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All Dressed Up and On Our Way...

HEAD OF SCHOOL

Kay Belknap

Stepping Out, Stepping Up

What a night it was! On Saturday, May 3, over 300 people gathered at The Lion's Crest on Biltmore Estate to celebrate the past and support the future of Veritas Christian Academy. The location was lovely, the weather was beautiful, and the Gala Committee, led by Co-Chairs Lisa Lindsay, Lynda Swicegood, Teresa Macaluso, and Terry Etterman, had prepared a delightful evening for those in attendance.

"A Midspring Night's Dream" was underwritten by the Veritas Board of Trustees and was sponsored by *sixty-nine* generous businesses and individuals. The evening began with a Silent Auction of over 150 items, which were attractively displayed to tempt even the most reluctant bidder. After the Silent Auction closed, the guests enjoyed a delicious dinner to fortify them for the Live Auction. Matt Holiday, the auctioneer, gave a lively performance as he encouraged and cajoled the willing crowd to purchase the available items. Veritas' girls' ensemble, *One Voice*, closed the evening with an inspiring rendition of "Be Thou My Vision".

We are very grateful to the many people who made "A Midspring Night's Dream" Spring Gala possible. Due to their gracious giving and hard work, the Gala netted \$160,000 to further the mission of Veritas: "Intelligent Faith: Equipping minds and engaging hearts for God's Kingdom purposes." The Fund-A-Need portion of the Live Auction raised \$17,000 to purchase and implement the Follett Library Management Program and to upgrade our web site. The remaining monies will be used to fund School Within a School scholarships, to accomplish Parent-Teacher Fellowship and Warriors' Club projects, and to construct an on-campus regulation soccer field.

The 2008-09 school year promises to be another year of growth and development. Well-qualified faculty and staff members have been hired, the new modular classrooms will soon be in place, and as we celebrate the first ten years of Veritas, we are designing and implementing plans and programs to make the upcoming eleventh year one that enriches the hearts and minds of our students. Please join us in praying that we will glorify God in all we do.

Veritas Christian Academy Class of 2008

Lauren Rebekah Alewine

UNC Chapel Hill

James David Allen

North Carolina State at UNCA

Catalin Lucian Baciu

Clemson University

Anna Catherine Caulder

Mercer University

Mark Steven Cortese

UNC Asheville

Daniel James Councell

Davidson College

Jonathan Ashe Ellington

Berklee College of Music

Stephen Michael Gilpin

Xavier University

Amber Nicole Jackson

North Carolina State University

Joshua Randall Kilby

North Greenville University

Alexander Philip Kiratzis

Covenant College

Amy Stuart Lewis

UNC Charlotte

Sarah Elizabeth Morris

UNC Chapel Hill

Robert Russell Mouser

UNC Wilmington

Patrick Pilos Narron

North Carolina State University

Yoon Sun Park

State University of New York

Alexander Morton Rose

Montreat College

Elizabeth Helen Shaw

AB Technical Community College

Aaron Simon West

UNC Charlotte

Veritas Christian Academy graduated their fourth class on Saturday, May 31, 2008. The Commencement speaker for the class of nineteen graduates was Dr. Steven A. Breedlove, father of our new High School Principal, Steven Breedlove. Dr. Breedlove brought a challenging message to the Class of 2008. Congratulations Graduates!

Val Victorian - Sarah Elizabeth Morris
Salutatorian – Lauren Rebekah Alewine

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GALA CON'T

**THE ARTS OF VERITAS
PRESENT
“PETER PAN”**

The Advanced Performing Arts Class of Veritas presented the musical “Peter Pan” on April 26th and 27th. The musical under the direction of Becky Stone was a huge success. They performed to packed crowds at each show. Veritas is extremely blessed to have so many talented students.

Bravo and job well done!

**MIDDLE SCHOOL PERFORMING ARTS
PRESENTS
“PAINTIN’ THE FENCE”**

Our Middle School
Performing Arts students
presented Tom Sawyer’s
“Paintin’ The Fence”, on
Tuesday, May 13th. The
students did a wonderful
job under the direction of
Debbie Stansell.
Great performance and
lots of fun!

GRANDPARENTS DAY

Over 200 grandparents gathered together on March 20th for the celebration of Grandparents’ Day. They attended a morning reception that was followed by a patriotic program put on by our Lower School students. Our grandparents also enjoyed spending time in their grandchildren’s classrooms.

Grandparents ... mark
your calendar for
April, 9 2009
for our next
Grandparents’ Day –
you won’t want to
miss it!

SCHOOL WITHIN A SCHOOL



Marlou De Vera
SWS Program Director

School Within a School – The first graduate!

This year not only marks Veritas Christian Academy's tenth year, but also School Within a School's (SWS) first graduating senior – Mark Cortese. Mark has been in the program since sixth grade and has made steady progress over the years.

Success became more evident in Mark's high school years. As his sophomore year ushered in, Mark was independent in all his classes. He took the initiative to check in with SWS in order to seek help in the area of organization and planning. Mark devised systems to help himself stay organized with paper work, long projects, test preparation, etc. and discussed these ideas with SWS staff. It was a process of trial and error. In his junior year, Mark took AP Biology and did a phenomenal job keeping up with the work. As a senior, AP Chemistry and AP Calculus was part of Mark's academic load.

Before the end of the 2007 – 2008 school year, Mark together with his dad, gave an inspiring talk to the other students in the SWS program. Mark shared his experiences in looking at different college options. Rev. Cortese also shared college information, focusing upon the accommodations that were available for students with special needs. It was important to note that the colleges don't automatically extend the help or adaptations that are written in the students' file. The colleges/universities stressed the importance of having the student ask for these accommodations. As Mark ended his talk, he gave helpful advice to the other SWS students: *“Do your work because no one will do it for you!”*

We will definitely miss Mark and look forward to hearing about his great college adventure. Mark will be attending the University of North Carolina-Asheville in the fall and will be pursuing a degree in the Classics.

“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give to give you a hope and a future.”

Jeremiah 29:11

WINTER/SPRING SPORTS TEAMS

Golf - Baron Jackson, Coach

McFarland Bridges	Vasili Katsadourous
Levi Hall	Jonathan Rholl
Luke Hall	McCay Tye
William Hancock	Eric Wilson
Gabe Justice	

Middle School Girls Basketball - Matt Metcalf, Coach Kealey O'Conner, Manager

Madison Carter	Hannah Klotz
Emily Scott-Cruz	Avery Lindsay
Trinity Dunlap	Marissa Norton
Brooke Hamrick	Julia Storto
Courtney Hayes	Marissa Yates

Varsity Girls Basketball – Tina Jordan, Coach Sara Cutler, Manager

Jamie Jordan	LaCretia Shepard
Marissa Norton	Katie Stevenson
Jess Reece	Elia Storto
Allie Russell	Marissa Yates

Middle School Boys Basketball– Thomas Burge, Coach

Andrew Hayes	Daniel Rose
Lance Hudson	Daniel Shaw
Colin Jones	Joseph Swicegood
Dakota Lytle	McCay Tye
Stewart McCullough	Stuart Uritis

Junior Varsity Boys Basketball – David Lewkowicz, Coach

Thomas Cutler	James Franklin Miller
Benjamin Hayes	David Shaw
Vasili Katsadourous	Parker Vaughan
Pascal Mensah	Andrew Ellington

Varsity Boys Basketball –John Jordan, Coach Robert Hutchinson, Assistant Coach Baron Jackson, Assistant Coach Joe Cho, Media Technician James Reed, Manager

Catalin Baciu	Pascal Mensah
Sasa Borovnjak	Patrick Narron
Allen Ebert	Devon Pickering
Jonathan Ellington	Colin Sekal
Andrew Kyles	David Shaw

Middle School Girls Soccer – Tim Bullock, Coach

Kayla Bullock	Kindel Mathis
Lindsay Bullock	Victoria Muniz
Haley Gilbert	Sophia Narron
Brooke Hamrick	Kathryn Prechter
Sabina Horecky	Leisl Seigler
Hannah Klotz	Julia Storto
Caroline Kreitzer	Carrie Tye
Avery Lindsay	Emily Vanderkwaak

Varsity Girls Soccer – Josh Stone, Coach Kathleen Smith, Assistant Coach Lee Lomax, Assistant Coach

Cheryl AbuMoussa	Avery Lindsay
Taylor Ballard	Rachael Lomax
Josalyn Bullock	Hannah Posey
Brooke Hamrick	Allie Russell
Anna Catherine Hill	Erika Soosaar
Deidre Hollifield	Katie Stevenson
Sabina Horecky	Gardner Strayhorn

WINTER/SPRING ATHLETIC AWARDS

Middle School Girls Basketball

MVP—Julia Storto
Most Improved—Courtney Hayes
Most Determined—Trinity Dunlap
Coach's Award—Emily Scott-Cruz

Middle School Boys Basketball

MVP—McCay Tye
Most Improved—Stewart McCullough
Most Determined—Lance Hudson
Coach's Award—Andrew Hayes

JV Boys Basketball

MVP—David Shaw
Most Improved – Ben Hayes
Most Determined – Paschal Mensah
Coach's Award—Vasili Katasadourous

Varsity Boys Basketball

Co-MVP—Catalin Baciu
Co-MVP – Patrick Narron
Most Improved—Sasa Borovnjak
Coach's Award—Devon Pickering

Varsity Girls Basketball

MVP—Katie Stevenson
Most Improved—Elia Storto
Most Determined—Jess Reece
Coach's Award—Allie Russell

Golf

MVP—McCay Tye
Most Improved—Eric Wilson
Most Determined—Jonathan Rholl
Coach's Award—Will Hancock

Middle School Girls Soccer

MVP—Avery Lindsay
Most Improved—Julia Storto
Most Determined—Kindel Mathis
Coach's Award—Emily Vanderkwaak

Varsity Girls Basketball

MVP—Katie Stevenson
Most Improved—Josalyn Bullock
Most Determined—Rachel Lomax
Coach's Award—Taylor Ballard

MS DC TRIP

The Washington D.C. trip is known at Veritas as a kind of “right of passage” for our eighth graders as they move into the high school. Our eighth graders this year certainly demonstrated their maturity, love of learning, and enthusiasm throughout this mile marker in their career at Veritas. Our students were exposed to some of the most significant places that symbolize and describe our nation’s ideals and values. Our Washington stops included the Capitol building, the White House, the National Archives, many Smithsonian museums, the National Zoo, the Washington Monument, Lincoln Memorial, World War II Memorial, Vietnam Memorial, the National Cathedral, and Arlington Cemetery. Throughout the week, the students also participated in all sorts of fun activities such as attending a Washington Nationals baseball game, playing arcades at the ESPN zone, and even playing an incredibly intense game of capture the flag. Congratulations to the eighth grade class for their great attitudes and for their participation in our trip discussions and reflections. We will miss you in the middle school!

SENIOR TRIP

While the schedule was tight and the pace constant, the senior class trip to Europe was a wonderful and memorable experience. With their chaperones (Mrs. Gilpin, Dr. Narron, Mrs. Till and Mr. Walters) in tow, the seniors trekked through Rome, Florence, and Paris in search of culture, beauty, and adventure. We also kept an eye out for gelato, pastries, cappuccino, and crepes. Highlights of the trip vary from student to student, of course, but most often mentioned were touring the Coliseum, the Sistine Chapel, and the Forum; celebrating Easter with the Pope; climbing the Eiffel Tower; gazing upon timeless artwork in the Louvre; and cruising down the Seine through the middle of Paris at night. One student said the best part was simply strolling through Rome, taking in the sights and sound of the piazzas and little streets of the Baroque district. Our guides were colorful and knowledgeable, and often gave us options of where to go and what to see. The seniors were engaged, upbeat, and when forced to flex, uncomplaining; their chaperones were very proud of them. Altogether, the European trip was once again a rewarding success as both an enjoyable and educational fieldtrip to culminate their years of classical studies.

CONGRATULATIONS...



Mrs. Cynthia Van de Groep, joined the Veritas Board of Trustees in March as the Chair of the Development Committee.

Cynthia and her husband, Wijnant, have two children at VCA, Wouter (rising 3rd grader) and Bill (rising 1st grader).



Gabby Tan, a rising Senior at Veritas, has been chosen to attend the 2008 Governor's School for the state of North Carolina. Governor's School is a six-week residential program for 800 academically or intellectually gifted high school students. He will be participating in the area of mathematics.



All those years of playing with Legos paid off for rising junior Andy Chu when World magazine commissioned him to build a Lego city for the cover story "Save Our Cities" of their April 19/26 edition.



McLain Rose, sixth grader at Veritas was asked to sing at Hillary Clinton's Rally in Asheville and senior, Patrick Narron (not pictured) was asked to lead in the Pledge of Allegiance.

2008 Declamation

Winners

1st Place:

Andy Chu (10th)

2nd Place:

Chris Muir (10th)

3rd Place:

Taylor Posey (11th)

Great job by all Declaimers

Graham Patton (9th)

Hannah Posey (9th)

Jamie Jordan (11th)

Paschal Mensah – 11th

**Don't
forget to
READ
over the
Summer!**



END OF SCHOOL AWARDS

Lower School and Middle School Awards

	<u>OUTSTANDING EXAMPLE</u>	<u>MOST IMPROVED</u>
Grade 1 - Herman	Olivia Kemp Addison Thames	Ty Gossett
Grade 2 - Hoag	Ben Vanderkwaak	Avery Fleeman
Grade 2 - Stansell	Blake Hamrick	Caleb Lotz
Grade 3 - Cipro	Joshua Gilpin	Sophie McArdle
Grade 4 - Brown	Chad Hull	Colleen Joslin
Grade 4- Fairbanks	Wesley Reinhardt	Dalton Gossett
Grade 5 - Hill	Cahterine Uritis	Andrew Swicegood
Grade 6	Katy Vanderkwaak	Dakota Lytle
Grade 7	Nicholas Errico	AJ Vannice
Grade 8	Andrew Hayes	Hartley Heffner
Music (1st - 2nd)	Dathan Witherspoon	Brittney Gregory
Music (3rd - 5th)	Seth Donaldson	Leisl Seigler
MS Performing Arts	Stewart McCullough	Caroline Bridges
Art (1st - 2nd)	Nathaniel Dunlap	Anna Gardner
Art (3rd - 5th)	Drew Bullock	Victoria Muniz
Art (6th - 8th Elective)	Kathryn Prechter	Annie Pharr
PE (1st - 2nd)	Riley Marshall	Caroline Boerner
PE(3rd - 5th))	Christopher Errico	Landrey Hudson
PE (6th - 8th)	Stuart Uritis	Trinity Dunlap

High School Awards

The Hebrews 12 Award (Perservance)	Sunny Park
The Perspectives Award in History	Gabby Tan
The Civics Award in Government	Sarah Morris
The Petrarch Award in Greek	Rachael Lomax
The Virgil Award in Latin	Andy Chu
The Cervantes Award in Spanish	Anna Caulder
The Hawthorne Award in Literature	Elizabeth Shaw
The Milton Award in Writing	David Allen
The Dietrich Bonhoeffer Award in Theology	Pascal Mensah
The Euclid Award in Mathematics	Lauren Alewine
The Galileo Award in Physical Science	Dong Hwang
The Galen Award in Natural Science	Christopher Shaw
Senior Thesis Award	Sarah Morris
The Michelangelo Award in Art	Deidre Hollifield
The Charles Wesley Award in Music	Lacy Hudson
The Thespis Award in Drama	Alex Rose
The Thespis Award in Drama	Sarah Morris
Scholar Athelete Award	Jonathan Ellington
Scholar Athelete Award	Laruen Alewine
Headmaster's Award	Gabby Tan
Servant Leadership Award	Lauren Alewine
Classical Student	Sarah Morris
Christian Character Award	Josalyn Bullock
Shannon Roquemore Memorial Scholarship	Lacy Hudson
Most Improved Award	
9th Grade	Kayleen Kim
10th Grade	Deidre Hollifield
11th Grade	Alayna Rhoton
11th Grade	Matt Solle
12th Grade	Amy Lewis
Outstanding Student Award	
9th Grade	Cheryl Abu Moussa
10th Grade	Andy Chu
11th Grade	Gabby Tan
12th Grade	Daniel Councill
Governor's School	Gabby Tan
Wofford Scholar	Matt Solle
Randolph-Macon Book Award	Nathan Brown
Robertson Scholars Finalist	Sarah Morris
Morehead-Cain Semifinalist	Lauren Alewine
National Merit Recognition	Sarah Morris
National Merit Recognition	Matt Solle
ACSI Distinguished Christian Student	Devin Hall



Fourth Quarter Honor Roll

PRINCIPAL'S LIST

- 6th Grade- Lindsay Bullock, Jason Horecky, Erin Joslin, Caroline Miller, Cole Patton, Annie Pharr, Baylee Sasser, Alexa Soosaar, and Katy Vanderkwaak
7th Grade- Caitlyn Banks, Madison Carter, Abby Chu, Kendall DeWeese, Nicholas Errico, Avery Lindsay, and Emily Vanderkwaak
8th Grade- Andrew Hayes, Kealey O'Conner, Jonathan Rholl, and Emily Scott-Cruz
9th Grade- Cheryl AbuMoussa, Josalyn Bullock, Graham Patton, Allie Russell, and Christopher Shaw
10th Grade- Andy Chu
11th Grade- Gabby Tan
12th Grade- Lauren Alewine, Anna Caulder, Daniel Councill, and Sarah Morris

"A" HONOR ROLL

- 4th Grade- Ayles Chen, William Childers, Tim Chu, Taylor Crabtree, Betsy Dowling, Christopher Errico, Trey Etterman, Macy Hrcir, John Huffman, Chad Hull, Colleen Joslin, Zoe Kiratzis, Payton Marshall, John Miller, Christian Nichols, Emma Novak, Claudia Patton, Lucy Pharr, and Wesley Rhinehardt
5th Grade- Joseph Bridges, Jacob Fuqua, Matilyn Hull, Jackson Lindsay, Victoria Pearce, Annah Prelaz, Matthew Rholl, Sarah Scott-Cruz, Leisl Seigler, James Stevenson, Kyle Tamaray, Carrie Tye, Catherine Uritis, Hayden Welch, Alec Wells, and Ben Yates
6th Grade- Daniel Brooks, Parker Cooper, Dakota Lytle, Julia Storto, and Andrew Whisenant
7th Grade- Caroline Bridges, Courtney Hayes, Olivia Hunt, and Dennis White
8th Grade- Brooke Hamrick, Sabina Horecky, Kindel Mathis, Stewart McCullough, Ian Shephard, and Marissa Yates
9th Grade- Amy Cho, Sarah Cutler, Anna Catherine Hill, Kayleen Kim, Catherine Miller, Allie Price, David Shaw, Katie Stevenson, and Forbes Turley
10th Grade-Anthony Errico, Deidre Hollifield, and Rachel Lomax
11th Grade-Dong Hwang, Lacy Hudson, Jamie Jordan, Pascal Mensah, Taylor Posey, Alayna Rhoton, and Colin Sekal
12th Grade-David Allen and Elizabeth Shaw

"AB" HONOR ROLL

- 4th Grade- Sam Ellington, Dalton Gossett, Emma Grefe, John Grant Manley, Ashlee Mew, Esther Pruitt, Sarah Swicegood, and Allee Walker
5th Grade- Jackson Lindsay, Eric Rhoton, Andrew Swicegood, Carrie Tye, and Alexander Wells
6th Grade- Peter Dowling, Gabe Justice, and Philip Katsadourous
7th Grade- Jordan Muniz and Turner Strayhorn
8th Grade- Kayla Bullock, Robert Garren, Lance Hudson, and McCay Tye
9th Grade- Will Mathis
10th Grade- Taylor Ballard, William Hancock, Vasili Katsadourous, Hong Lee, Britt McDanel, Joseph McGrail, Devon Pickering, Jessica Reece, Taylor Sasser, and Erika Soosaar
11th Grade-Matthew Solle
12th Grade-Jonathan Ellington, Amber Jackson, Amy Lewis and Patrick Narron

END OF YEAR HONOR ROLL

PRINCIPAL'S LIST

- 6th Grade- Lindsay Bullock, Erin Joslin, Caroline Miller, Bailey Sasser, and Katy Vanderkwaak
7th Grade- Caitlyn Banks, Madison Carter, Abby Chu, Kendall DeWeese, Nicholas Errico, Avery Lindsay, Emily Vanderkwaak
8th Grade- Kealey O'Conner, Jonathan Rholl, and Emily Scott-Cruz
9th Grade- Cheryl AbuMoussa, Josalyn Bullock, Graham Patton, Allie Russell, and Christopher Shaw
10th Grade-Andy Chu
11th Grade-Gabby Tan
12th Grade-Lauren Alewine, Anna Caulder, Daniel Councill, and Sarah Morris

"A" HONOR ROLL

- 4th Grade- Ayles Chen, William Childers, Tim Chu, Taylor Crabtree, Betsy Dowling, Christopher Errico, Trey Etterman, Macy Hrcir, John Huffman, Chad Hull, Madison Iurato, Colleen Joslin, Zoe Kiratzis, Payton Marshall, John Miller, Christian Nichols, Emma Novak, Claudia Patton, Lucy Pharr, and Wesley Rhinehardt
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6th Grade- Peter Dowling, Colin Jones, Gabe Justice, Philip Katsadourous, Maria Pappas, and Julia Storto
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10th Grade-Taylor Ballard, William Hancock, Vasili Katsadourous, Hong Lee, Britt McDanel, Joseph McGrail, Devon Pickering, Jessica Reece, Taylor Sasser, and Erika Soosaar
11th Grade-Matthew Solle
12th Grade-Jonathan Ellington, Amber Jackson, Amy Lewis and Patrick Narron

Blue Grass Chapel

On a beautiful April day the Upper School gathered together outside on the field to celebrate Blue Grass Chapel. The students were treated to corn dogs, played crazy games and sang along with Mr. Pruitt, the Praise Team and Praise Band (Mr. Briggs, Daniel Councill and Joshua Kilby).

Help Needed for Hardship Scholarship Fund

Because we have a number of families facing unusual circumstances, Veritas Christian Academy is establishing a Hardship Scholarship Fund. It is our goal to allow students to continue in school and to enable parents to meet their tuition payment obligations when a current Veritas family faces an unforeseeable temporary setback due to one of the following events:

- The loss of a job
- The loss of business income due to economic conditions beyond one's control (For instance, many in construction-related work are being negatively impacted by the current economy.)
- Major medical expenses due to a catastrophic illness

While we may be surprised by such events, our Lord is not, and He has put a system in place to meet the needs of those who face hardship: the Body of Christ. Perhaps the Lord has entrusted you with resources for such a time as this. “For if the readiness is present, it is acceptable according to what a man has, not according to what he does not have. For this is not for the ease of others and for your affliction, but by way of equality – at this present time your abundance being a supply for their want, that their abundance also may become a supply for your want, that there may be equality; as it is written, ‘He who gathered much did not have too much, and he who gathered little had no lack.’” (2 Cor. 8:12-15)

If you feel led to contribute to the Hardship Scholarship Fund, please write a check to Veritas Christian Academy and note the designation on the memo line. Please let others who have a heart for the hurting know of this opportunity as well. I can assure you that those who face hardship now and in the future will be eternally grateful.

“And God is able to make all grace abound to you, that always having all sufficiency in everything, you may have an abundance for every good deed;” (2 Cor. 9:8)

ADVANCE TO DIALECTIC

Mrs. Hill's fifth grade class advances to the Dialectic Stage. They marched proudly through the Lower School Clap-Out and continued with their moving up ceremony and celebrated with delicious treats and a flowing chocolate fountain at a reception that followed. Welcome to Middle School!

ADVANCE TO RHETORIC

The eighth
grade students
"Advanced to
Rhetoric" during
their ceremony
held on May 8th.

VCA TALENT SHOW

Over 200 friends and family gathered together on March 11th to watch and cheer on our talented students, parents and faculty as they performed. The Junior Class put on a Spaghetti Dinner and school wide Talent Show to raise funds for their upcoming Senior Trip to Rome and Italy in the Spring of 2009.

The Veritas family has been blessed with many talents, from tap dancing to cello playing. Thanks to all for sharing their talents and practice up for next year!

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Our Lower School students collected food items to help stock the pantry shelves for St. Vincent DePaul. School parent, Rosemarie Storto, spoke to the students about St. Vincent DePaul's outreach to those with needs.

The 8th grade students spent an afternoon helping prepare items for volunteers to use in sewing and knitting clothing for tiny premature infants and newborns through "Threads of Love".

ALUMNI NEWS

Alyssa Hansen, Class of 2006

I'm double majoring in International Development and International Economics at American University in Washington, DC. Going to school in the nation's capitol has been amazing. I'm exposed daily to great art, history, and science in the museums on the National Mall and the cultural opportunities offered around DC. But I've also become aware of the growing homeless population that lives on our streets. This past spring break I participated in an Alternative Break trip to-- DC!, where I slept on the streets near Chinatown for two nights, living in isolated groups with fellow students and actual homeless. I learned the lessons of poverty and of the streets- no one looks you in the eye when you are begging for change, all you think about is where your next meal is coming from, and you look out for other homeless like they're your true family. My Alt Break group also focused on housing and gentrification issues in DC. We met with local non-profits, homeless advocates, and the mayor's representatives to discuss the housing crisis amongst us. We also toured homeless shelters that the DC government is tearing down and selling to developers for major profits. Apart from the educational/humanitarian aspect of my trip, I got to spend a week bonding with people very different from myself. I was on a vegan diet, met anarchists, and had discussions on Christianity and pan-sexuality. This was an amazing experience in my life and I encourage all current Veritas students to challenge themselves after high school by seeking new experiences in uncomfortable situations.

Jonah Baize, Class of 2007

Jonah a Freshman at Clemson University is pictured (second from right) here with his teammates. They were playing a double overtime win over Florida State. Go Tigers!



Aleks Spasovski, Class of 2007

Aleks a Freshman at Warren Wilson was consistently in the top 5 in the nation in scoring and assists for their Basketball team. Warren Wilson plays in the United States Athletic Association.

LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU AT ALUMNI HOMECOMING – JANUARY 5, 2009!

Alumni - please let us know what is going on with you and send us photos. Email Darla Hall @ dhall@veritasnc.org.

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