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Hilton Head Preparatory School seeks to educate college-bound students in a safe environment, instilling personal integrity is central to our educational purpose.

We strive to prepare a diverse population of qualified students for academic challenges, for a successful college experience, and for rewarding lives.

Hilton Head Preparatory School admits students of any race, color, national and ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the school. It does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national and ethnic origin, sex, age, or disability in the administration of its educational and athletic policies, financial aid, and other school administered programs.

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Getting to Know Darcy Devrnja
Prep’s New Head of Lower and Middle School

Where did you grow up?
I grew up in a small town in Ohio. It was your typical small community; you attended your neighborhood school, you played outside until the street lights came on, and you had Sunday afternoon dinners with your entire family. As simple as it was, it taught me to value friendships and appreciate the importance of being with your family.

Who was your favorite teacher?
There were many teachers who made a difference in my life, but if I had to select, it would be Mrs. Leonard, my third grade teacher and Mrs. Paols, my freshmen English teacher. Both teachers had that ability to uniquely connect with their students. They were encouraging, compassionate and caring. Although they were concerned about your academic success, they were equally concerned about you as an individual. Mrs. Leonard would celebrate every one of your accomplishments, no matter how big or how small. Mrs. Paols set high expectations but had a gift of teaching you how to believe in yourself. Both teachers influenced my desire to pursue a career in education.

What advice would you give our middle school students as they are working towards moving into the upper school?
Middle School is the bridge between lower school and upper school. My advice is to live in the moment and enjoy every facet of your middle school experience.

Tell us a little about your family and their interests?
I live with my husband and our dog Sahara. We feel fortunate for many reasons of being with your family. I have one son who lives in Knoxville TN. He is an avid golfer, so I know he will be visiting me often. My husband and I like to spend our time doing volunteer work, traveling and visiting family.

What are your goals for your first 100 days of school as head of lower and middle school at Hilton Head Prep?
The most important goal for me will be building relationships. My plan for the first 100 days will be to build those relationships with colleagues, parents and most of all, students. My focus will be on visiting classrooms, spending time talking with students, meeting parents, and collaborating with faculty and staff.

I feel good to finally be on the island, as Hilton Head Prep has been on my mind since my appointment last fall. I’m excited about my opportunities here and am ready to roll up my sleeves and dive into my new role here as Headmaster. My wife Mindy, son Hunter, (grade 8), daughter Haylee, (grade 5) and I arrived on May 31 and have spent most of June settling in, unpacking boxes, doing home improvements, and getting acquainted with this beautiful island we now call home. Navigating the island and learning our way around has been interesting, but so far we love living here.

The main goal for my first 100 days as Headmaster is to get to know the students, the faculty and staff, the parents and to learn the traditions of Prep. By collaborating with the school community, I hope to discover what is working and what needs improvement. I am aware of some concerns, and while I am committed to making necessary changes, I also know that not all changes will occur overnight.

College counseling and the athletic program are two areas in which I will be spending a good amount of time. I want to be sure both programs are providing our students with excellent opportunities. Establishing goals and objectives in each program will help us to implement appropriate policies and procedures. I would like to increase parent involvement in our college counseling process with meetings starting as early as eighth grade. The utilization of Naviance, a comprehensive college readiness software program for both middle and high school, helps connect teachers, parents and students in their college application process. I am very impressed with Prep’s college acceptance rates and athletic successes; therefore, I want to be sure we continue to be the best college preparatory school in the region.

In addition, I will also be preparing for Prep’s very first boarding program. We have rented a house near campus, hired house parents, and are in the process of establishing policies so we may take excellent care of our student residents. A progressive English program will be established in order to help international students improve their English, so that they may be successful in not only their classes but in their new, everyday life here in the United States.

While I am getting to know the community, I hope you will also get to know me. I will feel good to finally be on the island, as Hilton Head Prep has been on my mind since my appointment last fall. I’m excited about my opportunities here and am ready to roll up my sleeves and dive into my new role here as Headmaster. My wife Mindy, son Hunter, (grade 8), daughter Haylee, (grade 5) and I arrived on May 31 and have spent most of June settling in, unpacking boxes, doing home improvements, and getting acquainted with this beautiful island we now call home. Navigating the island and learning our way around has been interesting, but so far we love living here.
Mrs. Brenda Deak is a fourth and fifth grade math teacher extraordinaire. For 17 years she has been well known for her school store, checkbook activities, stock market and student auctions. Mrs. Deak brought the National online “math meet.” Continental Math League, to students in grades 3-5. This year-long math challenge is designed to maximize students’ opportunity to improve problem solving skills. Students participate with other students on the same grade level from all over the United States. Mrs. Deak was also instrumental in bringing Accelerated Math to Lower School. The fourth grade donated funds earned at their school store to help fund this program.

A Lower School Math Award was established in honor of Mrs. Deak’s retirement and her success in developing this program. Mrs. Brenda Deak (MS English) book of poetry titled “Hatchery of Tongues” has been accepted for publication by Negative Capability Press. In these terrific poems, Michael Bassett is a pragmatist of dreams, reactivating childhood. A sheaf of urgent dis-patches from the unlived life, “Hatchery of Tongues” ushers us to an inner landscape so expansive, so ravishing, that it completely effaces the ordinary.

### Faculty & Staff Highlights

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**Katy Hudak**

Katy Hudak (English Key / US English) has been invited to participate from over 350 applicants in a National Endowment for the Humanities “Landmarks of American History and Culture” workshop for a week this summer in Chicago.

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**Vanessa Palmer**

Vanessa Palmer (US ESL Humanities) will be attending The CELTA course this summer which is designed to help in the development of effective and principled teaching practices. CELTA courses are designed by individual centres, based on specifications produced by Cambridge English Language Assessment.

**Mary Ann Cyr**

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**LOWER SCHOOL CLASSROOM ACTIVITIES**

**HEROES IN HISTORY**
The fourth grade class combined their research skills learned from Mrs. Gay Keyes, the computer skills acquired from Mrs. Sullivan and artistically displayed the biographical information they found depicting the lives of famous people of science, art and literature under the direction of Mrs. Carol Ryan. Finally, they compiled their own biographical dictionary.

**SPRING DOOR DECORATING**
Lower School Leadership sponsored a door decorating contest to welcome spring. Each homeroom decorated their door with thoughts of spring along with a spring phrase or poem to celebrate National Poetry Month. There were two winning classes. Congratulations goes out to Tierra Jones (Kindergarten) and Katie Boone (3rd Grade).

**SCISA Chess Tournament**
Congratulations to our SCISA Chess Tournament team: Elizabeth Hudak, Thor Fader. Their chess strategies earned Lower Pullon, Aden Parsick, Rex Blahut and Gracie Tournament team: Elizabeth Hudak, Thor Fader. Their chess strategies earned Lower Pullon, Aden Parsick, Rex Blahut and Gracie

**FIRST GRADE READ-A-THON**
The first grade finished a read-a-thon where they read 7,000 pages as a class over a two month period! They were rewarded with a party complete with pizza, movie and PTA to celebrate their achievement.

**PASSPORT TO THE WORLD**
Our first “Passport to the World” day was held on May 16. This event was an exciting, campus immersion into a different continent, country and culture that lower school students studied in their classes. Students were issued passports and were able to travel around and enjoy the informative displays of the different countries.

**SCISA Chess Tournament**
The Early Act Club at Prep is the Rotary’s Early Act Club at Prep is the Rotary’s representative at the Conference”.

**ROTARY EARLY ACT**
The Early Act Club at Prep is the Rotary’s early act in South Carolina. Local Rotarians were guest speakers and meetings focused on “Service Above Self.” Students selected the beautification of Lucy’s Garden as a service-learning project. At the Rotary District Conference in April where our local Rotary was named Rotary Club of the Year, President Paul Walter said, “What has been done with Early Act at Prep has been seen and noted by our District Governor and even Rotary International President’s Representative at the Conference”.

**THE MIDDLE SCHOOL ENVIRONMENTAL CLUB**
A $5,000 grant was awarded from Greening Forward which is a non-profit student run club that supports environmental clubs around the country. Angela Taylor and the Middle School Environmental Club students wrote the grant specifically to solve the flooding problem. Rising senior Keylan Hanna helped install the rain barrels with the engineering necessary to connect them. Keylan earned his Eagle Scout award by completing this project. The Middle School Environmental Club also received another grant from Greening Forward this year which will be used to create a small garden that will be automatically watered by a solar powered pump, which will be connected to the rain barrel located by the Lower School.

Ripples
The rough groove of the penny rubs across my thumb
Whilst my index finger traces the outline of the face
“In God We Trust” is tattered on the coin,
But the phrase lingers in my mind
I drop the penny light in pain
My eye is dry, and wish for nostalgic days
As I toss the coin over my shoulder into the dietary fountain
I hear the soft splash
And turn around to witness the drop
The only sign left of the penny are the ripples
They seemingly move in all directions
Like the waves lingering far shore
Each ripple becomes larger than the one before
A giant mass of circles
The water settles after the splash
My penny descends on to the floor of the fountain
Helping join the ripples on the surface
Almost like we do now.
Is this what we’ve been hiding from all along?

Maren Czura’s poem “Ripples” was awarded an honorable mention in the 2014 Skylark Prize sponsored by The Poetry Society of South Carolina. Maren will be listed in the 2014 Yearbook of the Poetry Society of South Carolina.

**PHOTO CLUB**
The second offering of the photo club in the middle school with Bethany Barton (MS Spanish) was another huge success! Every Friday morning, students took photo walks around Prep’s campus for inspiration and shared their best shots with each other during photo critique sessions.

**PIE IN THE FACE FUN RAISER**
Two middle school community service groups hosted a pie throwing event on the outdoor basketball court in April to benefit both the Hilton Head Humane Society and Hilton Head Relay for Life. All lower and middle school students enjoyed the opportunity to throw a pie at their teachers!
Congratulations to the following students: seniors Jesus [John Sheehan, senior] and Judas/John the Baptist [Marisa Wojcikiewicz, senior]. The remaining 17 high school students assume their own off-stage first names, with a street-savvy identity deliberately unlike their own. At the reins of the production is Performing Arts Director Peggy Trecker White, who not only directed it, but executed the choreography and costume design as well.

Middle school students danced and sang their way through a charming production of *Seussical Jr.* for their annual spring production. *Seussical Jr.* is a ramp-up of some of Dr. Seuss’ most treasured stories featuring Horton the Elephant, a tiny planet called Who, an abandoned egg, a field of clover and the always mischievous Cat in the Hat leading JoJo on a wild adventure of imaginative discovery. Lead actors: Michael Santorum, Shannon White, who not only directed it, but executed the choreography and costume design as well.

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**Promising Picassos**

An impressive 23 students from Hilton Head Preparatory School had works of art chosen by the Island School Council for the Arts for the annual Promising Picassos Art Exhibit. The exhibit was on display in the Bank of America Room at the Arts Center of Coastal Carolina. Congratulations to the following students: seniors Kristin Langan, Marisa Wojcikiewicz, Deia Hunt, Megan Frederick and Matt Mannion, juniors Vanessa Orell, Laurel Woerheide and Justin Stubbsfield, sophomores Jackson Richard and Will Morse, freshmen Samantha Kinney, Mac Orie and Catherine Sheehan, eighth graders Hayden Garnewicz and Daisy Woerheide, seventh grader Lucas Tomita, sixth graders Anna Pellicci and Rachel Stratton, fifth grader Elizabeth Hudak, and fourth graders John Kidd, Ashley Wilmot, Hope Dobbsiere and Abi Mendoza.

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**Heritage Scholar**

Christian Stamm was selected as one of the 2014 Heritage Classic Foundation Scholars by the Heritage Classic Foundation.

**The Zonta Club HOlARSHIP**

Hilton Head Prep is proud to announce 10 seniors that have signed to play college athletics. Congratulations to:

- Kevin Campbell - baseball at Ferrum College
- Peter Higgins - tennis at Oxford College at Emory University
- Taylor Childress - tennis at The University of the South - Sewanee
- Torry Henrichs - soccer at LaGrange College
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Varsity Boys Basketball – Coach Jerry Faulkner

Before Christmas, the boys won the Rot Thomas Tournament, bringing the championship back to Prep after a long absence. Playing in arguably the toughest of the three regions that make up the 3-A bracket, the Dolphins were competitive every game with the signature region win being over Porter Gaud, which finished 9-1 as region champions. Lawrence Manning, who won their region championship, also was defeated by Prep. The Dolphins finished 14-12 overall and earned a spot in the state playoffs, falling in the first round. Individual honors went to John Erik, Randy Young, Zac Edri and Brennan Mikell. In addition to the many team and individual accomplishments, the goal of teaching life lessons through basketball was again the top priority. The many post game compliments by opposing coaches and officials as to the team demeanor and sportsmanship should make those associated with Hilton Head Prep proud.

Varsity Girls Basketball – Coach Dan Sheehan

Coaches Sheehan and Kilpatrick were thrilled with the progress the team made this season. They played a challenging region schedule against some very talented teams. Finishing the season with a 5-17 overall record and a 1-11 record in the region. Highlights this season included wins against the Coastal Hurricanes, Bible Baptist and Ashley Hall.

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MS A Girls Basketball – Coach Liz Nash

The team was led by an outstanding group of eight-graders providing great leadership both on and off the court. Eighth grader players included: Abigail Barks, Julia Gigante, Shannon Hegarty, Alana McCollum, Olivia Mitchell, Sarah Orie, Shalina Parker, and Alessandra Reuben. Seventh grader, Olivia Light, was an exciting addition to our program this year. The talented trio of sixth graders, Kiensten Clark, Tori Herman and Mackenzie Joyner provide a very promising future for the Lady Dolphin Basketball Program.

We completed our season with a 6-6 record. More importantly, we improved as a team and as individuals. Whether we were on the winning or losing end of a game, the girls always displayed great sportsmanship. They were wonderful ambassadors of our school. Our unselfish court play and support of each other was a constant reminder of what outstanding young ladies they all are.

MS B Girls Basketball – Coach Catherine Winterholler

It was an exciting year for the varsity boys’ basketball team this season. The team of 11, mostly eighth graders and a few seventh graders were for the most part new to basketball – many had never played a basketball before our first practice.

Starting with the basics, such as learning to dribble with both hands, taking care of the ball, proper lay ups, and shooting free throw lines, we gained an understanding that basketball requires players to commit to continuous and diligent practice, the team made tremendous strides during the season. They gave their best every game, every game, every minute they stepped in the gym. They never quit and understood that the scoreboard was not the only measure of success on the court. Most importantly, the girls found a genuine love of the sport and have expressed their commitment to this team, play and practice the game.

While not technically a winning season, this group more than succeeded as a basketball team. Talent was discovered. Experiences were gained. And, a love of the sport was found. We are looking forward to being strong contenders in the 2014-2015 basketball season.

MS A Boys Basketball – Coach Kevin Wald

It was exciting watching this year’s team grow and develop. As the season progressed, it was rewarding to watch as the players grew together as a team and exhibited true sportsmanship both on and off the court. The most exciting game for me, as a coach, was against Beaufort Academy. We were down in the fourth quarter by ten points, but rallied together to force overtime for the win. Our players represented our school, the team, and their families as well as they worked hard to have a successful season.

MS B Boys Basketball – Coach Brett Nitke

As a new coach to this team this season, I quickly realized that we had a special group of very dedicated boys that had a desire to adhere to coaching, as we concentrated on the very basics of the game. We wanted to play good defense, but re-bound our opponents, and eliminate mental mistakes and turnovers. But more importantly, we dedicated ourselves to do our very best. During our season, we had our normal highs and lows. We won our only tournament at St. Francis. We also had an exciting overtime win over St. Francis later in the season. Of course we had our share of heartbreaking losses to HHCA and Cross, but all in all, we had a winning record and a family like bond atmosphere. It was my pleasure to coach this group of young men.

Sailing – Coach Michelle Pernell

The Prep sailing team completed its second season participating in regattas hosted by the South Atlantic Interscholastic Sailing Association (“SAISA”). Founded in the fall of 2012, Prep’s sailing team competes against schools located in the SAISA North league coastal region (high school teams in GA, SC, NC, and Jacksonville, FL area that are within 75 miles from the coast).

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Bowling – Coach Dan Sheehan

It was an exciting year for the Prep bowling program’s second season. We added five new players and welcomed a second team, with the assistance of Coach Bob Sulek. After working out some early season kinks, the co-ed team, under Angelo Carrabba’s leadership, won their final two divisional matches, a tremendous accomplishment given that none of the five had ever bowled before.

In the boys division, our five returning seniors set their sights upon taking first place this year. Under captains John Sheehan and Greg Warren, the boys team won their first two matches, but ran into trouble during the season’s final three matches. However, they still secured a berth in the state team championship tournament. At the tournament, they were seeded first going into the final championship-three-game-match. Entering the final game, they were down by five pins and went frame-for-frame with Heathwood Hall until Heathwood missed some critical spares late in the game and Prep converted a few solid strikes and spares. Angelo Carrabba threw a beautiful shot in the ninth frame to set up anchor James Leonard who struck twice in the tenth frame to clinch Prep’s first-ever varsity bowling state championship. Carrabba went on to finish third in the state individual championship tournament a few weeks later and was selected as a member of this year’s all state bowling team – a tremendous accomplishment for a first-year bowler. Indeed, we look forward to next year and the program’s future.

Bowling – Coach Brett Nitke

The 2014 JV boys’ basketball team will be remembered by the 4 Ds – Dedication, Desire, Determination, and Discipline. The season win/loss record was not indicative of this young team’s success. Playing class 3-A region competition and out-manifested with depth, these young men played their hearts out, took care of the ball, proper lay ups, and shooting free throw lines, to gaining an understanding that basketball requires players to commit to continuous and diligent practice, the team made tremendous strides during the season. They gave their best every game, every game, every minute they stepped in the gym. They never quit and understood that the scoreboard was not the only measure of success on the court. Most importantly, the girls found a genuine love of the sport and have expressed their commitment to this team, play and practice the game.

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MS B Boys Basketball – Coach Brett Nitke

The Prep sailing team completed its second season participating in regattas hosted by the South Atlantic Interscholastic Sailing Association (“SAISA”). Founded in the fall of 2012, Prep’s sailing team competes against schools located in the SAISA North league coastal region (high school teams in GA, SC, NC, and Jacksonville, FL area that are within 75 miles from the coast).

During our season, we had our normal highs and lows. We won over St. Francis later in the season. Of course we had our share of heartbreaking losses to HHCA and Cross, but all in all, we had a winning record and a family like bond atmosphere. It was my pleasure to coach this group of young men.
The boys tennis team had a sensational season ending with a win in the 3-A state championships, beating our cross-town rivals Hilton Head Christian Academy in the finals 5-3. Our season’s wins/losses record was 14-2, with a spectacular win over Porter-Gaud just before the end of the season. We had outstanding contributions from all our players and especially from our senior captain, Jared Woodson. We have a strong core returning next year and we look to continue our winning ways going forward.

**Varsity Baseball** – Lew Kent

The Prep baseball team finished with an overall record of 18-4. The Dolphins were region champs and for the second year in a row advanced to the state semi-finals, eventually falling to Laurence Manning Academy. The team set numerous school records including most wins and highest winning percentage. The players received many individual honors including all state, all region, and player of the year. A special thanks to the eight seniors who formed the backbone of Prep baseball over the last four years. The Dolphins have much talent returning for the next few years and the future is bright.

**Varsity Golf** – Richie Bohrer

We had a lot of injuries this season, with two very good golfers, Art Griffin and Zach Ruhlin, hurt almost the entire season. Despite the injuries, we had a very competitive and fun season. The Prep boys controlled the emotions of the game and played evenly until junior midfielder Ryan Henderson converted on a goal in the 67th minute. The Dolphins held on the rest of the way, and created a lasting moment in their athletic lives, winning the crucial match 2-1 on their way to a special season.

perhaps the most defining moment of the season came in a home game against Beaufort Academy. After taking a 1-0 lead 5 minutes in, the Dolphins were given a red card for a handball in the penalty box. Beaufort Academy proceeded to convert the penalty, evening the game at 1-1, and forcing the Dolphins to play a man down for the final 65 minutes. From that point on, the Prep boys controlled the emotions of the game and played virtually until junior midfielder Ryan Henderson converted on a goal in the 67th minute. The Dolphins held on the rest of the way, and created a lasting moment in their athletic lives, winning the crucial match 2-1 on their way to a special season.

**Varsity Girls Soccer** – Ria McMillan

The girls’ soccer team played a tough 3-A division and ended the season with a record of 7-1-11. Our senior captains of Megan Frederick, Tony Henrichs, and Maria Wojcikiewicz led a squad of 17, the majority of whom were eighth and ninth graders. Of Megan Frederick, Tory Henrichs, and Marisa Wojcikiewicz led a squad of 17, the majority of whom were eighth and ninth graders. We had a very young team, which included no seniors who formed the backbone of Prep baseball over the last four years. The Dolphins have much talent returning for the next few years and the future is bright.

**MS Boys Soccer** – Scot Parish

We had a very young team, which included no eighth graders and only four seventh graders. We had nine sixth graders that showed up very enthusiastic and ready to go. With the help of Dan Waymont from Storm Academy, we worked on ball handling skills. The team started off slowly by playing some very experienced and much older teams, but finished strong. We won two of our last four games as they began to find their way with offensive scoring goals at a much higher rate. Every player learned how to play the different positions and after finally finding their niche, we strengthened each player at their position. With the entire team returning next year, the growth in skills and confidence will be evident.

**MS Girls Soccer** – Kate Clark

With teaching fundamental soccer skills in mind, the Hilton Head Preparatory Athletics program developed a partnership with Storm Soccer Academy. Coach Dan Waymont, director of Storm Soccer Academy instructed the middle school soccer athletes two days a week, focusing on individual skills with an emphasis on ball handling skills. The girls showed enormous improvement throughout the season, not only as individuals but also as a team. All three of the defeats came during the first two weeks of the season. Record: 6-3-1 (win, loss, tie).

**Varsity Boys Tennis** – Matt Dakinis

The varsity boys tennis team had a successful campaign that included a region championship, and a semifinal finish in the state playoffs. The boys finished the season 11-8, and 6-0 in the region, which included two wins each over Hilton Head Christian and Beaufort Academy. Five Dolphins were named First Team All-Region, including senior midfielders William Peterkin and Andrew Spencer, senior defender Sean O’Connor, senior forward Teron Daley, and senior goalkeeper Robert Clark. Peterkin was also named the Region Player of the Year.

**Varsity Girls Tennis** – J. D. Monts

We crowned our 2014 senior class, which included the 2014 Senior Night and Megan Frederick walked off the field in her last game at Prep with a hat trick. Three players made USA All Region: Carley Wilten, Morgan Czura, and Charlotte Covington.

**MS Boys Tennis** – John Sheehan

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**MS Girls Tennis** – Waymont, OTC

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In 2005, Hilton Head Preparatory School’s then Headmaster, Dr. Sue Groesbeck and Director of Development, Margot Brown, met with Jean Fraser and Linda Fraser to discuss how to honor their husband and father-in-law, Joe Fraser, who had been involved with the school since 1965. That discussion led to a grand fundraising effort that ultimately named Hilton Head Prep’s planned athletic facility the Joseph B. Fraser, Jr. Field House.

Nine years later, Hilton Head Prep and Hilton Head Island lost a dear friend when Joe Fraser passed away at the age of 88 on March 13, 2014. Joe Fraser was the oldest son of the primary investor in Hilton Head Island’s timber business and first came to the island in 1949 to scout the land for his father. He then moved permanently in 1964 to help his brother, Charles, develop Sea Pines Resort. Among his many accomplishments on the island including developing some of the finest resorts in the area, donating land for the churches on Pope Avenue and leading the Heritage Classic Foundation. Joe and his brother Charles were instrumental in the founding of Hilton Head Prep’s predecessor school, Sea Pines Academy, which was founded in 1965 to educate the employees of the Sea Pines Company. The history of Hilton Head Prep goes hand in hand with the history of Hilton Head Island much due to the vision of Joe Fraser.

Joe’s connection to Hilton Head Prep spanned the next five decades. Joe’s son, Charlie is a member of SPA’s class of 1977 along with Charlie’s wife, Linda. Joe’s grandson, Elliott, was the first legacy graduate of Hilton Head Prep in 2005. Joe’s granddaughter, Carson, graduated in 2008. “Papa Joe” was seen at many Prep football games over the years and was honored in 2005 with the presentation of his very own Hilton Head Prep varsity letter jacket and named Prep’s biggest fan.

During that meeting in 2005 Sue and Margot were shocked to learn that while there were several physical memorials to Joe’s brother Charles, there was nothing on the island that honored Joe. While Charles was the visionary and more outspoken brother, Joe took a more hands-on approach and rolled up his sleeves to make their vision a reality. Hilton Head Prep felt it was time to honor this quiet, dedicated man. And the rest, they say, is history.

During Hilton Head Prep’s Tradition of Excellence capital campaign from 2005-2008, the school raised over $6,500,000 to build the Joseph B. Fraser, Jr. Field House to honor a man who was so important to Hilton Head Prep and Hilton Head Island. Joe and his wife, Jean, helped cut the ribbon at the opening of the building in May of 2007. Since then the building has hosted basketball games and volleyball matches, held musical performances and concerts, hosted fundraising galas and graduated every student beginning with the Class of 2007. What better way to honor a man who valued education, loved children and cared deeply about the future of Hilton Head Island.
I would like to give a special thanks to all of our gifted and compassionate faculty members who have provided us an education that has brought us here today and that I will always treasure. And, thank you, Mrs. Hum, for all of the dedication you have put into our college application process and organizing all things senior this week and this year – none of us could have done it without you.

Good morning and welcome.

I am proud to be standing here today and representing Prep’s graduating class of 2014. Some of you may wonder how did I end up here in Hilton Head playing golf with JPGA and attending Prep? I knew my parents are still trying to figure it out. Well, it started with a spring break golf camp I found on the internet during my sophomore year. After the third day of living on the JPGA campus, I called my mom and informed her that I wanted to attend school here next year. Shocked, she said, “Brianna, let’s just get through the week and we’ll discuss it when you get home.” We can all see how that discussion went! JPGA brought me to the island as a junior and Prep is what compelled me to return as a senior and graduate here with you.

I moved to this island in hopes of playing collegiate golf – knowing well my scores did not classify me as a golf pro. And since I am certain that at least a few of you will enjoy hearing about my imperfections, I would like to share with you one of my most humilitating experiences since moving here. Picture this: I ecstatically make the turn after shooting only five over through the first nine holes, one of my best tournament performances. My coach reach for high fives and give puts on the back as I proudly detail one of my first tournament successes. I stepped up to the tenth tee, fuelled by momentum and anticipation, but then Murphy’s Law of anything that can go wrong will go wrong in. I walked off that tenth green after five shots, one penalty stroke, and three mortifying putts and reluctantly cut a nine into my scorecard. I had shot a respectable five over through the first nine holes, but managed to double that after one hole on the back nine. And let’s just say the round continued to unravel as I walked off the 18th green and totaled my score to be 25 over par.

But now I can think back to that day and reminisce about the fulfillment, enjoyment, and exhilaration of playing well for those first nine holes, instead of dwelling on that exasperating tenth hole. Those few hours are what have kept me going at the most humbling of experiences since moving here. Picture this: I went! JPGA brought me to the island as a junior and Prep is what compelled me to return as a senior and graduate here with you.

Nearly two years ago, I walked into Prep a few days before my junior year was to begin and immediately was greeted with enthusiasm and big smiles from two girls organizing their lockers in the hallway. I remember they were so nice and welcoming as they came up to me to say hello. They told me where each classroom was, and to my surprise, all they had to do was point down two hallways. After meeting those two girls, Julia and Forest, I was certain I had made the right decision to attend this new school.

And now, two years later, we the Senior Class of 2014, will collectively go off to college in August – some to each corner of the world. We will endure life with new roommates in cramped dorm rooms – I mean you have all seen the size of those closets – meet professors we will come to cherish and maybe even professors we may want to forget, and experience a mode of life none of us can attest to know. I, like all of you, will be starting over and believe it or not, I do not have a notecard with the answer on how to survive college or the formula for what the future holds. After today, we will be parting ways and launch into the great uncharted future. There are no blueprints to follow, no guarantees, and no limitations. Who knows, Maybe Toks will make it to the PGA tour, Deia will bring world peace, Christian will shoot a photograph for the front page of National Geographic, Julia will cure cancer, or John will have a number one song on iTunes. No, it is time to launch ourselves into the world, to the unknown we have ahead.

And when you inevitably stumble or fall, picture me on that 10th hole with all those bad shots and remember to GET BACK UP. CONTINUE ON AND RECOVER!

All my best to each and every one of you, my fellow classmates! I wish you all a lifetime of holes in one. Thank you.

We live lives full of countless activities, assignments, and commitments, all of which are constantly vying for our attention and energy. It is so easy for us to get caught up in these pursuits only to become distracted and detached from ourselves and the world around us. Today I want you to use my time to give you an opportunity to stop, think, and reflect. I want us to stop in this moment and reflect on where we have come as individuals and on what the future holds for us as we leave this place. Today I want to share some of my own expressions in the form of my music and photography as a way to facilitate this brief time of introspection. My hope is that through this time you will be able to relax and fully absorb this moment which may otherwise fade into the background of our hectic lives.

Christians album "Not as of Yet" is available on iTunes.
The iPad comes to lower school

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ow can the Lower School better prepare students to be competitive in our technological and innovative world? Lower school teachers answered this question by embracing the new Apple® iPad Air™ with a collaborative vision that enhances customized instruction and the development of critical thinking skills in the classroom. This iPad Air digital learning opportunity is made possible by the generous donations of Prep parents. Learning to use this new tool, involved teachers receiving training by education specialist, Natalie Sinclair, a member of the Apple Professional Development team.

Jane Ingles, Head of Lower School, facilitated the iPad initiative after observing other independent schools using the devices in the classroom. To maximize classroom usage iPad specialist Sinclair partnered with teachers on how to use the classroom SMART Board®. The iPad Air looks promising and can connect and share documents, turn the iPad into a whiteboard, applications tied to classroom themes, and can no longer expect to know more than their students. As Dan says, "We only intervened when the students got stuck, and then only with questions that helped them get back on track." After four weeks, the result was a proposal from each team which included everything from government structures to suggestions for education, industrialization, transportation, communication, energy, utilities, security, and international relations. A winning proposal was selected and the students were asked if they would like to continue. After resounding affirmative responses, Dan and Mary Ann re-grouped the students into three committees and the whole project that continues to impress me has now been a very successful experiment. Dan and Mary Ann re-grouped the students into three committees and the whole project continues to impress me. Dan and Mary Ann re-grouped the students into three committees and the whole project continues to impress me. Dan and Mary Ann re-grouped the students into three committees and the whole project continues to impress me.

Diane Darrow is a Technology Integration Specialist who works with and writes about how meaningful use of technology. Here she identifies how apps are useful in developing Bloom’s higher order thinking skills for grade K-5 classroom.

iPad Apps for Remembering

Improve the user’s ability to define terms, identify facts, recall and locate information.

iPad Apps for Understanding

Provide opportunities for students to explain ideas or concepts. Offering a more open-ended format for students.

iPad Apps for Applying

Students demonstrate their ability to implement learned procedures and methods.

iPad Apps for Analyzing

Encourage the use of the Likert scale, relevant and irrelevant, determine relationships, and recognize the organization of content.

iPad Apps for Evaluating

Help students judge content reliability, accuracy, thereby influencing their reach informed decisions.

iPad Apps for Creating

Encourage students to generate ideas, design plans, and produce products.

iPad Apps for Improving

Provide students with tools to explore, discover, and create meaning.
Synergy at Work

By Tina Webb-Browning, US Science Chair

It is no wonder that the Intel International Science and Engineering Fair is the most prestigious science fair in the world. With over 1780 participants this year, just being able to add to your resume that you qualified to compete is an accomplishment in itself! With that being said, there were four students from Hilton Head Prep who won spots as competitors, Julia Nahman, Brianna Caspersen, Jackson Richard and Lucas McMillan. These students were part of an event that included representation from over 70 countries that competed for over five million dollars in prizes. In addition, three Hilton Head Prep upper school students earned the opportunity to attend as observers, Keylan Hanna, Adam Schau, and Jackson Henz.

In order to earn this opportunity, students must place at the Sea Island Regional Science Fair. But the hard work begins in late August, long before the regional science fair. Students begin with an original experimental idea, which is refined over several months, under the direction of Hilton Head Prep’s Science Chair, Tina Webb-Browning. Often times, students are paired with mentors from our regional science fair organization, which is made up of approximately fifty volunteers who are representative of retired engineers, scientists and doctors who volunteer their time to help support science education. Once at the International Science Fair, students have the opportunity to interact with a pool of over 1000 judges, made up of science, engineering and industry professionals. These judges are required to have a Ph.D. or equivalent degree and/or six years of relevant experience.

This year’s top winner was a fifteen-year-old Boston resident who developed a learning software tool to study mutations of a plausible gene list linked to breast cancer. His work earned the top prize – The Gordon E. Moore Award of $75,000 – named in honor of the Intel co-founder and fellow scientist.

In preparation for this level of competition on a national level, our science teachers here at Hilton Head Prep start our students out at an early age. Although we’ve had various science fairs in the past with our lower school students, this year marked the first year of our Celebration of Science week. The highlight of this event is to showcase the work of our student scientists from grades one through twelve. Students in grades four and five, along with middle and upper school Regional Science Fair winners, have the opportunity to set up their backboards in the middle school gym, where they stand with their projects for presentation and viewing by all of the lower school students and parents.

To give our students the opportunity to compete on the international stage is life changing. Participating in the week-long Celebration of Science, technology, engineering and math is not only inspiring but prepares them for the different levels of competition with the ultimate goal of participating at the International Science Fair. Thanks to all of our wonderful science teachers here at Prep, Tina Webb-Browning, Gilbert Ramseur, Sarah Benecke, Angela Taylor and Ken Lithaun, who help inspire all of our students and for sharing the magic of science.
can you imagine taking a shower in your backyard on a one-meter by one-meter concrete pad surrounded by a seven-foot tall black plastic wall with only a five-gallon bucket full of cold water? Can you imagine not having indoor plumbing and using an outdoor latrine that has no flush mechanism except for forcefully dumping a gallon of water down the pipe? Can you imagine water being available only in four 55-gallon open-air drums in your front yard every 36 hours and your extra supply sitting in your backyard on a one-meter pad? Can you imagine taking a shower with a local team, learn Latin dances like the merengue and the salsa, and talk with the owners of a successful local bakery. Each interaction sharpened us.

However, sometimes these isolated experiences may not have a truly lasting influence, but ours did because of the brilliant leaders and staff that accompanied and mentored us throughout the trip. Upon arrival, we were given a thorough expose of the country’s infrastructure by touring downtown Managua, visiting sites whose history dated back to the oppressive regimes that used to dominate daily life and taking in first-hand the government propaganda that seeks to impart its agenda upon returning to the United States. We were invited to play soccer with a local team, learn Latin dances like the merengue and the salsa, and talk with the owners of a successful local bakery. Each interaction sharpened us.

Over the course of the trip we learned about the concept of “sustainable development,” which is working to empower people to take ownership of their situation and community in order to solidly strengthen communities. To us, it means expanding perspective and realizing how people, despite being from vastly different corners of the world, can share similar desires, hopes, and needs. These international travel experiences help our students appreciate the diversity around them and lay the foundation for a life full of wonder and curiosity about how we, as people, can continue to work together to build more bridges.
Dana Gioia posed the question “can poetry matter?” in the title of his 1992 book. The answer is a resounding yes. Walt Whitman wrote that “to have great poets you must have great audiences.” In order to ensure future generations of great poets and audiences, The Academy of American Poets has been sponsoring a profusion of programming each April during National Poetry Month. Here at Hilton Head Prep we have a rich tradition of celebrating poetry throughout the year, but especially in the winter during the Poetry Out Loud recitation contest and in the spring during National Poetry Month.

This April upper school students posted favorite poems, images about poetry and other musings on a collective poetry bulletin board. Upper school faculty diligently read student’s 3rd grade poetry. Performances include a dramatization of a Shakespearean character and sonnets by one keel over in rapid succession. Middle school students had a Shakespearean insult contest. Middle and upper school advisories collaborated on sidewalk chalk poems writing and illustrating pieces they admired or ones they wrote themselves. Lower school had an assembly emphasizing the importance of playing with the sounds of words, the magical musicality of language, and learning to see things in new ways through poetic imagination. Lower school students celebrated Poem in Your Pocket Day bringing to school and sharing poems that intrigued or delighted them. All of these activities inspire me, it was that it all inspired me. I adored the classroom, the dog-eared books and old Art News magazines splattered tables, posters of vaguely familiar works of art, and mason jars of supplies filled the room. Despite Kathryn Ramsour and her warm reception and inclusiveness, I was intimidated. It was not only my first day at Prep but my first art class.

At my previous school, art was an elective for the elite who had participated in art classes since childhood. I feared that without any hands-on experience or training, art was outside of my element and, at sixteen, I had missed my window. The Preparatory admission disagreed and maintained that art was a graduation requirement. I tried to talk my way out of it. I even asked if I could substitute another English course instead of art. My request was quickly denied. As an English major, I knew that I would have to complete Starry Night and a few other projects, though, so I rearranged my class schedule to accommodate a second class my senior year. Things had certainly changed as I went from trying to get out of one to making sure I went another! I also took AP European History during my senior year. This class surprisingly underscored my newfound interest in art. The curriculum and the test we used for the class included art history and once again, I was hooked. My teacher encouraged this interest and my final term paper explored the ways European masters captured the Postwar era on canvas. Four years after that term paper, I graduated from Duke University with a Bachelor of Arts degree in art history.

While I am not a professional artist (and my pointillism still needs work), I draw on my Prep art classes every day in my career. They instilled an appreciation of the arts that I now try to pass on to others. They laid the groundwork for a visual literacy that allows me to converse knowledgeably with the artists whose work I curate. And ultimately, they led me to the world of museums, galleries, and collections in which I work – a world that, at age sixteen, I thought I had missed. Thank you to Prep, and especially to Kathryn Ramsour, for this priceless exposure to the arts. May it always stay a graduation requirement.
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Beth Carson Comstock and her husband, Brenna, are excited to be serving at Lighthouse Family Retreat (lighthouserefamilyresort.com) July 13-19. LFR serves children with cancer and their families at a seaside retreat to help them laugh, restore family relationships, and find hope in God. They will be completely dedicated to providing daily responsibility for them, including meals, housekeeping, and general pampering so they can leave the chaotic world of childhood cancer behind and focus on having fun.

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Drew Crislan recently relocated from Chicago to Charlotte, NC, with his fiancé Meredith Siegel and dog Artie. Drew joined AccruePartners as an Executive Recruiter in their National Recruiting Center. He’s looking to reconnect with any Prep alumni in the Charlotte area (and beyond) who may be looking to make career changes.

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Class Rep Needed

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2018
Margaret Yarbrough Hancock is the proud mother of Evelyn, age 4, and son, Woods, born March 9, 2014.

2019
Kelli Wynn Muller and her husband, Carl, were blessed with their son, Andrew Wynn Muller, October 12, 2013. He was 9 lbs and 6 ozs and 21.25 inches long.

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This summer, Reid D’Amico is pursuing two major science research projects. Ontop of full time research, Reid is also working alongside a professor to help develop the curriculum for two biomedical engineering classes. Reid’s future plans include taking the GRE, and applying for graduate programs that focus on Biomedical Engineering, specifically Genetic Engineering and Regenerative Medicine. He plans to work towards obtaining his PhD immediately after undergraduate.

Kelly Ryan is a senior at UT Knoxville, and is majoring in public relations with a minor in English. She is currently interning in the public affairs and communications department of the Coca-Cola Co. in Cairo, Egypt.

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Winners of the 2014 Frederica Carson Art Purchase Awards were selected in late May. Artwork is submitted by students and the selected artwork is purchased by the school and is framed and matted for permanent display throughout the school.

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