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Kennedy Broome, Junior, University of South Alabama: Going to college out-of-state where I didn’t know anyone and would be hours from home, friends, and family took a huge leap of faith for me. My freshman year was a significant transition period for me, but once I got the hang of things and into a routine, I began to thrive academically in my new environment. I loved my classes, professors, and campus, and pushed myself to make only the best grades. I was so proud of myself for my educational accomplishments, but I still felt like something was missing. I wasn’t having the fun and exciting “college experience” that everyone wants and expects when they go off to school. I didn’t belong to any clubs, have a big group of friends, and I longed for that sense of community and company.

The summer before sophomore year, after much consideration and back-and-forth with myself, I took another leap of faith and registered for Panhellenic sorority recruitment for the upcoming semester. I thought that it wasn’t for me, I wouldn’t fit in, or it would be a complete waste of money to join a sorority. The vast majority of students join as a freshman, so being a sophomore and older, I felt even more self-conscious signing up. But the hope that I would meet friends, belong to something, and make the most out of my college experience exceeded my insecurities. I went through the long, tiring, and nerve-racking process of recruitment and had a million more
thoughts of doubt, but I stuck it out until the end, and now I am so happy that I did. I became a new sorority member and pledged Phi Mu. Now, I have found my community, and my friends share my same morals, values, and standards. My sorority encourages only academic excellence, and that has further pushed me and helped me to achieve success in all of my classes. I have also become so involved on campus and in my community because of Phi Mu’s initiative to volunteer and serve.

I have gotten the opportunity to compete in a dance competition which raised $30,000 in one night for the Make-a-Wish Foundation. I have volunteered in hosting a Corn Hole for Kids tournament, Cheesin’ for Children dinner, and many different events that my sorority organizes for our philanthropy, Children’s Miracle Network Hospital. Being a nursing major, our philanthropy is so close to my heart and it is the best feeling knowing I am supporting and working for such a worthy cause. Without Phi Mu, I wouldn’t have gotten the opportunity or taken the initiative to volunteer and serve in that capacity. Before joining, I was just looking to make friends and have fun, but my sorority has given me so much more. I now have friends that are my family away from home who encourage me in life, in school, and most importantly, in faith. I have found my sense of belonging, community, and so much more. I feel like I am serving a purpose and doing good being a part of something bigger than myself. My college experience has become far more fulfilling and gratifying since joining a sorority. Even with the pandemic and current situation in the world, my sorority still keeps us connected and provides resources for anyone in need. Since my sophomore year got cut short, I am missing college, but I am taking advantage of this extra time at home with family and taking time for myself before school starts back. I am equally as nervous and excited to return because I will be starting nursing school, but I know that it is just my next leap! I can’t believe I am halfway through my undergraduate career. I am ready to see what the next two years hold for me!

Jorrian Abadeer, Sophomore, Clemson University: The past year has been interesting. During the first semester, I learned from a graduate student’s lab work in microfluidics and helped conduct some of the experiments that she and her mentor needed to do. I was involved in a table tennis club and did intramural indoor soccer with my roommate and a few others I met along the way. Though I have not yet participated in a study abroad or internship, I plan to become involved in those in the near future as I hope to attend medical school after my undergraduate coursework is complete. This past semester was also interesting although for different reasons; much of class was held virtually. Though our institution had prepared us somewhat for such an event in the sense that we had several “e-learning” days, none of us ever thought that a situation would arise where we would become dependent on it! Furthermore, since I am limited to the walls of my house for the time being, I plan on using this summer for reading course material that will be used in the next semester. In any case, I thank God for all He has blessed me with and pray for those who are directly affected by the virus to have a speedy and safe recovery.

Tahiya Anwar, Junior, University of Georgia: Coming into sophomore year, I didn’t have many expectations nor did I have many plans. Somehow it turned into one of the most unforgettable years. I became more involved in two organizations, one being the Medical Business Association (MBA). MBA helped me learn more about my career path and explore opportunities that I didn’t even realize were available. Our advisor for the organization is also a public health professor and an advisor for a study abroad trip. The trip was about comparative healthcare systems in Europe. I decided I wanted to go on the trip since the topic was exactly what I was interested in and wanted to learn more. It might not sound like much, but I grew up sheltered and never really went on “adventures.” I would have never imagined
going on a study abroad trip. There were so many complications that surrounded me going on the trip, the biggest being paying for it, but I got two jobs and started saving up. In the end, the trip got canceled, but that didn’t disappoint me too much. This experience showed me that opportunities will come up and I shouldn’t be afraid to take them just because they are unplanned.

Ania Bledsoe, Senior, Augusta University: My junior year of college was amazing! I started nursing school, and I feel so proud and accomplished. I have met amazing classmates, nursing professors and patients. I feel so confident and excited about taking care of patients. My most memorable experience this year was being able to witness and assist with my first delivery! It was such an exciting experience, and I am so grateful to be on this journey towards becoming a labor and delivery nurse. I cannot wait to complete my last year of nursing school this upcoming fall, and I am so grateful for the Watson-Brown Foundation for making my dreams come true by funding my college education!

Ian Chiu, Sophomore, Georgia Institute of Technology: As a freshman, I have not really had the opportunity to study abroad. As a freshman architecture student, I also do not have many internship opportunities, as those as typically for third- or fourth-year students. Though these opportunities have not yet opened up to me, the world of college itself was a new opportunity for me this year. Familiarizing myself with this seemingly vast world was necessary before I opened it further, and become familiar with it I did. When I first moved into Georgia Tech, the campus physically felt huge. Thanks to an unreliable bus system and the fact I just enjoy walking anyways, my daily treks from my dorm on the far west side of campus to my classes and from my classes to each other took me all the way across campus to the far east side. By the end of two semesters of this routine, the campus actually felt small.

I excelled in my classes, maintaining a 4.0 GPA and receiving Faculty Honors. In high school, I had spent all four years in the tight-knit community of my speech and debate team. Moving forward from such a great community seemed a daunting challenge, but I made fast friends with my suitemates, architecture peers, and joined Filmmakers@GT, a student filmmaking club. Though perhaps not my “greatest” accomplishment this year as it was not part of a competition or academic, the student film I made with my friends in Filmmakers is what I am most proud of. Oddly enough, I found that my academic pursuits in architecture and my leisure pursuits in filmmaking were similar. Both were long periods of calm with short spurts of work in between that spanned the day late into the night. Just as I had the comfort of my architecture friends working alongside me past midnight in the studio, I had the comfort of my film crew at the late-night shoot.

Just as the campus grew small, cozy, and familiar to me, the pandemic struck. We all watched and waited as Georgia Tech, the University System of Georgia, and Georgia as a state took a long time to make a decision, and continued watching and waiting as this decision flip-flopped once it was made. The move-out process constantly changed with no notice before it did. Fortunately, I live a little under two hours away from Tech, so I did not have to struggle with coming and going the way that my friends that live across the country or in another country did. Though the institution as a whole fumbled the transition, my teachers gracefully and flawlessly handled the transition to online classes. I had hoped to participate in an internship or work this summer, but with the pandemic, most opportunities were canceled. Likewise, I will not be doing much traveling. To make use of my time while still maintaining quarantine, I am taking some online classes over the summer.
Rebecca Fleming, Sophomore, Lander University: This year I did not get to join any clubs but I did participate in tutoring. I got to tutor other students in three different subjects: theater 201, information 101, and sociology 101. I actually got in touch with a special facility that helps kids with autism that cannot go to “normal school” but due to COVID-19 I was not able to start my internship. The thing that has surprised me the most is the amount of care the professors have for students. All of my teachers tried everything to get students to understand and most teachers did three to four surveys to see what students wanted. During the summer I plan to get a job to save up for college. My first year was a little rough but for the most part I loved it. My grandfather was taken to the hospital in October for breathing problems which were resolved but while he was there for three days, I sat with him in the mornings until my mom got off work to sit with him during the afternoon. He hates being alone even at his house so leaving him alone at the hospital was not an option. On a happier note, my little cousin had a baby in December, a little girl she named Amber. So, my freshman year was a roller-coaster.

Corey Green, Senior, Georgia State University: I am proud that I definitely did better than last semester. I know I’m not the most perfect student, but I am still determined to succeed. I’ve registered to retake a few classes just to repeat and replace my lower courses and improve my GPA. Life continues to surprise me with new adventures and overall, this semester has been full of growth.

I do have a few highlights that I am proud to speak of. I was able to work with MSNBC for four days on Tyler Perry Studios. I worked as a debate stand-in, and I got the opportunity to watch the Democratic Debate live in the audience. I’ve been able to do some cool freelance work, as well. I launched my own freelance podcast writing service. Also, I’ve gotten a couple interviews with CNN and I’m hoping to land an internship. With all of the peaks and valleys, I still look forward to the future with my head held high.

Grayson Kirkland, Sophomore, Anderson University: My freshman year at Anderson University was a memorable one for sure. I was able to make the Dean’s List both semesters on campus and during the unforeseen transition to online learning due to the virus.
While on campus, I was able to meet amazing people that I will be able to call my forever family. Thanks to the school’s dedication to growing its students’ faith, I was really able to take ownership of my Christian faith and mature as an overall person. In the classroom as a graphic design major, my artistic abilities were put to the test and my professors helped me understand how to truly stretch my creativity to be able to create something that is not only unique but to create things that also serve a purpose.

I am a part of the spikeball team on campus and am working diligently with some of my fellow teammates to obtain funding from the school to make it the first sport to become a club. Going through this process has been a learning opportunity that I can take with me once I graduate. It is very much like a business deal and you have to be able to show the board what they can get out of the club and what the students who will participate will get out of the club. This year, Anderson’s spikeball teams did well against big-name schools such as Clemson University, the University of South Carolina, the University of Georgia, and many others. I was a part of the co-ed division and my partner and I tied in second place at a tournament hosted by the University of South Carolina. Anderson’s spikeball team was also able to host its very own tournament on campus for the first time. With the direction of a passionate upperclassman, we were able to host a tournament that students from many different state universities came and participated in, thus getting our program’s name out there and that we are a force to be reckoned with in the upcoming years as such a young program.

My plans for this summer are quite busy, that is for sure. I am taking summer courses so that when I return to campus in the fall, I can direct all my focus on the courses that deal with my major and my minor, marketing. In addition to taking classes, I am working at a local barber spa that has been setting the standard on how to reopen and operate a business and navigating the new guidelines given by the CDC. The owner has published many articles and has been recognized worldwide for her strives in innovation and how to operate a small business with the new global changes. I am also interning at my home church through its youth department. Right now is a difficult time and students are confused and stressed about the steps to come. With my internship, I am able to talk with students and really get to know their hearts and help guide them through this difficult time.

Looking back on my freshman year of college and reflecting on who I was before and who I am now, I am thankful to Watson-Brown for helping me be able to have this experience and be able to continue growing.

**Daniel Roush Jr., Junior, Augusta University:** The 2019-2020 school year was filled to capacity and quite exciting for me. It began with a crash course in patience and adaptability, as renovations for Augusta University’s music building were not yet complete. As a result, students and faculty had to keep calm and carry on without certain niceties such as restrooms, half of the classrooms, and faculty offices (where students take their private lessons). But our brand-new state-of-the-art recital hall was worth the slight inconveniences! I also received many exciting performance opportunities this year. In January, I had the opportunity to perform with college singers from across Georgia as part of the GMEA (Georgia Music Educators Association) All College Chorus. In February, I participated in Augusta University’s production of “The Scythe of Time”, a dark comedy musical fresh off of Broadway. The highlight of this production was being able to work personally with the...
musical’s songwriter, Mark Swanson. Ten days later, the University Singers (AU’s main choir of which I’m a member) performed the premiere work, “The Notebooks of Leonardo Da Vinci” by Jocelyn Hagen. As March rolled in, I was preparing for Southeast regional NATS (National Association for Teachers of Singing), a nationwide vocal performance competition and a major role in the AU Opera Initiative’s production of “Rossini’s La Cambiale di Matrimonio”. Suddenly, COVID arrived with other plans for the department. Fortunately, NATS was able to quickly convert auditions to an online format, and I placed third in the Classical category for the Southeast Region.

I didn’t realize how much I would miss my chaotic yet fulfilling schedule, as well as my interactions with my amazing teachers, vocal coaches, and classmates. But I’m looking forward to the next year, which will be here soon, and what it has in store.

Emily Thomas, Junior, Clemson University: Sophomore year was a year of growth for me. I have explored three different majors in my time at Clemson, and I have landed on genetics with a minor in economics. The next step will be to decide if I’d like to go to graduate or professional school, and I’m currently looking at programs such as medical school, pharmacy school, law school, and a master’s program in genetics so that I could be a genetic counselor. I joined the Alpha Delta Pi sorority and have made lots of friendships and found a sisterhood that challenges me and holds me accountable. It has also been helpful to have older sisters as resources to help guide me along my educational path in college.

Above all, the most rewarding part of sophomore year was the opportunity to serve as the fundraising chair for the Clemson Intercollegiate Eventing Team. The Eventing Team is one of Clemson’s equestrian teams. It is a designated Independent Student Organization. The team members compete together several times a semester at nationally recognized events as preparation for Intercollegiate Championships in May. Unfortunately, our spring season got cut short this year, but we have all been working hard since school ended and are ready to come back strong in the fall! As fundraising chair, I was responsible for coordinating three large fundraisers per year, each bringing in over $1,000. I enjoyed planning and executing the events, and it was a great leadership experience for me. This year, I will serve as the treasurer of the team.

Emily Thomas
The Watson-Brown Foundation hosted its annual Scholars’ Day event on May 8, 2021, to honor the newest scholarship recipients. This fall semester, 260 new scholars will attend over 70 different colleges and universities across the country! These new scholars will be joining our 710 current recipients.

The foundation received over 1,000 applications from the designated 23 counties of Georgia and South Carolina. New recipients averaged a 1,240 SAT score (combined math and verbal) and a 27 ACT composite score. Scholars come from a variety of backgrounds and will be pursuing a variety of majors, such as computer science, journalism, business, environmental science, culinary arts, and many more.

Due to the pandemic, Scholars’ Day was a bit different this year. With no formal speeches or program scholarship recipients and their families were able to enjoy a more casual atmosphere. This resulted in more conversation between guests and more time to explore the beautiful grounds of Hickory Hill. Lower-than-average temperatures and a cool breeze aided in the relaxed feeling of the event.

Congratulations to the 2021-2022 Watson-Brown Foundation scholarship recipients. Welcome to the family!

Abilene Christian University
Adrian, Christian .................... Moore, SC

Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College
Gay, Zachary ...................... Gibson, GA
Olalde Palacios, Jose ............. Rayle, GA
Stewart, Rebekah ................. Bowersville, GA
Townsend, Garston .............. Washington, GA
Winns, Keshon .................... Waynesboro, GA

Agnes Scott College
Aufero, Ansley .................... Martinez, GA
Boone, Kathrine ................... Augusta, GA
Fitzer, Noah ..................... Greenville, SC
Greene, Jazmyne .................. Martinez, GA
Taylor, Octavia ................... Augusta, GA
Weinstein, Danie ................. Travelers Rest, SC

Alabama A&M University
Washington, Jarvis ............... Augusta, GA

Albany State University
Kendrick, Brianna ............... Augusta, GA
Pollard, Cerise .................. Grovetown, GA

American University
Abbas, Alia ....................... Simpsonville, SC

Anderson University
Craig, Cade ...................... Landrum, SC
Cummings, Jack ............... Greenville, SC
Dugan, Jacob .................... Greer, SC
Jones, Maggie .................. Greenville, SC
Kirkland, Grayson ............. North Augusta, SC
Mackey, Lydia ................... Piedmont, SC
McDonald, Abby ............... Simpsonville, SC
Milby, Bethany ................. Greer, SC
Mozingo, Clara ................... Greenville, SC
Nault, Chloé .................... North Augusta, SC
Oue, Rachel ..................... Simpsonville, SC
Saadati, Christa ................. Mauldin, SC
Sanders, Makaria .............. Roebuck, SC
Saul, Jenna ..................... Aiken, SC
Smith, Chloe .................... Sardis, GA
Waldrop, Kylie .................. Simpsonville, SC
Woodard, Abigail .............. Travelers Rest, SC

Asbury University
Cannon, Kimberly ............. Duncan, SC

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

Augusta University
Acuna-Robles, Jonathan .... Grovetown, GA
Almeter, Lawrence .......... Dearing, GA
Atwell, Destanee .......... Augusta, GA
Brown, Cori ..................... Augusta, GA
Brown, Klassy ................. Augusta, GA
Brown, Vanessa ............... Lincolnton, GA
Brunkow-Schnell, Gabriel ..... Augusta, GA
Bryant, Ona .................. Crawfordville, GA
Bussey, Kalyb ................. Norwood, GA
Chapman, Dallas .......... Evans, GA
Cole, Montana-Grace ......... Gibson, GA
Cooke, Wesley ............... Lincolnton, GA
Dickens, Stormy .............. Dearing, GA
Dzin, Ajla ...................... Evans, GA
Everett, Victoria ............ Evans, GA
Frankenfield, Amber ......... Thomson, GA
Frazier, Marquis ............. Hephzibah, GA
Freitag, Ashley .......... Evans, GA
Germann, Dominic ............ Augusta, GA
Germann, Rebecca ........... Augusta, GA
Germann, Ruth ................ Augusta, GA
Gill, Jordan .................. Louisville, GA
Gleason, Noel ............... Augusta, GA
Grant, Josh .................. Hephzibah, GA
Green, Kendall .......... Warrenton, GA
Griseo, Tyndsey .......... Warrenton, GA
Hadden, Braz ............... Gibson, GA
Hale, Caleb ................... Augusta, GA
Hale, Joshua .................. Augusta, GA

Scholarship Recipients
Evans, GA
Greenville, SC
North Augusta, SC
Due West, SC
Washington, GA
Augusta, GA
North Augusta, SC
Augusta, GA
Appling, GA
Augusta, GA
Simpsonville, SC
Spartanburg, SC
Greer, SC
Mauldin, SC
North Augusta, SC
Spartanburg, SC
Inman, SC
Inman, SC
Greer, SC
Simpsonville, SC
Abbeville, SC
Evans, GA
Greer, SC
Travelers Rest, SC
Boiling Springs, SC
Augusta, GA
Inman, SC
Travelers Rest, SC
Johnston, SC
Taylors, SC
Taylors, SC
Simpsonville, SC
Greenville, SC
Augusta, GA
Greer, SC
Augusta, GA

Scholarship Recipients: The Legacy

Thab-Sila, Jessica
Shay, Kelly
Purcell, Nicole
Hohlwein, Alexis
Hicks, Alexandria
Hatfield, Pierre
Lever, Rhett
Libby, Madelyn
Lively, Sarah
Logan, Folasade
Markwell, Baylee
McGrath, Michael
Mercier, Ryanna
Moore, Tiffanie
Moss, Jade
Nicols, Steven
Nunez, Jesselin
Outlaw, Rashelle
Purcell, Nicole
Roush Jr., Danny
Santos, Alexis
Shay, Kelly
Swint, Shelton
Thab-Sila, Jessica
Thompson, Clarissa
Veldboom, Makenzy
Velez, Daniela
Weaver, Joshua
Weeks, Chloe
Wigginton, Kristen
Williams, Kate
Wills, Grace
Yelton, Luke
Bob Jones University
Darling, Lucas
Dodds, Anna
Williams, Malachi
Hancock, Lia
Hancock, Madi
Brown University
Forster, Aidan
McFall, Emma
Moore, Chris
Charleston Southern University
Davis, Jared
Fulmer, Megan
Hill, Haevan
Lee, Lauren
Marshall, Grace
Shuler, Jared
Swift, Anya
The Citadel
Parcell, Colton
Powell, Zane
Cluffin University
Chaffino, Jazmin
Williams, Leighton
Clayton State University
Grace, Destiny
Lester, Vernisia
Clemson University
Abadeer, Joe
Abdallah, Majd
Abdelnabi, Rund
Adams, Will
Anderson, Avery
Andre, Kwame
Atieh, Jean-Charles
Atieh, Mary
Averitt, Louise
Barry, Sophia
Bennett, Haley
Bolt, John
Bostic, Reece
Brabham, Truman
Brown, Henry
Bryant, Elise
Burgs, Keely
Carter, Brandon
Catoe, Thomas
Chaves, Maria
Cheves, Allie
Cleveland, Emily
Creswell, T'Laeya
Crim, Julia
Dakhilliah, Samer
Davidson, Emily
Day, Katy Neal
Dimitrov, Daniel
Doster, Sarah
Durden, Randee
Durfee, Emma
Falsoh, Hanaa
Farkas, Austin
Farmer, Amanda
Filler, Stuart
Finley, Atty
Flynn, Ryan
Fox, Jonathan
Frisco, Louis
Franke, Louise
Fulmer, Matilyn
Galindo, Pablo
Gamble, Jordon
Gillespie, Walker
Glenn, Corey
Godfrey, Benjamin
Godfrey, Louis
Grabovskiy, Victoria
Greene, Chavah
Gudakova, Yana
Hamrick, Luke
Harris, Cristian
Hatchell, Emma
Hedden, Phillip
Hernandez, Dylan
Herrin, Gracie
Holmes, Kyndra
Hughes, Zoe
Hussain, Nayha
Huynh, Haley
Jeffares, Maddie
Johnson, Samantha
Jones, Ashley
Jones, Nathan
Kendrick, Will
Kent, Arwen
Kieu, Linda
Kisby, Ruth
Kolak, Haley
Ladousier, Noah
LaGuardia, Sara
Landis, Garret
Langston, Sarah
Laps, Hunter
Lea, Kayla
Lee, Alfred
Lee, Taylor
Levesque, Jacob
Lewis, Amber
Logan, Saylor
Lowe, Chapman
Mason, Nathaniel
McConnell, SC
Barnard College
Burton, Elizabeth
Belmont Abbey College
Kelley, Abigayle
Belmont University
Clatt, Brooke
Benedict College
Moore, Naloni
Benedictine College
Armstrong, Andrew
Bentley University
Herrera Gutierrez, Daniella

The Legacy
Scholarship Recipients

Columbia College
- Heiser-Whatley, Jessica . . . . Greer, SC
- Heiser-Whatley, Victoria . . . . Greer, SC

Columbia International University
- Haase, Heidi . . . . Simpsonville, SC

Columbia State University
- Martin, Rakaiya . . . . Martinez, GA

Converse College
- Aho, Adara . . . . Campobello, SC
- Camargo, Nathaly . . . . Greer, SC
- Ferretiz, Larissa . . . . Spartanburg, SC
- Godfrey, Sierra . . . . Spartanburg, SC
- Henderson, Ryleigh . . . . Spartanburg, SC
- Reece-Henderson, Madison . . . . Wellford, SC
- Stamil, Adriana . . . . Roebuck, SC
- Waller, Kerrigan . . . . Simpsonville, SC

Cornell University
- Stokes, Grant . . . . Augusta, GA

CUNY John Jay College of Criminal Justice
- Spellman, Sydney . . . . Taylors, SC

Dartmouth College
- Evans, Matthew . . . . Spartanburg, SC
- Fralick, Abigail . . . . North Augusta, SC

Davidson College
- Hitzelberger, Jayden . . . . Greenville, SC
- Nance, Jr., Delario . . . . Roebuck, SC

Duke University
- Enggasser, Rachel . . . . Greenville, SC

East Georgia State College
- Jones, Brantley . . . . Waynesboro, GA
- Rachels, Coleman . . . . Louisville, GA

Elon University
- Beggs, Jenny . . . . Lincolnton, GA

Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University
- Hughes, Macey . . . . North Augusta, SC

Emmanuel College
- Perkins, Nathan . . . . Washington, GA

Emory University
- Bian, Samantha . . . . Evans, SC
- Chang, Angela . . . . Evans, GA
- Emerson, Blase . . . . Evans, GA
- Jiang, Winni . . . . Duncan, SC
- Phillips, Erin . . . . Greenville, SC
- Taylor, Lillian . . . . Simpsonville, SC

Erskine College
- Robertson, Jerry . . . . Greenville, SC
- Webster, Stephan . . . . Graniteville, SC

Eugene Lang College The New School
- Moore, Rebecca . . . . Aiken, SC

Fisk University
- Clement, Shaniya . . . . Greenville, GA

Florida A&M University
- Tucker, Fredericka . . . . Aiken, SC

Florida State University
- Poorvin, Brayden . . . . North Augusta, SC

Fort Valley State University
- Goodwin Jr., Dion . . . . Hephzibah, GA
Francis Marion University
Aldrete, Dalisay .................... Aiken, SC

Franklin Olin College of Engineering
Robertson, Madeline .................. Greenville, SC

Furman University
Anders, Alexa ........................ Taylors, SC
Brown, Louisia ........................ Taylors, SC
Cockrell, Andrew ..................... Spartanburg, SC
Cruz, Lucy ............................ Greenville, SC
Hill-Mims, Jaeyden .................... Greenville, SC
James, Olivia ........................ Cleveland, SC
Johnson, Xavier ........................ Greer, SC
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Brooks, Jaylon .......................... Augusta, GA
Brooks, Phoebe .......................... Thomson, GA
Cave, Elizabeth ........................... August, GA
Climons, Nariah ......................... Washington, GA
Denard, Emily ........................... Washington, GA
Dent, Corbyn ............................. Thomson, GA
Johnson, Alison .......................... Stapleton, GA
Kenney, Morgan .......................... Martinez, GA
Mobley, LaBrand ........................ Thomson, GA
Newsome, Liam ........................... Gibson, GA
Teigen, Madeline ........................ Evans, GA
Ward, Ilina ............................... Grovetown, GA
Weekley, McKenzie ........................... August, GA

Georgia Institute of Technology
Abdelnur, Dahlia ............................ Martinez, GA
Bailie, Donald .............................. Evans, GA
Baxter, Marshall ......................... Augusta, GA
Beale, Desmond .......................... Wrens, GA
Beard, Mitchell .......................... Simpsonville, SC
Berge, Blake .............................. Evans, GA
Bolick, Randall ............................ Augusta, GA
Burkhardt, Zack .......................... Evans, GA
Bryne, Mathew ............................. Augusta, GA
Cai, Allen ................................. Evans, GA
Casas, Carlo ............................... Evans, GA
Chawla, Rahul .............................. Evans, GA
Chen, Brian ............................... Lincoln, GA
Chiu, Ian ................................. Greer, SC
Cross, Tyreus ............................... Washington, GA
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This fall, Bennett Lunn will move from his home state of South Carolina to New York City to attend law school at Columbia. He'll swap streets lined with live oaks for sidewalks, take subways and perhaps stop taking his tea sweet. It will be quite the education, but for a young man who is focusing his career on equity in the classroom, he hardly minds. “The one thing I want to do is help people,” he began. “There are schools in every community in America. Education touches everyone.”

Bennett is from Aiken, just outside the city limits. Horses and farms filled the landscape of his youth, and the days were long and quiet. “Sir” and “ma’am” are part of his lexicon, and even though his parents were transplants from Connecticut, Bennett was born and raised in the Palmetto State, grew to appreciate the geographical diversity from the Piedmont to the Pee Dee, and even defended shrimp and grits as the best state dish at a Youth Leadership Council meeting in D.C. while in high school.

In fact, high school was when his serious interest in education as a profession began. During his senior year, changes imposed by a new superintendent caused around twenty teachers to quit. Even though he was just a student, Bennett saw firsthand the massive impact that education policy can have on the system and suddenly he saw a new career path in front of him. He said, “I was confident, so I thought in my head that I’d be a lawyer.” But the education focus was new. “If you think of how education has evolved in this country, it’s always linked closely to the law. I knew that law could be used for change.”

As a student at the University of South Carolina, Bennett was able to declare his own major—pre-law with a focus in education policy—and build a degree that worked towards his specific path. His coursework taught him how legal decisions have shaped not only what we learn but how we learn it, who has access to the best education, and, most pivotal, why. “Education is where the government exerts the most influence on its people, and it starts when we are young,” he said. “There are value claims baked into the curriculum, and it shapes our cultural identity. The stakes are very high in education, especially in relation to economic justices. We learn the principles of right and wrong … how does that look outside of the classroom?”

During his time at USC, he was involved in student government, was a resident mentor for an all-male dorm, interned for the attorney general of South Carolina, and even worked on Capitol Hill for House Majority Whip James Clyburn. “Being able to walk into that building...”
every day, it was a surreal experience, it was an intense lifestyle, but the work was phenomenal.”

During his junior year, he was selected as a Truman Scholar, only one of sixty-two in the country. For the past year, Bennett has been serving as a Truman-Albright fellow with the Institute of Education Sciences, reviewing grant research. While the office is based in D.C., due to the pandemic he has been working remotely. “It gave me more time with my family,” he began, “and my dad put me to work on all kinds of projects around the house before I moved out.”

In many ways, for many reasons, 2020 has given him increased purpose and passion for his future work. “I would say that this past year has motivated me more than anything,” he said. “The protests, the riots, the inclination towards conspiracy, if anything can help us understand each other, it’s education. The ability to read, critically think, and synthesize information allows us to entertain and tolerate ideas that may be different than our own.”

He also believes that education relates to social justice and policy. “Education happens in concert with other social safety nets. If you’re hungry, you can’t think in class.” Remote learning tragically highlighted this fact when the millions of children who depend on free or reduced school meals were in danger of going without. On the flipside, there are examples of remote learning actually creating increased access to learning opportunities. Bennett said, “In South Carolina, AP classes were available to schools that haven’t previously been able to fund them.”

Education policy, according to Bennett, is elementary. “Who we are and will be is crystallized at a young age, so if you invest in the K-12 system, you get compounding interest that pays off in better communities, better citizens.”

Three years from now, when he completes his law degree, he’ll be a seasoned New Yorker, experienced in commuting in the snow and finding the solace of greenspace amid the cityscape on a warm summer day. But he’s pretty sure that all the hustle is no match for a porch swing on Sunday. He has every intention to return to the South—after all, there is a lot of work to do. “Education in South Carolina could keep me busy for a long time,” he said.
Living room mantel with a pair of cornucopia
In October 2020, the Watson-Brown Foundation had the wonderful opportunity to acquire a large cache of items original to the home from the descendants of Consuelo Abreu, stepdaughter of May Abreu. What began with a quick question about the color of a few of the original porcelain cornucopia vases became a detailed hunt for not only porcelains, but furniture as well.

We now have chairs original to the house, three of which have remnants of original fabric. A lovely Adam-style game table is now displayed in our living room with a 1920s Mahjong set ready for play. A pair of Spode plates had original labels affixed to the back, indicating a probable purchase from Porter & Porter in Atlanta in the 1940s. The twenty-piece Grainger, Lee & Co. British transferware set of the “Blue Ball Japan” pattern was originally displayed in the dining room in 1931, and the 234 set of soft paste pistol grip flatware, including a variety of knives and forks possibly purchased by May Abreu at an auction at Sotheby’s.

And the pieces that started it all? You can see that set of apple green cornucopias in the living room, along with twenty-four others displayed throughout the home in their original places!
Library china cabinet with Grainger, Lee & Co. transferware
Watson & Bohler flatware, top to bottom: dinner fork, dinner knife, fish fork, fish knife, fruit fork, fruit knife, butter knife

Pair of Chippendale-style display cabinets on second floor landing

Adam-style game table

Marquetry detail of game tabletop
Writing utensils of the nineteenth century are generally thought of as rather primitive, little more than a shaved goose or turkey quill dipped in ink. This all began to change in the first half of the nineteenth century.

In 1811, Bryan Donkin, an Englishman, designed a steel-tipped writing instrument. His patented experiment, however, never took off. Eleven years later, after Donkin’s patent expired, John Mitchell of Birmingham, England, began creating his own steel heads for writing utensils. Called “nibs,” these writing heads started to take over the writing world.

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Not to be outdone, the United States entered into the fray of competition to produce steel nibs in the 1840s, but their product proved to be inferior. As it turned out, it wasn’t that American industry did not have the materials necessary to produce the nibs, it was that Americans did not have the know-how to produce a quality nib. Several American companies were formed early to produce “American pens, made in America, by Americans, for Americans.” This advertisement was a reflection of the strong nativist movement sweeping the country in the late 1840s and throughout the 1850s. It would take nearly ten years, however, before an American manufacturing company could produce the quality and quantity necessary to capture the American market and compete with British nib producers.

The real breakthrough in the American market came in the mid-1850s when Richard Esterbrook traveled from Cornwall, England, to the United States. Esterbrook manufactured quill pens in Cornwall and recognized the writing on the wall—so to speak. He knew that quill pens would soon give way to the new steel nibs and the market would bottom out beneath him if he did not alter his business plan. So Esterbrook approached five nib craftsmen employed by John Mitchell and convinced them to join him in Camden, New Jersey, to continue the steel nib production process geared to the quickly burgeoning market in America.

In 1855, the group formed the first successful pen company in the United States, the American Steel Pen Manufacturing Company. By 1857 the company patented their design and process, and a year later launched advertising campaigns, not only in New York, but also New Orleans, Washington, D.C., Louisville, Kentucky, and even Wilmington, North Carolina. The company’s advertising campaign may very well have been
the first nationwide campaign in the country.

Esterbrook produced a quality pen that was long-lasting and came in a number of different styles to appeal to the entire writing public. The steel nibs and pen handles became widely popular. President James Buchanan carried one of the new pens and raved about the new technology. Soon, Esterbrook’s company became one of the largest steel pen manufacturers in the world, overtaking their British counterparts. The Esterbrook Pen Company lasted until 1971 when the company officially went out of business.

Dip pens began to fall out of use as the new ballpoint pens began emerging in the 1920s and 1930s, although they continued in widespread use in American schools for another twenty to thirty years. Most school desks of the period were constructed with a socket or holder in the upper right-hand corner. This holder was for students’ inkwells which came in many different sizes and shapes, and produced in any number of materials: ceramic, glass, brass, silver, porcelain, pewter, pottery, even horn. The dip pen was simply dipped into the inkwell and the nib held a small amount of ink. The inkwells all had tops to prevent spillage or contamination of the ink. Some schools began to ban the use of dip pens due to the mess they created, and all inkwells had to be refilled each day, a task generally performed by the teacher’s pet pupil. Dip pens were slowly eliminated in the classroom in favor of the new lead pencils.

Several years ago, we received a mechanical pen-pencil from a Thomas R.R. Cobb descendent. Mechanical pen-pencil combinations of the period are quite rare. The Tom Cobb pen-pencil mechanical combo is steel and gold with a pencil that slides the shaft of the holder much like our lead pencils of today. But the combo also features a dip pin within the same shaft that also slides into place. On the other end of the holder is an equally elaborate cap into which is set a gemstone known as heliotrope, commonly called bloodstone, with the initials “T R R C” elaborately etched into the surface. It was a presentation pen to Cobb as it is engraved on the side of the holder: “M.L.P. to T.R.R.C.”

Our research continues on the instrument, as we still do not know the maker of the pen, whether it is one made by the Esterbrook Pen Company or one of the other steel pen companies that quickly followed entry into the American market. We also do not know who “M.L.P.” is at this point.

However, one day while sorting through some of our transcribed Tom Cobb letters, one of our extremely bright, scholarly interns came across a letter that she brought to our attention. “Do we have Tom Cobb’s pen?” she asked. When the answer came back, “Yes,” she followed up with, “Then, is this important?”

In a letter from February 1861 to his “Dearest Marion,” Tom wrote, “We signed the enrolled Constitution today and I have preserved my pen to be laid up again as an heirloom for my children. They will have but few such memories of me.”

Thomas R.R. Cobb’s pen was, indeed, mighty than his sword.
The Short, Tragic, and Terribly Interesting Life of Agnes Watson Lee

In September 1904, The Atlanta Constitution speculated on what the White House would be like should Tom Watson win the U.S. Presidency and Agnes replace Alice Roosevelt in residence. They describe Agnes as having white skin, dark hair, and “deep brown eyes that in expression denote the thoughtful woman and student.” They wax poetic about her love of books and how she and Louise spend hours copying for publication the chapters of her father’s latest work. A scant few weeks later, The St. Paul Globe (MN) declared that Agnes was one of the most attractive girls in all of Georgia and would be welcome in the North for her “ingenuousness, her courage in expressing her opinions frankly, and her attractive personality.” Both Agnes and Louise traveled with Watson on his campaign—newspaper...
accounts as well as Agnes’ love of photography illustrate their fascinating travels.

Sadly, tragedy began to stalk young Agnes. Page 1, above the fold, of the December 17, 1904, The Atlanta Constitution declares “Watson’s Daughter Wrapped in Flames!” She was visiting acquaintances in Augusta when her dress caught fire. Fortunately, gallant lads in attendance smothered the flames with their coats, averting tragedy. She was not injured, but did suffer a “nervous faint.”

The year 1905 did not start out well for Agnes. She was visiting Louise when she had to undergo a tooth extraction on March 31. Commonplace in those days was for the dentist to administer cocaine as a local anesthesia. Following the extraction, Agnes took a dose of nerveine, prescribed to her for headaches. Nerveine was a patent medicine that was reported to have contained chloroform, an opium derivative. The interaction between the two drugs was very nearly fatal. Newspapers state- and nationwide reported that she had fallen into a coma and was not expected to survive. The Chicago Inter-Ocean and The Boston Globe happily reported on her recovery days later.

Agnes was still under a doctor’s care when she wed Mr. Oscar Lee on April 20, 1905. The wedding was a small affair held in the late afternoon at Tom and Georgia Watson’s home. Oscar Lee was the brother of John Lee; the two ran the Augusta Grocery Company. Oscar had a shop in Thomson and a house on Jackson Street. The couple honeymooned in Sea Breeze, Florida, so stated The Atlanta Constitution.

A late summer trip to the Watson’s Virginia vacation home resulted in headlines in an August 1908 edition of the Richmond Times-Dispatch (VA). It seems that while alighting from the No. 19 Chesapeake and Ohio train at Afton, Virginia, Agnes, while carrying her daughter, Georgia, fell off the steps. Georgia received a cut on her head which bled enough for a physician to be summoned. We presume no lasting damage.

Agnes’ life appears to be rather uneventful from 1909 until 1917. Mentions of her traveling into Augusta to shop with her sister-in-law, Jessie Watson, or her mother, Georgia, pop up regularly in the society column of the McDuffie Progress. She took up writing and editing for the Women’s Page in her father’s newspaper The Jeffersonian. And, there were periodic costume parties for Valentine’s Day and Easter egg hunts held at Hickory Hill.

Sadly, in 1917, fate once again takes hold of Agnes’ life. We know from letters between her parents that Agnes had fallen ill and was taken to Atlanta for medical treatment. They operated and she was diagnosed with a “female” cancer and sent home; there was no treatment available at the time. The Atlanta Constitution reported her death on August 30, 1917, at the young age of 35.

People often comment that women are “missing” from the historical record or “invisible” in the past. They have never been missing, they’ve just be more challenging to find. Historic newspapers are an excellent place to start researching the fascinating and, sometimes, tragic lives of women in the past.
Walter J. Brown was a journalist and a broadcast pioneer who built and chaired what would become Spartan Communications, Inc., one of the larger privately held TV companies in the country.

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.