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“On the monument erected at Thermopylae were these words: ‘Go tell those at Sparta that we lie here in obedience to her law.’ High is the pinnacle upon which humanity towers, when it so teaches, so lives and so dies.”

— Thomas E. Watson, *The Story of France*, 1896
The Watson-Brown Foundation, through creativity, diligence and financial support, labors to improve education in the American South by funding its schools and students, preserving its history, encouraging responsible scholarship and promoting the memory and values of our spiritual founders.
Katie Althoff, University of Georgia, Senior: “This past year has definitely been the most challenging year so far. My classes were more difficult and it is getting closer to the end, meaning I had to make a lot of decisions about my future. The plan since sophomore year was to attend grad school for OT, but doors seem to keep shutting and making the decision for me. However, maybe doors are shutting just for me to go in a specific direction, so I plan on finishing up the prerequisites for OT and try anyway. My backup plan is to continue psychology in grad school if OT doesn’t work out. Despite these challenging decisions, I have also had an amazing year! I just got back from studying abroad in Italy for a Maymester. While being there, I took a course on viticulture and enology and learned a lot more than I thought I was going to! Being immersed in another country for three weeks was truly eye-opening and helped me appreciate the life I have back home more than I already did. Thank you for helping me have this experience!”
Karissa Garzony, North Greenville University, Sophomore: "So far, I have loved life at college. I spent a lot of my first semester trying to figure out what activities I wanted to join, sort through future plans, and make new friends. "The spring semester is truly where I began to thrive. I spent a lot of this past semester travelling between my house and North Greenville University to help my family with the twelve puppies our four-legged family member gave birth to! That was probably the best part of the semester because whenever I felt stressed over a test or assignment, I could go home and play with the sweetest puppies. "I also feel like I accomplished a lot during this past semester. By the end of the school year, I was published in and on the staff of the Mountain Laurel Literature and Art Magazine, I was in Sigma Tau Delta (an English honor society), and I am now on track to graduate a semester early! "This summer, I plan to work at Dog Culture, a dog daycare and hopefully travel to as many national historical sites, museums, etc. as I can. "This year has been a blast and I couldn’t have done it without the support of the Watson-Brown Scholarship helping me. Thank you!"

Hansel Haase, University of South Carolina Columbia, Junior: "This semester at college finished my first full year as a Resident Mentor (RM) with U of SC Housing (compare to RA position at other schools). The job taught me a lot about leadership, planning and organization, professionalism, moderating conflict resolution, and performing administrative tasks. I also made strong friendships with fellow RMs and students under my care at the Honors Residence Hall. I enjoyed the job enough to reapply to it next year, this time as one of two Lead RMs in my building. "In addition, I joined a musical theatre student organization called Off Off Broadway, which performed Heathers: The Musical this spring. I auditioned and received the part of Ram Sweeney, a high school jock who, along with his friend Kurt Kelly, plays a major part in the story. During the many rehearsals every week, I became good friends with the actor who played Kurt and many others in the organization. (Pictured are me (left) and Jack Bingham (right), playing Ram Sweeney and Kurt Kelly, respectively.) Our five weekend performances in the first week of April sold out at nearly every show. "Despite my new commitment with the musical, I still faithfully attended the Carolina Ballroom Club twice weekly and participated in Georgia Tech’s ballroom competition in February. Keeping up with my job, two main clubs, and full load of classes proved challenging but not impossible, and with determination and focus, I completed the semester with a sincere joy for all that I had been a part of this year. I’m looking forward to even greater things this fall!

Leah Anthony, Lander University, Junior: "Since being at Lander I have been inducted into the Chi Delta Chapter of Kappa Delta Pi, which means that I have been identified as a top candidate among Lander University’s future educators. I also sit on the board as part of the Programs Committee. "I am currently a part of the Teaching
Fellows Program at Lander University, where I am among a select group of future teachers chosen to receive the Annual Teaching Fellows Award. This allows me to take part in service-learning opportunities, professional development, and collaborative experiences that will prepare me to be an innovative teacher who ‘leads by example.’ Along with attending classes at Lander, I have interned at Westview Middle School in Greenwood, South Carolina, alongside Ms. Kim McKenna who teaches seventh and eighth grade math. I have also interned at Lakeview Elementary School in Greenwood, alongside Ms. Taylor Crosby who teaches first grade. My other internships include McCormick Elementary School with the special education class), the Brewer Recreational Center’s After School Program, and the La Puerta Afterschool Program.

“Under the Teaching Fellows Program I get to serve in many other capacities, such as being a Teaching Fellows Welcomer. I also serve on the Teaching Fellows Recruitment Committee and as a Teaching Fellows Representative during Open House events that are held on Lander’s campus.

“Since being a student at Lander I have participated in the Miss Lander University’s pageant for the last two years. I have also been a Lander University Orientation Outdo participant, which is an annual Talent Event that is held on campus.

“I am a part of Leputation – a dance organization on campus that allows students to express themselves through dance and also allows them to create a reputation for their own creativity. I am also part of THE M.O.M CHOIR which stands for Minorities on the Move. This is a Christian-based organization designed to help build culture and develop a stronger relationship with God. It is a church away from home, and most important, strives to build great character traits within the minority community on campus.

“I am a member of (LSLS) which stands for Lander’s Society of Leadership and Success, where I serve as a group leader. I am also a part of the Lander We Need to Talk group—a group that promotes culture, consciousness, and social development. It is a group that focuses on issues that divide humanity economically, socially, culturally, and politically by bringing people of different walks of life together through events.

“I am a member of the Lander University Black Student Union, where I currently serve as secretary. The primary goals of this organization are to communicate the needs and concerns of Black Students to the administration and general university community, as well as to provide the university with programming and information relevant to the black experience in order to raise cultural awareness and promote cultural diversity. Their aim is to enrich student life at the university culturally, intellectually, and socially; to ensure full ongoing administrative commitment to the fair and equitable policies; and to strengthen and support the bonds of community between Black Lander students and the Greenwood County community.

“I am a Member of the Delta Mu chapter of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. This organization strives to uphold the principles of Scholarship, Service, Sisterhood, and Finer Womanhood both on and off the campus of Lander University. I was inducted on March 24, 2019, presented on March 30, 2019, and I am currently serving as the organization’s secretary.”

Sergio Bustos, University of Nevada Las Vegas, Senior: “I’ve had a great semester at UNLV. I’ve joined the Consolidated Students of The University of Nevada (CSUN) Student Government as Assistant Director of Elections. Together, with my fellow student body representatives, we traveled to the capital, Carson City, in February to lobby state lawmakers on behalf of the institution. For me, the future looks bright here in Nevada. I’ve been admitted to the Lee Business School to pursue a degree in information management and continue to pursue my many other opportunities in Las Vegas.”
Kevin Tian, Duke University, Junior: “This year I’ve had some really cool experiences at Duke. I’ve started taking Chinese for foreign language requirement and have really enjoyed the experience of learning about my own culture. I have continued my role as a design team member on HackDuke, an organization dedicated to planning and hosting two ideathons: Hack Duke hackathon in the fall and Ideate design conference in the spring.

“I also participated in the Duke tradition of tenting this spring and, despite a disappointing loss to UNC in Cameron stadium, it was an amazing opportunity to bond with my classmates and get to meet some new friends.

“My plans for the summer are mainly my software/design internship at a startup in the financial district in SF. After that, I will have a little downtime before I eventually make my way back to Duke campus to lead a STEM summer camp for Durham Public middle schoolers—something I did last fall and loved.”

Valerie Sandoval, Emory University, Senior: “Nothing in my college experience makes sense except in the light of Ultimate Frisbee. Before getting into Ultimate, I, like most people, didn’t think about it much and thought people who were really invested in it were kind of weird. It wasn’t until I started playing that I truly understood why those who play love it so much. Not only is it a fun sport, but the community that comes with it is very special. Ultimate players pride themselves in what’s known as the ‘spirit of the game,’ which encompasses good sportsmanship and camaraderie among both your teammates and opponents. I have met some of my best friends through Ultimate, and it’s truly an honor to be a part of such a passionate and dedicated community. This year, in particular, I really came into my own with the sport and have reflected how lucky I am to be a part of something that brings me so much joy.”

Isaac Lipe, Clemson University, Senior: “During my freshman year, I laid low and tried to figure the whole college thing out. This year though, I branched out and got involved in as much as I possibly could. On campus, I got involved with several academic organizations including the Student Affiliates of the American Chemical Society, the College of Science Student Ambassadors, and the College of Science Student Advisory Board. All of these organizations allowed me to get to know the current and future students within the College of Science and make changes to better the department.

“I took a job as a tutor with the Rise in Science and Engineering Living Learning Community. I plan to continue this job in the upcoming semester, as well as another job as a Supplemental Instruction Leader for Tri County Technical College. I also have had the opportunity to be an Undergraduate Teaching Assistant for the General Chemistry Lab. I joined a research team funded by the FDA that focuses on hydroxides and the effects it has on packaged foods. I
Jasmine Hunter, University of Notre Dame, Sophomore: “I will never forget my first year of college. I experienced much more in that one year than I have in most of my life. The beginning of first semester was definitely an adjustment period. I had to make new friends and figure out where I fit in on campus. Therefore, I decided to participate in different activities and clubs such as flag football and the Student International Business Council (SIBC). While playing flag football, I got to know many people from my dorm and develop great friendships. Also, participating in SIBC allowed me to work on my first consulting case with a team of other students that we later presented to Price Waterhouse Coopers in Chicago. I am very grateful that I had the ability to participate in both of these ventures during my first semester of college.

“Lastly, I travelled to Kijabe, Kenya, for two weeks in May to serve on a mission trip. The trip has inspired and motivated me to keep pursuing my end goal of being a pediatrician who travels the world doing medical work.

“My college experience has been better than I ever could have expected it to be. I love Clemson, and I am so proud to be a Tiger!”

Sarah Pennebaker, Georgia Institute of Technology, Sophomore: “My fall freshman semester began differently than the majority of my peers, as I left two weeks before the start of the semester to backpack in the Banff National Park with a couple of other future Georgia Tech students. That experience alone was beautiful and immensely rewarding; but that one trip held so many lessons that I carried with me through my first year.

“I was fortunate to serve on the board for a new organization at Georgia Tech called Students for One Health, which strives to connect the fields of public health and environmental policy. While this year I was able to oversee the administrative side of the organization as we pursued approval and funding for our organization, next year I will be able to start building a base for our club as the events director. The process reminded me of hours of training and prep work that had to be completed before even leaving the country for Banff.”
“One of my other major involvements over the past year was as the co-chair for the scholar symposium for the Stamps National convention. In this role, I was able to coordinate the event and assist with the selection process for scholars that presented their research to their fellow students. This was an incredible experience, as it allowed me to be able to explore some of the impressive research projects that undergraduate students across several universities have completed that are making ripples in their respective fields. This experience more closely mirrored the leadership role that I was able to take on in actually guiding the trek through the mountain pass on our final day. Though I was able to point the scholars on the right path, similarly to the way each peer had to carry their own pack and face the challenge, each scholar had already conquered their own mountain, and I was just along to guide them through a more intensive presentation.

“One of my other highlights from this year was beginning work in a research lab of my own. Working with Dr. Agarwall in the Natural Products research lab at Georgia Tech, I was first able to witness the progression of research projects at lab meetings and then see the process for myself as I began to analyze bacterial samples from culture to extraction to UV Spectroscopy data and look for evidence of novel natural product synthesis.

“Paralleling the challenge of climbing a mountain in the Canadian wilderness was one of the last adventures of my freshman year. In March, I headed to Peru to work with the Georgia Tech Catholic center and their partner, Bridges, in Pamplona, Peru. The vision our trip was to complete the retaining wall above the city that would protect homes in the valley from landslides and allow for the legal purchasing of land in the city. While working alongside the natives of Pamplona, I was able to hear firsthand why international mission work, when done right, is so important. Carmen, a girl about my age whom I met while working, was just like my little sister in terms of excitement about her future, academics, and the movies and music of which she was the biggest fan. Even in Pamplona where she had to travel a couple of hours every day just to make it to university, she was so grateful for the opportunities she had and ‘just wanted to support her family.’ As I was leaving on the last day, Carmen told me a simple thank you that will stay with me for a while. On the mountainside of Pamplona, they get a visitor maybe once every couple of months, and yet, Carmen told me that visits were what gave her hope and strength. Her words were that when we flew across the world to actually give our hands, our feet, our strength; we showed her community that we cared about them deeply enough to fly across the world. That knowledge—no matter how many skills and how much education I acquire, the most valuable thing I can do is show another human that they are loved—is something I carried with me back to the U.S.

“While I am striving to get into medical school so I can provide care to those in need, I have to keep in mind that whether it is in my family, community, or across the world, I have to be able to give myself and my time wholeheartedly before starting the journey towards medicine.”
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Weinstein, Danie ................... Travelers Rest, SC

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Albany State University
Brown, Elijah ....................... Augusta, GA

Alcorn State University
Tanksley, MaKayla ............... Hephzibah, GA

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Dugan, Jacob ...................... Greer, SC
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Mackey, Lydia ................... Piedmont, SC
Oue, Rachel ..................... Simpsonville, SC
Patrick, Hamilton ........... Donalds, SC
Reed, Addie ..................... Aiken, SC
Sanders, Makaria ............. Roebuck, SC
Simelk, Jess .................. Duncan, SC
Taylor, Sara .................. Greenville, SC
Waldrop, Kylie ................. Mauldin, SC
West, Lauren ................... Inman, SC

Appalachian State University
Scarafato, Kaley ................ Mauldin, SC

Asbury University
Cannon, Kimry ................. Duncan, SC

Athens Technical College
Williams, Reanna ............. Dewy Rose, GA

Auburn University
Burgess, Tessa ................. Aiken, SC
Carver, Jimmy ................. Aiken, SC

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Acree, Lillian ...................... Augusta, GA
Acuna-Robles, Jonathan ..... Grovetown, GA
Atwell, Destinee ............... Augusta, GA
Braddy, Nyia ...................... Louisville, GA
Brown, Klassyc ................. Augusta, GA
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Bryant, Jessica ................. Harlem, GA
Bryant, Ona .................. Crawfordville, GA
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Carpenter, Abigail ........ Dearing, GA
Cartledge, Shannon ............ Evans, GA
Chakraborty, Ananya ........ Martinez, GA
Chapman, Dallas ............. Augusta, GA
Chastain, Millicent ........... Lavonia, GA
Collins, Patrice .............. Grovetown, GA
Cosby, Stormie .................. Thomson, GA
Cox, St. Julian .................. Harlem, GA
Cummings, Claire ................. Grovetown, GA
De Vore, Taylor ............... Louisdville, GA
Derricott, Kailynn .......... Greensboro, GA
Dickens, Stormy ............... Dearing, GA
Donaldson, Sam ............. Thomson, GA
Evans, Collin .................... Augusta, GA
Everett, Victoria ................. Evans, GA
Frankenfield, Amber ......... Thomson, GA
Freitag, Ashley ................. Evans, GA
Gandhi, Anuj .................. Wrens, GA
Garcia, Emily .................. Evans, GA
Germann, Dominic .......... Augusta, GA
Gill, Jordan ..................... Louisdville, GA
Gladin, Abby ..................... Louisdville, GA
Grant, Josh ....................... Hephzibah, GA
Green, Kendall ................. Warrenton, GA
Grisco, Tynsley ................. Warrenton, GA
Hammond, Caroline .......... Evans, GA
Harper, Jhaimee .............. Grovetown, GA
Hatcher, Chan ................. Warrenton, GA
Hayes, Kinsi .................. Augusta, GA
Hicks, Alex ...................... Augusta, GA
Hill, Dyah ....................... Augusta, GA
Hohlwein, Alexis .......... Lincolnton, GA
Huffman, Stephanie ......... Harlem, GA
Hwang, Grace ................. Evans, GA
Jannu, Shreya ............... Louisdville, GA
Jannu, Sreshtha ............... Louisdville, GA

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Brevard College
Rogerson, Christian ............ Aiken, SC

Brewton-Parker College
Thompson, Peter ............... Thomson, GA

Brigham Young University
Hancock, Madi ................. Aiken, SC

Brown University
Forster, Aidan .................. Taylors, SC
McFall, Emma .................. Greenville, SC
Moore, Chris .................. Augusta, GA
Wingard, Yvonne .............. Augusta, GA

Catholic University of America
DeMars, Elizabeth ............ Spartanburg, SC

Centre College
Nayfa, Makrina ................. Spartanburg, SC

Charleston Southern University
Cannon, Jocelyn ............... Greenville, SC
Fulmer, Megan ............... Simpsonville, SC
Hill, Haeven ................. Lyman, SC
Jordan, Hunter ............... Aiken, SC
Lee, Lauren .................. Spartanburg, SC
Marshall, Grace .............. Taylors, SC
Shuler, Jared ................. Aiken, SC
Steel, Grace .................. Evans, GA

Claffin University
Chaffino, Jazmin .............. Hephzibah, GA
Cobb, Chesni ................ North Augusta, SC
Coverson-Springs, Matt ...... Warrenville, SC
Truly Bazzelle, Ivanna ... Wellford, SC
Williams, Leighton .......... Augusta, GA

Clark Atlanta University
Jones, Car-Tiana ............. Augusta, GA

Clayton State University
Chester, Mickey ............... Augusta, GA

Clemson University
Abadeer, Joe .................. Greer, SC
Anderson, Avery ............... Greer, SC
Anderson, Clay ............... Greer, SC
Atieh, Mary .................. Greenville, SC
Averitt, Louise ............... Greer, SC
Barry, Sophia ................ Spartanburg, SC
Bennett, Haley ............... Taylors, SC
Bostic, Reece ................. Aiken, SC
Brackett, Carson .......... Aiken, SC
Catoe, Thomas ............... North Augusta, SC
Chan, Tim .................. Spartanburg, SC
Chesbro, Dylan ............... Spartanburg, SC
Cleveland, Emily .......... Johnston, SC
Conway, Sean .......... Simpsonville, SC
Creswell, Lay .............. McCormick, SC
Crim, Julia .................. Edgefield, SC
Criss, Holly .............. North Augusta, SC
Davidson, Emily ............. North Augusta, SC
Davis, Cameron .............. North Augusta, SC
DeMass, Reid ................. Aiken, SC
Durden, Randee ............. Warrenville, SC
Durfee, Emma ................. Taylors, SC
Elvira, Abi .................. North Augusta, SC
Falous, Hanah ................. Taylors, SC
Farks, Alys .............. Travelers Rest, SC
Farks, Austin .............. Travelers Rest, SC
Farmer, Mandy ............... Greer, SC
Finley, Atty ............... Fountain Inn, SC
Fox, Anna ............... Greenville, SC
Franke, Louise ............... Spartanburg, SC
Frost, Stephen ............... Aiken, SC
Galindo, Pablo .............. Greenville, SC
Gantt, Chris ............... Simpsonville, SC
Garrison, Sam ............... Simpsonville, SC
Geer, Jon .............. Abbeville, SC
Gillespie, Walker ........... Spartanburg, SC
Glenn, Corey ................. Aiken, SC
Godfrey, Ben ............... Greenville, SC
Goodman, Khalil ............ Woodruff, SC
Gordon, Alexis .............. Edgefield, SC
Grabovskiy, Victoria .... Simpsonville, SC
Greene, Chavah .............. Aiken, SC
Gudakova, Yana ............. Inman, SC
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Hernandez, Dylan ............ Ridge Spring, SC
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Kendrick, Will ............ Spartanburg, SC
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Kisby, Ruth ................. Greer, SC
Kitchings, MarCaysia .... New Ellenton, SC
Klein, Zach ............... Aiken, SC
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LaGuardia, Sara ............ Simpsonville, SC
Langston, Sarah ........... Beech Island, SC
Laps, Hunter ............... Simpsonville, SC
Layden, Brynn ............... Aiken, SC
Lee, Taylor .......... Simpsonville, SC
Lewis, Amber ............... Graniteville, SC
Lipe, Isaac ............... Simpsonville, SC
Macias, Michiko ........... Beech Island, SC
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McAninch, Ethan ........... Travelers Rest, SC
McMahon, Micayla .......... Greenville, SC
Medley, Nick ............... Campobello, SC

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Campobello, SC
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Taylors, SC
Greer, SC
Martinez, GA
North Augusta, SC
Greenville, SC
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Converse, SC
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Greenville, SC
Abbeville, SC
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Mauldin, SC
Cowpens, SC
North Augusta, SC
Greer, SC
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Wadley, GA
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Wellford, SC
Augusta, GA
Louisville, GA
Greenville, SC
Spartanburg, SC
Johnston, SC
Greenville, SC
Abbeville, SC
Inman, SC
Boiling Springs, SC
Moore, SC
Bowman, GA
Greer, SC
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Thomas, Markel
O'Steen, Andrew
Mitrick, Blake
Johnson, Ty
Thomas, Emily
Taylor, Steven
Pham, Trina
Ray, Michael
Reeves, Morgan
Reid, Frankie
Rhodes, Philip
Richardson, Taylor
Rivera, Joseph
Rodriguez, Jose
Sandoval, Patrick
Saxe, Scott
Schneider, Tori
Summy, Taylor
Tan, Levi
Tan, Micah
Taylor, Steven
Thammana, Shreyaa
Thomas, Boyd
Thomas, Emily
Thomas, Markel
Thompson, Alexis
Tichenor, Harrison
Walker, Chris
Ward, Lucy
Watts, Tae
Webb, Tanner
Williams, Ryan
Williamson, Anthony
Windsor, Paul
Woodard, Bekah
Wright, Katie
Yelton, Christina
Yonce, Tres
Cleveland, SC
Aiken, SC
Greenville, SC
Greenville, SC
Greenville, SC
Spartanburg, SC
Converse, SC
North Augusta, SC
Greer, SC
Simpsonville, SC
Boiling Springs, SC
Augusta, GA
Columbia College
Heiser-Whatley, Jesi
Heiser-Whatley, Tori
Columbia International University
Haase, Heidi
Columbia University
Zhao, Candy
Schatz, Eva
Converse College
Aho, Adara
Birch, Taylor
Burger, Kyle
Cromer, Hayley
Reece-Henderson, Madison
Stamile, Adriana
Cornell University
Stokes, Grant
Covenant College
Bloxham, Olivia
Franks, Ashlyn
CUNY John Jay College of Criminal Justice
Spellman, Sydney
CUNY Lehman College
Lee, Chance
Dartmouth College
Evans, Matt
Fralick, Abbi
Davidson College
Hitzelberger, Jayden
Duke University
Derry, Jake
Doan, Isabelle
Enggasser, Rachel
Marlow, Jessica
Marsh, Kelly
McCain, Tommy
Price, Georgia
Suhag, Abhijay
Tian, Kevin
Trinh, Martin
West, Tobi
Yang, Annabelle
East Georgia State College
Martinez, Bryan
Bachels, Cole
Smith, Collier
Sowell, Kalieb
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University
Peck, Jason
Emory University
Blount, Christian
Chang, Angela
Chen, Ellen
Cooper, Jenna Grace
Ijeh, Amaka
Kang, Haejin
Kim, Joseph
Phillips, Erin
Sandoval, Valerie
Thompson, Fredrick
Erskine College
Marchant, Keeley
Emory University
Blount, Christian
Chang, Angela
Chen, Ellen
Cooper, Jenna Grace
Ijeh, Amaka
Kang, Haejin
Kim, Joseph
Phillips, Erin
Sandoval, Valerie
Thompson, Fredrick
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Norwood, Nick
Tucker, Fredericka
Florida Institute of Technology
Horne, Kirsten
Fort Valley State University
Bell, Brandi
Francis Marion University
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Hill, Quaisha
Furman University
Adrian, Addison
Alexander, Olivia
Anderson, Lindsey
Arlidge, Jesse
Cockrell, Andy
Cruz, Lucy
Friis, Sophie
Green, Jessica
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Witt, Khendra .................................... Mauldin, SC
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Kenney, Morgan .................................. Martinez, GA
McPherson, Kiana ................................ Keysville, GA
Neville, Hannah ................................... Thomson, GA
Newsome, Liam .................................... Gibson, GA
Ward, Iliana ....................................... Grovetown, GA
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Baxter, Marshall .................................. Augusta, GA
Beard, Mitchell .................................... Simpsonville, SC
Berge, Blake ....................................... Evans, GA
Bolick, Randall ................................... Augusta, GA
Bowles, Sara ...................................... Augusta, GA
Burkhardt, Zack ................................... Evans, GA
Bustos, Alex ....................................... Augusta, GA
Cai, Allen .......................................... Evans, GA
Casas, Carlo ...................................... Martinez, GA
Chawla, Rahul ..................................... Evans, GA
Chiu, Ian .......................................... Greer, SC
Choate, Caitlin .................................... Martinez, GA
Cross, Tyresius ................................... Washington, GA
D’Zio, Zachary ..................................... Augusta, GA
frails, Edward ..................................... Augusta, GA
Freeman, Evan ..................................... Evans, GA
Garner, Kate ........................................ Augusta, GA
Glaze, Kenny ....................................... Evans, GA
Guo, Hongyu ....................................... Augusta, GA
Hu, Eric .............................................. Martinez, GA
Khayyam, Christina .............................. Evans, GA
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These were the words of wisdom Michael A. Thomas, Jr., DMD, FAGD, delivered in a commencement address that brought his fellow 2009 Paine College graduates to their feet. The son of a storied high school basketball coach, Thomas was raised with the idea that “the race is never over,” he said. One victory only sets the stage for the next.

On Your Mark
Even before he wore the varsity basketball jersey from Thomson High, Thomas says that the sport dominated his early years. “My dad has been a high school basketball coach for thirty-seven years,” he says. “We couldn’t go anywhere without someone stopping us, and we always had to represent ourselves in a good way.” That meant not only being polite in public, but also putting good grades on the scoreboard. “With my dad as a coach, I always had to be in class and doing what I should be doing. If not, when I got home, it would not be good!” Thomas recalled with a laugh.

He also excelled on the court, helping the team cinch the regional championship his senior year.
But perhaps the most impactful experience occurred as part of a freshman-year health-occupation class. The curriculum focused on shadowing professionals in the medical field. Thomas spent time with a radiologist, an OB-GYN (his original career choice), and a dentist. This last rotation was all it took to change his career path forever. He remembers, “I saw him extracting teeth and watched him put a needle in someone's mouth and they didn't feel a thing. I thought that was so cool!”

This experience coupled with the fact that his cousin had recently graduated from dental school encouraged Thomas to pursue dentistry head on. “I knew it was possible,” he said.

When his high school class ended, he approached the dentist, Dr. Pickard, and asked if there was anything he could do around the office. He was hired for $5.25/hour and did everything from helping verify insurances to organizing the practice's paper charts.

Graduation took him to Paine College in Augusta, Georgia, where he received a full academic scholarship. He left basketball behind—“At that point in my life I realized that I wasn’t 6’3” and wasn’t going to the NBA,” he joked—and started on his path towards practicing dentistry.

**Get Set**

It was in college where Thomas really hit his stride. The former “quiet” high schooler served as both freshman and senior class president. He credits the institution's intimate size as a place that encouraged him to fulfill his potential. “At Paine, if they see you are special, they push you as far as you can go,” he said.

Where Thomas went was the Medical College of Georgia. During the four-year program, he put his brain and his hands to work. “We spent a lot of time developing our dexterity and eye coordination,” he said. This meant practicing on models to make the grade and eventually seeing patients. “It’s my job to make whoever is sitting in the chair to feel comfortable and calm and help them achieve ultimate health.”

When it came time to complete his residency, Thomas headed north to Bronx-Lebanon Hospital in New York. There, he “applied his skills in an advanced learning environment,” tackling everything from wisdom teeth extractions to crowns to veneers to even emergency trauma. “I enjoyed everything about it but the snow,” he said with a laugh.

**Go!**

After years practicing dentistry in Atlanta in both corporate and private practices, Thomas decided to hang up his own shingle in November 2018. Since then, it's been all about hiring a team, decorating (his wife called the shots there!), and building a patient base.

It's important to Thomas that patients have an “awesome experience,” which means that everything has been thought through from the paint colors and furniture to how the office smells to even the take-home items at the end of the exam (yes, he gives toothbrushes and floss but also thank-you cards and coupons for free workouts at a local gym). “We are growing in the right direction,” he says.

If all this doesn't do enough to set him apart, Thomas just received the Fellowship Award from the Academy of General Dentistry. Only six percent of dentists can claim such an honor, and it’s a testament to his dedication to his field, continuing education, and service. “I'm always trying to get better, learn, and do more,” he said.

It might just be time to move the finish line … again.
Who was Millard? Born in 1884 in Bitton in Gloucestershire, England, to Henry and Louisa Sanders Millard, Millard was the third of eight children. While his father worked as a porter for the railroad, he began his career around the age of 11 as an indentured apprentice in Bath, working for five years under a practicing woodcarver before becoming a full-fledged journeyman. By 1903, he immigrated to the United States, travelling across the continent to San Francisco where his sister had settled. But the Midwest, and particularly Cincinnati, was where work for a woodcarver was booming. By the 1880s, Cincinnati had become one of the largest centers for furniture manufacturing, and it wasn’t long after Millard arrived in the bustling city that he hung his shingle out on Pearl Street. At that time, there were over 100 woodcarvers working in the city. By 1943, thirty years later, there was only one, and he was closing shop and moving to Atlanta.

What was his deep connection to Atlanta? Philip Trammell Shutze. While we don’t know where they met, in 1926 Shutze specified Millard’s work for the Bobby Jones Room in the East Lake Golf Clubhouse. By 1928, Shutze commissioned him to create an elaborately carved wood-paneled library for Swan House, Edward and Emily Inman’s English Baroque-style mansion on Andrews Avenue. From that point on, his work was considered one of the hallmarks of a beautifully designed and well-appointed Atlanta home. In 1930, he chose Millard’s work to grace the Goodrum House staircase, created with deeply carved stair brackets inspired by the 1745 pattern book, *The British Architect by Abraham Swan*, along the living room fireplace, and the plaster cornucopia baskets and swags above the doors bursting with Southern flowers: magnolias, hibiscus, roses, yarrow, and morning glories. Typical of the practice while his name is linked to many great homes in Atlanta, Herbert Millard’s work is often admired anonymously. One of the first things visitors notice when they enter Goodrum House is the unusual Chippendale-style coral red balustrade with Georgian-inspired wood-carved stair brackets painted in soft warm grey. The urge to reach out and run your hand over them proves irresistible even with the admonition to “touch with your eyes and not with your hands!”
of working with architects, Millard created the carvings directly from Shutze’s drawings and specifications. In addition to the molds for the floral plaster ensembles in the living room, it’s likely he created the carved molds for both the plaster umbrella and ivy ceiling medallion and the cornice of scalloped arches adorned with bamboo and ivy in the dining room.

Restoration of Millard’s work at Goodrum House was carried out with meticulous attention to detail. Previously stripped of their original paint and spray-painted at a later date, not one of the stair brackets were fully intact. Bumped into over the years, each one was missing a number of elements—flower petals, Rococo flourishes, or tiny waterfalls carved out of linden wood. Each bracket was numbered, removed from the staircase, photographed, stripped, and then carefully sanded by Steve Tillander of Restoration Craftsmen. Next they were housed in Plexiglas boxes and sent to the woodcarver, Shawn Smart. Smart drew inspiration from the other brackets to recreate the missing piece. The brackets were painted in the studio and then replaced in their original positions.

Attention to the living room ornamentation was equally painstaking. Steve and Harold Tillander, together
with Keith Miller, spent eighteen months removing thirteen coats of paint from all the wall surfaces, including the fireplace mantel, cornices, and surrounding carvings above the doors. Minor repairs were made to the plaster overdoor surround going into the library and an area of the cornice above the northwest window where a fire had taken place probably in the 1950s. Paint analysis had been completed on the living room walls and ceiling in 2010, and the room was returned to its original 1930 “Delphinium Blue” walls and flesh-tone ceiling.

In 1943 with his acceptance of the daunting commission to create the Whitehead Memorial Room at Emory University Hospital, Millard decided to permanently relocate his family to Atlanta. Created in the style of Gringling Gibbons, an eighteenth-century woodcarver in England with whose work he was likely familiar, the entire room took over three years to complete. Throughout the 1950s and ’60s he continued to work on numerous projects throughout the Southeast. Finally, in 1972 at the age of 87, Millard was called upon by President and Mrs. Nixon to create ornamental plaster cornices and the ceiling medallion in the Blue Room of the White House. That same year he collaborated with architect Edward V. Jones on the carved paneling, doors and fireplace for the John Quincy Adams State Drawing Room at the State Department in Washington, D.C. His knowledge of eighteenth-century woodcarving and meticulous attention to his craft led to his reputation as a Master Woodcarver. Millard passed away on October 31, 1978, at the age of 94.
Thomas R. Cobb was a force unto himself during his lifetime and offered an opinion on nearly every topic or individual he came into contact with. Luckily for us, he was also a prolific correspondent, especially with his wife, Marion. Whether he was in Montgomery, Alabama, working on the Confederate Constitution or in Virginia commanding his Legion and Brigade, Cobb stayed in touch with his wife as often as possible. As such, his correspondence is of tremendous value not just on matters concerning himself, but also those whom he met.

One of those individuals was an important but rather obscure general Cobb was in close contact with during his brief two years in the army. John Bankhead Magruder was a West Pointer, graduating in the class of 1830. Soon after, he began a long and active military career, first against the Seminoles in Florida and then against Indians along the Western frontier. As an officer of artillery, Magruder fought with distinction during the Mexican War, where he was brevetted three times for gallant and meritorious conduct (being wounded in the capture of Chapultepec on 13 September 1847).

After the war with Mexico, Magruder went on to command the new American post in San Diego, followed time with his family traveling in France, Germany, and Italy, before returning to the United States to command the escort for the International Boundary Commission surveying the new border between the U.S. and Mexico.

Along the way, Magruder, according to his biographer, Thomas M. Settles, became known as “tall, handsome, flamboyant” with “impeccable manners and social brilliance.” To those closest to him, he was known as “Prince John,” a name that stuck with him his entire life.

With the outbreak of the Civil War, Magruder was living in Baltimore, and even though he, himself was not a slave owner, he declared himself a supporter of states’ rights. He resigned in April 1861 at the outbreak of war and was appointed colonel of Virginia Volunteers. Soon promoted to major general, Magruder became the third highest ranking officer in the Confederacy behind only Robert E. Lee and Joseph E. Johnston.

Commanding Confederate forces on the Peninsula in 1861, he distinguished himself as the victor in the war’s first battle at Big Bethel and then in his defense of Yorktown where, with just over 13,000 men, he successfully delayed George B. McClellan’s Union advance of 105,000 towards Richmond. Less successful for his participation in the Seven Days’ Battles where he failed to take advantage of several opportunities, he was widely accused of intoxication while in command. Transferred to the Trans-Mississippi Department, Magruder took command of the District of Texas, New Mexico, and Arizona, where he was again initially successful, recapturing the port city of Galveston and dispersing the Union blockade.

Here is where the whole story gets a little strange. Even though Magruder is among the most prominent soldiers of nearly three decades in this country’s military history and fought so bravely and successfully during the Civil War, the man left no diary, no memoirs, no personal correspondence, no will, and very little in the form of genealogical records. To present-day historians, Magruder is known for his flamboyant manner and dress, as well as the general reputation of a drunkard in battle. But was that the true summation of the man?

Now, when you come across first-hand accounts written by someone who actually knew the man, you take notice. And in our case, not only did Thomas R.R. Cobb come to know the man, but he fought under him. That gives Cobb’s correspondence on Magruder that much more significance.

With the mobilization of the Georgia Legion from their camp outside Richmond, Cobb arrived on the Peninsula in August 1861. On the twenty-third of the month, he wrote Marion as to the Legion’s final destination: “My impression now is that their destination will be Yorktown, or somewhere in Magruder’s command.”

Cobb’s first initiation into military matters was mixed with his new commander. “My cavalry has not come in,” he wrote Marion on September 19, “and I am satisfied from rumors that I hear that Genl. Magruder has stopped it at Williamsburg and ordered it into camp, thus dividing and destroying my command before I have well gotten it organized. I am determined not to submit to such an imposition and shall appeal to the President if necessary, to protect me from this outrage. I am puzzled to know what to do. My present intention is to start out for Williamsburg in the morning (where I hear it is) and see Genl. Magruder...”
“Old Magruder says I ought to be a General. I do not desire it. I am satisfied with my present command. By the by, I am much pleased with him. He is a fine officer, and in heart a noble man. He works day and night, and does not receive half the credit for which he is entitled. With a small force he has effectually scared the enemy off from an important post. By his active movements he has impressed them with the belief that he has a much larger force than his real strength. He has judiciously used all the guns furnished him to protect the long coast and has thrown up fortifications around Yorktown that render it almost impregnable. His plans for the defence of the Peninsula are Capital and his energy deserves all praise. I know of no other officer in the service, who with the same means has done so much and I know of none for whom the Government has done so little.”

As opposing forces in Virginia settled in for the coming winter, Magruder remained on edge, and as such, so too did his men. Cobb, for his part, was becoming somewhat frustrated with his commanding general’s near constant uneasiness. On December 20, Cobb wrote, “Genl. Magruder has issued another inflaming battle order. The old fellow injures himself with his men, by his unending alarms. They do him injustice, by doubting his courage. He is a brave man and a good officer. His fault is running off after one idea. He loses sight of every thing else till he rides his hobby to death.” Two weeks later, Cobb was finally seeing some relief in his superior’s frame of mind, writing, “Magruder’s sensation has passed away again & he is quiet now.”

The calm, however, was not to last as just five days later, Cobb was again reporting, “One word about Genl. Magruder. He is very excitable & worries us with his constant alarms but he is a good officer & would rather be under him than any man in the field. It is all stuff about his drinking. I know what I say and I want you, as my wife, to defend him from the charge whenever and wherever it is made.”

The speculation of Magruder’s drinking began to take hold within certain influential circles all the way to the top: “I am defending Magruder here in all circles,” Cobb reported a few days later, “for I find that more than half his friends even believe he is drunk half his time. I know I am right.”

With his poor showing during the Seven Days Battles, the writing was on the wall for Magruder: “Old Magruder made no reputation in these battles,” wrote Cobb. “He lost rather than gained. The poor old fellow was depressed by his situation, was sick, and I fear was drinking. I can but mourn over my old chief… Johnston and Lee and Smith and Longstreet have all been anxious to get rid of Magruder. Twice he has been ordered to the southwest and each time he begged off… A word about old Magruder; I don’t believe he was drunk on the battle-field and I think a court-martial will so decide. Whoever says old Magruder was drunk on the Peninsula at any time when I was with him, lies, and it would do me a great deal of good to say that to some of those creatures who are circulating lies around Athens about every patriot who is doing his duty… This morning I went to see the old General. He is very much cast down and has been treated shamefully. No charges are made against him and no accuser appears to prosecute him. He is not under arrest, but his command has been taken away and given to Genl. Holmes and he is ordered back in disgrace without ever having a hearing… Davis… charged Genl. Magruder with incompetency and thereupon, by telegraph, ordered him back. How different from the treatment he has extended to all his lickapittles! The general said that all he wished of me was simply to testify before a court of inquiry as to his conduct when I was with him on the Peninsula. I assured him that it would give me pleasure to give my opinion of him before any tribunal. He is a generous hearted old hero, and worth scores of the conceited puppies that are trying to crush him.”

In the end, Magruder was quietly shipped back to the Trans-Mississippi Department where he remained for the remainder of the war. Following the cessation of hostilities, Magruder went to Mexico where he established a colony of Southern exiles at Cordoba and joined the Imperial forces of Emperor Maximilian as a major general. He returned to the US in 1867 following Maximilian’s downfall, living in New York City and New Orleans, before moving to Houston. He died in 1871 in poverty and obscurity.
Organized in 1875 in Lampasas County, Texas, the Farmers’ Alliance was a fraternal organization dedicated to helping farmers maintain financial independence through endeavors such as cooperative purchasing, marketing, and a farm credit scheme called a sub-treasury. It was an agricultural rebellion against growing corporate greed. Membership was closed to lawyers, bankers, store clerks, cotton mill agents, grain merchants, warehouse operators, and African-American farmers. Black farmers founded their own organization in 1886, the Colored Farmers’ Alliance. One-fourth of all Alliance members were women.

By 1887, the Alliance reached Georgia, and by 1890, claimed 100,000 members in the state. Alliances ran cooperative stores, cotton warehouses, and cotton gins. In Atlanta, a state cooperative exchange formed to allow farmers to purchase supplies, such as farm equipment, at a discount. Sub-Alliances of the Colored Farmers’ Alliance were founded throughout Georgia’s cotton belt beginning in 1889. While it began as a Southern farm movement, the Alliance rapidly gained holds in the West and Midwest. The Alliance platform called for a graduated income tax, state ownership of the railroads, lower tariffs, and free coinage of silver.

The National Farmers’ Alliance and Industrial Union, as it was known in the 1890s, became a powerful lobbying and political force throughout the nation. Sub-Alliances at the state level would organize boycotts against tariffs and elect Alliance-friendly political candidates to local and state offices. In Georgia, Thomas Watson advocated for a successful boycott against the jute bagging cartel to force down prices.

“A trust had been formed in St. Louis to control the price of jute bagging, the necessary cover of the cotton bale. Day after day the price was pushed up, as we have seen done in so many other cases ... Heartily in sympathy with the producers, I at once wrote the call for the mass-meeting; and on the appointed day, the building was packed with excited humanity.”

Watson ran for the U.S. House in 1890 as a Democrat, but he ran on an Alliance platform. Given the power the Alliance now wielded, it was inevitable that a political party would coalesce from within. The People’s Party, or Populists, emerged in Kansas in 1892. Watson declared that it was not a rebellion so much as a Revolution! Many candidates, espousing Alliance principles, gained local, state, and national political offices through landslide election wins. Pressure from the Democratic Party and a failure to gain footholds in the industrial North siphoned political power from the Alliance and the Populist Party; both faded away by 1908.
Given that Hickory Hill was the home of such an ardent Alliance Man and advocate of the Old Pops, there was remarkably little in the collection to reflect the history of Alliance or the early Populist Party. Over the last decade, we have sleuthed out and acquired a variety of artifacts from the Alliance and the Pops from songsters to convention delegate ribbons. Look for these items when our political exhibit opens in 2020!
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Early in his career, Brown had an office in the White House when he served on the staff of Secretary of State James F. Byrnes. Brown’s enduring love for politics was eclipsed only by his respect for Jimmy Byrnes. Inspired in part by Byrnes’s philanthropy—which in 1948 established the James F. Byrnes Foundation—Brown created his own private Foundation in 1970. Named for Thomas E. Watson and J.J. Brown, the men to whom Brown attributed his success, the Watson-Brown Foundation today continues to ensure that hundreds of deserving students are provided the opportunity to excel at the college of their choice.