

STUDENTS CAMPUSNOTES



1. Speech and Debate students NICK FAY '21, TALIA GRANICK '21, EMMY REPLOGLE '21, BRAD TABER '20 and MARIANNA SCHANZ '19
2. BRUCE ZHU '21, MICHAEL RUTIGLIANO '22, MARK LI '20, LUCY HAO '20, JON LI '19

and SEAN SHEN '21 at the Duke Math Meet
3. MATTHEW HUNTER '20, AMIR BRITTON '21, CHARLES COOK '21 and JAIRUS COOK '22 with coaches Katie Barnwell and Shelley Torres at the African American History Awareness Competition

ACADEMICS

Speech and Debate Students Shine in Competitions

Students enrolled in the Upper School's new speech and debate classes came out strong at competitions this year. At the Dogwood Speech and Debate League Qualifier #2, which took place Oct. 20, 2018, **TALIA GRANICK '21** and **EMMY REPLOGLE '21** took first place in the Novice Forum Debate, and **BRAD TABER '20** and **MARIANNA SCHANTZ '19** took second place. **NICK FAY '21** took sixth place in Novice Lincoln-Douglas Debate. At the Dogwood Speech and Debate League Qualifier #4 on Nov. 10, 2018, **CYNTHIA WOODWARD '19** and **COURTNEY REA '19** placed fourth in Novice Public Forum Debate.

Read about Ravenscroft's speech and debate programs in *Frame*, p. 12.

Math Team Places in Top 15 at Duke Math Meet

In Ravenscroft's first appearance at the Duke Math Meet, six Upper School students — **BRUCE ZHU '21**, **MICHAEL RUTIGLIANO '22**, **MARK LI '20**, team captain **LUCY HAO '20**, **JON LI '19** and **SEAN SHEN '21** — finished among the Top 15 teams. The event, which took place Nov. 3, 2018, drew approximately 40 six-person teams from several states and overseas to compete in five rounds.

Students Earn Honors on National Latin and Greek Exams

An impressive 56% of Ravenscroft Latin students who sat for the National Latin Exam won recognition for their scores, including six gold medals and 15 silver medals; two Latin I students, **BENNETT GILLESPIE '23** and **SOPHIE THOMAS '23**, earned a perfect score.

Two Honors Greek I students, **ISAAC LAMB '19** (high honor) and **ERIN PUGH '19** (highest honor), were recognized by the National Greek Exam.

Erin also earned a silver medal on the Medusa Mythology Exam. Among Middle School students taking the National Mythology Exam, silver medals went to **LAUREL CARTER '23**, **MIKIE CREEDON '25**, **MADDY GOLDSTEIN '25**, **ELLIE LEAGUE '24** and **RANDI OGAN '25**, and a bronze medal went to **DASH BLACK '24**.

Ravens Win African American History Competition

Four students — **MATTHEW HUNTER '20**, **AMIR BRITTON '21**, **CHARLES COOK '21** and **JAIRUS COOK '22** — won the high school division of the regional 2019 African American History Awareness Competition, held Feb. 23 in Raleigh. While a scheduling change kept the team from being able to participate in the statewide competition held April 7, advisor Katie Barnwell said, "We are very proud of our team!"

Lower School Wins District and Regional Battle of the Books

The Lower School's Battle of the Books team took first place in both the district and regional competitions for students in elementary grades.

The team, pictured on p. 33, included (first row) **ADDISON DIENER '26**, **MASON JELOVSEK '26**, coach Jessica Ortolano, **AUDREY KALORIN '26**; (second row) **COURTNEY ANGE '26**, **JACK CONWAY '26**, **ALEXANDER ROUSKAS '27**, **GRAYSON ZOLA '26**, **GABRIEL LOYOLA '27**, **KING BEASLEY '27**, **CHARLOTTE STRINGER '26**, **EVELYN WU '27** and **ARRAN BOYLE '26** (not pictured).

CITIZEN LEADERSHIP

Student-Led Fundraising Efforts Support the Fight Against Cancer

Continuing a long tradition of community engagement and fundraising to support cancer research, several student-led groups pulled out all the stops to meet their goals.

RAVENS IN THE HOOD

On Aug. 24-25, 2018, a team made up of Ravenscroft students participated in the Hood to Coast relay, a grueling 199-mile, nearly 30-hour event. The youngest team, and the only high school team to participate, Ravens in the Hood raised more than \$101,000 for the American Cancer Society, making them the highest overall fundraising team in the race.

The 2018 team, pictured at right, comprised (first row) **ELLA ROCKWELL '19**, **CAROLINE SCHMALZ '19**, **BROOKE BAKER '20**, **COURTNEY REA '19**, **ELISE PLAYE '20**, **MIA RUSSO '19**; (second row) **DAVIS MACNABB '19**, **JACK BARNES '19**, **JAKE SCHNEIDER '19**, **BEN KERNER '20**, **MAC NELSON '19** and **JUSTIN THOMPSON '20**.

A CRUCIAL CATCH

Ravens Fighting Against Cancer team members — **DELANEY WASHINGTON '22**, **BEA HOLDSTOCK '22**, **GEORGIA WINSTON '22**, **COLE STIEFEL '20**, **ANDREW GOULD '20**, **GAVIN MATHAN '20**, **ZOË GLASGOW '20**, **PRESTON BISHOP '19**, **VAL EDWARDS '19**, **CHARLIE WINSTON '19** and leaders **CLAIRE ZIPERSKI '20** and **BRYNLEY JONSON '20** — organized fundraisers on campus and in partnership with local businesses to raise money for A Crucial Catch, a partnership between the American Cancer Society and the National Football League that funds cancer screenings, treatment and research.

The team ultimately raised more than \$30,000 to become the top fundraising high school in the nation. Team leaders accepted the group's Pink Cleat Award

during the May 19, 2019, Varsity Sports Awards.

ST. BALDRICK'S

Led by **ZACHARY SKUBIC '19** and members of the Upper School Band Council, 147 "shavees" and volunteers came out for the St. Baldrick's fundraiser at Saints and Scholars Pub, generously giving their hair and their money to support childhood cancer research. Scores of other participants opted for colored hairspray and "fairy hair."

The event, held March 16, 2019, surpassed organizers' \$100K goal, with totals exceeding \$125,000 — one of the highest totals in the mid-Atlantic states. Participation across all divisions was also the best in the history of the event, with three of the top four fundraisers coming from Lower and Middle School.

Expanded Youth & Government Delegation Takes Top Honors

The YMCA's annual Youth & Government Conference, held in Raleigh Feb. 14-17, 2019, included the biggest and most successful Ravenscroft delegation to date. Ravenscroft's participation was funded in part by a grant from the Pope Foundation.

RHETT PARHAM '20 served as a floor leader, a first for Ravenscroft's delegation, and was selected as secretary of state for 2019-20. **LAUREN SHAFFER '20** was appointed senior lobbyist for next year as well. **SIERRA RILEY '21**'s team won the Mock Trial All-Star Round, and **ISABELLA BREDWELL '19** and **SKYLAR WISEMAN '20**'s Court of Appeals team was selected for the All-Star Court of Appeals Round. **ERIN PUGH '19**, who served as Ravenscroft's student delegation leader, was one of two attendees selected to represent North Carolina at the YMCA National Advocacy Days Program in Washington, D.C., in March 2019.

The entire delegation is pictured at right.



1. Lower School Battle of the Book participants
2. Ravens in the Hood participants at the finish line
3. Ravens Fighting Against Cancer leaders BRYNLEY JONSON '20 and CLAIRE ZIPERSKI '20 with the Carolina Panthers' Riley Fields

4. The Youth & Government delegation, Ravenscroft's largest and most successful to date



1. Upper School All-District Band participants NICOLE FINNEY '19, ABBOTT TIMMONS '19 and TAYLOR HUBBARD '19
2. HENRY ZHANG '25
3. All-State cellists DAVID DAE-HYUN KIM '20 and QUENTON BLACHE '19 at a Ravenscroft strings performance

4. SAMMY RIVAS '19 as the court jester at Ravenscroft's festive Madrigal Dinner
5. LYON DORAFSHAR '20, DAVIS ANDERSON '22 and ZOË NAGEL '19 in "Moon Over Buffalo"
6. Villagers and Belle (ELLE SCHANTZ '20) in Disney's "Beauty and the Beast"

FINE ARTS

The sixth-grade band and the Middle School ensembles (band, choir and strings) all earned "superior" ratings and took first place in their divisions at Musicale, a music festival held at Busch Gardens in Williamsburg, Virginia, on May 10, 2019. The Middle School band and choir were each awarded the champion trophy for earning the highest scores at the festival site.

Choir

Upper School choir students LINDSEY CARTER '22, SHAURIK DESHPANDE '20, SUNISHKA DESHPANDE '22 and ZOE KING '22 participated in All-State Choir, held in Charlotte April 26-27, 2019, under the baton of world-renowned clinicians.

Band

Four students were selected to attend All-District Band Jan. 25-26, 2019, in Chapel Hill. Congratulations to HENRY ZHANG '25, fifth chair clarinet, Middle School Concert Band; NICOLE FINNEY '19, clarinet, High School Symphonic Band; ABBOTT TIMMONS '19, sixth chair French horn, High School Symphonic Band; and TAYLOR HUBBARD '19, fifth chair trumpet, High School Wind Ensemble.

Taylor was also selected to the 2019 Honor Orchestra of America, one of the finest scholastic ensembles in America. He joined musicians from 23 states at the the Music for All National Festival, held March 15-16, 2019, in Indianapolis.

Strings

Middle School strings student BENYA WILFRET '25 was named to the Triangle Youth Orchestra, and DAVID NAHM KIM '23 was named to both the Triangle Youth Symphony and the N.C. Junior Eastern Regional All-State Orchestra.

Upper School strings student DAVID DAEHYUN KIM '20 was named to the Triangle Youth Philharmonic and joined

VARUN ATREE '19, MELISSA KONG '19 and HEIDI SEGARS '22 at the N.C. Eastern Regional All-State Orchestra. In addition, David, Heidi and QUENTON BLACHE '19 were accepted into the North Carolina Chamber Music Institute, and David and Quenton made the Honors All-State Orchestra.

Quenton was named Finalist, From the Top Public Radio, and was selected to join the Carnegie Hall National Youth Orchestra in their U.S. residency and tour of Asia.

Visual Arts

Six visual arts students — BEK CAMPBELL '19, ZOË GLASGOW '20, SEBASTIAN RAZO '20, NOELLE HILL '21, ALEXANDRA BARBONE '19 and WILLIAM RICHARDSON '23 — won awards for their submissions to the prestigious 2019 Scholastic Art & Writing Awards. Creative writing student NOELLE HILL '21 received first place in the category of Writing a Memoir.

JASMINE TRAN '23, JAE RAMSEY '23, OLIVIA RIVERA '25 and OLIVIA MEYERS '24 received high honors in the district competition for the Junior Woman's Club Student Arts Festival, with Olivia's submission taking second place at the state level. In addition, Jasmine's painting was featured on the cover of Fine Arts Magazine.

Theater

Upper School theater standout SAMMY RIVAS '19 was among the finalists at the 2019 DPAC Rising Stars, a regional competition for local high school musical theater students.

Enjoy photos from the fall play, "Moon Over Buffalo"; the festive Madrigal Dinner; the spring musical, "Beauty and the Beast," and other performing arts events on our Flickr page, www.flickr.com/photos/ravenscroftnc/albums.

ATHLETICS

Ravens Take Numerous Conference and Individual Championships

The trophy case is considerably heavier after a successful year of conference play in many sports. Girls golf, girls lacrosse and baseball all won their respective Triangle Independent Schools Athletic Conference championships. In addition:

- > Boys soccer won the Ravenscroft Invitational on the way to their fourth TISAC Championship since 2011 and a second-place finish in the North Carolina Independent Schools Athletic Association 4A Championship.
- > Swimmer BODE RINGENBACH '21 broke both school and meet records in the 100 breast-stroke to be named TISAC Co-Male Swimmer of the Meet. He went on to take first in the 500 freestyle and second in the 200 individual medley at the NCISAA championship meet.
- > Girls basketball dominated the conference with their fifth consecutive championship, a win at the Granville Central Holiday Invitational and a second-place finish in the state finals. MACY FREDERIKSEN '20 was named GCHI's Most Outstanding Player.
- > Wrestling took their sixth consecutive TISAC championship and a third-place finish at states. DAVIS MACNABB '19 and JOEL BROWN '23 won individual state championships, and Joel was voted Most Outstanding Wrestler.
- > Numerous track and field athletes placed in the Top 3 at the TISAC meet, including first-place scores by KIRSTEN DEBRAH '20 in the long jump and ALEX MARCHI '20 in triple jump. Alex went on to break the school record for the triple jump at states, taking fourth place, and placed third in the pole vault and in the 300-meter hurdles. TALIA GRANICK '21 placed third in the shot put as well.

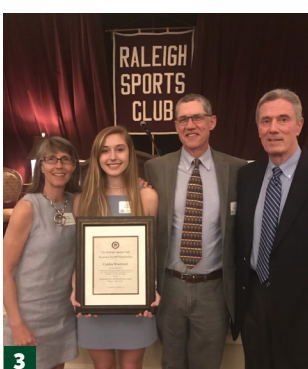
Senior Athletes Recognized CYNTHIA WOODWARD '19, a 12-time letter winner in tennis, basketball and track and field, received a \$2,000 scholarship from the Raleigh Sports Club.

In addition, nine seniors are headed to collegiate play.

- > PRESTON BISHOP '19, a three-time letter winner in football and two-time letter winner in track and field, will play football at Campbell University in Buies Creek.
- > EMMANUEL PETROV '19, a four-time letter winner in soccer, will play at The College of the Holy Cross in Worcester, Massachusetts.
- > VAL EDWARDS '19, a six-time letter winner, will play football at UNC-Chapel Hill.
- > KENAN POOLE '19, a two-time team captain and six-time letter winner in golf, will play at UNC-Chapel Hill.
- > DEREK HUGHES '19, a four-time letter winner in baseball, will be pitching next spring for Washington & Lee University in Lexington, Virginia.
- > JAKE SCHNEIDER '19, a six-time letter winner in soccer and lacrosse, will play lacrosse for Cornell University in Ithaca, New York.
- > HANNAH PANGBORN '19, a four-time letter winner in lacrosse and one-time letter winner in swimming, will play lacrosse at Wellesley College in Wellesley, Massachusetts.
- > JAKE VAN DER HEIJDEN '19, a four-year letter winner in basketball and 2019 team captain, has signed with Bucknell University in Lewisburg, Pennsylvania.
- > HAYDEN SWITZER '19, a two-time letter winner in lacrosse and two-year starter in goal, will play lacrosse at Berry College in Mount Berry, Georgia.

RAC Honors Volunteers

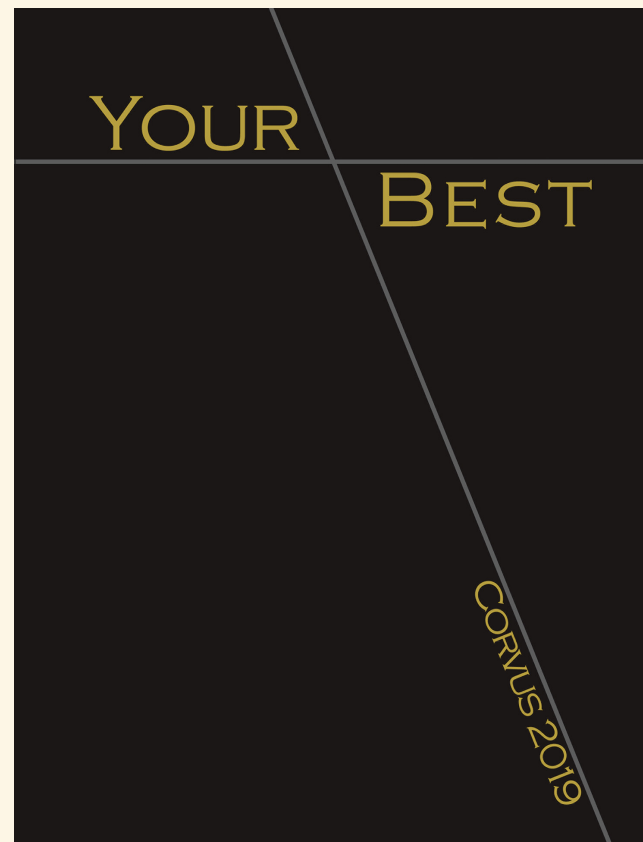
On Feb. 1, 2019, the Ravenscroft Athletic Club presented its annual RAC Service Award to long-time parent volunteers Tom and Larry Hines and Bob and Mary Brent Wright.



1. Varsity basketball team: (first row) KELLY BAKER '20, ALIYA RICHMOND '21, ALEXIS FENNER '19, CAROLINE DAVIS '21; (second row) head coach Mike Ramel, AUDREY HUGHES '21, SCOTTIE DAWSON '21, MACY FREDERIKSEN '20, LAUREN HARRISON '20, EMILY HAYMAN '20, LINDSEY CARTER '22 and assistant coach Kim van der Heijden
2. State championship wrestlers JOEL BROWN '23 and DAVIS MACNABB '19

3. CYNTHIA WOODWARD '19 with her parents and Kevin Billerman at the Raleigh Sports Club's annual meeting
4. Seniors heading to play collegiate sports
5. RAC Service Award recipients Bob and Mary Brent Wright (center left) and Larry and Tom Hines (center right) with RAC's Kim Mathan and Diane Alridge, Athletic Director Ned Gonet and Head of School Doreen Kelly

Student Media: Covering Kindness



THESE TWO SPREADS (RIGHT) IN THE 2019 Corvus, Ravenscroft's yearbook, explore how students in all three divisions showed kindness through acts both big and small.

ANDREW GOULD '21, who worked on this content with fellow staff members in the spring semester, said coverage of the Lower School's commitment to kindness was meaningful "because it showed students taking initiative even though they are young. It shows that Ravenscroft cares. I took pictures of the kindness projects to show that all the grades are participating – not just one. The Lower School's thermometer shows their overall success."



1. AND 2. Yearbook photos from Middle School and Upper School document students' commitment to service and philanthropy throughout the 2018-19 school year.

UPPER SCHOOL

Hurricane Florence Relief Trip

Students collected household supplies and travelled to New Bern, NC on Monday, October 8th to help the hurricane victims.



Guardian Angel Project

For numerous years, advisory groups have sponsored children around the Christmas holiday. Gifts are purchased to fulfill specific wishes and needs that the children request.



Eco Club Park Clean Up

Over 25 students are members of Eco Club! On Sunday, October 14th, Eco Club members picked up trash at Honeycutt Park.



SERVICE



Key Club

Over 140 students are members of Key Club! Students participate in community service projects, such as Adopt a Highway, Miracle League, and Warmth for Wake. This year, Key Club partnered with the Ronald McDonald Club and St. Baldrick's.



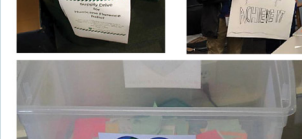
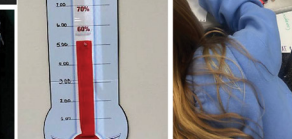
Kindness Posters

Each advisory made a colorful poster with encouraging words to spread kindness. The posters were hung in the history hall stairwell.



The Kindest Acts--

Lower and Middle School helped to collect supplies for victims of Hurricane Florence. LS wrote kind notes to one another. "The Words of Encouragement service learning group...wrote notecards and posters for the participants in the Special Olympics hosted at Ravenscroft" (LN).





1. Aaron Sundstrom, named interim head of Upper School
2. Phil Higginson, recognized with CASE's 2019 Crystal Apple Award for Teaching Excellence
3. Doreen Kelly and Sarah Loyola (at center) at the SAIS conference with The Social Institute's Laura Tierney (left) and E.J. Proctor

4. Jen Baccus, assistant director of admissions
5. AND 6. Erin Stelling (above, in center) and Ned Gonet (below with his family) at their respective school's Hall of Fame induction

FACULTY & STAFF

LEADERSHIP UPDATES

Sundstrom Named Interim Head of Upper School

AARON SUNDSTROM has been named interim head of Upper School, effective July 1. He has served as associate head of Upper School since 2018 and before that was assistant head of Upper School for faculty development. He was hired in 2013 to lead the Upper School Math Department.

COLLEEN RAMSDEN, associate head of school for academics and student life, noted that the hallmark of Sundstrom's leadership is "creating a community built on mutual respect. Faculty, staff, students and parents feel known and supported by Aaron because of his positive attitude and ability to be present in the moment. He thrives on reading current research, collaborating with others and helping faculty be intentional and purposeful in their teaching."

Sundstrom said he has been inspired by the transformative impact of Lead from Here, the school's citizen leadership framework. "It's what brought me to Ravenscroft and continues to be the most passionate work I do," he said. "It has informed my own view of education, and I deeply appreciate how it has shaped the institution's priorities in terms of classroom instruction and the student experience."

LEADERSHIP & ACCOLADES

Kelly Appointed to SAIS Board; Higginson and Loyola Present at Conference

Head of School **DOREEN KELLY** has been appointed to the board of trustees for the Southern Association of Independent Schools. Kelly has maintained a long relationship with SAIS and has previously served as a trustee of the association's Accreditation Committee, among other roles.

She also contributed a guest column, "Managing Polarities: The Potential of 'Both/And' for Education Leaders" to the Fall 2018 SAIS Magazine.

Kelly and two colleagues attended the annual SAIS conference Oct. 14-16, 2018. **PHIL HIGGINSON**, associate head of school for philanthropy, led a development session with Independent School Management's Herb Soles on "Converting the Reluctant Solicitor Into a Dynamic Fundraiser." **SARAH LOYOLA**, director of educational technology, joined Laura Tierney and E.J. Proctor of The Social Institute in exploring "The Future of Social Media Education."

Higginson Recognized by CASE

PHIL HIGGINSON was awarded the 2019 Crystal Apple Award for Teaching Excellence at the annual CASE/NAIS Independent School Conference in January 2019. This prestigious award recognizes CASE faculty members for their outstanding performance at 10 or more CASE international educational programs, attended by new and experienced independent school advancement professionals, heads of school and trustees.

Higginson has recently presented on the critical role of strategic financial planning in advancing the school mission, multigenerational marketing for advancement and establishing a culture of giving through family philanthropy.

Baccus Co-Authors Article on Early Childhood Education

JEN BACCUS, assistant director of admissions, co-authored an article for the SAIS Spring 2019 Magazine, "An Investment for a Lifetime: The Value of Independent Education for the Youngest Learners," that explores the strong and positive foundation independent schools establish for students in early childhood and elementary school programs. Baccus, who taught in the Lower School for 14 years before moving to the Admissions Office, collaborated

with former Head of Lower School Payton Hobbs, who is now associate director of admission at La Jolla Country Day School in La Jolla, California.

The pair plan to present at the Enrollment Management Association's 2019 conference on "Enrollment Management Through the Lens of an Educator," examining how their teaching experience has shaped their approach to the early childhood and lower school admission process.

Charles Named RSC's Coach of the Year

Boys varsity soccer coach **ALIX CHARLES** was recognized as Raleigh Sports Club's Coach of the Year on April 3, 2019. Charles has been in coaching for 39 years, the past 11 years as head coach of the Ravenscroft boys varsity team and assisting with the girls varsity team this year. He has taken the Ravens to the NCISAA state quarterfinals six times, the semifinals three times and the finals in 2018.

Stelling, Gonet Inducted into High School HOFs

Middle and Upper School visual art teacher **ERIN STELLING** was inducted into St. Maria Goretti High School's Hall of Fame in October 2018. As a varsity soccer player, she set a school record for goals scored, was an All-Area, All-County and All-Region honoree and was twice named Most Valuable Player when her team won the Maryland Independent School championships. She went on to play Division I soccer at Saint Joseph's University.

Athletic Director **NED GONET** was inducted into the first class of Oakton High School's Athletic Hall of Fame in January 2019. Gonet was a tri-sport athlete who went on to play football and baseball for Duke University and was signed as a free agent by both the San Francisco 49ers and New York Giants. Gonet was among 26 athletes, two coaches and three teams selected by the school's committee following a review of 50 years of school history.

RETIREMENT & AWARDS

Four employees — who have notched a combined 113 years of service to Ravenscroft — were honored at the 2018-19 faculty and staff recognition event as they prepared to retire. Congratulations and best wishes to IT specialist **ALIX CHARLES** (12 years), Middle School visual arts teacher **ROZ COOPER** (26 years), Upper School world language teacher **STEVE SWAIM** (33 years) and Middle School P.E. teacher and coach **JIMMY COX** (42 years).

Congratulations as well to these faculty and staff members who were recognized for their outstanding contributions to the school:

> Maintenance technician **ORLANDO FENNER** and IT specialist **CHRIS MICHAEL** were recognized with the Helton Award. This award, established by Charles and Barbara Helton in 1991, recognizes faculty and staff for excellence in teaching and distinguished service to the school.

> Upper School world language teacher **KATIE BARNWELL**, Upper School math teacher **KAREN CARROLL**, Middle School math teacher **SHAYLA COLEMAN**, P.E. teacher and head athletic trainer **TIM SAVAGE** and Middle School language arts teacher **AMY TOMBLINSON** received the Qubain Award for Teaching Excellence, which recognizes and rewards outstanding full-time teachers at Ravenscroft. Janet and Munther Qubain established the award in 2002.

> Lower School music teacher and choir director **KATIE O'NEILL** was given the Parents' Association Distinguished Faculty Award. Established by a special endowment in 2000, the award recognizes, encourages and rewards excellence in teaching.

> Fourth-grade teacher **CRYSTAL KEEFE** received the O'Herron Distinguished Faculty Award, established by the O'Herron Foundation to honor exceptional educators.



1. Retiring faculty and staff Steve Swaim, Jimmy Cox and Alix Charles
2. Retiring visual arts teacher Roz Cooper
3. Helton Award recipients Orlando Fenner and Chris Michael
4. Qubain Award winners Tim Savage, Katie Barnwell, Amy Tomblinson and Karen Carroll (not pictured: Shayla Coleman)
5. Parents' Association Award winner Katie O'Neill
6. O'Herron Award winner Crystal Keefe