

## “Let’s Talk Proud of our Oakwood Eagles!”

### OAKWOOD SENIOR CLASS STATISTICS

#### DID YOU KNOW?

In 2009 our seniors scored higher on the SAT than local public schools & other area independent schools.

2009 SAT Scores Averages	The Oakwood School	Rocky Mount Academy	J.H. Rose High	Area K-12 Independent School
Reading	<b>630</b>	*	532	600
Math	<b>606</b>	*	513	600
Writing	<b>630</b>	561	488	510
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1866</b>	1670	1455	1710

\* RMA reports a combined reading & math score of 1109

#### DID YOU KNOW?

100% of our 2010 graduates were accepted at their first pick college & enrolled at their school of choice.

### 2009 & 2010 Senior Class College Acceptances

\* denotes colleges attended

- Appalachian State University
- Barton College\*
- Butler University
- Catawba College
- Campbell University\*
- Case Western Reserve\*
- Clemson University (Engineering School)
- Denison University
- Drexel University
- ECU & ECU Honors College\*
- Eckerd College
- Elon University\*
- Furman University
- Gettysburg College
- Guilford College\*
- Hampden-Sydney
- Johns Hopkins University (Peabody Institute)
- Methodist University
- North Carolina State University
- Oberlin College\*
- Randolph Macon College
- Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
- Rhodes College
- Ringling College of Art & Design
- Savannah College of Art & Design\*
- St. Mary’s College
- SUNY at Buffalo
- Syracuse University
- Tulane University (Honors College)

- UNC- Asheville
- UNC- Chapel Hill\*
- UNC- Greensboro
- UNC- Wilmington\*
- University of Richmond
- Virginia Polytechnic Institute
- Warren Wilson College
- Washington & Lee University
- Western Carolina University
- Worcester Polytechnic Institute

**Total Merit Scholarship Awards Offered in '09 & '10 = \$2,045,396**

School	# of 2010 Graduates	Total Scholarship Money Awarded	Average Scholarship Award (Per Student)
<b>The Oakwood School</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>\$928,396</b>	<b>\$154,733</b>
J. H. Rose High	332	\$4,933,074	\$14,859
Ayden-Grifton	126	\$1,162,215	\$9,224
North Pitt	158	\$1,009,953	\$6,392
D. H. Conley	237	\$1,510,140	\$6,372
South Central	260	\$1,381,554	\$5,314
Farmville Central	153	\$576,150	\$3,766

Data Source: Daily Reflector, June 11, 2010

#### DID YOU KNOW?

Oakwood has a full time college counselor who works one-on-one with US students *beginning in 8th grade* to prepare them for the college application & admissions process. Contact Michelle Graziosi, College Counselor at [mgraziosi@theoakwoodschool.org](mailto:mgraziosi@theoakwoodschool.org)

### 2009 - 2010 ACADEMIC AWARDS

Awards Night at The Oakwood School on May 21, 2010 was an opportunity to recognize & honor students in grades 6 – 12 for outstanding achievements in the classroom & for contributions they have made making our community a better place. The Oakwood School fosters cooperation, collaboration, & community, & in keeping with this philosophy & in this spirit, these award recipients should be considered role models rather than as winners of a competition. All of the honors bestowed are presented with Oakwood’s mission statement in mind: *The Oakwood School seeks to instill in its students the strength of character, the creativity, & the wisdom to make a difference in the world.*

#### OAKWOOD MERIT SCHOLARS

Now in its third year, the Oakwood Merit Scholars competition is designed to further the mission of The Oakwood School by encouraging & rewarding excellence in academic achievement, character, & service. These merit-based scholarships are judged on a student interview, teacher recommendations, test scores & grades, a writing sample, & extracurricular activities. Students receiving the Oakwood Merit Scholar recognition are rewarded with a four-year financial scholarship to

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Oakwood. This year four Oakwood 8th graders received the award: **Louis Bailey, Daniel Barondes, Caitlin Kram, & Michael Schroeder.**

### TAR HEEL GIRLS STATE RECOGNITION

Tar Heel Girls State is a weeklong workshop on the legislative process sponsored by the North Carolina American Legion Auxiliary. 300 of North Carolina’s most promising rising high school senior girls come from every part of the state to learn about various parts of government. This year, **Alex Arsenaull & Ellen Clark** will be Oakwood’s participants in the Tar Heel Girls State program.

### DID YOU KNOW?

100% of our faculty have Bachelor’s Degrees & 63% have earned advanced degrees.

### MATH COMPETITIONS AWARDS

For over 50 years, The American Mathematics Competitions (AMC) has been rewarding excellence in mathematics through a series of national contests called the AMC 8, AMC 10, & AMC 12. Top scoring students in the nation are invited to compete in the prestigious United States American Mathematical Olympiad. Top scoring students in each school are recognized with certificates, pins, or medals.

#### AMC 8 category:

Certificate 3rd place: **Jennifer Pabst, Alice Reed**

Certificate 2nd place: **Caitlin Kram**

Certificate & Pin - School Winner & 1st place: **Colin Keiper, Ellie Lewis, Michael Schroeder**

AMC 10 category: (students scoring the highest in their school for 2 consecutive years receive a bronze medal)

School Winner (medal): **Brian Schroeder**

#### AMC 12 category:

School Winner (pin): **Alex Moore**

### DID YOU KNOW?

The Oakwood School is the only independent school in Eastern NC to be dually accredited with the Southern Association of Independent Schools (SAIS) & Southern Association of Colleges & Schools (SACS).

### ECU MATH COMPETITION

This year, 16 students competed in the 32nd ECU Math Contest. The Oakwood School placed 3rd overall in the Independent Schools category. Two Oakwood students won overall individual awards.

Algebra I division: **Daniel Barondes, Alice Reed, Colin Keiper**

Geometry division: **Michael Schroeder (4<sup>th</sup> place), Albert Tucci, Rebecca Rodriguez, Nichlas Engels**

Algebra II division: **Eric Mossman, Austin Needham, Kaitlyn Oakley, John Thomas Jenkins**

Comprehensive division: **Brian Schroeder (3rd place), Jon Schwartz, Esther Deena, Eric Dickerson, Logan Yarnell**

### SCIENCE OLYMPIAD

Oakwood Upper School students competed in the North Carolina Science Olympiad for the first time this year. The tournaments are rigorous academic competitions that consist of a series of hands-on & inquiry-based events in biology, earth science, environmental science, chemistry, physics, engineering, & technology. The following students competed on the **Division C Team** for The Oakwood School:

3rd place ‘Flying Bird’: **Austin Needham & Eric Dickerson**

Elevated Bridge: **Eric Dickerson & Scott Dickerson**

Write It, Do It: **Kaitlyn Oakley & Carla Mori-Chavez**

Egg-o-naut: **Eric Mossman & Mark Tennison**

Mystery Architecture: **Logan Garrison & Nichlas Engels**

1st place ‘Picture This’: **Rebecca Rodriguez, Miranda Daniels & Lauren Moore**

Oakwood’s **Division B Team**, composed of three 8th graders, six 7th graders & six 6th graders, students competed in 17 of 23 events & earned an overall 8th place & three gold medals. The students earning gold medals qualified in the First Place Overall Winner division & were invited to compete at the State level in Raleigh on April 20.

Gold Medals at Regionals & Silver Medals at the State Competition in the ‘Under Pressure’ event:

- **Louis Bailey**
- **Colin Keiper**

### DID YOU KNOW?

Oakwood offers Spanish starting in Pre-K through 12<sup>th</sup> grade & Latin starting in the 6<sup>th</sup> grade.

Gold Medals at Regionals & qualifying to compete at the State Competition:

- **Matt Lopez**
- **Alexis Hawk**
- **Elizabeth Needham**

Regionals representatives:

- **Dwight Rish**
- **David Deena**
- **Patrick James**
- **Aaron Lijoi**
- **Mrunal Shah**
- **Jordan Hammond**
- **William Martin**
- **Katie Mullet**
- **Ethan Rish**
- **Devon Shusterman**

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### DUKE TIP STATE RECOGNITION

The Duke University Talent Identification Program's 7th Grade Talent Search identifies academically gifted 7th graders based on their outstanding performance on standardized tests. These candidates are invited to complete either the SAT or the ACT, providing them an opportunity to take an advanced level test & learn more about their academic strengths. Students who qualify for Duke TIP's State Recognition scored at or above the national average on at least one part of a college entrance examination. This year five Oakwood Students qualified for the Duke TIP state recognition: **Arick Grootveld, Matt Lopez, Aurelia Monk, Elizabeth Needham, & Ravi Tewari.**

#### DID YOU KNOW?

Oakwood's Student to Instructional Faculty Ratio is 8: 1. Our children receive the best individualized attention!

### VISUAL ARTS AWARDS

6th Grade Art Award  
**Devon Shusterman**

7th Grade Art Award  
**Benjamin Lang**

Upper School Art Award  
**Louis Bailey**

### MUSIC / STRINGS AWARD

**Jessica Bolin**

#### DID YOU KNOW?

Since Oakwood's inception 14 years ago on leased land with a tiny faculty serving 43 K-5<sup>th</sup> grade students in trailers, we have grown to occupy 4 buildings on 41 acres of land. In the 2009-2010 school year Oakwood's faculty of 47 served a student body that has increased over 330% & includes students in grades PreK – 12.

### THE EAGLE AWARDS

Recipients of The Eagle Award exemplify the mission of The Oakwood School. They are chosen based on their strength of character, their creativity, & their contributions that make a difference at school & in the community.

6th Grade Eagle Award  
**Caroline Corey, Katie Mullett, & Brooke Smith**

7th Grade Eagle Award  
**Alexis Hawk, Arick Grootveld, Courtney Jones, & Hannah Martin**

8th Grade Eagle Award  
**Dwight Rish, Violet Noe, & Vicky Garrido**

9th Grade Eagle Award  
**Miranda Daniels, Logan Garrison, & Rebecca Rodriguez**

10th Grade Eagle Award

**Caroline Collier**

11th Grade Eagle Award

**Sue Ann Forrest, Wes Hoag, & Alex Arsenault**

12th Grade Eagle Award

**Alex Moore & David Pierpont**

#### DID YOU KNOW?

Oakwood offers hands-on science labs starting in the 4<sup>th</sup> grade, along with intensive laptop computer training & Internet safety courses.

### OAKWOOD SCHOLARS AWARD

The Oakwood Scholar Award is presented at each grade level to a student, or students, who have earned an outstanding grade point average in all of his/her courses. An Oakwood Scholar is knowledgeable as well as resourceful & motivated.

6th Grade Scholar Award: **Devon Shusterman**

7th Grade Scholar Award: **Aurelia Monk**

8th Grade Scholar Award: **Louis Bailey**

9th Grade Scholar Award: **Lauren Moore & Albert Tucci**

10th Grade Scholar Award: **Brian Schroeder & Kaitlyn Oakley**

11th Grade Scholar Award: **Ellen Clark**

12th Grade Scholar Award: **Esther Deena**

### THE VALEDICTORY AWARD

The Valedictory Award is presented to the graduating senior with the highest cumulative grade point average from grade nine through grade twelve. This year's winner is a lifer at The Oakwood School, having started her education in Oakwood's Kindergarten class, & throughout her journey at Oakwood she has excelled in the classroom. She was also named a 2010 National Merit Commended Scholar. Congratulations to **Catherine Brown, the 2010 Valedictorian.**

#### DID YOU KNOW?

At a time when other schools are eliminating arts programs, Oakwood continues to support arts education with a variety of studio art courses, Suzuki-method violin instruction for our youngest students, & two levels of chorus, band, & string ensembles.

### THE FOUNDERS AWARD

The Founders' Award is The Oakwood School's preeminent honor. The award is named in honor of the original founding families of The Oakwood School who dared to envision an outstanding independent school in Eastern North Carolina & who worked tirelessly to make their dream a

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reality. The award is bestowed each year to a senior based on his or her outstanding contributions in areas including academics, leadership, or athletics. This student has made the Oakwood School a better place. This year the recipient of the Founders' Award is **David Pierpont**, who so richly deserves this award for all of his positive contributions throughout his years at the Oakwood Upper School.

### DID YOU KNOW?

In 2009, 13 upper school students completed a total of 25 advanced placement examinations & 88% achieved scores of 3 or above.

## 2009-2010 ATHLETIC AWARDS

The Oakwood School is committed to providing competitive opportunities through interscholastic, recreational, & intramural sports programs. Through these opportunities students are encouraged to consider athletic participation at all levels as a vital part of their personal growth & their educational experience at The Oakwood School. On May 14, 2010 the Oakwood Athletic Awards Banquet was held at the Rock Springs Center to honor our athletes & coaches.

### SCHOOL-WIDE ATHLETIC AWARDS

- MALE ACADEMIC ATHLETE OF THE YEAR: Tyler Rogers
- FEMALE ACADEMIC ATHLETE OF THE YEAR: Esther Deena
- MALE CPIC SPORTSMANSHIP: Brian Schroeder
- FEMALE CPIC SPORTSMANSHIP: Caroline Collier
- MALE ATHLETE OF THE YEAR: Alex Moore
- FEMALE ATHLETE OF THE YEAR: Sue Ann Forrest
- EXTRA EFFORT AWARDS: Sharon Mangan, Eddie Moore, Mary Jon Pabst, Julie Warren

### MS/JV VOLLEYBALL

- MVP: Hannah Martin, Jennifer Pabst
- COACHES: Allison Leonhardt, Violet Noe
- MOST IMPROVED: Cameron Leonhardt, Caitlin Kram

### VARSITY GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

- **CPIC CHAMPIONS**
- **CPIC TOURNAMENT CHAMPIONS**
- MVP: Caroline Collier
- TEAM BEFORE SELF: Ellen Clark
- MOST IMPROVED: Lauren Moore
- ALL CONFERENCE HONORABLE MENTION: Alex Arsenault
- ALL TOURNAMENT: Caroline Collier, Sue Ann Forrest, Lauren Moore, Ellen Clark
- CPIC MVP: Caroline Collier
- CPIC TOURNAMENT MVP: Caroline Collier
- **ALL STATE: Caroline Collier**

### VARSITY CROSS COUNTRY

- MVP: Luke Johnson
- COACHES: Nick Reed, Bethany Garrison
- MOST IMPROVED: Casey Sokolovic

### JV BOYS SOCCER

- **2ND PLACE IN CPIC**
- MVP: Conner Sokolovic
- MVP DEFENSE: Albert Tucci
- MOST IMPROVED: Dwight Rish

### MS BOYS BASKETBALL

- MVP: Jackson Sears
- COACHES: Michael Schroeder
- MOST IMPROVED: Dwight Rish
- MVP DEFENSE: Arick Grootveld

### JV GIRLS BASKETBALL

- MVP: Erin Tucci
- COACHES: Mackenzie Urquhart
- MOST IMPROVED: Audrey Smith

### JV BOYS BASKETBALL

- MVP: Albert Tucci
- COACHES: Nicholas Engels
- MOST IMPROVED: Mark Tennison, Rien Grootveld

### DID YOU KNOW?

In 2009 – 2010 91% of our 7<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> graders participated in at least one sport.

### VARSITY GIRLS BASKETBALL

- **CPIC CHAMPIONS**
- **CPIC TOURNAMENT CHAMPIONS**
- **RMA TOURNAMENT CHAMPIONS**
- **LT. NICK BRANTLEY TOURNAMENT CHAMPIONS**
- MVP: TeAmber Burke
- COACHES: Harmony Simpkins
- MOST IMPROVED: Lauren Moore
- MVP DEFENSE: Sue Ann Forrest
- ALL CONFERENCE: TeAmber Burke, Harmony Simpkins, Caroline Collier, Lauren Moore
- ALL TOURNAMENT: TeAmber Burke, Harmony Simpkins, Caroline Collier, Lauren Moore
- **ALL STATE: TeAmber Burke**

### VARSITY BOYS BASKETBALL

- **2ND PLACE AT RMA TOURNAMENT**
- **3RD PLACE AT LT. NICK BRANTLEY TOURNAMENT**
- MVP: Xavier Griffin
- COACHES: Jay Demery
- MOST IMPROVED: Brian Schroeder
- ALL CONFERENCE: Xavier Griffin, Jay Demery
- ALL TOURNAMENT: Xavier Griffin

### VARSITY GOLF

- MVP: Tyler Rogers
- COACHES: Mrunal Shah, Andrew Moll
- MOST IMPROVED: Nicholas Engels

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### VARSIITY SWIMMING

- MVP: Conner Sokolovic
- COACHES: Kaitlyn Oakley
- MOST IMPROVED: Tyler Rogers

### VARSIITY CHEERLEADING

- MVP: Sue Ann Forrest
- COACHES: John Inzerillo
- MOST IMPROVED: Alice Reed
- CPIC CHEERLEADER OF THE YEAR: Sue Ann Forrest

### VARSIITY GIRLS SOCCER

- MVP: Caroline Collier
- MVP DEFENSE: Ellen Clark
- MOST IMPROVED: Casey Sokolovic
- ALL CONFERENCE: Caroline Collier

### VARSIITY BASEBALL

- MVP: Eric Mossman
- COACHES: Alex Moore
- MOST IMPROVED: Logan Yarnell
- ALL CONFERENCE: Eric Mossman, Alex Moore

#### DID YOU KNOW?

Coach Branch has been honored as Mitchum's "Hardest Working Coach in America." View the Albert Maysles documentary on a day in Coach Branch's life at (<http://www.mitchumhardestworking.com/#/>). Congratulations Coach Branch for embodying the Oakwood spirit, being a role model on & off the campus, & choosing to make a difference in the world!

### VARSIITY TENNIS BOYS

- MVP: Ravi Tewari
- COACHES: Jackson Sears
- MOST IMPROVED: Michael Schroeder
- ALL CONFERENCE: Ravi Tewari, Jackson Sears
- CPIC PLAYER OF THE YEAR: Ravi Tewari

### VARSIITY SOFTBALL

- **CPIC CHAMPIONS**
- MVP: Lauren Moore
- COACHES: Erin Tucci
- MOST IMPROVED: Hannah Clark
- ALL CONFERENCE: Lauren Moore, Miranda Daniels, Erin Tucci, Emily Allen, Mackenzie Urquhart
- CPIC PLAYER OF THE YEAR: Lauren Moore
- WITN PLAYER OF THE WEEK: Lauren Moore
- **ALL STATE: Lauren Moore**

#### DID YOU KNOW?

Rob Peterson, as Head of School at his previous independent institutions, was entrusted to educate the children of William Bennett (former U.S. Secretary of Education & “Drug Czar”), Jeffrey R. Immelt (CEO & President of GE), Missouri Senator Kit Bond, & singer James Taylor, among others!

### FACULTY / STAFF HAPPENINGS

- MS teacher **Catherine Allen** will travel to Turkey in July with other teachers from around the United States funded by a grant from the Turkish Cultural Foundation.
- MS teacher **Gini Peterson** received an NEA grant to attend a workshop on the music, culture, & history of the Mississippi Delta.
- Art teacher **Cindy Reed** received a grant from the PSA to acquire materials for Upper School ceramics.
- Music teacher **Erin Scully** received a grant from the PSA for additional risers for the stage.
- US teacher **Anna Katsoulis** was awarded a PSA grant for a polyvision slate for Smartboard use.
- Coach **Amy Gardner** received a grant for two outdoor basketball goals thanks to the PSA & The Eagle Club.
- **Fred Austin** will present at the National Conference of Lighthouse Schools in July 2010.

### DEVELOPMENT & “FRIEND” RAISING

As at many independent schools, The Oakwood School's tuition & fees cover only a portion of the total cost of educating a student for one year. We rely on donations & gifts from parents, grandparents, relatives, & community benefactors to make up the difference in our operating budget. The (unaudited) 2009-2010 fundraising results are as follows:

Annual Giving Campaign	\$142,930
Restricted Gifts	\$107,094
Eagle Golf & Tennis Classic	\$14,234
Epicurean Adventure	\$10,000
Wine Tasting	\$3,000
Sally Foster	\$7,500
Original Artworks	\$1,190
Spring Festival	\$2,340
PSA Dues	\$9,240
School Store	\$3,500
Other	\$1,035
Eagle Club Athletic Booster	\$25,750
Gifts in Kind	88 families

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### PARENT LEADERSHIP, FUNDRAISING, & COMMUNITY VOLUNTEERISM

Our parents & supporters have numerous opportunities to donate their time, talents, & financial resources to support the mission of Oakwood. Thank you to the volunteers who made these service projects & fund & “friend” raising events possible!

**Parent Service Association (PSA):** The PSA exists to further the school’s vision, through volunteer work within the school, fundraising, education, & special events. Volunteer & fundraising opportunities include:

- Bake Sale(s)
- Book Fair
- Box Tops for Education
- Class Parent or Room Parent
- Eagle Golf & Tennis Classic
- Epicurean Adventure
- Faculty/Staff Appreciation
- Family Fun Day
- Grandparents Day
- International Fun Night
- PSA Membership
- Read-a-Thon
- Sally Foster
- Spring Festival
- School Store
- Welcome Reception
- Wine Tasting
- New Family Orientation
- Back to School Volunteer Fair

**Eagle Club Athletic Boosters:** The purpose of the Club is to promote athletics at Oakwood in an atmosphere that is consistent with the educational philosophy of the school community. The Eagle Club (1) promotes school spirit & sportsmanship & encourages attendance at Oakwood athletic events, (2) encourages & supports the academic endeavors of Oakwood student athletes, (3) aids staff in organizing & staging special events & projects, & (4) supports staff in sports promotion, publicity, & program development. The Eagle Club also raises funds through concessions sales, special events, & admissions to be used to enhance the quality of our athletic program. Volunteer & fundraising opportunities include:

- 52 Family & 6 Golden Eagle Memberships – largest to date!
- Coach – Team & Intramural
- Fall Chicken Dinner Fundraiser
- Admissions/Concession Sales
- Athletic Awards Banquet

**Board of Trustees Committees:** The Board makes major policy decisions, but it accomplishes its work through committees & task forces:

- Admissions/Marketing
- Advisory Council
- Athletics (ad hoc)
- Committee on Trustees
- Development
- Executive
- Facilities
- Finance/Audit
- Policies & Procedures (ad hoc)
- Strategic Planning
- Technology (ad hoc)

**Other:** Other volunteer opportunities include:

- Annual Giving Campaign
- Clerical Support
- Community Outreach / Service
- Educational Support
- Field Day
- Graduation
- Family Science Night
- Special Projects
- Upper School Development
- Photography

#### DID YOU KNOW?

Over 60% of our parents & community supporters beat our goal of \$135,000 by contributing over \$142,000 to the 2009-2010 Annual Giving Campaign. *THANK YOU to the volunteers & donors that helped to make this possible!*

### ANOTHER YEAR OF COMMUNITY SERVICE

Our Oakwood community continues to “make a difference in the world” through community service endeavors. Organizations we helped include:

- Helping Hands 4 Haiti Rummage Sale
- Ronald McDonald House
- Golden Living Center
- Eastern Wildlife Rehabilitation Center
- Cypress Glen
- Sea Turtle Hospital
- Upper School service trip to Belize
- Coats for Kids
- Middle School Food Drive
- Read & Recycle Week

*We have made every effort to include and recognize all graduates, students, athletes, faculty and staff, community service projects, parent volunteer efforts, booster club activities, and fund and friend raising development efforts. We do apologize in advance for any errors or omissions.*

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