gives 110% to everything in which she takes part, and operates with wisdom and grace. Ella is above reproach in all that she does and is not afraid to stand for what is right! She has a personal relationship with Jesus Christ that is the driving force behind all that she does. Ella is talented, kind, compassionate, gracious and hard working. It has been a privilege coaching her!” – **Madelyn Whitehead**, *Dance Coach*

“Ella is one of those rare students who push us as instructors to broaden our realm of creative and collaborative learning. She is a student of extraordinary talents, which are manifested in performance, vocals and dance. Her talent both musically and theatrically are impeccable and she is a student that will forever be imprinted on our hearts. Ella’s natural instincts, determined attitude and engaging personality will not only impact, but also enhance the university she will be attending. This has definitely been the case here at Second Baptist School. We believe in this talented young lady and have no doubt that she will excel as she goes forward in life.” – **Claire Westmoreland and Cindy Blades**, *Arts Department*



Brayden Harrison

EAST TEXAS BAPTIST UNIVERSITY
WORSHIP STUDIES

“Brayden is one of the boldest and most courageous young men I’ve had the privilege of teaching. A devoted follower of Christ, he stands firm in his faith with unwavering conviction, even when doing so is unpopular. His life consistently reflects the fruits of the Spirit. The joy he carries is not circumstantial, but rooted deeply in his love for Jesus. He walks with a quiet confidence and peace, trusting patiently in God’s timing. Brayden’s kindness and humility, paired with a gentle strength, naturally draw others to him. He demonstrates remarkable self-control, choosing to remain true to his identity in Christ rather than conform to external pressures. His faith has inspired and encouraged my own, and I am confident that his calling to worship ministry is only the beginning of the powerful impact he will have for the Kingdom.” – **Miranda Itchon**, *Math Teacher*

“Brayden is an outstanding member of our choir program. He is a strong leader and an encourager to the other choir members. He leads by example every day. He loves the Lord and is unafraid to stand up in front of the whole school and lead in worship. He allows Jesus to shine through him.” – **Becky Martin**, *Choir Director*





Asher Levine

AUBURN UNIVERSITY
BUSINESS

“It’s clear Asher has bought into the vision of SBS, hook, line and sinker. All you have to do is read over his resume. A diligent student, eager to serve Christ, and unafraid to be who God has called him to be: a leader. Asher always pays attention, participates in class discussion, communicates with clarity and confidence, and turns in excellent assignments on time. Everybody loves Asher.” – **Scott Dawley**, *School of Business Teacher*

“Asher is the friendliest and has the best attitude of all my students these past two years. This comes from his deep faith in Christ and, as a result, his love for others. He has also been a VP of the Business Club and has been actively involved and reliable. This may sound like a strange thing to say, but if I had to go through an apocalypse, I would want to be around Asher (as well as during good times). He’s so much fun to be around!” – **Dr. Jill Foote**, *Dean of Schools of Distinction*

“Asher is a serious student who genuinely wants to learn. He is kind, respectful and courteous to everyone. He takes feedback well and wants to improve. He leads by living a life which glorifies God.” – **Robert Cooper**, *History Teacher*



Sam Milinski

SOUTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY
PHYSICS
COLLEGIATE SPORT | SWIMMING

“Sam Milinski is a quiet treasure in the Second Baptist community—a humble young man with a heart of gold and a future full of promise. Though soft-spoken, his actions speak volumes. As a parting gift to our AP Physics class—where he was the only male student among a group of girls—Sam hand-forged an iron cross for each of us, inscribing every one with Joshua 1:9: “Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go.” It was an unforgettable act of kindness and craftsmanship. Sam is a disciplined athlete, a top-tier scholar, and above all, a young man after God’s own heart. It has been an honor to teach him, and

now, as he graduates, to call him a friend.”
– **Geoff Brooks**, *Science Teacher*

“In addition to serving as captain of our varsity swim team, Sam qualified for the TAPPS state swim meet all four years on the team. Sam has a positive attitude and outlook on life, spiritually, physically, and mentally! He has been an awesome asset to both the team and the school.”
– **Mark Hahn**, *Swim Coach*

“Sam is honest, hardworking, attentive and responsible. He never makes excuses or complains about a lack of time. In class, he is responsive and attentive. His personality and attitude show a depth of character and integrity.” – **Jan Ritcher**, *Math Teacher*

Michael Pratt

TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY

BIOMEDICAL SCIENCES | HONORS COLLEGE

“Time and again, Michael has demonstrated his ability to think, live, and lead. He asks helpful, insightful questions in regards to our basketball strategy and connects our philosophy to the outside world. He ‘walks the walk’ in his faith, often leading us in prayer before practices. Furthermore, his foundation in his faith allows him to lead in ways that are not always easy or popular. If there is an action that is not correct, but uncomfortable to call out, Michael still finds his voice. If a member of our team is struggling, Michael is the first to recognize his pain. This type of behavior is only possible with a high amount of humility. Michael does not think less of himself, but thinks of himself less. Our team operates at an extremely high level of excellence in large part to Michael’s leadership skills and how he loves each of his teammates.”

– **Taylor Land**, *Men’s Basketball Coach*

“Michael Pratt is a leader who positively impacts the culture around him with consistent actions that point toward Christ. His respect, kindness, integrity, and work ethic shone through. Michael ensured that his groups performed their experiments, labs, and dissections with precision and asked thoughtful questions when learning new material. As a testament to his thoughtfulness, Michael and a group of students showed up in full force to offer assistance in packing up my classroom in preparation for the sixth floor renovations; their support and help meant more than they probably knew during that busy time. Wherever God’s plans take Michael, he is sure to bless those around him with his servant-hearted leadership.” – **Meredith Offenbacher**, *Science Teacher*



Bridget Roth

TRINITY UNIVERSITY

BIOLOGY

COLLEGIATE SPORT:

TRACK AND FIELD

“Bridget Roth has the mindset of a champion. She has chosen the single most difficult event in track and field, the pole vault, and yet works tirelessly, setting new personal records frequently. She demonstrates the principle found in Colossians 3:23, “Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, and not for man.” Bridget proves daily that no challenge is too big for her as she lives out Philippians 4:13, “I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.” – **Jim Stephens**, *Track and Field Coach*

“Bridget strives for excellence in everything she does, both in her academic studies and outside the classroom. Her steadfast faith is evident in how she serves. She is genuine, sincere, selfless, dependable, and highly motivated.” – **Dyanne Kimmel**, *Director of Advancement*

“She consistently demonstrates respect, excels in my class, and shows strong intrinsic motivation to succeed.” – **La Zhong-Parrino**, *Science Teacher*



Audrey Scarborough

UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS
INTERIOR DESIGN

“Extremely relational and intentional, Audrey—one of my brilliant AP Lit. seniors—takes time to visit with those she loves, and this year that includes me! Audrey truly loves the Lord, and He shines through her every day. With that said, she is not afraid to speak her mind during class discussions and show her competitive spirit! Audrey loves a scavenger hunt but not the limbo; she’s a beautiful writer and a faithful friend. A true reflection of Jesus, Audrey loves through actions, consistently bringing joy and warmth to those around her.” – **Natalie Hedges**, *English Teacher*

“I had the blessing of teaching Audrey Scarborough in AP biology during her junior year. Her servant-hearted, humble leadership and love of Jesus were evident from the start. From AP biology class to interim term travel trips, she was an attentive listener, asking engaging questions. Baked goods from Whole Foods, homemade treats from baking club, beautiful birthday cards with heartfelt notes, and giving up her free time to volunteer to serve at places including the Humane Society are just a few of the tangible ways that she shines the light of Jesus into the lives of others. Audrey is a person of high integrity and remarkable character, and I know that she will make a positive impact for the Kingdom wherever God leads in the future.” – **Meredith Offenbacher**, *Science Teacher*



Jace Trozzo

RHODES COLLEGE
BUSINESS
COLLEGIATE SPORT:
BASEBALL

“Jace is the epitome of what a graduate of Second Baptist looks like. An outstanding young man who gives everything he has all the time. He has a tireless work ethic. He is an intelligent and respectful young man who represents Jesus in his everyday life. I have seen him persevere through challenges and obstacles during his time here. I have watched him grow and improve every year, both athletically and personally. He is a quiet leader who leads by example. I know that he has the respect and appreciation of not only his peers, but also leaders and adults on campus as well. If you were to say “pick one person from a team you coach to represent you personally,” Jace is the first person that I would pick. The

world needs more people like Jace Trozzo.” – **Keith Page**, *Baseball Coach*

“Jace has shown exemplary leadership skills both on and off the baseball field. He is an excellent student and baseball player. He is an outstanding individual who loves the Lord, and loves his teammates and coaches. If I ran my own business, I would hire Jace.” – **Rayner Noble**, *Baseball Coach*

“Curious, competitive, caring, insightful, and consistently following the path God has for him. He has pushed, served, and struggled to overcome obstacles. The drive and abilities that Jace has have blossomed through time. His lights are on!” – **Jeff Schroeder**, *Middle School Director of Athletics*

Second Baptist School
CLASS OF 2025



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BABY STEPS

to

BIG DREAMS



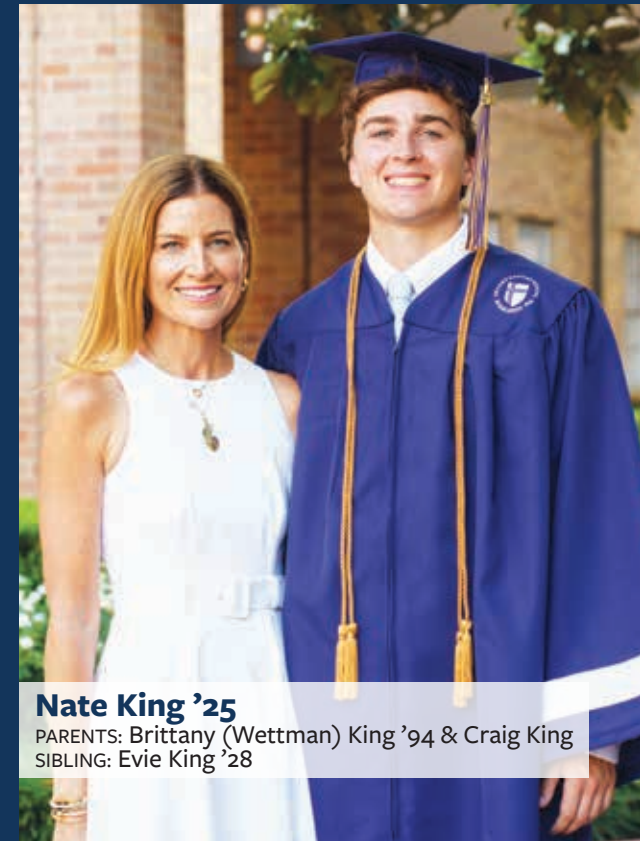
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 2. Anastasia Rowlen
 3. Andrea Colchado
 4. Andy Pan
 5. Arianna Willis
 6. Asher Levine
 7. Audrey Scarborough
 8. Ava Wilson
 9. Avery Bodine
 10. Braden Brown
 11. Brandon Sek
 12. Brayden Harrison
 13. Bridget Roth
 14. Brooke Sems
 15. Bryce Butler
 16. Cameron Ertan
 17. Carson Bratcher
 18. Carson Elder
 19. Cash Harris
 20. Chatham Carlson
 21. Chloe Richmond
 22. Christian Arce
 23. Cotton Hudson
 24. Courtney Duncan
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 26. Dylan Jenkins
 27. Eli Adams
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 32. Ethan Dishman
 33. Ethan Eschweiler
 34. Felan Li
 35. Gavin Lewis
 36. Gianna Fasella
 37. Glory Matthew
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 39. Grace Pruett
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 41. Hudson McCulley
 42. Isaac Gobin
 43. Isabella Murray
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 45. Izzy Willard
 46. Jace Trozzo
 47. Jackson Bloodworth
 48. Jacqueline Lunsford
 49. Jake Miers
 50. James Enger
 51. JP Diamond
 52. Julia Pedersen
 53. Katie Berkman
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 55. Lucas Mensing
 56. Luke Nini
 57. Matthew Elder
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 59. McKinzie Hall
 60. Michael Pratt
 61. Miles Williams
 62. Morgan Madison
 63. Nadia Fabre
 64. Nate King
 65. Noah Utley
 66. Olivia Shoemaker
 67. PT Townsend
 68. RJ Lee
 69. Ryan Wolfe
 70. Sam Williams
 71. Sam Garcia
 72. Samantha Howard
 73. Sophia Moncada
 74. Taylor Stensgaard
 75. Terrance Baylor II
 76. TJ Walker Baby
 77. Trevor Vick
 78. Wade Kurtz
 79. Wes Baker
 80. Will Young
 81. Wyatt McFarland
 82. Zoe Chapman
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Class of 2025 Lifers



Katie Berkman
Dierk Beddingfield
Braden Brown
Samantha Howard
Nate King
Sam Milinski
Jake Miers
Bridget Roth
Ava Wilson
Ryann Wolfe
Will Young
NOT PICTURED:
Nadia Fabre

SECOND GEN FAMILIES



Nate King '25
 PARENTS: Brittany (Wettman) King '94 & Craig King
 SIBLING: Evie King '28



Grace Pruiett '25
 PARENTS: Emily (Spikes) Pruiett '94 & Lance Pruiett
 SIBLING: Ava Pruiett '26



Ella Allen '25
 PARENTS: Julie (Hart) Allen '95 & Truett Allen
 SIBLING: Ford Allen IV '27



Jake Miers '25
 PARENTS: Kristin (Martin) Miers '95 & Casey Miers
 SIBLING: Kate Miers '27



1984

HELEN (MUKHAR) BUCKNER '84 was named a senior advisor with Ciao Bambino and recognized among the top 25% of travel advisors in the U.S. She designs luxury travel experiences for families, couples and multigenerational trips around the world. Reach out to her—she'd love to help with your next adventure.

1987

LEEANN (LEWIS) NICCOLI '87 and her husband, Rob, are proud new grandparents—twice over! Their granddaughter, Emilia Nicole, was born in May 2024 to their daughter Kate and her husband, Bobby. In March 2025, their son Chris and his wife, Emily, welcomed Hudson Reed. Leeann and Rob are overjoyed to step into this new season of grandparenthood.



1988

DENNI DANIELS '88 owns Denni Daniels Hair Design near SBS and is also an accomplished contemporary artist. In September, she hosted her second solo exhibition, showcasing two new collections—66 paintings completed over the past three years. Denni is a familiar face on campus, often returning to support friends and family in the SBS community.



1989

JOHN FUEX '89 retired in 2024 after a successful career as a technical leader at Deloitte. He now volunteers with Junior Achievement, teaching entrepreneurship and financial literacy to students in Austin ISD, and serves as a wood shop instructor at Down Home Ranch, a nonprofit supporting individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities. He kicked off retirement with a trip to India to visit former colleagues and attend two weddings.

John shared this reflection for fellow alumni: “Don’t let your career, pursuit of money or prestige define you. It was scary to tell my boss to stop sending me a paycheck and go work for free, but so far it has been totally worth it. You can’t buy more time on this earth, so spend what you have left well.”



1989

BECCA KIRK SCHWINGER '89 was appointed director of community programs at the University of Austin, a new institution dedicated to civil discourse, open inquiry and the pursuit of truth.

1990

THE RAD DOGS, CLASS OF 1990 have been busy holding frequent class “meetings,” often hosted by Don Ford, Tisha Krause or during SBS alumni events. Proudly flashing their complimentary AARP cards—courtesy of Allen Cryer—the group spent time reminiscing about 99-cent gas (Lee-Anne Bradley), toilet papering victorious basketball team front yards (Jay Murphy), and the rising cost of college for their Rad Puppies (Scott Sage, seconded by Sherry Pevey).

The group also discussed the spot price of their old pranks today, the cost of prescription medicine, and who might be the first to receive a Social Security check (Emilie Irvine). Planning is already underway for their next antiquing holiday, led by Jennifer Brockwell, Jennifer Buchanan, Sherry Pevey and Saber Tavlin.

The Rad Dogs are now working on their 35-year reunion—details to come!



1995

NATALIE (BENEKE) RENTFROW '95 is celebrating her son’s high school graduation this May as he prepares to head off to college. She’s incredibly proud of all he has accomplished.

1997

MIKE TOMPKINS '97 is enjoying both life and travel. He works in IT with Upside Technology, a role that allows him to travel frequently—mostly within the U.S.—and he’s making the most of every trip.



1999

WILL BRADLEY '99 along with SBS alumni **REAGAN FINCHER '97** and **JONATHAN MCKENZIE '04**, has helped grow Turtlebox from a single-product company into a thriving lineup of three speakers. The new Ranger speaker sold out in just two days, and Turtlebox was recently ranked No. 209 on the Inc. 5000 list of fastest-growing companies in America. The team is incredibly thankful for the support from their community and excited about what's ahead.

2000

ELIZABETH (MUNGER) STIVER '00 is married to John Stiver and continues to run a successful Houston-based design firm with her sister called Munger Interiors. The firm offers both custom interior design and fine art advisory services.



2001

COURTNEY "KNOXY" KNOX '01 recently led the photography team for a celebrity advertising campaign for Taraji P. Henson's new wine brand. The shoot took place in an \$8 million Hollywood mansion, and the photos are now featured nationwide. Courtney led a team of 55 people to bring the project to life and is proud of the impact the work has made.

2002

LAUREN ASHKAR BAKER '02 founded The Bakerie in 2024, baking classic coffee cakes for the Houston community using her mother-in-law's beloved recipe. Orders are available for porch pickup or delivery at www.thebakerie.co. Lauren shares Psalm 34:8: "Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed is the man who trusts in Him."



2002



Kyle Reynolds '02 is thrilled that his children—Ella (Grade 7), Molly (Grade 6), Warner (Grade 1) and Weston (PK3)—will attend SBS for the 2025–2026 school year. The Reynolds family is excited to join the Eagle community.

2004

Jordan (Kates) Bowling '04 and her husband, Warren, welcomed their fourth child, Riley James Bowling, on Mother's Day, May 12, 2024. Riley joins older siblings Cooper and Olivia (SBSUM Memorial) and Callie (a future Eagle).



2005

CALE DOWELL '05 was named to the *Houston Business Journal's* 40 Under 40 list in 2024.

2005

EVAN ELSENBROOK '05 married in 2024, surrounded by fellow SBS alumni **ELIZABETH (SUFFIELD) WILHITE '05**, **LAUREN (ALLEN) SWEENEY '05** and **RACHEL (TWINING) KELLY '05**. Evan and his wife welcomed their daughter, Claire Elyse Elsenbrook, in February 2025.



Class of 2005

SAVE THE DATE for your 20-year reunion on **Saturday, October 18!**
For more details, contact **Elizabeth Suffield Wilhite** at deswilhite@gmail.com.

2006

CHELSEA (DEUTSCH) GUTHRIE '06 and her husband welcomed baby Gus in October 2024. Big siblings Genevieve '36 (7) and Geoffrey '38 (4.5) have been loving and helpful, and the Guthries are treasuring this sweet season as a family of five.



2007

KATHRYN (WORSHAM) HUMPHRIES '07 welcomed Beatrice Hay Humphries on October 25, 2024. Her oldest daughter, Annie, will begin PK4 at Second Baptist School this fall.

2007

EUGENE KIM '07 started a new position at Magnolia Oil and Gas.

2007

Ryan Lohse '07 is celebrating a new chapter as his sons John and Peter join their big brother, Richard, at Second Baptist School. They are following in the footsteps of their dad and uncle, Ryan Lohse '07 and Tyler Lohse '09, and the family looks forward to watching a new generation of Lohse Eagles make their own memories.



2007

Kimberly (Falgout) Scheele '07 is excited that her daughter, Holly, will start PK3 at SBS, joining her older brother, Connor. She's thrilled to have two little Eagles on campus.



2007

Paul Bundy Thompson Jr. '07 and his family welcomed Robert Reed "Robby" Thompson on January 24, 2025. He weighed 7 pounds, 11 ounces and measured 21 inches long. Sally '38 and Trey '40 are proud big siblings.



2008

DALTON DOMINY '08, a member of the United States Secret Service, supported campaign protection efforts for President Donald Trump in September 2024. His youngest child, Margaret, will join siblings Madelyn and Ford at SBS this year.



2009

SARAH (ADAMS) BOWDEN '09 and her husband recently welcomed their second son, Sage Tyler Bowden.





2009

CHRISTOPHER DUNCAN '09 AND KIRSTYN (DOMINY) DUNCAN '10 welcomed their third daughter, Kollins Gabriel Duncan, on February 16, 2025. Big sisters Kathryn '39 and Kallie adore their new baby sister.

2010

SHELBY HERRING OAKLEY '10 and her husband welcomed their daughter, Claire Abbott Oakley, on March 8, 2024. Big sister Adele is thrilled. Shelby earned her CPA just before Claire's arrival and moved to Raleigh at the end of the year.



2010

JEFF PRICE '10 is excited for his son, William (age 3), to join his big brother, Shepherd (age 5), at SBS this fall as part of the Class of 2040.



2010

DANIEL WHALEY '10 and his wife, Sidney, celebrated their daughter Elizabeth's second birthday in early March and are expecting a baby boy in September 2025.



2010

William '10 and Alex (Tripp) Whaley '10 are raising their daughters, Emma and Olivia, who will turn four and one this July.

2011

WILLIAM MCMICHAEL '11 and his wife, Kristi, are excited for their son, Jack, to begin PK3 this fall as part of the SBS Class of 2040. The McMichaels are grateful for SBS's commitment to excellence in Christian education and look forward to seeing Jack—and his younger sisters, future members of the Classes of 2042 and 2044—grow, learn and thrive in a nurturing, Christ-centered environment.



2011

James Rickaway '11 and his wife, Natalie, welcomed their second daughter, Lucy Clark Rickaway, on June 23, 2024. Their oldest, Ruthie, will begin PK3 at Second Baptist School this fall. James was also promoted to estimating manager at McCarthy Building Companies.



2011

SCOTT TERRELL '11 earned his MBA from the University of Texas McCombs School of Business in May 2024. He and his wife, Linda, welcomed their second daughter, Louise, on June 13, 2024. Big sister Lilly (age 2) is already loving her new role and will begin PK3 at Second Baptist School this fall. Scott recently started a new job as a consultant with FTI Consulting.

2012

KRISTEN (THOMAS) EDDY '12 and her husband, Clayton, are thrilled to rejoin the SBS community as their daughter, Lily, enters PK3 at Second Baptist School this fall.





2012

KATHERINE (HERRINGTON) TRAPP '12 married in May 2021 and welcomed a son, Jack, in November 2023.

2013

MARY PAIGE STEVENSON HARRIS '13 and her husband, Andrew, welcomed their daughter, Hannah Grace, on January 22, 2025—just after a rare Houston snow day. Their son, Beasley, is excited to be a big brother. Mary Paige also became certified as a dyscalculia therapist in December.



2013

KYLE HENDRICK '13 married Julia Cantu on December 7, 2024, in Austin, Texas. The ceremony was held at St. John Neumann Catholic Church, followed by a reception at Omni Barton Creek. The rehearsal dinner took place at the Austin Country Club. Julia is from San Antonio and is a graduate of SMU and Baylor Law School. SBS alumni in the wedding party included **RYAN HENDRICK '09**, **DAVID ABBOTT '13**, **HUNTER NORTHCUTT '13**, **TIM WILLIAMS '13**, **DENTON THOMAS '13**, **CALEB RUSSO '13** and **JENNA HENDRICK BERGMANN '10**.

2013

PAIGE (PLATO) NASSAB '13 and her husband, Jack Nassab, welcomed their first son, James Matthew Nassab, on November 5, 2024.



2013

HUNTER NORTHCUTT '13 married Payton Nicole Pieri on June 20, 2024, at The Peach Orchard in The Woodlands. SBS alumni **DAVID ABBOTT '13**, **TIM WILLIAMS '13**, **KYLE HENDRICK '13** and **CALEB RUSSO '13** served as groomsmen.

2013

KEVIN SWEAT '13 started a new role as a data analyst at Meriton, where he assists in acquisition processes for new companies in the firm's portfolio.

2013

ALLI RYAN (MOTLEY) WINTER '13 and her husband, Payne, celebrated the birth of their daughter, Margaret “Minnie” James Winter, on July 10, 2024.



2014

TRISTEN PATTON HYDE '14 is thrilled that her daughter, Ellorie Margaret Lynn Hyde, will start lower school at SBS this fall. Tristen and her husband, Kyle, are overjoyed to begin this next chapter at a place that has meant so much to their family.

2014

ESTHER (BAJGIER) THOMAS '14 and her husband, Garrett, welcomed their second daughter, Abigail, in July 2024. Big sister Charlotte (3) will join the SBS community this fall, and the Thomases are excited to see their girls grow up in such a special place.



2015

KENNAN (JONES) BURNS '15 and her husband, Will, recently celebrated six years of marriage and are preparing for their son's third birthday in August. Living in San Antonio, Kennan has launched two small businesses: private tutoring for students with special needs and commissioned artwork. She enjoys staying home with her son while working on her businesses in the mornings and evenings.

2015

ANDREW REPPERT '15 and his wife, Megan, welcomed their first child, Reese Ashley, on June 27, 2024.



2015

PARKER (PLATO) VOLZ '15 and her husband, Mat, are expecting a baby boy this summer. Their daughter, Blair, is excited to become a big sister.



2016

LAUREN (PARK) MAHER '16 and her husband, Adam, welcomed their first child, Kennedy James Maher, on the morning of April 8. Kennedy weighed 7 pounds, 4 ounces and measured 21 inches long. The Mahers are soaking up the newborn season, and Lauren's parents—now known as Koko and Kpop—are loving their new roles as grandparents.



2016

MARGARET (HOFMANN) SPRINK '16 married Greg Sprink on September 7, 2024, in a candlelit ceremony at Second Baptist Church, officiated by Terry Kurtz. Their dog, Jackson, was by their side, and Margaret was surrounded by bridesmaids who included family, college teammates and close friends from Houston. The celebration continued with a reception at The Houstonian, where both families gathered from near and far.

Greg, a lieutenant commander in the U.S. Navy, is currently earning his MBA at Texas A&M and is a partner in Admiral Distribution. Margaret recently launched her real estate business, Lady MLS. The couple lives in Houston and calls Second Baptist their church home.

A favorite moment from the day: Greg affectionately calls Margaret “Ladybug”—and just before the ceremony, a real ladybug landed on her dress in the bridal suite. The bridal party scrambled to catch the moment on camera, a sweet reminder that God shows up in unexpected ways.



2017

COOPER CARLYLE '17 moved to South Australia in January 2024 to join Mayura Station, an award-winning Wagyu cattle brand that supplies beef worldwide. He has enjoyed traveling, learning the industry and making an impact with a luxury beef company known for its excellence.



2017

KATE (STEELMAN) DANIELS '17 married **JASON DANIELS '17** on July 27, 2024, at Second Baptist Church. Their wedding party was full of SBS alumni, including **KALLIE (STEELMAN) HOLCOMBE '19**, **EVAN STEELMAN '22**, **MADLINE DANIELS '20**, **JAMES DANIELS '23**, **HANNAH (BERKMAN) CROSSLEY '19**, **PAUL RUSH '17**, **JAKE LITTLE '17**, **JOHN HILDRETH '17** and **JARET PROTHRO '17**.

Kate, a NICU nurse at Texas Children's Hospital, reconnected with Jason while he was home from Harvard Law School during the summer of 2022. Marrying after two years of long-distance dating, Kate and Jason moved to Boston for Jason's final year in law school. They recently moved back to Houston after Jason's graduation and are excited to be close to family and friends once again.





2017

ZACH HEATON '17 and **RACHEL (YOUNG) HEATON '18** welcomed their son, Cash, in 2023. He turned one in December. Zach recently joined the staff at Second Baptist Church and now coaches baseball and football at SBS.



2018

COLE SMITH '18 married Macy Smith on January 17, 2025, in Dripping Springs, Texas, at The Prospect House. SBS alumni in the wedding party included **BROOKS BELL '18** and **PRESTON PRICE '18**, with friends **JACKSON DERISE '18**, **PARKER DAVIDSON '18**, **PEYTON PRICE '18** and **JAMES ADDISON '18** also in attendance. The couple lives in Waco.

2018

MARY GRACE (PRICE) COOPER '18 married Caleb Cooper in March 2025. They now live in Austin, where Mary Grace works as a financial advisor and Caleb builds custom homes. They're loving newlywed life and enjoying their first home together—even as proud Aggies in Longhorn country. Mary Grace still travels regularly to Houston for work and always enjoys being back in familiar places.



2019

CATHERINE CELA '19 married Graham Taylor on June 29, 2024, at Second Baptist Church after being set up by his aunt and SBS alumna **MARLO TURNER WISE '93**, a dear family friend of Catherine's. The couple lived in Midland for the first few months of marriage and recently moved back to Houston. They are loving married life and being close to home.



2018

MADELINE DEJONG '18 recently finished a Masters in Entrepreneurship at the University of Houston. She also launched a business called the Green Sling in October. Green Sling makes innovative running belts out of upcycled leggings here in Houston, currently carried at a few local retailers and online at www.thegreensling.com.



2019

DONOVAN DASTMALCHIAN '19 graduated from the University of Houston in 2023 with a degree in economics and finance. He now works in midstream oil and gas at Enterprise Products. Over the past two years, he has also served as an assistant basketball coach alongside **MAX MODICA '18** at SBS, helping lead the varsity team to a TAPPS 5A DII state title—continuing his legacy both on and off the court.

2018

SHANNON (JOHNSON) MAGALLAN '18 married Hunter Magallan on April 12, 2025, at Boxwood Manor. The couple now lives in Houston, where Shannon works in labor and delivery at the Woman's Hospital of Texas in the Texas Medical Center.



2019

PARKER DAVIDSON '19 married Lauren Combs on June 1, 2024, at Hotel 1928 in downtown Waco. It was a joyful celebration with SBS alumni in the wedding party, including his siblings **PIERCE '16** and **KATE '22**, and lifelong friend **BRADY PATTERSON '19**. Parker and Lauren met at Baylor and now live in Waco, where Parker serves as a mobilization coach at Harris Creek Baptist Church. Together, they're passionate about sharing the Gospel and discipling others both locally and abroad.





2019

KATE (YOUNG) DUFFIELD '19 married Jason Duffield on November 24, 2024, at Addison Woods in The Woodlands. The couple met at Pine Cove Christian Camps, where they now work—Jason on-site in Columbus and Kate remotely in finance and accounting. They love newlywed life in Sealy and are thankful to serve in the ministry where their story began.

2019

KALLIE (STEELMAN) HOLCOMBE '19 married Hudson Holcombe on May 3, 2025, at Boxwood Manor. It was a beautiful day surrounded by family and friends, including SBS alumni **KATE (STEELMAN) DANIELS '17**, **HANNAH (BERKMAN) CROSSLEY '19** and **EVAN STEELMAN '22**. Kallie and Hudson now live in Bryan, where they first met during their time at Texas A&M.

As Kallie steps away from her role in the SBS Office of Communications, she does so with a full heart. Though truly sad to leave a place and a team she loves, she is deeply grateful for the people, purpose and memories that have shaped her time at SBS. With joy and anticipation, she looks ahead to this new season of marriage—reflecting on the Lord's faithfulness every step of the way.



2019

BRADY PATTERSON '19 married Emma Patterson, a fellow Baylor grad, on December 29, 2024, at The Grand Lady in Manor, Texas. It was a family-filled day, with his brother **COOPER '22** as best man and his sister **CARSON '27** as a bridesmaid. Longtime friend **PARKER DAVIDSON '19** also stood beside him as a groomsman. Brady and Emma are excited to begin their next chapter together.

2019

SUMMER (APPLEGATE) PRESLEY '19 married Ben Presley on March 15, 2025, in Opelika, Alabama, near Auburn University where they met. Their wedding brought together a sweet SBS reunion, including **JOSIE (TOWNS) WAGNER '19** and her baby girl, Scout. It was a meaningful day full of memories and friendship.



2019

LINDSEY (PEDERSEN) RANUCCI '19 graduated from the University of Arkansas nursing school in December 2023 and now works in neuroscience at Memorial Hermann. She married Taylor Ranucci on March 29, 2025, and is excited to help launch a new progressive care unit as her team expands into critical care. Lindsey loves married life and her growing role in health care.

2020

RYAN CALDERON '20 graduated cum laude from Texas A&M University in May 2025 with a degree in ocean engineering. He now works as a structural engineer specialist at Exmar Offshore Company. Ryan is excited to make waves in the field and represent SBS excellence in the professional world.

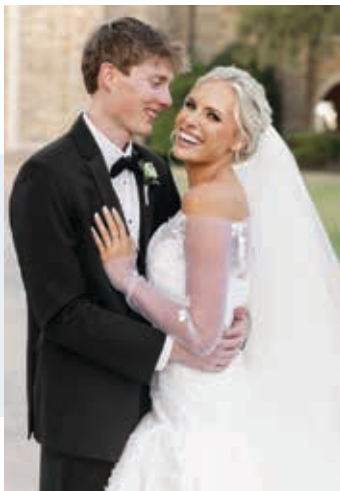


2020

BELLA (PHILLIPS) NOLAND '20 married her college sweetheart on August 4, 2024, at Ashton Gardens. She and her husband met at Mississippi College, and the celebration was filled with SBS friends—including bridesmaids **SARAH MICHAEL '20** and **NICOLE KRUEGER '20**. It was a joyful day full of love, laughter and familiar faces cheering them on.

2020

SAVANNAH SMITH SULACK '20 married Eli Sulack on November 9, 2024, after meeting on a mission trip in the Middle East. Their shared heart for ministry—serving together to free slaves and bring the name of Jesus to unreached places—continues to shape their new life in Fort Worth. Their story is a powerful reminder of calling, purpose and partnership.



IN MEMORIAM



Class of 2002

PRISCILLA LO '02 will be remembered for her joyful spirit, kind heart and love of adventure. She brought warmth and energy to every room and cared deeply about making life better for others. Her legacy lives on in the lives she touched.



Class of 2009

BAILEY (JONES) WILPITZ '09 passed away on November 5, 2024, after courageously facing a rare cancer. A gifted scholar and artist, Bailey was known for her wit, creativity and unwavering faith. She poured her life into her husband, Joel, and their three daughters—Natalie, Kate and Lucy.

Her time at Second Baptist School shaped her deeply, and her legacy continues through the many lives she touched. Bailey's life was marked by love, strength and a radiant trust in God.



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REUNIONS

Class of 1990 | 35-Year Reunion

The Rad Dogs are gearing up to celebrate 35 years since graduation! Details coming soon—If you would like to find out more details and join us, please contact tkrausepfs@aol.com.

Class of 2005 | 20-Year Reunion SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2025

MORNING:
Kids and Caffeine, 10–11:45 AM
Second City, Woodway Campus
(Grandparents welcome!)

EVENING:
Mix and Mingle, 6:30 PM
Kirby Ice House, Gessner
(Plus ones welcome!)

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alumni **CLASS OF 2021**

Our Class of 2021 alumni are getting ready to enter the ‘real world’ as they round out their college years. Take a look to see what 18 of them will be doing next!



ELISE ADAMS

TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY
Degree: Allied Health

WHAT’S NEXT: I will be working as a Pediatric Medical Assistant at BlueFish Pediatrics while preparing to begin Physician Assistant school in the summer of 2026.

HOUSTON, TEXAS



CAROLINE BOLLING

TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY
Degree: Finance

WHAT’S NEXT: I’ll be working at Frost Bank as an Associate Relationship Manager in the Houston office.

HOUSTON, TEXAS



ZAC DECKER

OKLAHOMA CITY UNIVERSITY
Degree: Music

WHAT’S NEXT: I’m getting ready to chase my passion for musical theatre all the way to New York City! For now, I’m based in Houston while traveling around the U.S., taking every opportunity to perform, learn, and entertain others.

NEW YORK CITY, NEW YORK



ALLISON DRINNON

TEXAS STATE UNIVERSITY
Degree: Journalism

WHAT’S NEXT: As a recent graduate, I plan to stay in the Austin area working in news or communications while also pursuing freelance photojournalism.

AUSTIN, TEXAS



ETHAN BROWN

BAYLOR UNIVERSITY
Degree: Corporate Communications

WHAT’S NEXT: I will be consulting.
HOUSTON, TEXAS



BRYCE CALLOWAY

UNIVERSITY OF NEW ORLEANS
Degree: Interdisciplinary Studies

WHAT’S NEXT: I plan to pursue my dream of playing professional baseball.



LEYLA ERTAN

TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY
Degree: Sports Management

WHAT’S NEXT: I plan to work in sport marketing.
HOUSTON, TEXAS



BRYCE GANIOUS

WAKE FOREST UNIVERSITY
Degree: Sociology

WHAT’S NEXT: I’m chasing my dream of playing professional football in the NFL, trusting in God every step of the way— He is a miracle worker.

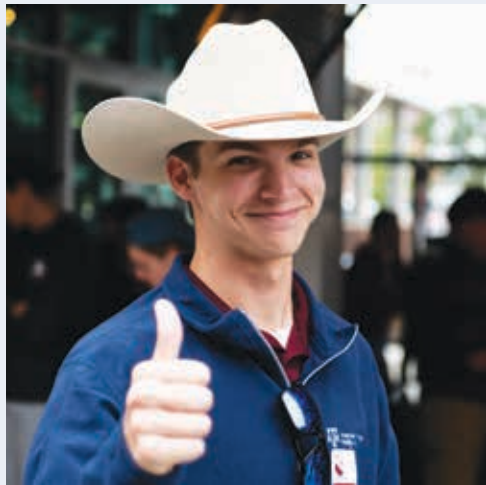
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AVERY HARDER
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY
Degree: Animal Science
WHAT'S NEXT: I am pursuing my master's degree in biology with a certificate in biomedical science at the University of Houston, with hopes of attending veterinary school.
HOUSTON, TEXAS



EMILY HARDIN
TEXAS CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY
Degree: Psychology (BS with honors)
WHAT'S NEXT: This summer, I'm moving to Colorado Springs to begin a Clinical Psychology MA program at the University of Colorado Colorado Springs (UCCS)!
COLORADO SPRINGS, COLORADO



STONE HEATON
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY
Degree: Performance Studies
WHAT'S NEXT: As a recent graduate, I plan to work in ministry while also taking seminary classes.
HOUSTON, TEXAS



MIRANDA MORRIS
BAYLOR UNIVERSITY
Degree: Elementary Education
WHAT'S NEXT: I will be working as a second grade math, science, and social studies teacher at Robinson Elementary School, where I completed my student teaching.
WACO, TEXAS



ALEXAE PHILLIPS
SAMFORD UNIVERSITY
Degree: Christian Ministry
WHAT'S NEXT: I am working at a missions organization called the For All Mankind Movement and start graduate school at Wheaton College for Humanitarian and Disaster Leadership in July!
ATLANTA, GEORGIA



KARA POWELL
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY
Degree: Kinesiology – Exercise and Sports Science
WHAT'S NEXT: I am attending graduate school to pursue a Master of Science in Applied Nutrition.
ANDERSON, TEXAS



ASHLEY MAURER
UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT AUSTIN
Degree: Interior Design
WHAT'S NEXT: This summer, I'm living in Southeast Asia until August, when I will move to Honolulu to join Whitespace Architects.
HONOLULU, HAWAII



CATHERINE MILNER
TEXAS CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY
Degree: Nursing
WHAT'S NEXT: I plan to move to Dallas and work in pediatrics.
DALLAS, TEXAS



VICTORIA SMITH
OKLAHOMA STATE UNIVERSITY
Degree: Nutritional Sciences
WHAT'S NEXT: I will remain at OSU to complete a Master of Science in Nutritional Sciences, a Dietetics Research thesis, and a Graduate Certificate in Nonprofit Management, while serving as the elected 2025-2026 Student Body Vice President.
STILLWATER, OKLAHOMA



MAKAYLA WILLIAMS
BAYLOR UNIVERSITY
Degree: Corporate Communications
WHAT'S NEXT: I recently completed my term as president of Baylor's National Pan-Hellenic Council and now serve as president of Zeta Phi Beta's Nu Iota Chapter. I'm also preparing to publish my first book this year!
WACO, TEXAS

TINY MIC *with* BROOKE

In the hallways of Second Baptist School, Brooke has become a familiar face—armed with her signature tiny mic and a knack for sparking fun interactions. What started as a fun social media feature blossomed into a beloved tradition, giving students a platform to share their thoughts, dreams and memorable moments. From asking seniors about their favorite memories to capturing the energy of EagleFest, Brooke's Tiny Mic series has not only brought laughter and connection to SBS but also highlighted the vibrant spirit of our community.

One of the best parts? Her hilarious responses and priceless facial expressions that made every interaction unforgettable. As she graduated with the Class of 2025, Brooke filmed her final Tiny Mic interview on graduation night. It will leave a lasting impression—and officially retire the tradition.

Her legacy of joy, creativity, and connection will continue to inspire our students to live with boldness and heart.





Brooke
What was the highlight of your summer?

Hudson Soussan
being away from school...

Brooke
Oh. that's nice.



Brooke
How long would you survive a zombie apocalypse?

Matthew Corbin
Forever, I'm never going to die.

Brooke
Pretty confident.



Brooke
What is the funniest place you have fallen asleep?

Audrey Hudson
In a Target shopping cart.

Brooke
WOW



Brooke
What is your favorite pizza topping?

Kylar Glass
I don't like cheese so I just get like toasted bread with sauce.

Brooke
That's weird.



Brooke
Who do you think will win the EagleFest field games?

Everett Wynne
Blue team

Brooke
Aren't you on the gold team?!

Everett Wynne
Yep. But I think the blue team is going to win.

Brooke
okayyyyy...



Brooke
What is something you made in College Dorm Cooking that you're proud of?

James Enger
I made some really yummy crepes this morning.

Brooke
What was in your crepes?

James Enger
Strawberries, bananas and Nutella.

Brooke
nods head



Brooke
What is your favorite part of the 6th floor renovation?

Nathan Nease
My favorite part of the 6th floor is the view. Through my window, you can see downtown.

Brooke
It's nice.



Brooke
What would your walk up song be?

Lillian Baker and Sofia Jenkins
Probably, "Whip My Hair"

Brooke
raises eyebrows, gestures for the girls to do the 'walk-up'



Brooke
If you could only eat one food for the rest of your life, what would it be?

Ava Wilson
Sushi

Brooke
Ewww. That's gross.

Colton Hudson
Chicken Fingers

Brooke
Like a 4-year-old?



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2025-2026 DATES*

AUGUST 13, 2025

First Day of School | Early Dismissal

SEPTEMBER 1, 2025

Labor Day Holiday for Students, Faculty/Staff

OCTOBER 10, 2025

Student Holiday
Professional Development for Faculty/Staff

OCTOBER 13, 2025

Columbus Day Holiday for Students, Faculty/Staff

OCTOBER 29, 2025

Parent/Teacher Conference Day for PK3-Grade 8
Full Day for Grades 9-12

NOVEMBER 24-28, 2025

Thanksgiving Break

DECEMBER 19, 2025

Early Dismissal for Christmas Break

JANUARY 6, 2026

Spring Semester Begins | Students Return

JANUARY 19, 2026

Martin Luther King Jr. Day Holiday for Students, Faculty/Staff

FEBRUARY 16, 2026

President's Day | Student Holiday & Professional Development for Faculty/Staff

FEBRUARY 24, 2026

Parent/Teacher Conference Day for PK3-Grade 4
Full Day for Grades 5-12

MARCH 9-13, 2026

Spring Break

APRIL 3, 2026

Good Friday
Easter Holiday for Students, Faculty/Staff

APRIL 6, 2026

Easter Monday
Easter Holiday for Students, Faculty/Staff

MAY 21, 2026

Last Day of School

MAY 22, 2026

Class of 2026 Commencement

*All dates listed are subject to change.