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## "THIRTY YEARS OLD AND GOING STRONG!"

On March 12, over three hundred and fifty WCS alums and friends gathered on campus to get re-acquainted, share memories, make new friends, experience current happenings at WCS, and learn about future plans for the school. Because time marches on only a few of the "real old-timers" were present to celebrate, but many of the "founders" were highlighted in the "Memory Walk" made up of various WCS artifacts saved for such an occasion. Cameras were flashing everywhere as new memories were made for future recall.

Event highlights included campus tours, WCS Jazz Band concert, speeches from earlier WCS employees, Eloise Hughes and Suzanne Davannon, then from Mr. Harold Wade, WCS administrator for four years, and finally a brief talk by Robert O. McCloy, current school head. A special presentation was made to Joan Partain, a lifelong educator in Christian schools (see article below). Randy King, Board President acted as Master of Ceremonies and made many introductions of people who are and have been associated with WCS in various capacities. It was a memorable occasion.



*WCS alumni had a great time getting caught up with one another!*

## Joan Partain Honored

A highlight of the 30th Anniversary Celebration is pictured to the right. Mr. McCloy is making a presentation to Joan Partain and her husband Gene honoring Joan by naming the WCS Upper School library, "Partain Library." Mrs. Partain was so honored because she spent her entire fifty-one year edu-



cational career working in Christian schools, the last thirteen at WCS. One of Mrs. Partain's first grade students she taught early in her career, Tony McCovey, provided the funding for the library. She later taught Tony's children. Everyone had a good laugh when Joan told about the time she spanked Tony with a ping-pong paddle. The paddling evidently took.



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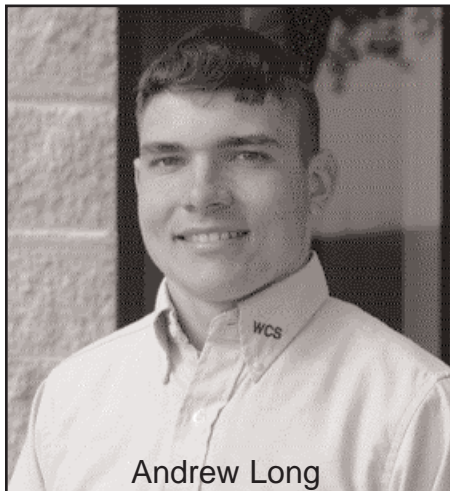
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## WCS Seniors In D

Students who attend WCS will tell those who ask, that they are well prepared spiritually and academically for the next level of education when they graduate. As a testament to that statement, at this writing a few of our seniors have already been recruited to attend college on scholarships.

**Andrew Long** has been at WCS since fourth grade. He has been involved in several school activities including band, football, track, and student council.

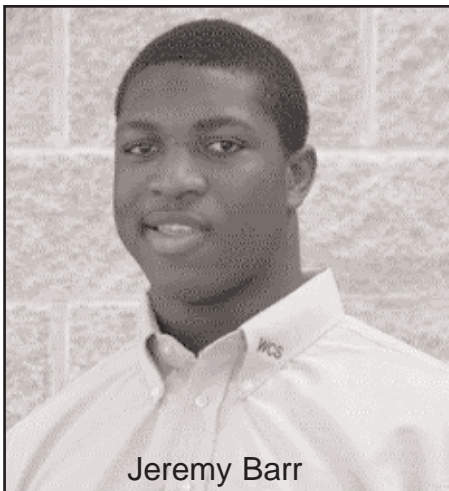
*"What I really like about WCS is you really know the teachers and administrators and they really know you. I experienced so many things I couldn't have done at other schools and all of it in a Christian atmosphere."* Andrew is near the top of his class academically and has received a congressional appointment to the **USA Air Force Academy**.



Andrew Long

**Jeremy Barr** has signed to play basketball for the **University of Southern California (USC)**.

About his experience at WCS, Jeremy said; *"I will never forget WCS! Besides being in a great basketball program, I have grown closer to God while getting a great education."* Jeremy



Jeremy Barr

has been at WCS for three years. Standing 6'8" tall and weighing in at about 260 pounds, he truly stands out on campus. He was recently named first team "All City" by the Houston Chronicle.

**Jessica Tumlinson** was recently recruited to play softball by **Faulkner University** which is located in **Montgomery, Alabama**. Besides being in the top ten of her class academically, Jessica has been named to the "All

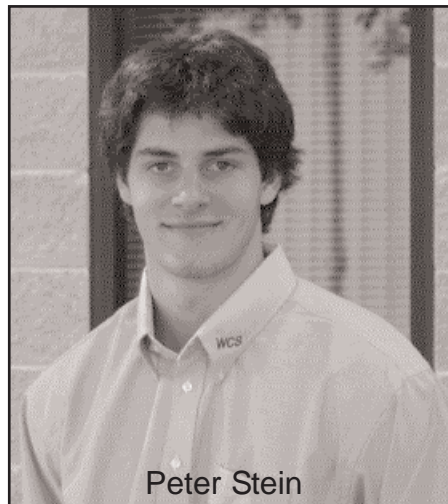


Jessica Tumlinson

Conference" team in softball. Jessica said, *"It has been a blessing to attend WCS. The Christian environment, the academics and the softball program provided me with everything I wanted and needed."*

**Peter Stein**, a 6'9" star on the Wildcat basketball team recently signed to play for **William and Mary University** in Virginia. Peter has attended

WCS since the 7th grade, and he is a solid student academically. About WCS, Peter said, *"My time at WCS has been great because of the teachers and coaches. Everybody emphasizes your personal growth spiritually and academically."*



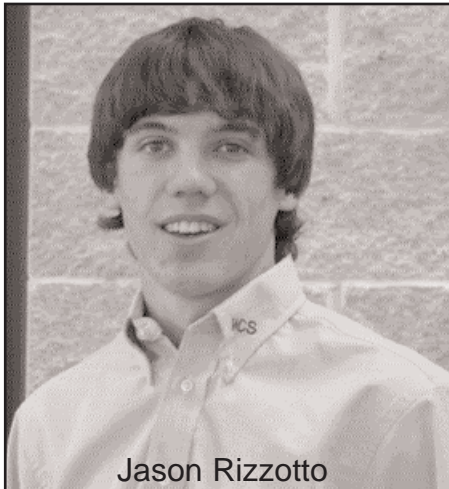
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Jason Rizzotto

**Faulkner University** also chose to offer an academic scholarship to **Jason Rizzotto** who will also play soccer at the college. Commenting on his WCS experience Jason said, "I want everyone to know how WCS has helped me to

mature spiritually, academically and socially. I got to do so much at this school, it was great!" Besides his efforts academically, Jason found time to play in the "Big Blue" band, and was a starter on both the football and soccer teams.

WCS has been blessed to have **Jillian Florence** as a student for three years. When asked about what she will miss at WCS, she replied, "Relationships with students and Christian teachers! The low teacher/student ratio gives WCS a special climate in which to learn that I never had in public schools. I am very prepared for college."



Jillian Florence

Jillian ranks in the top ten of her graduating class and has received an academic scholarship to attend **Harding University**, located in Searcy, Arkansas. Jillian will do a lot more than just study at Harding; she has a singing voice and Christian spirit that matches her natural beauty.

## "Ex-Wildcat" NCAA Star

She graduated two years ago, but Emily Niemann is a name that is well known at WCS. Emily left a legacy at WCS that will be difficult for future students to surpass. Although this article is spawned from Emily's recent success in the women's NCAA national championship basketball game, she is much more than a basketball player. Emily was heavily recruited by universities from coast to coast her senior year. She finally chose to attend Baylor University in Waco, TX. As a sophomore at Baylor, Emily has achieved what most athletes dream about...



Photo courtesy of Baylor University.

A National Championship! At 6 foot 1, Emily can play forward or post, but her real expertise is shooting the three pointer. In the finals of the NCAA against Michigan State, Emily came off the bench to deliver five threes in the first half that established a lead the Baylor Bears never relinquished. The ex-WCS star is doing for Baylor what she did for four years at WCS. She leads the team with unselfish play that exudes confidence from several positions on and off the floor.

At WCS Emily was an "A" student, an outstanding Christian leader, and a stellar athlete. Emily is a regular visitor to the WCS campus. She loves the school and has friends and admirers at every age level. Whether she ever won a national championship or not, Emily will always be a champion to those of us who know and love her at WCS.



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## Campus Highlights

There is a vast supply of activities in which WCS students, faculty and staff are involved. We are very proud of the accomplishments of many of our individual students as well as student groups. ❖

The Fine Arts department produced top performers in Band and Choral events. The Vocal Ensemble, under the direction of **Miss Susan Stumne**, received a 2 in pop show and a 3 in sacred ensemble at state competition. **Jarrett Ward** received a superior rating on his vocal solo. At the TPSMEA solo contest, **Ana-Sofia Dutari**, 7th grade, received a superior 1 rating. The Jazz Combo and the Woodwind trio, under direction of **Mr. Bill Ward**, received superior ratings and the Jazz band and Saxophone ensemble received excellent ratings at state competition. Faculty and staff were stars in the faculty play "Murder's in the



**Kevin Beard** and **Chris King** earned honorable mention for high achievement. More than 50,000 students from 46 states entered the meet. The school's participation was supervised by **Ms. Andrea Kelly**, **Mrs. Pam Ellis**, **Mrs. Marie McKenzie**, and **Mr. Jordan Collier**.



❖ Elementary students, under the direction of **Coach Zickafoose**, participated in PE Night. The theme was "The Amazing Race" and students enjoyed an array of physical fitness events. ❖

The track team participated in several field and running events at the district track meet. **Amara Waturuocha** won the district championship in the discus throw, **JJ Garrett** took 4th in the long jump and **Ijeoma Wauruocha** qualified first in the 100m and 200m preliminary running events. ❖



The **Jog-A-Thon** was a huge success! The Lower School met and exceeded their goal of \$10,000, and **Mr. Casey Farris** shaved his head as promised during lower school assembly. The kids have never laughed so much! ❖ **Lower School** students

organized a successful clothing drive to help with the church's benevolence program. ❖ **The PTO** has been active this year hosting **Family Fun Night** where students challenged their teachers to a game of basketball. They also placed potted plants at the entrance to WCS helping the campus look beautiful.





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## Alumni Notes

❖ 1989 ❖

**Heather (Swim) Wolgamott** and husband Reese have three children, Jackson (7), Riley (5) and Jace (1). They live at 3435 Cypress Lane, Muscle Shoals, AL 35661. Email address: homewithheather@comcast.net.

❖ 1990 ❖

**Glenda Dawn (Andrus) Tristan** and husband Mike had a baby boy, Cash Alexander, born December 27, 2004. They live at 3118 Conway, Houston, TX 77025. Email address: mandtristan@sbcglobal.net.

❖ 1991 ❖

**Chris Henson** is a music producer at Corleone Music in Houston. Email him at chrishenson11@aol.com.

❖ 1995 ❖

**Stacey (VanWinkle) Martin** lives at 8110 Beechnut, Houston, TX 77036. Email address: staceyandfaith@yahoo.com.

**Frank White** and wife Shonmeka have a two year old son named Devin. They live at 201 Towering Pine Drive, Ladson,

SC 29456. Frank graduated from Livingston College in Salisbury, NC with a bachelor's degree in Accounting. He played basketball in the CIAA conference. He is working on his Masters in Business Administration and is employed as an Internal Auditor for Charleston County. Email address fwhite@charlestoncounty.o

❖ 1997 ❖

**Kenneth Jeanes** lives at 1709 Devine Street, Columbia, SC 29201. Email him at jay0329@hotmail.com.

❖ 2003 ❖

**Megan Impero** would love to hear from her friends at MI1019@txstate.edu.

*We invite our alumni to share your life with WCS. Please send information about weddings, births, colleges, jobs, etc. to jpearson@westburychristian.org.*

## Memorials

**Shirley Dodd**

*Mr. & Mrs. Jack Gray*

**Sonja Krause**

*Mr. & Mrs. Jack Gray*

**James Fitzpatrick**

*Mrs. Lila Fitzpatrick*

**Eva Parker**

*Mr. & Mrs. Ed Stroh*

**Elton Cleveland Fowler**

*Mrs. Edna Marcell Fowler*

**M.W. Rhodes**

*Mrs. Doris Rhodes*

**Joe Graham**

*Mr. & Mrs. Harold Northcutt*

**Jim Saldana**

*Mr. & Mrs. Jack Gray*

**Doyle Hicks**

*Mr. & Mrs. Jack Gray*

**Hudson Sellers**

*Mr. & Mrs. Harold Northcutt*

## Wildcats Do It Again!

One of the sports writers for the Houston Chronicle began his article "Ho-hum, Westbury Christian School boys basketball team won their thirteenth State Championship!" Coach Greg Glenn and his fine staff of assistants proved that hard work and attention to details in practice is what makes the difference. This year's rendition of the 'Cats roundballers suffered many setbacks during the season including grade problems, sickness, and season ending injuries to two varsity players. Coach Glenn stated, "When 6'9" Obi Ikeakor went down with a torn ACL knee injury before the season started, I was tentative about facing our tough schedule because Obi was such a prime part of our team, but our younger guys stepped up and made good things happen." Is number fourteen possible?



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