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Fireside

A magazine for alumni and friends of Brownell Talbot College Preparatory School



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Zoe Gilmore, '22

Dear BT Community,

BT's strategic plan, which the school adopted in 2019, identified a global mindset as a key differentiator for Brownell Talbot. The past few years have spotlighted the importance of developing in our students the skills necessary to be true global citizens. Not only to fulfill our mission, but to overcome real-life challenges like a global pandemic, political dissension, polarization of values, and the reliance on, and anonymity afforded by, technology.

This issue of *Fireside* offers a glimpse into the role BT's History Department plays in cultivating educated and engaged citizens (pages 7-8). It also highlights many examples of how our students are already practicing leading with curiosity - check out student successes in the What's Happening on Campus section (pages 3-4) and

catch up with BT's journalism students as they investigate everything from college admissions to the invasion of Ukraine (page 6).

In May we celebrated the Class of 2022 (pages 15-16). They are a group of individuals who excelled at championing their unique contributions and advocating for one another. They are just the latest example of how our alumni spark faith in humanity and hope for the future of our world.

With gratitude,

Kristi N. Gibbs, Ed.D.
Head of School

Thank you to Zoe Gilmore, '22, for designing this issue's cover, entitled "Innovation in Action."

From Zoe: *In creating this piece, I wanted to focus on BT's distinction in STEM education. As someone who has always been more inclined to humanities and the arts, I sought to find an intersection between the elements of STEM and creativity by showing how the imagination, when encouraged, can take a student just about anywhere. Thanks to my peers and teachers at BT, I found the confidence to pursue my passion, which is taking me to Rhode Island School of Design in the fall.*

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WHAT'S HAPPENING — ON CAMPUS? —



Nebraska Youth Poet Laureate Tanya Bachu, '25

Tanya Bachu, '25, has been named Nebraska's youth poet laureate for 2022-2023. She is the second person ever to serve in this esteemed role.

The Nebraska youth poet laureate program is part of Urban Word NYC's National Youth Poet Laureate initiative that promotes and honors creative students. The initiative produced inaugural poet Amanda Gorman. Students ages 13-19 can apply to become the Nebraska youth poet laureate.

Bachu had to submit a resume, five poems and a 500-word essay about her community involvement. She was selected from among five finalists.

As Nebraska's youth poet laureate, Tanya will receive year-long guidance from a creative and civic mentor, give readings in Nebraska, and complete a civic engagement community project of her own design, with financial support from the Nebraska Writers Collective.



1. 2021-2022 Athletes of the Year

On May 18, Molly Clark, '22, and Chris Schinzel, '22, were named BT's Athletes of the Year at the Activities Banquet. This year Molly participated in basketball, cheerleading, choir, volleyball, and Chris participated in basketball, choir, cross country, robotics, theatre, track & field.

2. BT Thespians Win Nebraska High School Theater Academy Awards

Maia Su, '22, was honored for her outstanding performance in a lead role for her portrayal of Ariel in *Disney's The Little Mermaid*. Ahaan Gulati, '25, was honored for his outstanding performance in a supporting role for his portrayal of Grimsby in *Disney's The Little Mermaid*.

They were honored at the NHSTA Showcase on June 5 at the Orpheum Theater.

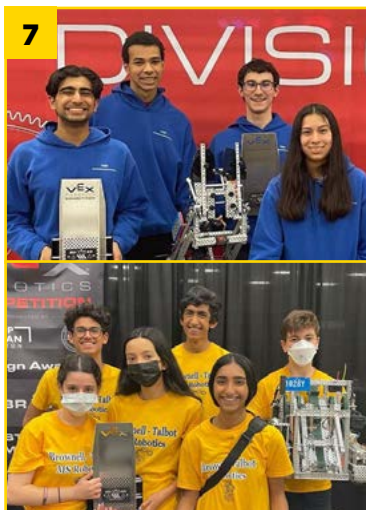
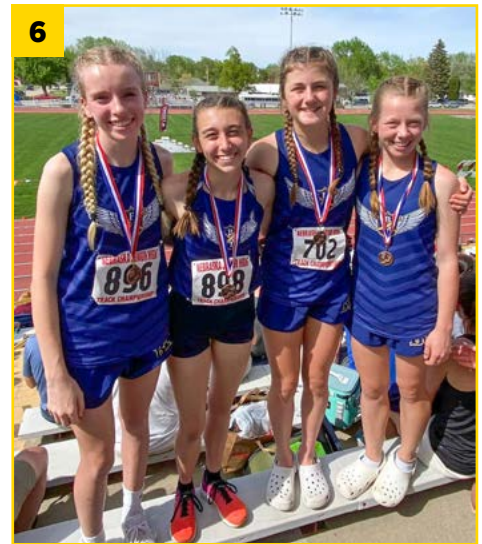
3. Aidan Halat, '25, Selected to Two-Week Spanish Immersion Program

Aidan Halat, '25, has received the Kevin Cessna-Buscemi Global Citizen Scholarship in recognition for his achievements in the National Spanish Exam, in which he has been gold medalist in the past years.

During the summer, Aidan will join a select group of students from around the country in a residential two-week Spanish immersion program at Concordia Language Villages in Minnesota. The scholarship covers the cost of tuition, all meals, and a stipend for transportation.

4. 10,023 Butterflies

Attendees of the spring play, *I Never Saw Another Butterfly*, were greeted by 10,023 butterflies displayed in Swanson Lobby. The butterflies were created and donated by friends of the BT community from all over the world. Thank you to everyone who supported this project!



5. Jack Cenovic, '22, Named a U.S. Presidential Scholar

Being named a U.S. Presidential Scholar is one of the highest scholastic honors a student can receive. Of the 3.7 million students expected to graduate from high school this year in the United States, more than 5,000 candidates qualified for the 2022 awards determined by outstanding performance on the College Board SAT or ACT exams or through nominations.

6. Middle School 4x800 Team Places at State

Olivia Grogan, '26, Corbett Lanum, '26, Abbi Gibbs, '26, and Nya Ping, '26, placed third at the Middle School State Track Meet in Gothenburg, Nebraska, and broke their own school record for the second time this season with a time of 10:33.

7. Robotics Teams Win at Worlds

Upper School's 1028Z, which includes Akshay Mehta, '22, Josh Randolph, '22, Jack Cenovic, '22, and Francesca Vidal, '24, won the Design Award and the Community Award for online-based education and outreach at the 2022 Vex World Robotics Competition.

Middle School's 1028Y, which includes Rital Miller, '26, Akhil Mehta, '26, Angel Bhandari, '26, Ahaan Gulati, '26,

Ann Mammen, '26, and Cillian Rochling, '26, also won the Design Award. The Design Award is the second highest award presented to teams!

8. Second Grade Fables

In April, second grade performed four fables in Swanson Auditorium. The performances were the culmination of their How We Bring Stories to Life project.

9. BT Wins Both Divisions at A Cappella Championships

BT's pop a cappella ensembles Pirate Radio and On Deck competed in the third annual Nebraska A Cappella Championships at Columbus High School. On Deck swept the Middle School Division, with Addy Haynes, '26, earning top soloist; Avery Nichols, '26, and Theo Hedican, '26, earning both Honorable Mention soloist awards; and the full group winning the Middle School Division championship.

Pirate Radio won the High School Division championship in spectacular fashion, and both its soloists Alice Chan, '22, and Maia Su, '22, earned Honorable Mention awards.



WELCOME

Dr. Crystal Vaught

BT's New Assistant Head of Academics

What initially interested you about the Assistant Head of Academics position?

The first Zoom call I had with BT colleagues felt natural, and I genuinely connected with everyone right away. My visit to BT in January reinforced those feelings and I now know BT is the right place for my family.

What about BT excites you?

So much! First, I've had the opportunity to spend a little time with BT's Lower School teachers and leadership teams and witnessed the strength of the programming. I am familiar with Common Ground Collaborative (CGC) and have seen it in action in other schools. I'm excited to continue its implementation at BT because it focuses on authentic issues, asking students to deep dive into tasks that are engaging and relevant and require deep thinking and transfer of knowledge. I am also impressed by BT's focus on student, faculty, and staff wellness. This is such an important focus after the past several years. I can't wait to get to know everyone and get started!

You have traveled and lived in many places. Do you have any favorites?

I made very good use of my late 20s and 30s and traveled to places my high school self did not know existed. The more I traveled, the harder it became to pick my one favorite, but my favorites are typically determined by the people and experiences in those places. I hiked through Nepal for 10 days. I had hilariously close encounters with some wildlife on the side of the mountains.

I love Norway and Denmark. I had a few spiritual experiences in a rural town in Kyetume, Uganda, and some eye-opening experiences in fascinating Colombia. A friend of mine always said it is either a good time or a good story, and sometimes, you get both. I'm blessed to have lots of travel memories that inspire stories and have taught me many life lessons.

And how about your newest adventure - Omaha?

My family and I cannot wait to explore Omaha! We have found people to be so friendly and helpful. We have met most of our neighbors and have made connections with many who live on our street. My family is very active outdoors so we look forward to finding a place to drop our kayaks and paddle boards and places to go hiking.

Five Favorites:

- **Food:** pizza, a good burger, my dad's chicken fried steak, any Asian food - Malay, Thai, Chinese, Indian, Vietnamese.
- **Movie:** *Encanto* right now because I have a 2-year-old!
- **Music:** I'm from Texas so I always go back to country music.
- **Podcast:** Anything by Ashley Flowers. She is a good storyteller. I also like Mike Rowe's *The Way I Heard It*.
- **Sport:** I love playing volleyball and running. My favorite sport to watch live is soccer in South America.

Verbatim: Transforming Student Reporting



Many great things happened during the 2021-2022 school year, and *Verbatim*, BT's student-run newspaper, was there to report them. In December, sophomore Frida Silva spotlighted the experiences of BT's first generation American students. Through the Community Voices column, students and teachers have weighed in on everything from school lunch to school spirit. In February, several students collaborated on an editorial about A2C, "the subreddit shaping college admissions." Each edition of *Verbatim* has also offered reviews on movies, albums, restaurants, and more.

What wasn't reported on: *Verbatim's* own transformation. Before the 2020-2021 school year, *Verbatim* was laid out in Google Docs and then printed copies were left in the concessions area for passersby to pick up on a whim. For most of last year, *Verbatim* was published online using a more rudimentary site through Google sites. Leading into the 2021-2022 school year, the school made two key investments that drove major changes: a membership subscription for a SNOsites.com website and the equipment needed to record podcasts.

"It has been exciting to be able to put in front of students the tools necessary to make the kind of content they want to produce," said journalism teacher Matt Low.

Although *Verbatim's* primary audience is Upper School students, the editors work hard to ensure there's something for everyone in each issue. And only once has a story been pulled for not being appropriate for the Middle School segment of its audiences: the missing Episode 1 of their pop culture podcast, *Raider Rebel*, centered on the TV-MA show *Euphoria*.

"We're focused on covering issues relevant to what's happening in people's daily lives and being responsive to the type of content they want to read," said 2022-2023 Editor-in-Chief Claire Cenovic, '23.



Verbatim staff wasted no time implementing their new tools. Now *Verbatim* is produced on a monthly basis via its own website, btverbatim.com. You can also find *Verbatim's* three podcasts on Spotify.

Making Sense with Mr. Smith

History teacher Mr. Smith contextualizes and elaborates on a plethora of current events.

- **Episode 1:** Invasion of Ukraine
- **Episode 2:** Ukraine Q&A
- **Episode 3:** Roe V. Wade

Career Clips

Students chat with BT parents about their career experiences.

- **Episode 1:** Exploring the Tech Industry with Mrs. Audrey Crane

Raider Rebel

A pop culture podcast.

- **Episode 2:** The Slap Heard Around the World

What's next for Verbatim?

"We would eventually like to have an app so that we can provide a more mobile friendly version to our audiences," said Low. "We're also hoping there is an appetite for a podcast club as an extension of *Verbatim* so there is time to develop and produce those stories."

CIVIC EDUCATION AT BT

At the close of the Constitutional Convention in 1787, when asked if the framers had created a monarch or a republic, Benjamin Franklin replied that America would be “a republic, if you can keep it.” Franklin makes the point that “you,” the American people, must be active civic participants for the system to function properly, reflect the values and will of the people, and ultimately survive.

Skills that are deemed critical to civic engagement - speaking, listening, collaborating, information gathering and processing, and advocacy - are baked into Brownell Talbot’s Portrait of a Graduate. And while all BT teachers work to strengthen these skills, it is really the History Department who takes on the weighty responsibility of teaching the skills in the context of civic education.

Researchers have warned that civic engagement has been declining nationally for several decades. Reasons that contribute to this decline include political dysfunction, polarized media, and technology. BT teachers note that, compared to students they’ve taught at other schools, BT students have always been more aware of what’s going on in the world and interested in discussing it. However, how they participate in those conversations has changed.

“Students seem more excited than ever to engage in discussion, but at the same time they are less comfortable with having their biases challenged,” said Upper School history teacher Dan Coffey. “More students want to advocate and defend their position, but they seem not as willing to listen to the other side. We constantly tell students that as their viewpoints are challenged,

conversations will get uncomfortable. But discomfort is a good thing.”

“This is the reality of a democratic society. You will run into people you disagree with,” said History Department Chair Mark Smith. “At BT we are focused on helping our students develop the skills they need to be curious, open minded, and questioning so that when they are challenged, their response is to listen, not shut down.”

It starts with learning civic values like an appreciation of civil discourse and free speech by having respectful conversations with peers and teachers. BT’s coursework provides the necessary civic knowledge - things like the processes of government, political ideologies, civic and constitutional rights - for students to understand how to participate and how to have an impact. Armed with these skills and knowledge, BT students are then encouraged and empowered to take on civic behaviors like voting, volunteering in the community, and attending public meetings.

BT’s history teachers motivate students to be interested in civic education by connecting classwork to current events and allowing students to steer where the lessons will go. Middle School teacher Betsy Peterson’s U.S. History class was keenly interested in the Supreme Court this year because the lesson coincided with the confirmation of Ketanji Brown Jackson. Following the confirmation hearings in the news sparked the students’ desire to know more about the court’s history and diversity, so Peterson adjusted her plans.



“We are really fortunate that BT encourages teachers to let the teaching follow the students’ interests,” said Peterson. “When I worked in public schools, every fifth grade classroom followed the same weekly calendar. Our flexible structure allows students to drive the learning, which is critical to keeping them engaged.”

In history teacher Amber Straka’s elective, “It’s a Riot: the History of Civil Disobedience,” students contributed to the curriculum by choosing the topics the class covered. They also were asked to extend their learning into advocacy by identifying their state senators and writing to them about a topic that they are passionate about.

In Smith’s Politics Club, he facilitates the discussion, but it is really the student leaders who pick which topics are covered, and every student is empowered to submit source material for participants to read ahead of each club meeting. The club is a safe space for students to gain exposure to the debate process and learn best practices for vetting information and considering counter arguments.

“BT is awesome in that respect because, unlike most other schools, Upper School students are required to take four years of history and there are several related electives and clubs,” said Smith. “We know that we are probably not graduating a class full of future history teachers. Our commitment to civic education shows that, as a school, we see the value in having an engineer who understands how the political process works, a doctor who actively supports community interests, a designer who has the agency to participate in local elections.”

CIVIC ENGAGEMENT BEST PRACTICES

Tips from BT’s History Department

★ Never attack the person on the other side of any argument. Respect their humanity and their right to form their own opinion. ★

★ ★ Go into conversations with the intent to share information, not to change minds. ★ ★

★ Be involved - sign the petitions that matter to you, attend public meetings, and vote, especially in local elections which will have a more immediate, noticeable impact on your life. ★

★ Expand your information sources by seeking out countering points of view. ★

★ Examine your sources for accuracy, separating fact from opinion. ★

★ In all facets of your life, focus on having conversations in person, not online. ★

Un Week-end Magnifique!

BT

On May 6 and 7, the BT community came together and said “Oui, BT!” as the school celebrated 40 years of gala and the James family as this year’s Honorary Chairs. The weekend festivities included the Gala Soirée at the Cottonwood Hotel on Friday evening and the Gala Carnival on BT’s campus the following night.

The BT community, with its characteristic generosity and leadership, came together in the spirit of gala to help raise \$1.5 million for BT scholarships, academics programs, athletics, fine arts, activities, and faculty and staff development.

The weekend was a wonderful celebration of the James family and their decades of generosity and devotion to Brownell Talbot. This was highlighted by a special raise the paddle appeal in honor of STEM and the James family.

In addition to raising critical dollars for students, the BT community enthusiastically came together for a heartwarming moment and said “oui!” when invited to fund BT’s first school dog, affectionately named Raider James.

Gala weekend would not have been possible without the vision of this year’s Gala Co-Chairs Megan Belcher and Laura and Brad Crosby whose leadership kept our school community at the heart of every decision. The gala steering committee, a group of current and past parent volunteers, worked tirelessly to plan a fun and inclusive weekend. The talents, creativity, and generosity of these volunteers make gala possible!

Every sponsorship, donation, bid placed, and paddle raised during gala directly impacts our school’s mission to know, inspire, and challenge every student, heart, and mind. Merci bien!

If you missed the opportunity to support Brownell Talbot through gala but would still like to invest in BT students, visit brownell.edu/gala and make a tax-deductible gift.

Watch the gala video and 40th anniversary gala video on Brownell Talbot’s YouTube channel.



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At Gala, the
BT community
came together
to fund BT's first
school dog,
Raider James!



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One School. One Goal. 100%.

This year, when BT families collectively reached 84% participation, they unlocked a BT Fun Day for the entire school! We had many reasons to celebrate this record-breaking year:

**\$433,179
raised!**

**Every grade and
House met or
exceeded the
60% participation
milestone**

**\$811
average gift
amount**

**88% parent
participation**

**20% of
alumni gifts
were from
new donors**

**100% participation by
faculty, staff, and trustees**



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Thank you, Bob Williams!

Congratulations to Bob Williams who gave so much to the Brownell Talbot community during his time at BT.

11 years at BT, 44 years teaching

I am proud to have been a part of the faculty of, what I consider to be, the finest school in the state of Nebraska. To share in the growth of the students we have "brought up" as they move from Early Years to graduation is a true blessing.

Retirement plans:

I plan on substitute teaching at BT and at my previous school, Papillion La Vista South. I also plan on spending lots of time with my grandkids, kids, and wife. I hope to golf and read much more often in my spare time.

Favorite BT memory:

One of my favorite BT memories was my first staff meeting in the auditorium when every staff member shared something about their summer. It was so personal! In addition, I think back to my first gala and how impressed I was with how committed the entire BT community is to making this a special and enduring space. I could go on and on...



"Mr. Williams, thank you so much for all you've done for me and the BT community. I had the unique opportunity to have you as both a coach and a teacher. If it weren't for you, I wouldn't have such a fondness for statistical analysis (or math puns) that I do now. I'll also never forget you always told me to "turn left" before each race at the state track meet. Your wisdom and sincerity will truly be missed. Best wishes to you as you begin your retirement!"

- Eliza Rice, '19



Williams' with retired BT faculty Beth Anderson and current math teachers Jessica Ryan and Carrie Rise.

"Coach Williams, you have demonstrated the significant impact teachers and coaches can have on an adolescent's academic experience. As a player on your team, I had the opportunity to practice principles that have been integral in my path thus far. You put your all into coaching for EVERY practice and game. This has served me well professionally as well as academically. As I prepare to graduate medical school next week, I can say with certainty that your discipline as an individual and coach served as behavior worth modeling.

Additionally, you encouraged me to think (and play) big. Though not the tallest or strongest on the court, you encouraged me to take the drive into the paint. Often resulting in some bumps and bruises from drawing the foul. It turns out that the lane still exists even after you play your last game as a senior - it just changes forms. The lane becomes organic chemistry finals, MCATs, 3:30 am alarms for general surgery rotations, and comments from those who maybe didn't dream quite as big or never had the opportunity. Because of your coaching, I still have the courage to attack the lane today.

Thank you for everything you have done for me. I hope you are able to enjoy some wonderful time with your family in your retirement."

- Mercedes Kent, '14



Director of campus facilities and Safety Joe Rotert, History Department Chair Mark Smith, Williams, Hanna Brown, '15, Dean of Students Bill Harrell, and retired BT faculty Dave Brown.



Many current Upper School students stopped by Mr. Williams' reception to wish him well and show their appreciation.

WELCOME: BT'S NEW TRUSTEES

Brownell Talbot is appreciative of the individuals who have accepted the invitation to help guide the direction of the school and the implementation of the strategic plan. Their willingness and excitement to serve BT families is inspiring. Please join us in welcoming BT's newest trustees!



Marc DuBois

Managing Director, Venor Capital Management LP

Marc currently works remotely for New York-based investment firm Venor Capital, which has a broad mandate to invest across the capital structure, including distressed debt, high yield/leveraged loans, and public/private equity. Prior to that, Marc worked for private equity group Fortress Investment Group and JPMorgan. He graduated from Princeton University in 2006, where he played soccer. He is originally from Seattle but has lived in several states as well as England. He and his wife Ashley have two daughters, Vivienne, '34, and Gemma, '36.



Karalee Picard

Chief of the Intelligence Director's Action Group at U.S. Strategic Command

Karalee leads strategic communications on various high-level projects, authors talking points for senior leadership, and reviews strategic guidance documents to ensure all aspects of U.S. national security priorities are considered. She was a Naval Intelligence Officer before joining the U.S. Federal Civil Service. She spent several years as an intelligence analyst with an extensive background in Russian military operations, strategic and regional analysis, and support to planning and operations. Karalee holds a bachelor's in international relations and Russian studies from Concordia College, in Moorhead, MN; and a master's in international relations from Webster University in St. Louis, MO; and a doctorate in interdisciplinary leadership from Creighton University. Karalee and her husband, Michael, have a daughter, Katie, '25.



Brian Wood

President and Owner, TansWood Carriers, Inc.

Brian has extensive experience in the trucking and ranching industries. TransWood Carriers, Inc., is a top 10 national tank carrier that specializes in transporting specialty chemicals, petroleum products, dry bulk powders, and granules. Brian is also the president of Fleet Solutions, a group insurance captive based in the Cayman Islands. From 2000 to 2022, Brian owned and managed Wood Ranch, a 2,850-acre cattle ranch in Iowa. He has a bachelor's degree in accounting and finance from University of Nebraska Lincoln and an MBA from Drexel University in Philadelphia. Brian and his wife, Debbie, share a son, Colesun, '19, who attends Texas Christian University.

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CONGRATULATIONS, CLASS OF 2022!



The 30 members of Brownell Talbot's Class of 2022 were offered admission to 102 colleges and universities in 33 states, the District of Columbia, and Germany.

Mean GPA: 3.84

One member is pursuing music professionally and another is playing in the U.S. Premier Hockey League.

More than \$6.8 million in scholarships were offered.

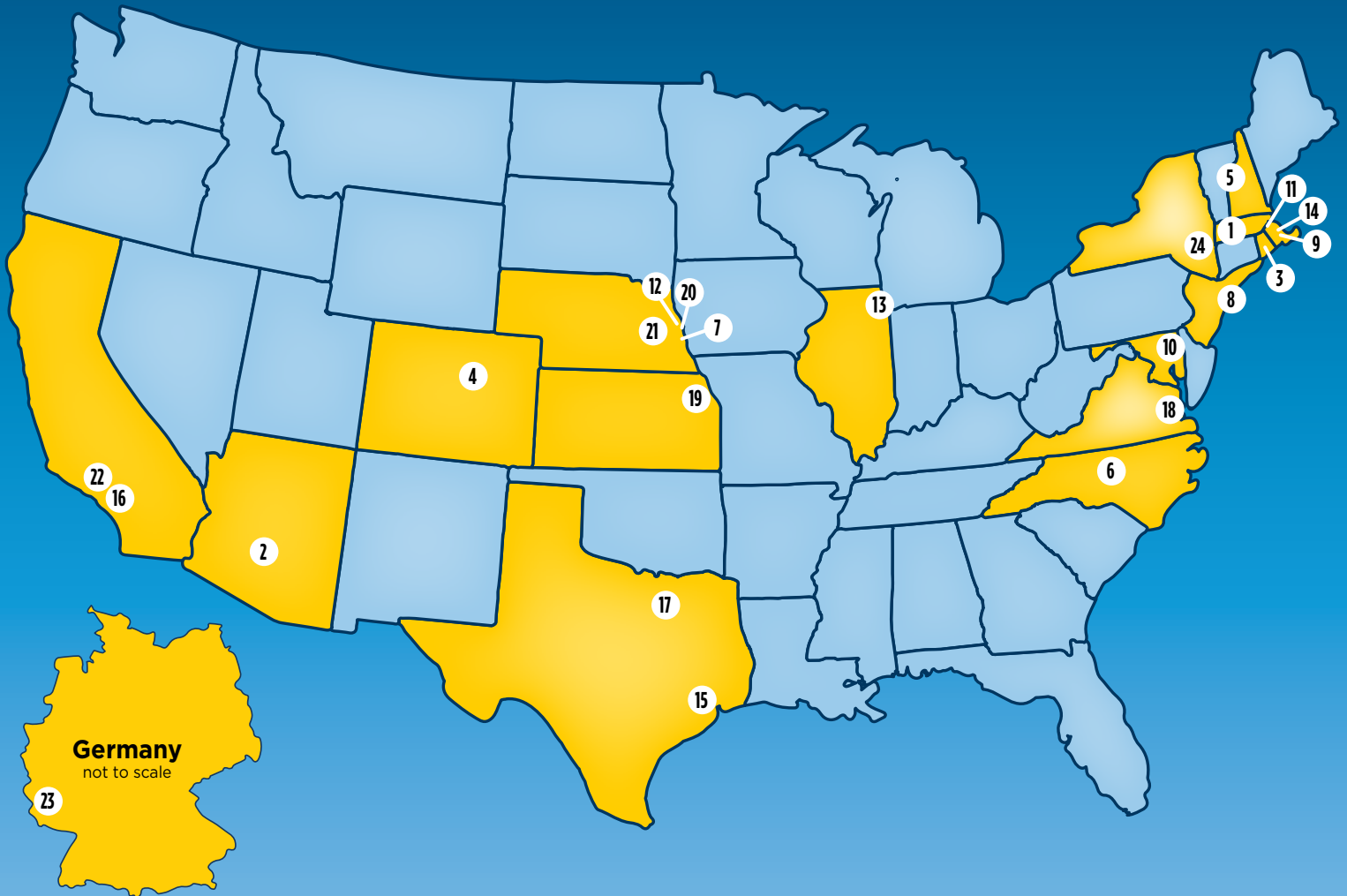
3,300 hours of community service during their Upper School years.

Sumyi Chan, '22, was not able to attend graduation, so students, faculty, and staff celebrated her and her achievements in April with her own Commencement ceremony!



COLLEGE MATRICULATION

Are there any Raiders coming to your campus or alma mater?



1. Amherst College
2. Arizona State University
3. Brown University
4. Community College of Denver
5. Dartmouth College
6. Elon University
7. Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University
8. Fashion Institute of Technology
9. Harvard University (2)
10. Johns Hopkins University
11. Massachusetts Institute of Technology
12. Metropolitan Community College
13. Northwestern University
14. Rhode Island School of Design
15. Rice University
16. Scripps College
17. Texas Christian University
18. The College of William and Mary
19. University of Kansas (2)
20. University of Nebraska at Omaha (2)
21. University of Nebraska-Lincoln
22. University of Southern California
23. University of Trier
24. Vassar College

ALUMNI *on Campus*



Graduation 2022

Many alumni attended the Class of 2022 commencement to celebrate their graduating family and friends.

- 1** Jenna Mu, '18, delivered the commencement address just days after graduating from Boston College.
- 2** Zoe Gaupp, '18, and Noe Gaupp, '22.
- 3** Chris, '17, Anna, '20, Audrey, '22, Chris, and Whitney Klinefelter
- 4** Amy, Kim, 'x98, Riley, '22, and Addison, '27, Hawkins
- 5** Sam, '20, and Josh, '22, Brym

- 6** Molly, '22, and Jacob, '19, Clark
- 7** TG, '26, Maia, '22, and Ben, '20, Su
- 8** Julian, '14, and Janeilya, '22, Davis
- 9** Noah, '20, Josh, '22, Michelle, and Adrian Randolph
- 10** Akhil, '26, Akshay, '22, and Aakash Mehta, '20

Adulthood 101 Alumni Panel

The panel answered questions from the Class of 2022 about transitioning from high school to college.

- 11** Ciaran Rochling, '20, Sam Bock, '20, Rashaan Yapp, '20, Connor Patterson, '20, Ferris Li, '20, Emalie Wightman, '20, Grayson Shirley, '21, Not pictured: Morgen Gardner, '21



12 Susan Howl, 'x65, and Jim Howl, 'x67, completed a bucket list item by visiting BT on their trip from Minnesota.

13 Kris Goodman, '94, visited campus.

14 Josie Petrulis, '21, with her mom, fourth grade teacher Tami Petrulis, and aunt, administrative assistant Pam Kirkpatrick.

15 Lillian Cohen, '19, and Miranda Knofczynski, '19, joined Jack Cohen, '23, Dean of Students Bill Harrell, and Luke Knofczynski, '24, in celebrating Bob Williams' retirement.

16 Dean of Students, Mrs. Harms, and Kaitlyn Scott, '21. Kaitlyn visited campus on her summer break from University of Southern Mississippi.

17 Amy (Hansen) Edwards, '90, and her daughter Gracie visited campus this summer.

Let's Connect!

Feeling social? Follow us on Instagram @BrownellTalbotSchool and on Facebook @BrownellTalbotAlumni

New contact information? Is your mail going to your parents address? It's time to update the school at brownell.edu/hello.

Help us connect with lost alumni.

Visit brownell.edu/alumni/lost-alumni to see the list. If you have a connection to anyone on the list, reach out to Renae at renae.mackender@brownell.edu.

ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

Carly Dana, Class of 2009



I am a young adult fiction author and also serve as vice president of Dana Group LLC, a real estate and development company. My second book, *Firestorm*, will be released this summer.

What led you to become a writer?

A love of reading and a desire to create my own adventures for others to read.

How did BT help prepare you for what you are doing now?

The rigorous coursework at BT helped me develop my time management and organizational skills, which are essential to being an author. I also became a better writer through all the required reading and writing assignments. My wonderful hands-on teachers - especially Mrs. Waterman, who taught English and journalism - helped cultivate my love of fiction.

What activities were you involved in at BT?

I was involved in golf, soccer, basketball, journalism, and theatre tech crew.

If you had your own talk show, who would your first three guests be?

Taylor Swift, Vice President Kamala Harris, and Congresswoman Katie Porter.

What's on your bucket list?

I dream of making the *New York Times* Best Sellers list and visiting New Zealand someday.

What advice would you give to current BT students?

Don't be afraid to choose the career you actually want. And there is always a way to make your goals in life achievable if you commit the time and effort.

What do you do for fun? How do you de-stress?

I spend time with my family and playing with my dog and cat. I enjoy boating in the summer. I also like to read books, watch tv, and garden.

ALUMNI NEWS AND NOTES

The Alumni News and Notes section of *Fireside* celebrates your recent accomplishments and those of your fellow alums. Share your news of births, weddings, career moves, and any life-changing events. We publish alumni submissions and any other news we receive from friends, employers, and media sources.

IN MEMORIAM

ALUMNI

Anna (Shubik) Sweeney, '70

D. September 26, 2021

Marcia (Nixon) Crane, '45

D. December 29, 2021

J. Brad Ashford, x'63, brother of Carl Ashford, '75; preceded in death by brother Mark Ashford, '70

D. April 19, 2022

Michael S. Heller, '84, brother of Tim Heller, '82

D. April 20, 2022

Pamela M. (Haviland) McGuire, '62,

aunt of Pam (Dingle) Durkan, x'90, Elizabeth Dingle, x'88, and Mike Dingle, x'94; preceded in death by sister CeLora Haviland, '65

D. April 23, 2022

Joann E. (Emmert) Clark, '43

D. May 30, 2022

Mary (Donahoo) Seina, 'x59

D. June 7, 2022

Max Faidi, '05

D. June 8, 2022

Michael Glissman, '02

D. June 23, 2022

FRIENDS

Joseph Kirshenbaum, parent of Kim Znamenacek, x'84

D. December 11, 2021

Johnice C. Orduna, parent of Matthew Orduna, '91

D. December 17, 2021

Florence B. Waymire, parent of Julie Nutzman, '87, and Rick Waymire, '85, wife of Chuck Waymire, past trustee

D. January 30, 2022

Ronald W. Roskens, Ph.D., parent of Lisa Roskens, '84; grandparent to Charles Roskens, x'18, and Mary Roskens, x'21

D. February 27, 2022

George Venteicher, past trustee; parent of G.W. Venteicher III, '92, and Heidi Venteicher Dingman, '94; grandparent to Andrew Klinger, '16, Leone Klinger, x'19, Maddaline (Klinger) Atterberry, '15, and Hayleigh Napp, x'18

D. May 3, 2022

Tommy W. Thompson, parent of Katharyn Wyckoff, '73, Karen (Thompson) Burkley, '74, and Katharyn Wyckoff, '73; grandparent to Daniel Burkley, '03, Bryan Burkley, x'05, Corey Burkley, '08, Molly Burkley, '12, and Dylan Burkley, '15.

D. May 19, 2022

June D. Scheibhofer, parent of June (Gabor) Czako, '84

D. May 23, 2022

Jan Dahlk, parent of Lesley Turner, '02, mother-in-law to Ben Turner, '01.

D. May 26, 2022

NEWS

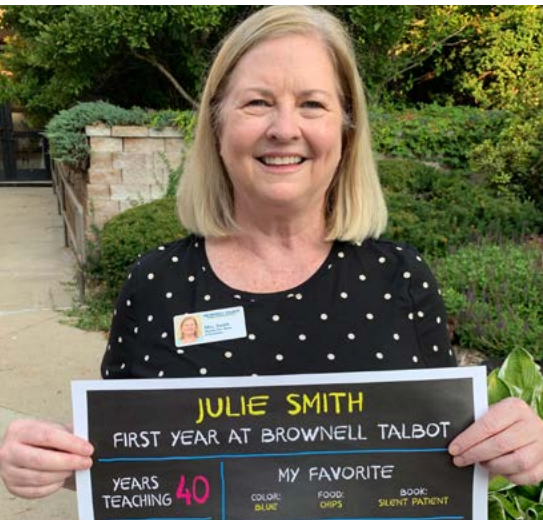
Jim Adams, '72, and his spouse, Leigh moved to Laramie, Wyoming last August. "We love the mountains and the quiet of a small city. The outdoors is something we really enjoy."

Will Calderon, '15, received a Master of Science in Civil Engineering with a concentration in Environmental Engineering from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

Angela Fader, '16, received a Master of Science in Human Environmental Sciences from The University of Alabama.

Austin Kent, '14, started a new position as performance engineer for LMDh Cadillac Racing at General Motors.

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