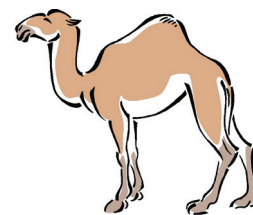


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Broadway, others say bye to BCS

By Davin Ha

Brentwood Christian is not so much a place as it is a people. Unfortunately, Brentwood is losing some of the people that make it so special, including Michele Broadway, who has been teaching high school students at Brentwood since fall of 2004.

Others moving on include elementary teacher Amber Kidd and admissions assistant Lauren Warner.

Broadway plans to move to Lockhart, where she and her husband will live on her parents' farm.

"They are getting older, and it is time for us to help them out more," she said. "My husband and I love it there. We are in the process of building our own home on the property."

Being a teacher for 18 years at the same school is no measly feat. In that time, Broadway has taught a variety of math classes, but also beginning band – a subject she taught for years before coming to BCS. Her math classes included Pre-Algebra, Algebra 1, Pre-Calculus, and Trig/Statistics. She also taught Bible classes and SAT Prep. Out of all of these, she said her favorite has got to be Pre-Calculus.

Although Broadway is leaving her position at Brentwood, she won't be giving up her love for teaching and sharing knowledge. She hopes to pick up a teaching job at one of the small rural high schools in the area.

"I don't know what I'll teach, but I'm sure the Lord will lead me to just the right new job," she said.

One of Broadway's favorite things about the BCS community is the way the teachers and staff constantly uplift the student body. She also says the friends that she has made throughout the years will make this departure especially hard.

"We really have great kids, parents, coaches, staff, and teachers at BCS," she said.

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Memories made 'Under the Stars'

By Lucy Belcik

Brentwood Christian upperclassmen enjoyed a beautiful evening "Under the Stars" at Reunion Ranch in Georgetown for the annual Junior/Senior Formal on Friday, April 29. The usually ranch-style venue was transformed by the hands of junior class officers and parents into a dreamy, flower-filled dining space. Open areas were set aside for entertainment, conversation, and plenty of photo opportunities.

Guests began to arrive at 6 p.m. and spent the first half hour of the evening chatting with friends and enjoying music from a harp and violin duet. After an opening prayer from junior class sponsor Jimmie Harper, dinner was served. Students first proceeded through a receiving line composed of class sponsors and school administrators, and then helped themselves to a barbecue buffet.

The schedule for the night was kept loosely structured, with guests who finished their meal leaving their tables to enjoy the various activities already set up.



photo: BCS yearbook

Feelin' fine Four students jump for joy during a beautiful evening "Under the Stars" at the Junior/Senior Formal on April 29 at Reunion Ranch in Georgetown.

"I think people enjoyed the freedom to do what they wanted with the time we had at Reunion Ranch," Harper said.

In addition to the live musicians, a caricaturist was also present. Outside the venue, lawn

games such as Jenga and horseshoes were available, as well as a firepit which was lit later in the evening. After a closing prayer by junior class sponsor Taylor Mayfield, many guests headed off to the Georgetown Event Center for a parent-sponsored after-party.

"Junior/Senior was a huge responsibility and pleasure to put on," junior class president Mollie Walters said. "We encountered our fair share of hiccups, but the result was beyond amazing."

Many parents of juniors were instrumental in the success of the night, with star volunteers like Laurie Weston, mother of Abigail, lending a helping hand to class officers and sponsors, who worked for hours the day of the event to decorate and set up for the evening festivities.

"We definitely owe a lot to the efforts of Laurie Weston and our class sponsors, Mr. Mayfield and Mr. Harper, who majorly contributed," Walters said.

Students seemed to agree that the dedication on the part of parents, classmates, and sponsors helped make the event a great experience.

"My expectations were exceeded, and I enjoyed every second of it," junior Dylan Nguyen said. "I had one of the best nights of my life."



photo: Dorothy Walters

Patiently waiting Grandparents and parents gathered in the courtyard on the morning of Friday, May 6, to watch students perform. See story, pg. 3.

BCS Graduations

Seniors: May 21, 8 p.m.

Kindergarten: May 25, 8:15 a.m.

5th/8th: May 27, 8:30/10 a.m.

Get to know your reporters

By Kaitlyn Weilemann

Sam Benton

Caesar of the sports section, Sam Benton is a laid back contributor who always comes through in the end. Personable in the halls and well-known around campus, this steady senior crafts quality sports columns for pages six and seven.

Will French

Grandmaster of the teams and coaches, Will French is a straight-forward reporter who reliably contributes to the sports pages. Using his patience to diligently seek out factual information, he has helped this year's issues remain well-informed.

Clive Whaley

Aficionado of authorship and all things absurd, Clive Whaley is a loyal fake story writer also known for his uncanny ability to put his bizarre tastes aside in service of crafting informative news stories. Versatile in his talents and reliably passionate about writing, Whaley is one of a kind.

Taylor Cunningham

Authority on athletics, Taylor Cunningham is a witty and unassuming talent with detailed knowledge on anything relating to sports. Within a community often populated by nerdy writers, his humble expertise bolsters those trusty gray pages towards the end of the paper.

Anjie Popoola

Brainiac of the Bear Facts, Anjie Popoola is an outstandingly organized investigator who primarily contributes her straightforward technique to stories addressing fun annual events. Respectful of the paper, she always gets her work done in a quiet and timely manner.

Davin Ha

Oracle of the senior spotlights, Davin Ha blesses each issue with his creative flair by artfully capturing the essence of each student offered up for page four. His eagerness to help make ends meet defines him as a valuable ally from the yearbook team.

Maddie Kirchoff

Artisan of fake stories, Maddie Kirchoff is shaping up to be a wonderful addition to the newspaper family. Using this year to mainly hone her skills, she learns quickly from those around her to craft creative parodies of the real news stories she will write in the coming years.

Karlee Lawrence

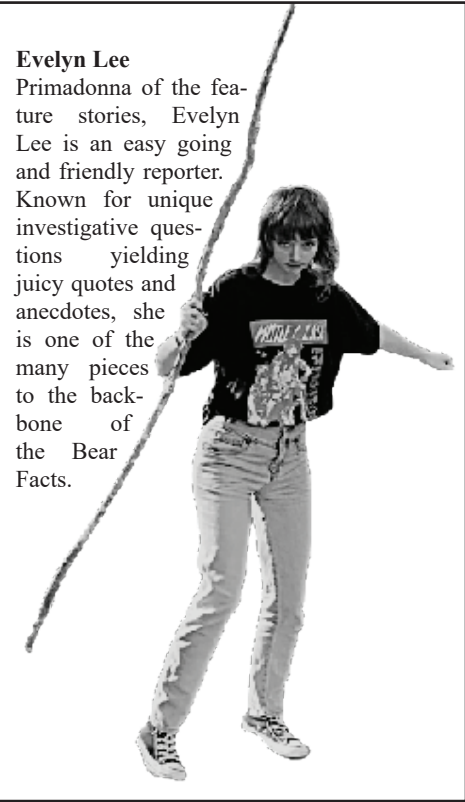
Scholar of the sports sector, Karlee Lawrence consistently comes up with informed sports columns for pages six and seven just like the rest. Dependable and a strong reporter, she is in line to be the next Caesar or Authority if her quality work continues.

Kaitlyn Weilemann

Head honcho of the Bear Facts student reporters, Kaitlyn Weilemann is infamously unyielding in her search for the truth. Known for her messy style and bold opinions, she adds a much needed spice to the editorial page.

Lucy Belcik

The glue of the whole operation, Lucy Belcik is a wickedly sharp master of lists and crafter of paragraphs for our dearly beloved craft. There isn't a single issue in the 2021-2022 year that hasn't been graced by her linguistic stylings.



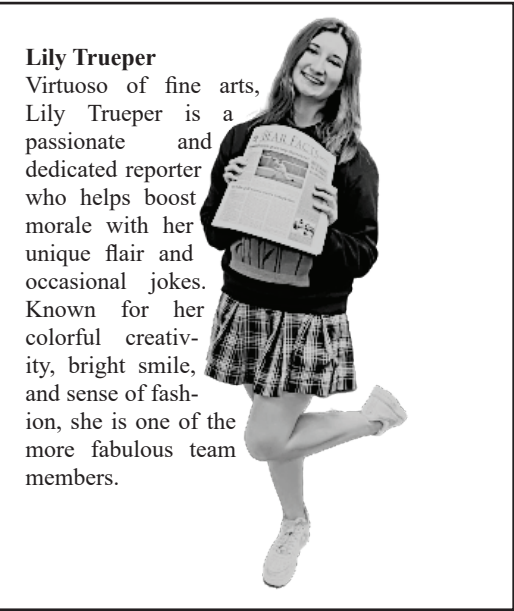
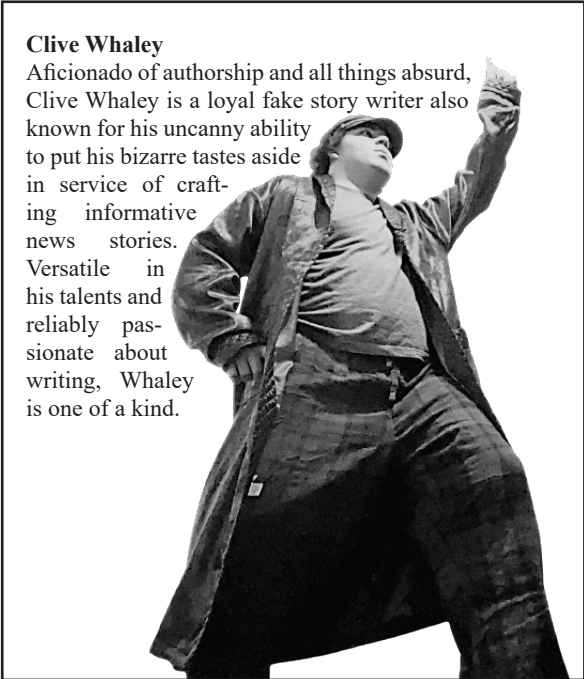
Evelyn Lee
Primadonna of the feature stories, Evelyn Lee is an easy going and friendly reporter. Known for unique investigative questions yielding juicy quotes and anecdotes, she is one of the many pieces to the backbone of the Bear Facts.

Reid Alexander

Connoisseur of the aquatic arts, Reid Alexander reigns over the swim team stories with his matching TAPPS swim hoodie, working smarter rather than harder to strengthen the sports page with his marine specialty.

Daniel Womack

Scholar of the art of fake news, Daniel Womack is a reporter in training known for his perfectly timed wit and persistence regarding his study of news reporting. Loyal to the newspaper and ever-growing in his abilities, Womack is a prime example of self-improvement.

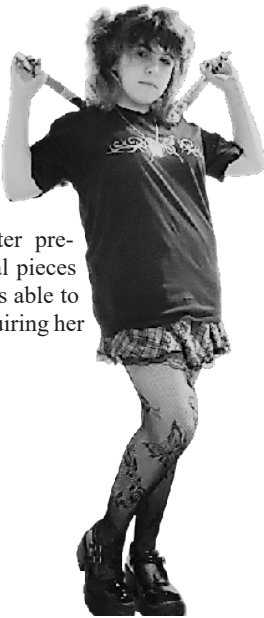


Lily Trueper

Virtuoso of fine arts, Lily Trueper is a passionate and dedicated reporter who helps boost morale with her unique flair and occasional jokes. Known for her colorful creativity, bright smile, and sense of fashion, she is one of the more fabulous team members.

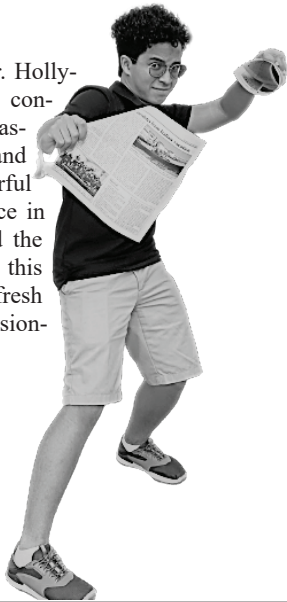
Laynie Ruiz

The pressman paragon, Laynie Ruiz sets a perfect example for other reporters who might have room to improve their skills or attitude. This adept morale booster prefers to write informational pieces about fun events, yet she's able to take on any challenge requiring her abilities.



Cristian Soto

The one and only Mr. Hollywood, Cristian Soto contributes his deep passion for storytelling and literature to his colorful writing team. A novice in both high school and the journalism world, this young talent offers a fresh perspective to an occasionally humdrum sphere.



Goodbye to Warner, Neil, Kidd, and others

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Kaleen Graessle is one of many teachers who recognize how special Broadway is and will “miss her very much.” When she reflects on the countless ways in which Broadway has served the school and church community, Graessle is reminded of the words of the apostle Peter – that each “should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God’s grace in its various forms.”

“Mrs. Broadway has many talents,” Graessle said. “Combining her gifts with the heart of a servant, she shares God’s grace in beautiful ways.”

Graessle also mentioned how much Broadway’s friendship has meant to her all throughout her Brentwood career.

“She has been a great colleague and friend. She regularly helped me navigate the minor difficulties of a day, and she also helped me get through major difficulties in my life,” Graessle recalled.

Warner came to Brentwood in July of 2007 and was the admissions assistant before stepping away this spring, having recently given birth to twins. She was one of the first faces that visiting and inquiring families got to meet.

“She always went out of her way to wel-

come visitors, make them feel at home, and provide them with information to any of their questions,” admissions director Kimberly McLain said.

McLain describes Warner as a kind soul who constantly gave off a gentle and warm aura, making her the best person to greet families who are visiting Brentwood.

Kidd, the mother of a BCS eighth grader, will be moving to Mississippi, where her husband has accepted a new job. She is currently finishing her fourth year as a third-grade teacher but has been teaching at Brentwood altogether for seven years. She started out teaching sixth-grade math and Bible, then elementary computers, before taking third grade.

Kidd said that having the ability to share God’s truth in an academic environment has been a blessing.

“The leadership and faculty are the best I’ve ever worked with,” she said. “The kids here make it such a joy to come to school every day!”

Middle school’s Carol Neil will also be leaving, as she is planning to take some time to travel and find a new job in which she can also serve God through either tutoring or an administrative position.

“I’ve truly enjoyed the interaction with the students,” she said. “I feel like they’ve ‘sharp-



photo: Michele Broadway

Go fish After 18 years at BCS, Michele Broadway will be moving with her husband to Lockhart, where they can provide better care for her parents.

ened’ me.”

Neil started out as a substitute in 2017 but was hired as a full-time teacher in 2018. She has taught sixth-grade science and seventh-grade math in her five years at Brentwood.

Other teachers saying goodbye are Spanish teacher Karla Roberson, choir teacher Daniel Watkins, and science teacher Kathy Wilson.

Grandparents flock to BCS

By Lily Trueper

Beaming smiles from children and grandparents brightened the BCS campus on Friday, May 6. Grandparents’ Day, a spring tradition since the early 1980s, once again featured food, fun, and fellowship. With events and performances held outside, the warm, sunny weather made for a beautiful day of celebration.

The morning began with coffee and breakfast tacos, with several students in the National Honor Society running meals to the students and their special guests. Many enjoyed their coffee out on the promenade while listening to the smooth sounds of the BCS jazz band.

The rest of the day featured performances by Encore, Jazz Band, the Lady Bellas and choral groups of all ages. Student-made artwork was on display in the CSA lobby, and there was even a photo booth available. In elementary, grandparents were also welcomed inside to visit their students’ classrooms.

Junior Rebekah Echols got to spend time with her grandparents, who said they greatly enjoyed the event.

“It was great to see our grandchildren in their everyday academic and spiritual environment, and to know and see that they are being well taken care of,” Terry Echols said.



photo: BCS yearbook

Please work! Eighth-grader Dylan Sloan prepares to test his solar updraft tower at the end of the Masters of Science and Engineering Day on April 20. Students in middle school and high school worked in teams to prepare towers that were effective and propellers that would spin when the heat lamps were turned on. Elementary students watched a science circus, made marshmallow catapults with high school students, and had all kinds of fun. BCS science teachers put in long hours to plan activities, purchase materials, and make the day a big success.

New MS principal hired

By Laynie Ruiz

Kelly Bolin was hired last month as the new middle school principal and will begin working full-time on May 23.

“She has great experience, an infectious personality, and an obvious love for the Lord,” BCS president Jay Burcham said.

After Dr. Amber Grady left BCS in March to take a job in Houston, the middle school has benefited from the guidance of Dr. Libby Weed, Tere Hager, and Leah Smith. These interim leaders will hand the job over to Bolin in the coming days.

Bolin earned a math degree from the University of North Texas and a master’s in curriculum and instruction from the University of Texas-Arlington. At Lamar University, she earned her principal’s license and is now working on her Master of Divinity degree from Abilene Christian.

For 11 years, Bolin was a math teacher who could teach just about anything – from sixth-grade math all the way up to AP Calculus. Next she became a high school instructional coach for four years and a middle school assistant principal for about five.

Bolin grew up in Abilene until she was 15, when she moved to Lakeway and attended Lake Travis High School. She has been married to her husband, Joe, for 26 years. Together they have four kids, all names starting with L: Layne, Landry, Layton, and their adopted daughter Lindsey.

An avid singer, Bolin joins BCS teacher Carrie Hunter on the praise team at Georgetown Church of Christ. The two have also participated in small Bible studies together.

“Kelly Bolin is going to be a wonderful addition to BCS,” Hunter said. “I have always been impressed by her genuine care and concern for others. She also has a great sense of humor!”

Bolin says that God brought her to BCS, as her friend Hunter mentioned to her that the previous middle school principal left. She took this opportunity and met with Burcham, who said she is “incredibly personable” and “matches her academic strengths with a smile and warm personality.”

“I truly believe she will be an instant hit with our community, and there will be lots of smiles upon meeting her,” Burcham said. “BCS is blessed to welcome her to our community.”

SENIOR SPOTLIGHT: Cason Best
Seniors featured in the Bear Facts were selected by a vote held among the entire BCS Class of 2022.

Good-natured football star respected by all

By Sam Benton

If you’ve ever needed help with homework, moving something heavy, winning at almost any sport, or just needed a little spiritual boost, you’ve likely talked to Cason Best. Cason is a hard-working, kind guy with a great sense of humor who loves to help others.

Cason’s teachers describe him as diligent, punctual, and simply good natured.

“He’s always tuned in with what we’re talking about,” says history and Bible teacher Jimmie Harper. “He’s always willing to express himself very honestly.”

Cason has been at Brentwood Christian for as long as he can remember. As members of Brentwood Oaks Church of Christ, his parents Summer and Clint Best started Cason in the Children’s Ark preschool program. He has grown up in the church and is very involved in the BOCC youth group, with whom he has attended Camp Blue Haven, various retreats, and multiple mission trips to Tulsa to guide young children in the faith amongst other services within his community. Blue Haven is one of Cason’s favorite places. He was baptized there in the mountains of New Mexico and says one his favorite things about the summer camp is something called “Players,” which is a series of performances from the camp’s counselors which have some sort of biblical message often given in a somewhat unconventional way.

“Honestly, hanging out and staying up late and joking around with the boys is the best part,” Cason says.

Cason’s dad is a project manager for a construction company, and his mom has been a teacher at BCS for 18 years, teaching fourth grade for the last eight.

Quentin Fowler, who is one of Cason’s cousins and also a senior at Brentwood, says that Cason has been such a blessing in not only his life but also the lives of so many others.

“I’m grateful that I’m lucky enough to have him as my cousin,” Quinn says. He also recalls when the two were kids they used to pretend they were Ninja Turtles every time they ate pizza and yelled “Pizza time!” before proceeding to scarf it all down.

Senior Ben Copeland, one of Cason’s good friends, has fond memories of a science project in eighth grade where they were supposed to bake a cake. While they were baking at Cason’s house a wasp flew into the room and Cason immediately took action, grabbing a broom and dust scooper to “take out” the unwanted guest. Cason flushed it out the blinds before smacking it with the broom.

“We calmly finished our project and produced the tastiest cake in the grade,” Ben says.

Cason’s love for sports and his determination to always progress has made him a top athlete at BCS. Whether it’s football, basketball, or track, Cason is always competing to win and help his teammates.

Cason has played football at Brentwood since fifth grade on the flag football team and finally got to put on some pads in seventh grade for Brentwood’s middle school football team. Six years later he is one of the best football players Brentwood has

ever seen. His hard work since middle school has turned him into what many players on the team would consider “a hoss.” Cason was voted first-team all district for linebacker and tight end this year. But his physicality and size is not the only reason his teammates look up to him and his coaches respect him so much.

“Cason is such a Christ-like leader who loves to serve,” head football coach Correy Washington says. “His attitude and work ethic stand out the most. When you play next to Cason, you’re going to want to give your all.”

His teammates and peers look up to him as a strong role model as he works to lead others on the field as well as off, where Cason sings in choir and is a member of Encore,

Brentwood’s honors choir. Cason also likes to play guitar occasionally and said he got his first guitar when he was in middle school but didn’t really start playing that much until he was a freshman. Now he enjoys playing every now and then when he finds some free time in his busy schedule.

Cason has always wanted to play football in college and recently committed to play at McMurry University in Abilene to fulfill his goal. Wherever Cason’s path takes him, those who know him best are certain that his outstanding personality, compassion for others, and solid faith will bring him true success in all that he does.



StuCo election results

- President:** Alishah Mohammed
- Vice president:** Ashlynn Alvarado
- Secretary:** Isabella Parra
- Treasurer:** Victoria Cartay
- Historian:** Cristian Soto
- Senior rep:** Keira McCormick
- Junior rep:** Kora Simon
- Sophomore rep:** Ariba Mohammed
- Freshman rep:** TBD
- At-large rep:** Juliet Booker
- At-large rep:** Renne Cooper

Top students honored

Atticus Wiginton and Sydney Cooper were named Mr. and Miss BCHS at the academic awards banquet in the CSA theater on May 10.

Citizenship award winners for each class were freshman Jack Copeland, sophomore Laynie Ruiz, juniors Hayden Hutson and Mollie Walters, and senior Ben Copeland.

Heavy on STEM and athletes, seniors ready to fly

By Evelyn Lee

With only a few days remaining, the 64 graduating seniors are turning the page to the next chapter of their lives. Brentwood Christian’s Class of 2022 is taking steps in all directions. Many are staying close to home, some are going far away, and some are still deciding where they’re heading.

Fifty percent of the seniors currently have listed STEM majors. Another 12% hope to major in business or marketing, while a few students plan to pursue a double-major.

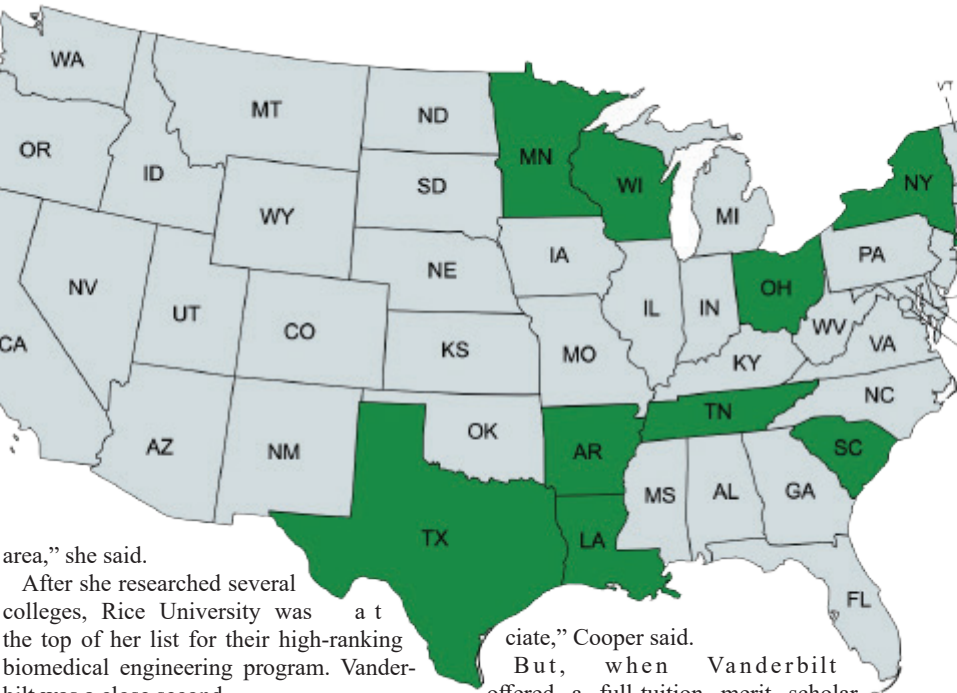
A record 16 students (25% of the grade) will be attending Texas A&M University, while three will be attending schools in the University of Texas system: two in San Antonio and one in Tyler.

Five students will be attending class in Austin, with three at Austin Community College and two at St. Edward’s University.

Nine students will be heading to college out of state, ranging from Wisconsin to Louisiana.

Sydney Cooper is excited to go off to Vanderbilt University in Nashville and wants to major in biomedical engineering.

“I’ve lived in Austin all my life, so it’ll be nice to have a fresh start in a completely new



area,” she said.

After she researched several colleges, Rice University was a t the top of her list for their high-ranking biomedical engineering program. Vanderbilt was a close second.

“Not only are both schools amazing, but they also seem to have great communities and emphasize collaborative learning, which I appreciate,” Cooper said.

But, when Vanderbilt offered a full-tuition merit scholarship, she immediately accepted.

Nathan Joseph will be heading to Texas A&M to study nutrition and eventually go to

med school. He applied to both A&M and The University of Texas, and he was accepted to both.

“I got into UT-Austin, the ‘better’ school in terms of ranks, but after visiting both campuses, I felt like the community of people I met at Texas A&M was more welcoming,” Joseph explained.

Misty Hall plans to study at Lubbock Christian University. She will be majoring in natural resources and conservation and plans to become a national park ranger someday.

Many of the seniors have made plans to play inter-collegiate athletics, including four in football and three in baseball. Keller Jackson will play football at Crown College in Minnesota, while Drew Phipps and Caleb Riley will both be playing for Wisconsin Lutheran. Cason Best will play at McMurry University.

Baseball players are Jake Amoroso (University of Dallas), Jack Spring (College of Wooster), and Seth Taylor (St. Edward’s).

“I would describe this class as passionate and loving,” class sponsor Jimmie Harper said. “They care deeply for each other and pour their hearts into all their interests.”

Class of 2022: Destinations		
Abilene Christian University David Ayala - graphic design Jaeden McGaughy - business Atticus Wiginton - psychology	Harding University Benjamin Copeland - physics & mech. eng. Brandon Tindel - undecided	Texas A&M University Sam Benton - engineering Jesse Brothers - biology Parker Combs - computer Engineering Ryan Crowe - economics Jack Esche - mechanical engineering Joshua Ging - computer Engineering Will Hughes - mechanical engineering Chris Jo - neuroscience Nathan Joseph - nutrition Jack Leidlein - applied mathematics Harrison Mallett - engineering Zoë Roetter - neuroscience Makana Sloan - sociology Josh Trevino - engineering Olivia Wofford - biology Evan Young - engineering
Austin Community College Sophie Grooms - undecided Lola Ohlhaber - childhood development Israel Williams - engineering	University of Houston Nathaniel Fogle - architecture Luke Ging - biology	Texas Tech University Elijah Baron - pre-law Ariyah Houston - biology Nhu Le - computer science Ethan Phipps - biology Tessa Whitaker - kinesiology
Baylor University Olivia Osborn - apparel des. & prod. dev’t	Louisiana State University Chris Mayo - biology	University of Texas at Tyler Claire Pittner - nursing
Blinn Junior College Quinn Fowler - philosophy Layla Hansen - business and marketing Sarah Orick - EMS program Conner Rohlack - business	Lubbock Christian University Misty Hall - nat’l resources & conservation	Trinity University James Oberwortmann - undecided
College of Charleston Mia Gates - marketing	McMurry University Cason Best - undecided	Vanderbilt University Sydney Cooper - biomedical engineering
Crown College Keller Jackson - undecided	Medaille College Savannah Napper - psychology	Wisconsin Lutheran College Andrew Phipps - kinesiology Caleb Riley - business management
University of Dallas Ava Alvarado - biology Jake Amoroso - undecided	San Antonio College Davin Ha - psychology	The College of Wooster Jack Spring - undecided
Dallas Baptist University Rylan Acheson - business and biology	St. Edwards University Taylor Kerr - business and marketing Seth Taylor - undecided	Undecided/gap year Truc Le - undecided Sophie Orlikoski - gap year Hunter Perkins - undecided Shy Soliz - undecided Cruz Wilkie - gap year
	Texas Christian University Bailey Harris - biology & bus. management	
	University of Texas at San Antonio Marisol Jimenez - biology Sadie Mancias - undecided	
	Texas State University Lee Gardner - nutrition Lauren Warner - biochemistry	

Baseball wins 29 games, one short of state

By Taylor Cunningham

The Bears' record-setting baseball season came to an end on March 13 in Fayetteville, one win away from advancing to the TAPPS state semifinals. It was a game in which nothing went right for Brentwood, as they lost 17-1 to Houston Lutheran South, ending their season with a record of 29-3-1.

Brentwood was ranked 8th in the final TAPPS poll and set school records for wins and for consecutive games won (19).

“What a remarkable season we had,” head coach Jeffrey Doege said. “Very exciting, energetic, great team chemistry – we were a complete team.”

The Bears ended the regular season as the outright district champions with a 9-1 record. As top seed in their district, they earned a first-round bye following their win against TMI on May 2. Playing at home on May 9, BCS won their area playoff game against Fort Bend by a score of 9-2 thanks to solid hitting and exceptional pitching.

Senior Jack Spring started the game on the mound going five innings, allowing just two hits and not giving up an earned run, recording his 11th win of the season. The Bears scored

first with one run in the first inning, then the Eagles responded with one in the second. Spring helped himself out with a three-run



photo: Tyson Spring

Overpowering Senior Seth Taylor led the Bears with 146 strikeouts this season.

home run in the third to give the Bears a 5-1 lead. The boys added two insurance runs in the fourth and again in the sixth to increase their lead to eight, before the Eagles scored one more in the seventh.

Senior shortstop Jake Amoroso led the team with a .531 batting average, followed by senior Seth Taylor (.489) and sophomore Tabor Tyson (.458). Amoroso led with 47 RBIs, and Taylor had 34. Tyson led with 50 runs, followed by Taylor (47). Taylor finished with 9 home runs.

Taylor led the team pitching with 146 strikeouts, and Spring led with a 1.48 ERA.

Following are the results of the final district games:

4/14: Regents 5-2 L

The Knights ended the Bears' 24-game streak without a loss as BCS had trouble finding their rhythm. The game was scoreless through four innings, then Regents broke the tie in the fifth. The Bears followed with two of their own, but the Knights scored four unanswered runs in the sixth to seal the game. Amoroso went 3-for-3 at the plate but was stranded on the bases all three times.

4/19: @ Regents 7-0 W

Taylor dominated the Knights in the Bears' grudge match to atone for their loss five days

earlier. Taylor started the game with a deep home run and ended it on the mound with his 20th strikeout of the night, wrapping up a two-hit shutout. At the plate, Taylor was 3-for-3 with three RBIs and two walks. Tyson also finished with three hits and an RBI.

4/22: @ Boerne 9-2 W

The Bears continued their dominance on the mound and at the plate against the Eagles. Brentwood and Boerne went into the game tied for first in district, but the Bears emerged as the clear leader. Taylor smashed his school-record ninth home run of the season, and Spring pitched five scoreless innings. Amoroso finished with three hits and three RBIs, with Taylor and Andrew Davis knocking in two of their own.

4/26: @ Hyde Park 7-2 W

Brentwood clinched their share of the district title after their extra-innings win against the district rival Panthers. After a slow start followed by a pep-talk by some of the players and coaches, the boys found their rhythm to win the game in exciting fashion. Taylor struck out 14 and allowed just two runs, and Amoroso came on in relief with a stellar closing performance

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Softball closes tough season with thrilling victory

The Lady Bears ended their softball season on a high note, holding on for a 12-11 win over Providence in the second game of a doubleheader on April 28, the team's senior night.

“It was exciting to see the girls execute what we've been practicing all year,” head coach Rory Tyson said. “Outfielders played lights-out defense, and Taylor Kerr and Ashlynn Alvarado were stellar at the plate.”

Brentwood finished with a 3-13 district record and 10-18 overall. With a young team, it was expected that the team would face some adversity this season. But Tyson said she was pleased with how much the girls learned and improved each game. She is also encouraged by the fact that their district competition next year, competing in 4A instead of 5A, “won't be as stacked” as it was this year.

“I'm excited to see what they can do with another year of practice and field time,” Tyson said.

Sophomore McKenna Counts, who pitched every game for the Bears this season, said the team went into this season not really knowing what to expect and ended up learning a lot. She expects next year to be different.

“We have many hard-working returning team members and upcoming talent that will

just add to our team,” Counts said. “And I'm super excited to see what this team will do next season.”

Sophomore Keira Black led the team in batting average and in several other offensive categories.

Following are the final district results:

4/19: TMI 14-12 W

Brentwood took the early lead but soon found themselves behind 7-2. The girls then put on an offensive show in the fourth inning, cranking out 11 hits and scoring 11 runs. TMI battled back to make it close, but the girls hung on to take the victory. Senior Lee Gardner was 4-for-4, and sophomore Keira Black was 3-for-4 with a home run. Counts had seven strikeouts pitching.

4/21: Providence 9-4 L

Counts had a big day at the plate with a home run and three RBIs, and freshman Charis McGaughy was 2-for-3 with a triple, but the Bears were unable to keep up with their opponent. Even worse, Brentwood lost Black to a season-ending knee injury.

4/22: John Paul II 11-1 L

Counts struck out nine batters, and Gardner was 3-for-3 with a triple, but the Bears were no match for John Paul II.

4/26: Hyde Park 13-2 L

BCS struggled against another strong opponent, but there were bright spots on defense, including fine plays by Gardner, Ava Alvarado, and junior Rachel Stanglin.

4/28: St. Anthony's 14-1 L

In the first game of a doubleheader, Kerr was 3-for-3 with the only RBI, as Brentwood could

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photo: BCS yearbook

About to score Sophomore Keira Black, leading off of third base here in a recent game, led the team in many offensive categories and was sharp in the field.

Track boys smash records, finish fourth in state

By Will Fuller

The varsity boys turned in an outstanding performance but fell short in their quest to repeat as track and field state champions last Friday and Saturday, May 6-7, in Waco. The team took fourth overall, ending in a dramatic 4x400 meter race with several teams finishing within three seconds of each other. Brentwood lost time with an awkward exchange and placed sixth in the race, but they still managed to come away with a school record 3:30.71.

“What an amazing finish to a great season,” head coach Correy Washington said. “I am proud of our track program and how far we have come.”

The 4x100m relay and the 4x200m teams both took second in state and set school records with times of 42.85 and 1:30.10, respectively. Running the 4x100 were sophomore Jakob Megilligan, sophomore Tabor Tyson, senior Brandon Tindel, and senior Chris Mayo. The 4x200 included senior Nathan Joseph, Tindel, Megilligan, and Mayo.

“The fact that we broke every relay record at the state meet was something that I will never forget,” Washington said. “Those records and memories will last for years to come.”

Mayo not only anchored two relays, but he also became the back-to-back state champion in the 200 meters. His time of 21.96 was run into a stiff headwind.

Joseph was fourth in the 110 hurdles (15.90), fourth in the triple jump (42-04.5), and fifth in

the long jump (20-08). Sophomore Renne Cooper took sixth in the 3200 (10:31), while senior Jack Leidlein came in fifth in the 300 hurdles (42.56). Senior Will Hughes took sixth in triple jump (41-07.5).

“We had a talented senior class that I will miss truly,” Washington said. “It has been an honor to coach these young men. It would have been awesome to win state this year, but placing fourth in the state is a major accomplishment as well.”

Sophomore Mattie Hannah, the only BCS girl athlete at state, took sixth in long jump (16-0) and seventh in triple jump (33-06).

The boys won the district meet at St. Michael’s on April 21 with 247 points, 98 points ahead of St. Michael’s. A total of 10 boys advanced to regionals, including all three relay teams.

Two school records were broken in the relays, and in the mile Cooper broke his own school record with a time of 4:43. Unfortunately, that time was not fast enough for Cooper to qualify for regionals.

Mayo ran a 21.84 to win the 200 easily, and Megilligan ran 11.43 in the 100, qualifying for regionals. Hughes and junior Brecken Lee took first and second in the 400, both making it to regionals, with times of 53.70 and 53.94.

Cooper did qualify in the 3200 with a time of 10:55. Joseph took first in the 110 hurdles (16.05). Seniors Parker Combs and Leidlein took first and second in the 300 hurdles with times of 44.74 and 45.01.

Leidlein also got second in the high jump



photo: Lisa Lee

Brentwood’s fastest The boys’ 4x400 team finished sixth at the state meet in Waco on May 7 and set a school record of 3:30.71. Runners, from left, are senior Will Hughes, senior Jack Leidlein, senior Brandon Tindel, and junior Brecken Lee.



photo: Louis Hughes

Track legend Senior Nathan Joseph, here running the 110 hurdles at the state meet on May 7, also competed at state in the long jump, triple jump, and 4x200 relay. Joseph finished in the top five in all events and has his name in the school record books.

with a leap of 5-10. Joseph was second in the long jump with a leap of 20-2.5 and first in the triple jump, going 43-2 and setting a Brentwood record. Hughes took second (41-0).

The 4x100 relay won with a new best of 43.08, while the 4x200 relay took first at 1:31.2. The 4x400 relay took first place with a record of 3:32.1.

Unfortunately, the girls’ team was hit with sickness, preventing them from qualifying for regionals. However, Hannah did qualify in the long jump and triple jump with marks of 15-07.5 and 33-07, respectively. Sophomore Katie Pittner took second in the 1600 with a 5:48.

At the regional meet in Waco on Thursday, April 28, the boys took second behind Fort Worth Christian by only nine points, moving them on to state. At this meet, the top four scores would move on.

Mayo took first in the 200 with a 22.41. In the 3200, Cooper took second with a 10:21. Joseph took second in the 110 hurdles with a time of 15.88, while Leidlein took fourth in the 300 hurdles with a 42.89.

All three relays qualified for the state championship: the 4x100 with a 43.11, the 4x200 with 1:31, and the 4x400 with a 3:31. Joseph qualified in the long jump and the triple with marks of 20-06.25 and 41-11.50, respectively. Hughes also qualified in the triple jump with 40-10.

Golf wraps up

By Karlee Lawrence

The Bears’ golf team finished the season strong with a solid performance in the district tournament on April 25, followed by the regional tournament for the girls on May 2.

Held at Lakecliff Golf Course on April 25, the district tournament featured major rain and lightning delays and finally concluded after eight hours of golf. The Lady Bears placed third, giving them a spot at regionals. Junior Clara Tillotson led the team with a 98, followed by junior Alisha Mohammed (108) and freshman Karlee Lawrence (110).

The boys placed fourth and were led by freshman Jack Fluitt’s 88.

With the girls continuing on to regionals, there was plenty of excitement as they played a final round of golf at the Shadow Glen course a week later. Mohammed led the girls with a 106, followed by Lawrence (112) and Tillotson (117).

“I’m very proud of all of the golfers and their effort they gave for this season,” head coach Randy Tillotson said.

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BCL means music, animals, kites, paint ... fun!

By Anjie Popoola

Students adorned with flower crowns, flying kites, and screaming as they slid down the inflatable slide is what made the 2022 Brentwood City Limits a big success.

BCL was held on the warm and sunny afternoon of April 22 on the athletic field and the area behind the FLC. The open location opened up plenty of room for fun games and activities.

“Seeing all the students and parents on campus having a good time is a moment of the year,” PTF president Jennifer Smeltzer said.

Along with the activities, the PTF and administration partnered with StuCo to combine Brentwood City Limits with a Family Fun and Service Night that provided a variety of service ideas for families. From writing notes of encouragement to European refugees to donating fans to less-fortunate neighbors, BCL provided everyone with the chance to serve. Families could also donate to help fund the distribution of Bibles in Europe, and also to provide hu-

manitarian aid for Ukrainian refugees in Slovakia.

This year it cost \$5 for a wristband that allowed for unlimited access to all activities. Smeltzer said more than 400 wristbands were sold, which is much more than in previous years.

Baas and oinks could be heard from the petting zoo that featured goats, lambs, piglets, a tortoise, and two bearded dragons. Behind the petting zoo, a camel was also available for brief rides.

A variety of games like Super Smash Bros., laser tag, spikeball, and nine square dominated the evening, as there were always players in line waiting for their next turn. Other activities like inflatable slides, kite flying, drawing with paint or chalk, and making flower crowns were also enjoyed by students of all ages.

This year’s festival featured a cover band called the Earthlings, composed of four members, including BCS parents Kip Fluitt and John Hernandez.

A good festival always has food, and the PTF definitely provided with their concession stand. As heavily advertised, watermelon was offered and 10 were completely eaten.

“I’m so glad that we were able to have BCL this year, and I’m grateful for the amazing outcome,” StuCo president Sydney Cooper said.



Yee-hah! School CFO Jeff Morris catches the spirit while riding a camel at Brentwood City Limits on April 22. There was live music, kite flying, and much more to do.

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to record the win. The Bears scored in the first inning but then had to come back to tie it 2-2

in the sixth. Going to extra innings, the Bears’ bats got hot in the ninth, scoring five runs to seal the game. Amoroso finished 2-for-4 with two RBIs, Sam Benton added two hits, and Will Hughes had two RBIs with a clutch pinch-hit double in the ninth.



Let’s go! Senior Jack Spring is swarmed by teammates after crushing a three-run homer to give the Bears a 5-1 lead over Ft. Bend in their playoff game on May 9.

5/2: TMI 6-1 W

The Bears were crowned district champions following their senior night win against the visiting Panthers. The Bears held TMI scoreless until the final inning. Spring and Taylor combined to pitch six scoreless innings, giving up just two hits with seven strikeouts and not walking a batter. Amoroso extended his hit streak to nine games, going 2-for-4 with three RBIs.

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not keep up.

4/28: St. Anthony’s 12-11 W

In the Bears’ final game of the season, there were several offensive stars. The girls pounded out enough hits and scored enough runs to find themselves tied 11-11 after four innings. It stayed that way until the seventh inning, when Kerr scored from second base on a wild throw by the catcher to give Brentwood the lead. But St. Anthony’s soon loaded the bases with one out. Their batter hit a fly ball that was caught by sophomore Macie Griswold in center field. As the runner on third tagged, Griswold threw to Ava Alvarado, who then gunned the runner out at home. McGaughy applied the tag, ending the game and the season with a win.

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