

GREENSBORO GRIMSLEY SR HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI & FRIENDS ASSOCIATION

North Carolina Teacher of the Year – KARYN DICKERSON

Interview By Marta Force

Marta Force: *Prior to accepting a teaching position at Grimsley, what had you heard or learned about Grimsley and from what perspective?*

Karyn Dickerson: I grew up in Rockingham County and took my SATs at Grimsley High School. I remember being impressed by the size of the campus and the beauty of the older buildings. I had always heard that Grimsley had a reputation of academic excellence, so I was excited when I was offered a teaching position here.

MF: *What made you want to interview for a position at Grimsley High School?*

KD: When I decided to enter the teaching profession as a lateral entry teacher, I wanted to expedite the process and started calling high schools in Guilford County. Grimsley was one of the first schools I called. When I called Grimsley, I was informed that an English teacher had just left that day. I drove from Rockingham County to Grimsley High School with my résumé and teaching philosophy. I was interviewed on the spot, my references were called, and I was offered the job within twenty-four hours. I guess you could say it was destiny!

MF: *Now that you have been teaching at Grimsley for a while, has your perspective of the school changed, and if so, in what way (s)?*

KD: My perspective of Grimsley has changed. I initially thought of Grimsley as primarily a school of academic excellence, but when I started teaching, I learned very quickly that the school is much more diverse than many people in Guilford County realize. I love our diversity—the diversity of our students, the diversity of the communities we serve, and the diversity of the staff—all of these unique cultures swirl together and combine to create the beautiful, powerful Whirlie that represents our school. Compared to other teaching positions . . . Grimsley is my first full-time teaching assignment.



*Teacher of the Year
Karyn Dickerson with Secretary of
Education, Arne Duncan*

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Greensboro Auditorium Renovation Update

By Ron and Linda Wilson

*Has Grimsley/Greensboro Senior High been important to
you or your family? If so, your help is now needed!*

Many thanks to the Grimsley alumni and friends who have donated over \$28,000 toward renovation of the Chance-Cousins Auditorium. As promised, as funds are received renovation work will be undertaken by the Association.

The auditorium will be closed this summer for the school system to replace the windows affording us a good opportunity to undertake some repair and construction work. Bids to remove the plywood overlay and to repair the original stage floor back to its original construction have been received and approved by the Board. Bids for conversion of a portion of the lighting system to a LED system have been received and will be acted on by the board once the specifications are approved by the school system. Replacement of the black back curtains is also on our wish list

for replacement this summer.

The Renovation Steering Committee, chaired by Ron and Linda Wilson, is seeking additional members who can assist with fundraising, publicity and social events. We still have a long way to go to cover the costs of the auditorium renovation, but with your help we can reach our goal of \$250,000. Tax deductible donations can be made through the end of 2015.

If you would like to serve on the steering committee, make suggestions, or help in any way, contact either Ron: 336-254-1076 or email ronaldwilson@yahoo.com; Linda: 336-254-1283 or email lindaw3303@bellsouth.net

Donations to the project may be made by using the form in this newsletter or by going to the www.whirlies.com website.



**FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE, A CONTRIBUTION FORM IS INCLUDED
IN THIS NEWSLETTER. (See back page.)**

**If you have an idea or something you think the GHS Alumni would like to hear
about for the Fall 2014 newsletter please contact Marta Force.**

Gift of Harry Bradley to Grimsley Senior High School of a Mural Painted by James Augustus McLean

Here at Grimsley, we have enjoyed the legacy of having two murals painted by noted North Carolina artist James Augustus McLean, and which have hung in our Auditorium since 1934. This year, 2014, marks the 80th anniversary of the installation of the murals *Energy* and *Education*. To commemorate the anniversary, a third mural painted later in life by McLean has been obtained and presented as a gift to G.H.S. by Harry Bradley of the Class of 1977.

The new mural is titled *Croatoan Tree* and was painted sometime prior to 1979. It will hang in the lobby of the new Byrd – Bradley Cafeteria Building. To especially accompany the mural, Mr. McLean also wrote a poem titled *A Very Special Tree*. Together, they commemorated the 400th anniversary of the events surrounding the arrival of, and ultimately unknown fate of, the Lost Colony on Roanoke Island. The only clue ever discovered about the Lost Colony was a single word carved into a tree: “CROATOAN.” This mural is McLean’s idealized version of that tree.



**McLean Mural CROATOAN TREE was purchased and donated by Harry Bradley
for the Byrd-Bradley Cafeteria.**

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JAMES AUGUSTUS McLEAN

James Augustus McLean (May 2, 1904 - March 29, 1989) was born in Lincolnton, North Carolina, the seventh and youngest child of John Thomas McLean and Lillian Lee Haynes McLean. Educated in the public schools, he graduated from Lincolnton High School in 1922, and then attended the University of North Carolina for one year. In 1924 McLean applied to and was accepted for enrollment at the Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts Country School in Chester Springs, Pennsylvania. While there, McLean studied under noted artists Daniel Garber, Charles Garner, and Joseph Pearson. In 1928 he earned one of the prestigious Cresson Traveling Scholarships, which provided for four months of travel to England, the Netherlands, Belgium, France, Switzerland, Italy, Tunisia, Algeria, and Spain. In 1929, he won Honorable Mention for the Topan Prize at the Academy.

During his final year at the Pennsylvania Academy, McLean met with a visiting delegation of the North Carolina State Art Society, led by High Point native John J. Blair. They asked McLean to consider returning to his home state in order to help establish a school specializing in the teaching of art. In the spring of 1929, McLean moved to Raleigh, and that fall the Southern School of Creative Arts opened with McLean as its only instructor. Among several staff members he hired was Carrie Ann Simpson, a dance teacher who he soon married. They had four children.

With the crash of the stock market in October of 1929, and the onset of the Great Depression, high unemployment resulted. Significantly, the Southern School did remain open during this period but did not bring in much income. During the administration of President Franklin D. Roosevelt, many Federal relief programs were created to assist people who were out of work or severely underemployed. One of the direct beneficiaries of these programs was James McLean. By January of 1934, funding from two of the programs, the Federal Emergency Relief Administration (FERA) and the Civil Works Administration (CWA), became available to the Greensboro City Schools to be used for improvement projects. One of the projects chosen was to completely paint and decorate, for the first time, the auditorium of Greensboro Senior High School. The decorating plan included two, independently painted

murals, to be located on either side of the stage. By October of 1934, the auditorium painting had been completed, and James McLean's murals *Energy* and *Education* installed.

Other murals by McLean from the 1930's were a series of four panels depicting Engineering, Agriculture, Architecture, and Science for the D. H. Hill Library at North Carolina State College of Agriculture and Engineering (now NCSU) in 1934-35 and a large, single mural depicting the history of Cabarrus County for the Charles Cannon Memorial Library in Concord in 1942.

In 1944-45, during World War II, McLean undertook another government-funded art project, painting 27 illustrations for a brochure for the United States Public Health Service and the North Carolina State Board of Health. In 1945, McLean and his family moved to San Fernando, California for four years. His wife pursued a Hollywood dance career while McLean continued to paint, including large-scale mural work.

Upon his return to Raleigh in 1949, and until his death in 1989, McLean continued to produce art at a prolific pace. Through most of the 1950's, he and his wife opened, operated, and taught at the United Arts Institute, after which he became head of the Art Department and staff artist at the Raleigh office of WUNC-TV until his retirement in 1970. During these later years, he produced several non-commissioned murals, notably *Croatoan Tree*, *The Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse*, a series on the history of the American Indian, and a large mural of *Indians Presenting Tobacco to the First English Colony*. Several commissioned murals were also painted in this time period by McLean, of which little is known.

Throughout his long career, James McLean experimented with many styles and media, producing primarily portraits, landscapes, and abstract works in oil, water color, pencil, charcoal, tempera, and ink. Sculptures, mostly of human figures, were created in plaster, many species of wood, and a wide variety of stone. The driving force of McLean's career was a life-long passion to create art, and to bring art and art education to his home state of North Carolina.

Dedication of New Cafeteria



Harry Bradley next to the James Augustus McLean mural, his gift to the Byrd-Bradley Cafeteria



Photo by Alicia Irvin

*Peter Byrd and Harry Bradley
At Byrd-Bradley Cafeteria Dedication May 17, 2014*

Field Renamed for Joe Franks



*Jamieson Stadium field named for retired faculty member Joe Franks.
Ceremony was held October 11, 2013.*

From the GHS Alumni and Friends Co-Presidents

By Mary Jane Beavers '73 and Joe Franks '78

First and foremost, as Co-Presidents of the Alumni Association, we want to thank Coach Phil Weaver '65 for his commitment and leadership to our organization. Even though Phil has stepped away from the President's role, he is still serving on the Board and we are so pleased about that. As you can see, it takes two people to keep up the standard he set. We are also thankful to have a Board that always works hard for the best interest of our alma mater.

For those who have not heard, a new Principal has been named at Grimsley. Charles Blanchard was recently named to succeed Greg Newlin who resigned to take a position in Indiana. Blanchard, currently principal at James B. Hunt High School in Wilson, NC, previously served as the principal of Southeast Guilford High School and The Early College at Guilford. We will welcome him to the Whirlie Family when he starts in July.

Well, it appears we are finally joining the 21st Century. This is the first all-digital newsletter published by the Alumni Association. For the past few years, we have put a digital copy on the website while mailing a hard copy but with so many folks online and the cost savings available to the Association, our Board felt it made sense to go this route once a year with a hard copy in the Fall and digital copy in the Spring. We are also pleased that we have a growing social media following with over 4,200 "likes" on Facebook and we even have a Twitter account! We have been posting weekly pictures we call "Blast From the Past" and it is fun to watch how many people view

the posts and the comments. In fact, when we posted a picture of the William Mangum Main Hall print, we had over 5,400 views! On Facebook, we are listed as the Greensboro Grimsley Senior High School Alumni & Friends Association. On Twitter, we are @whirliealumni. "Like" and "follow us" today (should be easy since you are reading this online!)

As many of you read in the last newsletter and have seen on the website, the auditorium renovation project is underway and we are pleased to say that funds have been raised to begin a few facets of the project. This is exciting, but we have a long way to go in raising the necessary funds to do all we hope to do to help. We will post updates periodically at whirlies.com when work begins. Linda and Ron Wilson are instrumental in this project and we are grateful for their work for Grimsley.

In April, the Annual Whirlie Walk was held and over \$2,500 was raised for the Association. Grimsley students and staff participated and we hope to have increased alumni involvement in the future. This could become a great fundraiser for our Association. We are both excited about the opportunities before us and with your help; we can make a real difference for our alma mater. Our motto speaks volumes about Greensboro Grimsley – "A Past to Build On, a Future to Fulfill" – thanks for your continuing support.

Mary Jane and Joe

Class of 1964 50th Reunion

September 26-27

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Plea for Continued Donations/Memberships

Dear Alumni, Friends, Classmates and Dear Friends,

This is my first attempt to contact our alumni and supporters and I hope will become just one of many through the years.

I know that you already know just how hard our Alumni Association is working to try to keep things at Grimsley very much just as you remember it. We also have helped and continue to help our "Aging Grande Dame" come into the present with all the needs and concerns of an urban, overcrowded 2014 High School. But as advanced, technological and forward leading a high school as we are, Grimsley is still the place where every day, exactly like when we were there, the world changes for thousands of teenagers.

Think back to your years at Grimsley (or insert your high school name here). From the time you woke up until you went to bed it was the center of your universe. What would you wear? Who would you see? Have you done (or not done) your homework? Would the teacher call on you? Will you see that special boy or girl that you make eye contact with in math class and will they notice you today? Where will we eat lunch? What grade did I get on yesterday's test? And what games are going on tonight? Will I play tonight or can I get outta the house to watch?

Things have changed with computers, cell phones and Instagram...but it still sounds the same when hundreds of kids (all talking) are moving down the halls of Old Science and you can still hear your own footsteps echo when you are walking down Main Hall headed to the office which you have unfortunately (and mistakenly) been called to. Every day someone gets their first kiss, heart broken, or car dented.

We don't want Grimsley to change in any of the good ways and want to keep all of the wonderful, historical, beautiful things as we remember them; so that these young adults can have all the great memories and experiences that we learned so much from... Senior Tea, Project Graduation, Senior Awards, Music Performances, Art Shows, Yearbooks, Grimsley-Page Week.

So this letter is just what you expected...we need you. We need your donations. We need you to join your Alumni Association. Renovate our beautiful auditorium. Give us some of the money you give your colleges and graduate schools. Without you, your children's or your grandchildren's years at Greensboro Grimsley High School where would we all be?

*Mary Jane Healy Beavers
Class of 1973
Parent of Classes of 2001 & 2003
Co-President*

Charles Blanchard Named New Principal of GHS

Interview By Marta Force



Charles Blanchard

Marta Force: *Prior to accepting this position at Grimsley what had you heard or learned about Grimsley and from what perspective?*

Charles Blanchard: Grimsley has always been known as a “flagship” school in Guilford County and the state of North Carolina. The school has a rich tradition of excellence in academics, the arts and athletics. You can easily feel “Whirlie Pride” in the Greensboro community and beyond. I am very excited to become a Whirlie!!

MF: *What made you want to interview for this position at Grimsley High School?*

CB: Serving as the Principal of Grimsley High School is a dream job for me. It’s an opportunity for me to work with an outstanding student body, faculty and supportive alumni base. This is a rare chance to join a special community and help it build upon its history of success.

MF: *Compared to other educational leadership positions you may have taken, how does the student population and faculty of GHS compare?*

CB: I feel that I am very fortunate to have the opportunity to work with such an outstanding group of students and teachers! Their reputation precedes them! I know they set the “bar” very high for themselves. These high expectations will help us accomplish great things together.

MF: *Has your perspective about education in NC changed and if so in what ways?*

CB: The educational landscape in North Carolina has changed rapidly over the past few years. I believe the change is well intentioned but we need to make sure we provide our students and teachers with the proper supports to meet the new curriculum requirements. Part of my role is to help our school navigate these changes successfully while keeping a student-centered focus on how we operate.

MF: *Do you have a vision for Grimsley and what might that be?*

CB: My vision is to ensure we provide an educational experience for students that is second to none. Students will graduate from Grimsley prepared to be successful as they enter college or begin their career. I want our students to enjoy their high school experience and feel that they attended a school with caring adults who valued them.

MF: *In your opinion what are the greatest strengths of GHS?*

CB: Wonderful students, excellent teachers, supportive parents and an incredible alumni.

MF: *In your opinion, what are the greatest challenges for GHS as we move towards 2015 and beyond?*

CB: Working together with the faculty and community to ensure all of our students are “college and/or career” ready when they graduate from Grimsley High School. Many students enter our schoolhouse doors with a variety of challenges to overcome. We must find ways to engage them actively in their education. With the proper support, all students can succeed!

MF: *Do you see a place or role for GHS Alumni (all 32K of them)? How might be be of service?*

CB: The Grimsley Alumni are a tremendous resource for our current and future students. This alumni base has always given back to their school and displayed their “Whirlie Pride” around our country. I look forward to working together with this group to continue our long tradition of Grimsley excellence!

I want everyone to know how honored and humbled I am to join the Grimsley family! I am so proud to be your new Principal!! Go Whirlies!!

Sports News

By Joe Franks

The Whirlies had a busy 2013-14 and some very successful performances that bode well for a bright future. During the fall season, new Football Coach Pat Neal, took a young team, with only two seniors, to the State Playoffs. Our Men's Cross Country Team placed third in the conference and the Women's Team won the conference title, with Tori Churchill named the Conference Runner of the Year. GHS Men's Soccer Team won the conference title and Senior Ben Lucas was selected to play in the East-West All-Star Game this summer. The Volleyball Team was second in the conference and Grimsley's Women's Field Hockey Team competed for the first time in history this year.

During the winter season, both GHS Women's and Men's Basketball Teams may not have had the win-loss records they were hoping for, but they competed fiercely in each and every game. In Swimming, the Women's Team was named Regional Champions, while the men placed third. At the State Meet, the women were fifth and the men were seventh. New wrestling coach Rayshawn James, a former GHS wrestler himself, had a solid season and is busy building excitement for the program. The Whirlies also competed for the first time in Bowling as a Varsity Sport for both women and men.

This spring, our Baseball Team won the Conference Tournament and hosted a playoff game for the first time in years. The Women's Soccer Team won the Conference Championship, Herk DeGraw was Coach of the Year and Morgan Bowling was All-State and selected to play in the East-West All-Star Game this summer. The men's track team placed third in the conference and Madison McCotter was named the Conference Field Athlete of the Year. Women's Track was second in the conference and Blair Ramsey named the Conference Track Athlete of the Year and the State Champion in the 1600. Our Men's Lacrosse Team made it to the third round of the State Playoffs and the Men's Tennis Team had the Conference Player of the Year in Collin Shick. The Men's Golf Team, under new coach Tim Samelak, had the Conference Player of the Year in Alex Burris. Alex also was the Regional Medalist and finished in the Top 20 at the State Tournament. The Whirlies also added a new men's sport this spring, Rugby. As you can see, it was a busy and exciting year for all of Whirlie athletics.

GO WHIRLIES

Special Thanks...

The 2014 Whirlie Walk was again beautifully coordinated by **Roberta Rohan** and occurred on April 25. Approximately 50 students walked and brought in approximately \$2,500 towards Alumni projects.

We Remember Honored GHS Faculty Members

EDGAR Q. ROOKER

GHS Bandmaster **Edgar Q Rooker** died after a brief illness in Louisville KY on April 1, 2014.

He was born in Murfreesboro TN in 1934 and lived in Greensboro, NC from 1959 to 2012.



He taught for 35 years at Kiser Middle School and Grimsley Senior High School retiring in 1991. He served as president of the North Carolina Band Directors Association and National President of the American School Band Directors Association. His awards include the Award of Excellence, NCBDA, 1991; Excellence in the Teaching of Music Award, North Carolina School of the Arts, 1998; The Edwin Franko Goldman Award, ASBDA, 2002; North Carolina Band Directors Association Hall of Fame, 2003. He received the Music Educators National Conference "Lowell Mason Award" in 2008 for his outstanding contributions to the field of music education. In his retirement he enjoyed guest-conducting, making conductor batons, gardening, traveling, and living near his daughter and granddaughters.

Jane Crisp
February 6, 2013; English

Neda Harris
March 24, 2013; Math

David Lowe
April 16, 2013; P. E.

Anne McIver
July 14, 2013; Latin

Eleanor Lambert
August 13, 2013; P.E

Reminder: GHS Retired Faculty Luncheon for Former Faculty or Staff

Enjoy an annual event unique to Grimsley!

The GHS Retired Faculty and Staff Dutch-Treat Luncheon

11:30 AM, Wednesday, August 20, 2014

at Congregational United Church of Christ Fellowship Hall

400 Radiance Dr.

Remind everybody to bring their lunch; drinks will be provided.

For more information, please contact Gayle Manahan: manahanp@bellsouth.net

Cultural Arts News

GHS Orchestra News

By Melanie Rodenbough

Britany Green Stimpson became the conductor of the Grimsley and Kiser Orchestras in the 2001-2002 school year. Fresh out of UNCG's music education program at the time, she is a New York native who took to North Carolina, and Greensboro in particular, with enthusiasm and joy. A strong advocate of the value of music education for every child, Britany has worked to keep the orchestra programs strong and to encourage students to participate who range from those brand new to a stringed instrument to those who come to her already quite accomplished from private lessons. She has done an excellent job in her 14 years on the job and is much beloved by the students and their parents who have passed through her programs.

During Ms. Green's tenure at Grimsley, the orchestra revived the policy of taking overnight trips, but with a special twist: Ms. Green is much less interested in traveling for music festivals, Disney parades, and Caribbean cruises than in trips that contribute to the goal of well-rounded music education. So her students have travelled to places like Washington D.C. and New York City, where they have participated in clinics with faculty at Juilliard and the University of Maryland, seen the Emerson Quartet perform at the Lincoln Center, and played spaces ranging from the Union Station lobby to historic St. John's Cathedral – just to name a few highlights. Another focus has been on getting every student possible on the bus for these trips with a reasonable amount of fundraising. She has worked with the orchestra booster club, "Friends of GHS Orchestra," to take these trips every other year instead of every year.

Other highlights of her program have been bringing high quality musicians into the school to work with students – Dmitri Sitkovetsky (through the efforts of Dr. Kelly Burke) has conducted a workshop during her tenure, as has the East Carolina School of Music faculty, and most recently, John McLaughlin Williams, former Grimsley music student, Grammy-award winning conductor and celebrated violinist. Other residents of note are the



Conductor Britany Green Stimpson

UNCG string faculty, as well as the UNC Charlotte Orchestra.

Ms. Green also encourages her students to participate in All-County orchestra, to audition for All-State orchestra, and to test themselves against other musicians at the annual North Carolina Music Performance Adjudication, where the Grimsley orchestras receive Superior ratings regularly.

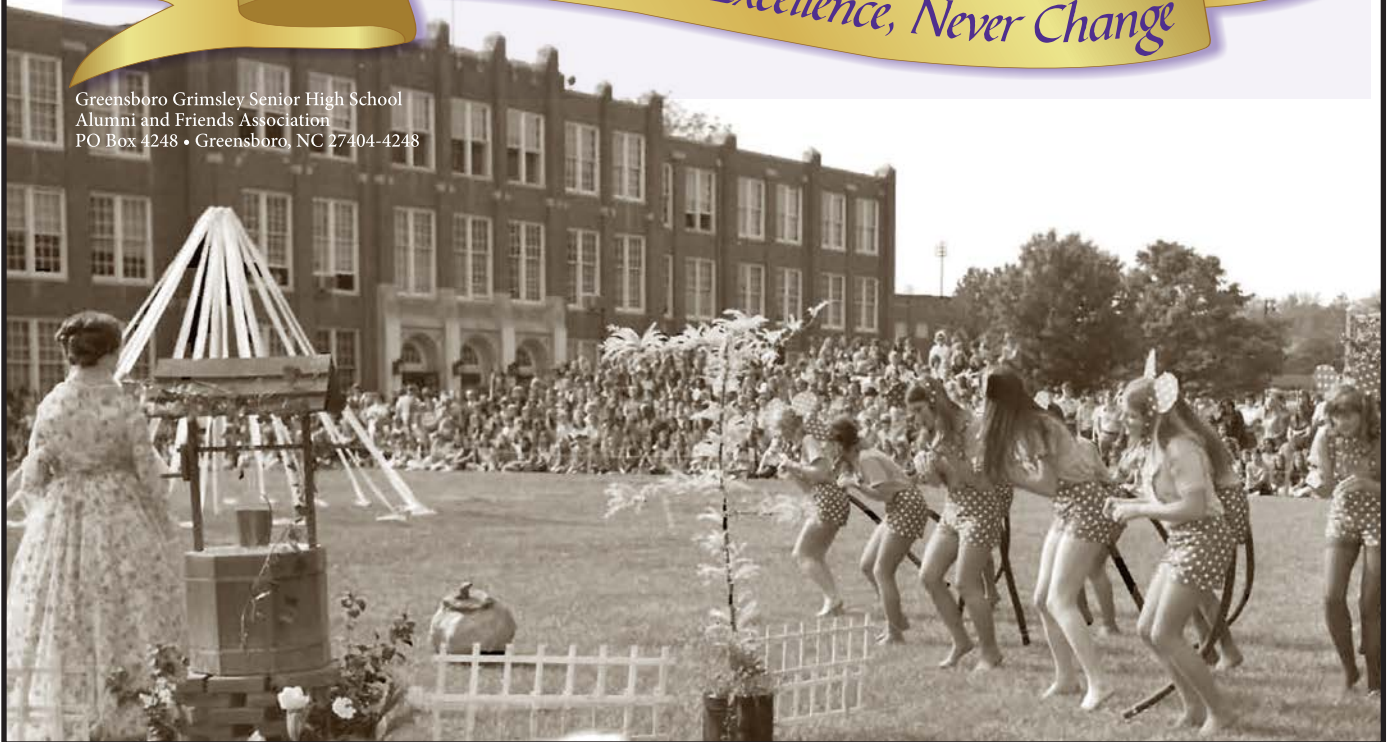
In the community, Grimsley Orchestra students frequently form quartets or small ensembles to participate in Grimsley fundraisers and activities, visit local elementary and middle schools, or even to "play for pay" at weddings or other private events.

Students who have come through The Grimsley orchestra program have excelled in many areas of music. From highly-prized admissions to Juilliard and to placement in North Carolina's competitive Schools of Music to playing fiddle with a professional acoustic quartet, students have taken their Grimsley music experience with them to create, teach, and perform.

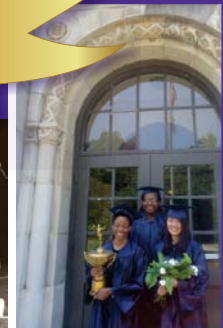
For generations of students, the orchestra programs at Grimsley and Kiser will forever be encapsulated in one name: "Ms. Green."

Traditions: Some, like Excellence, Never Change

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Greensboro Grimsley Senior High School Alumni and Friends Association

Amazing changes in education since you graduated! Your annual membership of \$25 will help us help Grimsley students and faculty, past and present, continue to "sing thy praise through all our days" through:

Project Graduation - contributing to "the (safe) place to be" activities following Graduation each year

Alumni and Friends Newsletter - been missing this? We have lots to brag about!

Scholarships - we contribute \$7,500 directly and administer five others totaling \$3,500

Auditorium Renovation - our newest project - bringing ours into the 21st Century

Educator Grants - providing GHS teachers with funding for special projects

Senior Tea - co-sponsored by the Association, this tradition is unique to Grimsley

Please consider renewing your membership this June to: Greensboro Grimsley Senior High School Alumni and Friends Association
PO Box 4248 • Greensboro, NC 27404-4248 or renew online at www.whirlies.com. June is our renewal month.

Our Grimsley traditions are important to us all. Your memories and support play a big part in continuing these. *Thank you always!*

North Carolina Teacher of the Year – KARYN DICKERSON

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MF: *In your opinion, what are the greatest strengths of GHS?*

KD: The greatest strengths of Grimsley High School are the people and the incredible school spirit that they generate. Whether alumni, current students, or faculty members, I'm always impressed by the spirit I see both at school events and in Greensboro. While wearing Whirlie wear in other states, I have been stopped by proud alumni who proclaimed, "Whirlie Pride!"

MF: *In your opinion, what are the greatest challenges for Grimsley High School as we move towards 2015 and beyond?*

KD: As Grimsley moves forward we need to find a balance between our traditions while making sure we meet the needs of a changing student body. We need to work on integrating more technology for all of our students and making our classrooms a perfect hybrid of history and modern access to educational tools.

MF: *As NC Teacher of the Year . . . has your perspective about education in NC changed?*

KD: My perspective about public education has not changed this year, but it has been reinforced. After traveling and working with educators and students in 75 out of the 100 counties this year, I am more convinced than ever that our public schools are not broken. We always need to think about ways to improve our schools, but for the most part we are doing an excellent job meeting the needs of an increasingly diverse student body of 1.5 million students in NC. I am so proud of all that our educators are doing.

MF: *Any advice for GHS Alumni Class of 2014 and years past?*

KD: Gabriel Garcia Marquez once claimed, "It is not true that people stop pursuing dreams because they grow old; they grow old because they stop pursuing dreams." I encourage all alumni to continue dreaming and to continue seeking. Seek to improve yourself daily; seek to help others; seek to find solutions to problems; seek to find what makes you happy; and seek ways to make a difference. Be comfortable, but do not be complacent. If you do these things, then you will live a life that is rewarding, fulfilling, and full of possibilities.

An English 10 Class at Grimsley



An IB English 11 Class at Grimsley



At a State Board of Education Meeting (I serve as an advisory member for two years)



With Governor Jim Hunt

Conducting Interviews at the Capitol with Senator Kay Hagan at the State of the Union



2014 Scholarship Winners

Greensboro Grimsley Alumni and Friends Association

Your generous donations to the Alumni Association help to fund three or four scholarships to assist GHS graduates who are seeking a collegiate level education. Additionally, your Board also oversees the application and awarding of several other privately funded scholarships. Below are the scholarship winners and recipients for 2014.



Saumya Goel

Grimsley High School Alumni and Friends Scholarship \$1500



Ben Weekley

John Atkinson Alumni Association Scholarship \$1500

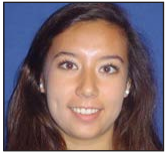
Dating from 1998, this scholarship was named in honor of John Atkinson in 2009. Mr. Atkinson, Strategic Account Sales Manager with Nike, had two daughters who graduated from GHS. He served as a co-founder and first vice president of the Alumni Association.



Christa Adjei

Dr. Richard Andringa Alumni Association Scholarship \$1500

Named in honor of Dr. Richard Andringa in 2009. Dr. Andringa, a Greensboro physician trained in Pediatrics and Anesthesiology and a Grimsley parent, had six children graduate from GHS (four daughters and two sons) and was co-founder and first president of the GHS Alumni Association.



Ruth Cox

Class of 1956 Scholarship \$1000

The Class of 1956 of Greensboro Senior High School gave this scholarship to the school as a gift to mark the 50th anniversary of their graduation from GHS and was first presented in 2006. The recipient must be a good citizen, have exhibited leadership at school or in the community, and have taken honors, AP or IB classes.



Megan Brannigan Lee Guard Memorial Scholarship \$1000

Created in 2008 by Grimsley student Will Curtis '09, this scholarship is given to a male and female senior who participated in school athletics. Criteria include GPA, character, sportsmanship, being a team player, leadership in extracurricular activities and community service. Lee Guard, a man of unquestioned character and a big heart, was a long-time member of the community and the owner of Farmer Electric Sales. He grew to love Grimsley through his four children who attended GHS. He died in his late 50's of a heart attack on Thanksgiving Day in 2007.



Lane Sibley

Lee Guard Memorial Scholarship \$1000



Adam Ross

Lester Gross Memorial Scholarship \$1000

Lester Gross was a member of the Class of 1976 whose passionate and energetic school spirit for Grimsley was well known and appreciated. While a student at GHS, this Whirlie served on the Pep Board, participated in intramural sports, was a member of the Grimsley soccer team, and was a varsity cheerleader for two years. After his death in his late 40's, a number of his friends, led by Bob Nadler, decided to create a scholarship in his memory. This scholarship is award to a student who is involved with music and athletics and is passionate in demonstrating his or her school spirit towards Grimsley. It was first awarded in 2005.



Zachary Vaughn

Melvin Coleman Memorial Scholarship \$1000

First presented in 2005, the Melvin G. Coleman Memorial Scholarship was created by Mr. Coleman's family: his daughter Dr. Margaret Coleman Szott '88 and her husband Mr. Tom Szott, and Mr. Coleman's widow, Mrs. Marie Essa Coleman '50 who taught typing and business classes at Grimsley for almost 20 years. Mr. Coleman was a sales rep at Gate City Motors for 31 years who was dedicated to his family and his career. The scholarship is awarded to a senior who exemplifies the ideal of the "scholar-athlete", with a high GPA from a challenging curriculum that preferably includes honors, AP and/or IB courses and who participated in one or more of the varsity teams of Cross Country, Swimming or Track and demonstrates dedication and team spirit.



Fast Food 1958.

GHS faculty left to right: Mr. R. L. "Lody" Glenn '40 (assistant principal); Miss Mary Ellen Blackmon (history and guidance); Mrs. Jean Davis Newman '38 (English); Mr. J. Stanley "Jabbo" Johnson (physics); Miss Eula Tuttle (choral music); and Mr. Herbert Hazelman (band).



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