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The Heart and Soul of an Education

Franklin Road Academy will celebrate its 35th year during the 2006-2007 school year! Founded in 1971, FRA has graduated over 1,800 students, with 100% of our students accepted to the finest colleges and universities across the country. More importantly, these young men and women have graduated from FRA and entered the next phase of their academic lives as persons of character, having found needed balance for their lives.



What is the cornerstone of such an education? There is little doubt: teachers. The National Association of Independent Schools and more than 30 partner associations have identified the qualities that parents hold as most important when assessing their child's educational experience. Number one on the list is "High-quality and committed teachers." Over one-third of FRA's current faculty members have been at our school for over fifteen years. These dedicated professionals have chosen to be part of the entirety of the journey of our students, to share experiences which prepare our students for life's rewarding and challenging path.

In partnership with parents, our faculty members seek to bring a complete and meaningful educational experience to students. We know that teachers are the essential ingredient in learning and the reason that so many of our alumni now send their children to FRA. Our teachers have chosen to become educators and have succeeded in their mission in so many tangible and measurable ways, such as test scores and college acceptances. Yet, "veteran" teachers tell us that their greatest joys are still measured one student at a time, one family at a time; and now, these successes are also measured generation after generation. Indeed, what a glorious gift to be able to teach several generations of a family, whether siblings or our alumni's children.

Our faculty members are devoted educators who take their jobs and responsibilities seriously. They are well prepared in content knowledge, possess strong teaching skills, and have a command of the materials that are being presented in the classroom.

They are accomplished professionals who care about their craft and their students. They attend continuing professional education programs, lead workshops, develop curriculum and websites, and are leaders in the educational community. They know your children personally – their strengths and weaknesses, their interests and their potential. They understand how each student learns and what interests and motivates them. They seek to reach each student as they present their subject material and inspire children to love the lifelong process of learning.

We've all had a teacher who has impacted our lives in a significant and lasting way. Each year, we are inundated with messages from FRA graduates thanking their teachers for preparing them so well for the next step in their education. During senior lunches, we hear that it is the "relationships with my teachers" and the "opportunities which my teachers gave me..." that make the FRA experience so special. Relationships between faculty and students are the pivotal, key experience which our graduates take with them to college.

The heart and soul of an FRA education is the relationship between teachers and students. While we look forward to adding wonderful new spaces to our campus, it is what happens each day in our classrooms, on our fields, and throughout our fine and performing arts venues that celebrates these relationships. Teachers and learners share amazing experiences in academic pursuits, athletic quests, and creative challenges every day. These experiences are only possible because our teachers are tremendous mentors and leaders in all facets of a quality independent education. This may be the most important characteristic of the foundation we build for our students' successes in college and beyond.

The wisdom and guidance of the teachers who have graced our campus over the years have inspired several generations. For almost 35 years, our educators have formed lasting relationships with students who are now leaders in the Nashville community, the nation, and the world. Our faculty members, especially the thirty-three we profile in this issue, deserve many thanks for the literally thousands of young lives they have helped to shape. Their encouragement during difficult times and their celebration with our students during good times has been constant, loyal, and meaningful. We are grateful to them all.

Sissy



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Some people come into our lives and quickly go.
Some people move our souls to dance.
They awaken us to new understanding
with the passing whisper of their wisdom.

Some people make the sky more beautiful to gaze upon.
They stay in our lives for awhile, leave footprints on our hearts,
and we are never, ever the same.

Franklin Road Academy has been blessed with a dedicated, and long serving faculty and staff. In addition to appointed tasks, these beloved individuals have coached, mentored, cajoled,

comforted, and befriended. Thirty-three individuals, (twenty-six teachers and seven staff members), have been part of the FRA family for more than fifteen years. And each of them will tell you that they have received

much more than they have given.

We are so very grateful for the many gifts we have enjoyed from these long serving friends. Each one has taught us wonderful lessons and left us a legacy of leadership upon which we can build a future.



Linda Pewitt has been with FRA for more than sixteen years.

“Teaching is rewarding because I can watch a child grow and experience excitement when learning something new. Everyday offers a new set of challenges. I

stay at FRA because of its spiritual emphasis; I can integrate God's word into my classroom and teach life-long lessons. Last year, Austin Weaver (FRA '02) visited me and my class to tell us how he enjoyed my class in second grade, and he talked about the importance and ‘joy’ of learning. As a teacher, I know the joy of having students tell you that they appreciate what you give them.”

“It's true for many of us,” says **Martha Pfeil**. “Our volunteering opened the doors to fulltime careers. My position has evolved over the years. I started by helping to answer the phone, and I worked in the bookstore. Actually, I order supplies, arrange furniture, meet trucks when deliveries are due, and much more. I used to work at Judson Baptist, until I started volunteering at FRA. Imagine that. I left a paying job because it interfered with my volunteering at Franklin Road Academy!”

Dr. “Sissy” Wade has also held many different positions at FRA. “The blessing of going from Upper to Middle and then to Lower School as a career path gave me the ability to see the entire process from finish to start. Very few educators are fortunate enough to have that vantage point. Quite simply, I believe I have been blessed. I see our students grow and mature and become awesome



LINDA PEWITT, SECOND GRADE TEACHER, 15 YEARS

adults, many with FRA students of their own. Our mission is special...it deals with the intellect, the balance, and the eternal qualities that make for that awesome life. The students and the self sacrificing faculty and staff are to be admired and supported. I am proud to serve FRA as head of school – to build on its proud past and to lead it into an exciting future.”

“I've lasted longer than any head of school!” boasts **Nancy Egbert**. “I don't pretend to teach, but I have learned something new in each position that I have held – and from everyone with whom I have worked. I believe in this school and its mission. That's why I stay.”

Angie Cunningham is known for her ability to handle financial

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MARTHA PFEIL, LOWER SCHOOL SECRETARY, 18 YEARS



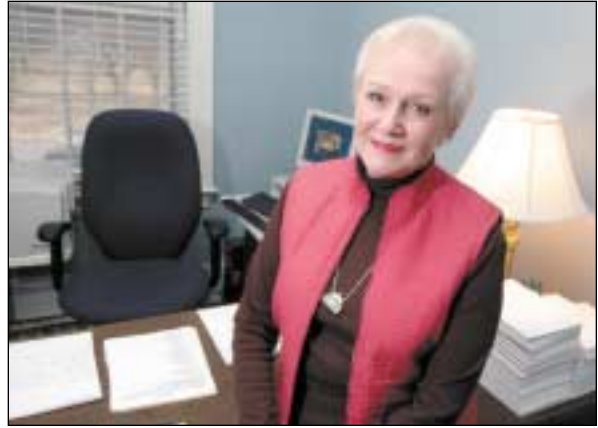
SISSY WADE, HEAD OF SCHOOL 17 YEARS



NANCY EGBERT, POHH ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT, 16 YEARS



GEORGE WEICKER, UPPER SCHOOL MATH TEACHER, 24 YEARS



ANGIE CUNNINGHAM, BUSINESS AFFAIRS, 22 YEARS



CONNIE POTTER, UPPER SCHOOL SECRETARY, 17 YEARS



NORMA DODSON, LOWER SCHOOL TECHNOLOGY, 24 YEARS

dealings with a delicate touch. “What I most enjoy about my job is getting to meet young mothers when they entrust their children to us for the first time. They are apprehensive about school, and yet, excited about coming to such a special place. Early in my career, I read stories to these young ones, and now I enjoy seeing them again as they bring their children to Franklin Road.”

Currently the administrative assistant to the dean of the Upper School, **Connie Potter** has served as a receptionist in the POHH and as an assistant to the admission director. After eighteen years, she says she loves her present job because she gets to interact and visit with high school students. “They make my job so interesting! I love it when the kids come in with a ‘crisis,’ and they just want someone to talk to. FRA parents, faculty, staff, and students are all caring, kind people who are genuinely interested in each other and everyone in the school. This is not a job; it is family.”

“It is the quality of the students and faculty that I deal with daily, the Christian environment, and the balance of academics and extra-curricular activities that make FRA so special,” according to **George Weicker**. “Seeing Danny Crockett give so much back to the school, particularly the baseball program, makes all that I give on a daily basis to students seem

worthwhile. When you see alums give back to the school, you know that you have made a difference in their lives.”

Every child who has ever taken a seat on **Norma Dodson’s** lap has been blessed. Mrs. Dodson especially enjoys the WRAT lab because “it gives me the opportunity to observe the children’s growth in reading and writing. It is exciting to witness the emergence of latent talent that perhaps would never have been apparent without this technology. My support role as a teacher/leader in this process is the essence of what my teaching life has been about. FRA gives me the opportunity to exercise all of my gifts in the teaching role to which I was called.

“A first grader once asked me ‘Mrs. Dodson, how many words



BRENDA GIDEON, UPPER SCHOOL LIBRARIAN, 26 YEARS



JUNE BARNES, COLLEGE COUNSELOR, 24 YEARS



JUNE AUSTIN, LOWER SCHOOL TECHNOLOGY TEACHER
24 YEARS

can you make in *Word Builder*?’ I told him I did not know. ‘Why?’ he replied. ‘You invented the program, didn’t you?’”

Brenda Gideon has taught English, speech, drama, and world cultures. She has been the director of the spring musical for the past ten years, and she has even coached bowling. She will tell you that she especially enjoys teaching English literature because seniors challenge her. **June Barnes** enjoys older students as well. “College counseling lets me be a small part of helping students’ dreams come true. I have stayed at FRA because the teachers and staff are wonderful and very supportive. They are some of my best friends, and I know that I can count on them for anything.”

June Austin started teaching fifth grade math in 1981. Since that time, she has taught classes, integrated technology into classrooms, and focused on staff development. She has worn many hats, but her heart has never wavered. “I feel FRA has been a major part of God’s will for my life because as I work with students and teachers I see many ‘eureka’ moments. Teachers always try to encourage students, but the reverse has been true for me. I was greatly encouraged in my early days when fifth-grader Jonathan Claxton dubbed me ‘awesome Austin.’ He had no idea how much his affirmation helped me feel confident to do

the job set before me. I also remember Meredith Armstrong and her sweet nature as a child. She will always live in my heart as a quiet but ever present reminder of how precious every moment is and how we should cherish every child’s smile, accomplishment, and life.”

Barbara Jones finds teaching nine- and ten-year-olds to be both exciting and challenging. “They are so eager to learn and ready and able to take basic skills and apply them to all areas of the curriculum. Reading and writing truly become important, and the sharing of their new found knowledge in project and group activity makes for a memorable year. As an FRA teacher, I have the freedom to really teach. The school provides all the supplies, instructional materials, and technology to help me be the best teacher possible. FRA is a safe and caring place. We are a family, one that takes care of and looks out for each other.”

Becky Messick feels that serving as a secretary in the Lower School “has given me a great opportunity to work with students, teachers, and parents



BARBARA JONES, FOURTH GRADE TEACHER
18 YEARS



BECKY MESSICK, LOWER SCHOOL SECRETARY, 18 YEARS

and has been very rewarding in all areas. It is always fun to listen to the students as they share

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GARY CLARKE, DEAN OF ATHLETICS
20 YEARS



JERRY WILLIAMS, UPPER SCHOOL
HISTORY TEACHER, 20 YEARS



NANCY JOHNSON, LOWER SCHOOL
SCIENCE TEACHER, 34 YEARS



CAROLYN HARRIS, LOWER SCHOOL LIBRARIAN
16 YEARS



JUDY VANN, CAMPUS BOOKSTORE
16 YEARS

things about their family life. It has become a ministry which I believe God has called me to, one where I can share my skills as well as my faith in God.”

Teaching P. E., weights, and coaching football has been very important to **Gary Clarke** because he enjoys being with students. Coach Clarke continues to serve at FRA because “I believe in its mission and what it stands for. I keep coming back to FRA because of a need to strive to make a positive contribution to students and faculty. You asked me about my favorite teaching moment...My favorite teaching moments are anytime I come into contact with Coach Williams; every day is a new experience with Coach Williams.”

Jerry Williams is almost an urban legend at FRA. Students and parents hear about his challenging classes long before junior year and can't wait to get a “Boom!” phone call which indicates outstanding accomplishment on a test or a

paper. Jerry sums up his teaching philosophy in one sentence, “You are here to learn; I am here to help you learn.”

Nancy Johnson has been teaching science at FRA for more than 34 years. As she says, “I enjoy teaching at Franklin Road

Academy because the curriculum is flexible so that it can fit the interests and needs of our students. Kids’ minds are open, interested, and enthusiastic about solving puzzles. Once, when we were discussing the amazing complexity and harmony of the human body, one young student raised his hand and commented “Thinking of all that,

it’s amazing we can stay healthy!”

Mrs. Johnson enjoys her teaching environment where folks young and old respect and support each other. “It’s wonderful to welcome back young adults I knew in the 1980’s as students. It is very rewarding when they trust us to teach their children.”

There is always a twinkle in **Carolyn Harris**’ eyes. “During the past 16 years, I have thoroughly enjoyed seeing hundreds of students interact with thousands of library books.

“I received my bachelor’s degree in secondary English and my master’s degree in library science from George Peabody College for Teachers. My experience includes work in high school and college libraries, but most of my professional years have been spent at 4700 Franklin Road. My heart is here.”

The bookstore has changed locations and management more times than one can count. **Judy**



ED ZABOROWSKI, UPPER SCHOOL MATH TEACHER, 24 YEARS

Vann knows, as those before her, that both parents and students need more than pencils and books; Mrs. Vann knows that she needs to be ready to share a story and a smile. It is dedication and determination that walk with Mrs. Vann – up and down that hill when she runs the concession stand during track, soccer, and football seasons. When she works at FRA, she cooks and she cleans, and yet neither job is listed on her job description. She does both because they need to be done.

Ed Zaborowski has coached football, wrestling, track, golf, and bowling. He has also served as director of athletics.

Currently, he is chairperson of the Upper School’s department of mathematics. Coach Zab is active on the lecture circuit and presents seminars on the use of technology in the mathematics classroom. He enjoys woodworking in his spare time. His quiet example teaches students that there is beauty in a well-proved equation. Coach Zab’s teaching philosophy is best expressed by a quote from teacher and astronaut Christa McAuliffe, “I touch the future. I teach.”

Barbara Felber is a testing coordinator and teaching assistant in the Lower School. She has been at FRA since 1975 first as a parent and then as a



BARBARA FELBER, LOWER SCHOOL TESTING, 17 YEARS

faculty member. Her three daughters graduated from FRA.

“I have been the counseling center coordinator, dean of Middle School, and now I am the director of learning services,” says **Dr. Fred Frawley**. “Each position has given me incredible opportunities to build programs at FRA. Our school is a rare educational community consisting of giving, caring people who take care of each other. Building a model Middle School, with a new facility and filled to capacity with the very best teachers, students and parents was the experience of a lifetime.”

Barbara Heiden teaches American literature in the Upper School and currently serves as department chair for the English department. She is also in charge of the Junior and Senior Prom.

One can always spot **David Tucker**. He’s the sandy-haired gentleman with muddy hands and a soft smile. He can be found in the Upper School art room, on the track or football field, or sponsoring an FCA event. When asked to recount special FRA moments, he mentions Thursday night Bible studies with coaches and the team at Camp Christian or fresh air strolls around the campus with students who were

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DR. FRED FRAWLEY, STUDENT LEARNING SERVICES, 17 YEARS



BARBARA HEIDEN, UPPER SCHOOL ENGLISH TEACHER, 20 YEARS



DAVID TUCKER, UPPER SCHOOL ART TEACHER, 24 YEARS



LINA WELLBORN, FIFTH GRADE TEACHER, 17 YEARS



PAM OGLESBY, UPPER SCHOOL ENGLISH TEACHER, 16 YEARS



BETH ESTES, FIRST GRADE TEACHER
16 YEARS



CINDY JARNIGAN, PRE-K TEACHER
16 YEARS

in need of a listening ear. "I'll never forget watching Rob Bates competing in the 4 X 4 during the Highland Games. Just as he reached his stride after grabbing the baton, the bag pipes burst into 'Amazing Grace.' Everyone there remembers that moment."

Lina Wellborn has been enjoying teaching young children and their imaginative minds for twenty-five years. This will be her eighteenth year as a member of the FRA faculty, and her sixteenth year as a fifth grade teacher. Mrs. Wellborn's educational and professional studies include an NEH grant, which enabled her to study Shakespeare with a professional acting company, the Tennessee Governor's Academy for the Teaching of Reading and Writing, the New Hampshire Reading and Writing Academy, and numerous seminars and workshops on the teaching of language arts. Fifth grade Shakespeare is not an oxymoron with Mrs. Wellborn in the director's chair.

Pam Oglesby is well loved by students for many reasons. One special reason is that she plans and directs homecoming and Valentine's Day activities. She teaches many English classes, is a cheerleading sponsor, and coordinates many school activities. She helps to direct the Alpha and Omega activities, student council and Varsity Blues. She, like all FRA staff members, is very involved.

"I most enjoyed being the cheerleading sponsor even though it eventually wore me out! I loved going to all the football and basketball games and forming such close relationships with the teams and cheerleaders. I always felt as if the girls were my own daughters and have remained very close to many of them all these years.

"One night about 9:30 my phone rang, and I grumbled, wondering who would call me so late. When I answered, Kelly Loudenslager was on the line sniffing. 'Oh, Mrs O. Thank you for making me read *A Tale of Two Cities*. I just finished it, and it was wonderful!' How could it get any better than one?"

Beth Estes enjoys teaching children in the Lower School. "Children ask questions that I continue to ponder long after the time for answering has passed. Each year I read to my class from Genesis. One year we had read about the creation and about God's word that Adam and Eve would die if they ate the fruit of the tree of knowledge of good and evil. We read that Eve ate of the tree of knowledge and that she gave some of it to Adam and he ate some, too. A little boy asked, 'How come she wanted him to eat it if she knew it was going to kill him?'"

Cindy Jarnigan is currently the prekindergarten coordinator and assistant to the dean of the Lower School. She finds that



JANICE MARTIN, EXTENDED CARE DIRECTOR, 15 YEARS



GREG KINMAN, MIDDLE SCHOOL ENGLISH TEACHER, 15 YEARS



BETTY BASKETTE, MIDDLE SCHOOL SECRETARY, 17 YEARS

young children have an eagerness and curiosity about the world around them that is contagious. "I love seeing the children 'grow up' and become such wonderful young men and women.

"The sense of pride that the children express when they 'read' their first book to me or 'write' their first story is priceless. Young children express themselves in so many ways. They are so open and honest about their experiences. I remember one 4-year-old who spent long periods in our science center. He came to me one day with a sand dollar and a very serious look on his face: 'Is this what fish use for money?' he asked."

Summer camp, Extended Day, and after-school enrichments have long been directed by **Janice Martin**. Her job involves a lot of variety and planning, and she welcomes the challenge of never having a dull moment. Ms. Martin expresses appreciation for the many enrichment classes offered by FRA. She even admits to facing some "insane moments" in her career. "A few years ago, a group of seniors came to me and wanted to have an Extended Day reunion. Watching them play games in the gym, cook, and reminisce about 'the good ole days' made me realize that Extended Day is

more than a place where students count down the minutes until their parents arrive. It is a place where lifelong friendships are formed and memories are made."

Greg Kinman has been a basketball coach for Middle School, a tennis coach for the Upper School, a bus driver and a technology innovator. "Being the technology guinea pig was my favorite position at FRA; it was exciting to help launch innovative new technology programs with students and to help train colleagues in becoming more computer literate.

"The reason I keep coming back every year is because I thoroughly enjoy teaching. I've had other very interesting, more financially rewarding careers, but I think I was 'built' to be a teacher. I think my favorite teaching moments are not related to course material. They are the times when I pull a student aside to discuss inappropriate behavior and then see a change in that behavior."

One cannot think about Middle School without thinking of **Betty Baskette**. As gatekeeper, den mother, counselor, and friend, Mrs. Baskette is an important ingredient in its success. When asked about an important moment in her career, Mrs. Baskette confided, "Seven years



JACK NUNNALLY, UPPER SCHOOL HISTORY TEACHER, 17 YEARS

ago when my father died, I was overwhelmed by the condolences I received from faculty, most especially from the students. It was amazing what they were able and willing to say. Again, last year when my mother was very ill, I was away with her for a week, and the students sent handwritten notes to us at her home. I will always appreciate those special kindnesses."

Jack Nunnally's resume indicates that he multi tasks. "Teaching and coaching go hand and hand. I do not think a person can be good at the high school level in one and not the other. I

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enjoy both my teaching duties and coaching equally. I develop lasting relationships with my students and my athletes. One of the advantages to being at the same school for so long is that you get to see former students 5, 10, 15, and 20 years after they have graduated. There are several groups of classes that I had the opportunity to teach and coach in the 8th, 10th, 11th, and 12th grades.

“Each class seems to have its own personality and antics. I remember when Craig Gilliam and Clif Tant brought a live bird they had caught into class after lunch and when my JV team of Greg Simpson, Neal Johnson, Mookie Williams and others took the team van for a spin around the parking lot, without me in it. Jeff Cowan, Matt and Rick Penny, Joyce Williams, Vanessa Hollowell, David Neblett, Bradley Collins, and many others have creatively visited my yard on occasion. One of the best pranks was when a group actually pitched tents and camped out in my front yard. And then there was Garrett Beasley, and Ryan Cain (two of the funniest students I have ever taught) who joined with other students on the basketball team....I never knew what to



**JUDY TRAVIS, THIRD GRADE TEACHER
21 YEARS**

expect when walking into the locker room!

“Winning championships in basketball, beating Goodpasture and Ezell for the first time in softball and the recent State Tournament in softball are among my favorites. For me, it is impossible to remember a significant event at the school, without remembering the students or athletes that shared in that event. I enjoy looking back on the event and the kids that made it possible.”

Everyone in the hook-up line in front of the Lower School appreciates **Judy Travis**. Her orange gloves and holiday-themed attire send every parent and child home from school with a smile. “Old-timers” have enjoyed watching her wardrobe grow over these past twenty-one years. Mrs. Travis has a home in the third grade. She makes multiplication, long-division, and cursive writing come almost naturally to third graders! After her morning devotions, she always reminds her students to be grateful for the gift of an FRA education.

Frances Crenshaw's warm smile and gentle heart have quietly touched the lives of Lower School students and parents for twenty years. Even though she speaks softly, she forms a special bond with each of her students. We are so grateful that she continues to be part of our FRA family.

On behalf of students, parents, alumni, and fellow staff members, we offer our heartfelt thanks for the dedication of these much-loved individuals. Franklin Road Academy is a better place because of their gifts of time, talent, and dedication.



FRANCES CRENSHAW, LOWER SCHOOL TEACHING ASSISTANT, 20 YEARS

Thank You, Mr. B.!

Mr. William (Bunny) Akin has been a teacher, coach, and administrator at Franklin Road Academy for 30 years. Mr. Akin (also known affectionately as Mr. B.) decided to retire following the 2004-2005 school year after working as an educator in independent schools for 45 years. Mr. Akin touched the lives of countless FRA families; he is a wonderful friend of our school. This true southern gentleman graced us with kindness and leadership over many years. Beginning in 1975, Mr. Akin served FRA in many different capacities such as Middle and Upper School math teacher, Middle School tennis coach, Upper School golf coach, elementary athletic director, director of admission and



auxiliary programs, and director of admission and development. For the last 23 years, Mr. Akin

served as director of admission. His admission philosophy was a person-to-person approach, and every family was welcomed to our campus with kindness, humor, and enthusiasm.

Mr. Akin has been a champion of Franklin Road Academy for three decades, applauding theater arts events and cheering from the stands at literally hundreds of athletic events. Our alumni and current families are grateful for all he has done for FRA. The Alumni Association presented Mr. B. with a lovely gift and plaque during the commencement ceremonies in May 2005, and recognized him as the first Honorary Alumnus in Franklin Road Academy's school

history. The plaque reads as follows:

RESOLUTION OF THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION OF FRANKLIN ROAD ACADEMY

Whereas, William B. Akin has served Franklin Road Academy with honor and distinction as a teacher, a coach, a school administrator, and a mentor for thirty years, and

Whereas, he has been one of independent education's outstanding leaders, contributing to the betterment of the Middle Tennessee community, and faithfully serving this institution with integrity and grace, and

Whereas, this southern gentleman has welcomed countless families to our school and supported our students throughout the years in their academic and extracurricular activities,

Be it therefore resolved that the Alumni Board of Franklin Road Academy bestows upon William B. Akin the status of Honorary Alumnus of Franklin Road Academy on this 29th day of May, 2005.

Breaking New Ground

Dear Heavenly Father, You have blessed us with a strong family and a rich history. You have been with us through the ages. Today, we ask that you bless us and our endeavors; that what we sow today will provide bountiful harvests for tomorrow; that what we build will stand strong. Please provide for the workers and their safety; protect them as they help us build our dreams.

—Russell Rodewald, FRA Student Body President

Students donned bright yellow hardhats to commemorate the groundbreaking ceremony for the Library and Technology Building, Upper School Math and Science Building, Student Quadrangle, and additional campus Master Plan improvements. The ceremonial groundbreaking was held on

Friday, January 20th, and marked the official start of the \$12 million dollar expansion project. Student Body President Russell Rodewald celebrated the event with a prayer and asked the audience to cherish the blessings of our school's rich history and the possibilities for its future.

This important moment in our school's history was emphasized

by each speaker. Dr. Sissy Wade, head of school, welcomed everyone. "Proverbs tells us that 'Success Comes with God's Guidance.' I want to thank the FRA Board of Trustees, Mr. Matt Cowan, Mr. Ken Premo, Mr. Steve Lynn, Mr. Cal Turner, Jr., and Beth and Sterling Ambrose for their leadership, vision, and tireless service on behalf of our students and our school. Over



the past several years, while we have been busy each day in pursuit of learning, these individuals have looked beyond the present day to the future. They have been thoughtful and thorough in their planning and have led a very successful campaign. We know that their success is a rich blessing from God bestowed on our school, on you. Our school family is very grateful for their service on behalf of Franklin Road Academy.”

Matt Cowan, chairman of the board of trustees, offered some thoughts. “I would like to ask our students to remember that the Bible tells us to always ‘Look for opportunities to glorify God.’ When we embrace opportunity, great things happen. I am humbled by having had the privilege to help lead Franklin Road Academy in this process, which today becomes a reality.”

Steve Lynn and Sterling Ambrose also gave the charge for students, staff,



Steve Lynn, Capital Campaign Chair; Russell Rodewald, Student Body President; Sissy Wade, Head of School; Cal Turner, Jr., Major Campaign Donor; Matt Cowan, Chair, Board of Trustees; and Ken Premo, Building Committee Chair

alumni, and parents to embrace opportunities as they become available. Dr. Wade’s comments so clearly remind us of our mission. “At Franklin Road Academy, we offer our students the very best — the opportunity to

grow and develop as ‘Scholars with Integrity and Balance.’ As educators, we are inspired each day as we watch our students pursue academic excellence and

grow into young men and young women of character.

Today is a day dedicated to our students, to their education, and to their futures. This is a special day for our school, one which I know we will always remember.”

The new facilities Dr. Wade referred to include a 26,300 square-foot Math and Science Building and a 14,500 square-foot Library and Technology Center.

Both buildings will line opposite ends of a new quadrangle containing gathering spaces, walkways and landscaping.

Five math classrooms and five state-of-the-art science

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laboratories equipped for live and virtual lab experiences will comprise the Math and Science Building, which is scheduled to open in August in time for the start of the 2006-2007 school year. The Library and Technology Center, with a front porch facing Franklin Road, will serve as home to a wireless media center with numerous computers and data ports; an expanded book selection and additional technology media; a lobby with breakout rooms for study, research and meetings; and a technology "help desk."

Expected to open in October, the Library and Technology Center will support FRA's Tablet PC Program, which requires every high school student to use a personal computer. In addition to offering the full capabilities of traditional laptops, Tablet PCs are designed with inking technologies, which allow students to take notes on a reversible screen. Right now, Franklin Road Academy is the only school in Tennessee with a Tablet PC Program. In 2006-2007, every seventh and eighth grade student will participate in the Tablet PC Program as well.

Franklin Road Academy is now 55 acres strong. The former First Christian Church, which the school purchased last year, will be refurbished to include foreign language classrooms, administrative offices, a gym, and space for student assemblies. The expansion will transform the existing Upper School building at the quad's north end to house athletic and humanities programs.

Additional classrooms for Middle School instruction will be constructed with funds from the *Investing in Tomorrow's Leaders* campaign which has already raised more than \$11 million for the \$12 million project.

Library and Technology Center



WEST FACADE
Faces Franklin Road



EAST FACADE
Faces Quadrangle

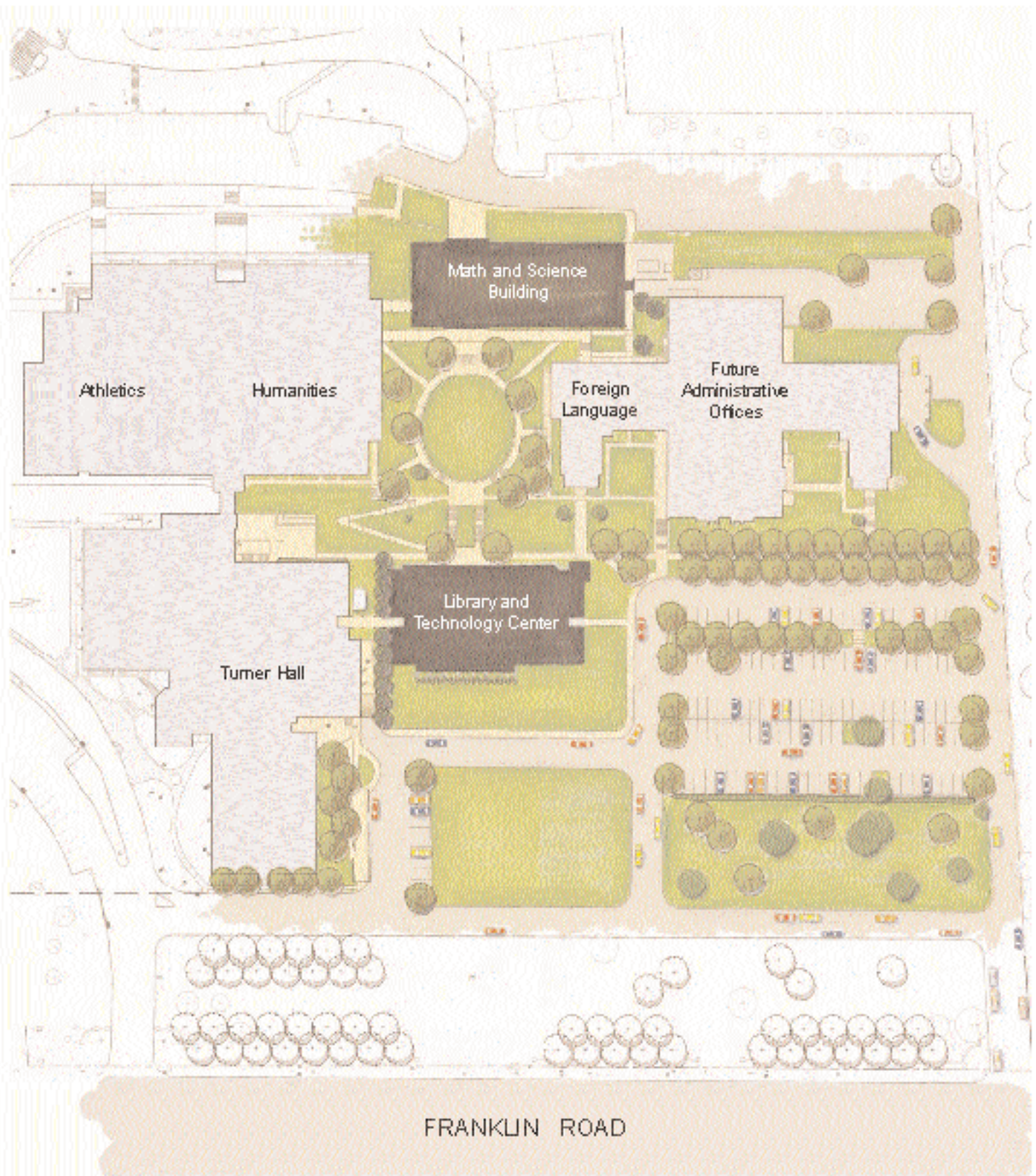
Math-Science Building



WEST FACADE
Faces Quadrangle



EAST FACADE
Faces Athletic Fields



Three Fall State Championships for FRA

Moves school into TSSAA elite rankings for 2000-2005

FRA athletic teams won three state championships during the fall of 2005. This moved the school into second place in total number of team state championships won by FRA athletes between the years 2000-2005 to a total of thirteen. (Boys Cross Country 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2005; Track 2001, 2002, 2003; Wrestling 2004-05; Girls Soccer 2002, 2004, 2005; Girls Golf 2005)

Of the 381 TSSAA high schools throughout the state, only one school, at any level of competition (A/AA, AAA, DII) has earned more team state championships during the same time period, The Baylor School in Chattanooga.

The FRA Girls Golf Team, Girls Soccer Team, and Boys Cross Country Team each brought home the top prize last fall—a state championship. Additionally, the three FRA varsity head coaches who led their teams to victory were each named Coach of the

Year by their respective peers and/or the sportswriters who cover the sport throughout the state:

Coach **Glenn Tackett** – Girls Golf; Coach **Kevin Floyd** – Boys Cross Country; and Coach **Ken McDonald** – Girls Soccer.

Athletic Director **Gary Clarke** commented on the fall achievements, “We are so proud of the student-athletes and coaches who achieved this first for our school. Winning three state championships in a single season is a great accomplishment.”



FRA Girls Soccer Team is the 2005 A/AA State Champion with a season record of 20 - 4 - 3.

CROSS COUNTRY STATE CHAMPIONS

- Won the State A/AA Championship, the Region 5 A/AA Championship, and the district championship
- Defeated MBA, Father Ryan, USN, and Ensworth at the district meet
- Defeated last year's state champion, Elizabethton, 53 to 79, and finished first among 24 teams and 175 runners at the State Meet
- Won the state championship in five of the last six years and were runners-up in 2004
- Finished first in the state among all Middle Tennessee Schools in all TSSAA school classifications
- Finished ahead of BA, BHS, MBA, USN, Father Ryan, Page, DLHS, and MLK at the state meet
- Finished fourth in the state overall in combined TSSAA school divisions

INDIVIDUAL RECOGNITIONS

- Coach **Kevin Floyd** was named A/AA Coach of the Year.
- Four runners earned All State honors and finished in the top fifteen at state
- All five runners whose times are scored at the state meet finished in the top 19. Winning Times (place): **Russell Rodewald** 16:27 (2), **Chris Nau** 16:58 (6), **Will Cowan** 17:11 (13), **Michael Bailey** 17:12 (14), **Kyle Patterson** 17:27 (19), **Nolan Davis** 17:39 (24), **John Adam McCasslin** 18:11 (52)
- Four runners named to A/AA All Metro Team 1st Team: **Russell Rodewald**, **Michael Bailey**, **Chris Nau**, and **Kyle Patterson**
- Two runners named to A/AA All Metro Team 2nd Team: **Will Cowan**, and **Nolan Davis**
- **Russell Rodewald** was named the top A/AA Metro Runner of the Year, State Runner-Up, and Region Champion.

ACADEMICS

- Team grade point average: 3.71 on a 4.0 scale



PROGRAM

- FRA has won the state championship in five of the last six years. Team finished as runners-up in 2004
- FRA has finished at third place or higher at state meets since 1997.

COLLEGIATE RUNNERS FROM FRA CROSS COUNTRY PROGRAM

- **Kyle Mayo '05**
U.S. Naval Academy
- **Matt Cowan '04**
Furman University
- **David Ford '04**
Xavier University
- **Austin Weaver '02**
University of Notre Dame
- **Gus Rodewald '01**
Bucknell University

GIRLS SOCCER STATE CHAMPIONS

- Team finished as state champions and ranked #1 in the state by the National Soccer Coaches Association of America (NSCAA) in Class A/AA
- Won the State A/AA Championship, the Sectional Championship, the Region 5 A/AA Championship, and the District Championship
- Outscored opponents 45 to 0 in all nine post-season competitions

- Finished the season ranked #4 in the state (NSCAA) from all TSSAA classifications
- FRA did not lose a single game in A/AA competition all year.

INDIVIDUAL RECOGNITIONS

- Coach **Ken McDonald** was named A/AA Coach of the Year.
- Six All District players: **Emily Canady**, **Logann Rogers**, **Kaitie McDonald**, **Kaitlyn Smith**, **Kendra Wills** and District Offensive Player of the Year **Lyndsey Almon**
- Five All Region players: **Lyndsey Almon**, **Emily Canady**, **Kaitie McDonald**, **Logann Rogers**, **Kendra Wills**, and Region 5 Offensive Player of the Year **Lyndsey Almon**
- Three TACA All State players: **Lyndsey Almon**, **Emily Canady**, and **Logann Rogers**
- Three TSWA All State players: **Emily Canady**, **Lyndsey Almon**, and **Marissa Yennie**
- Two *Tennessean* All Midstate players: **Lyndsey Almon**, 1st Team, and **Marissa Yennie**, 2nd Team
- **Lyndsey Almon** was named All South Player and A/AA All State TACA State Player of the Year.



Kate Woodard with her teammates

KATE WOODARD

Junior starting goalkeeper Kate Woodard was injured on August 13, 2005 during a pre-season game. Her pancreas was severed by an accidental blow, and Kate was rushed into life-saving surgery three days later at Vanderbilt Medical Center. She spent 17 days in the hospital, lost 20 lbs. and faced a long, painful recovery. Her teammates remained by her side and refused to have their team picture made until Kate recovered and could join them. Kate could not return to the goal during the 2005 season but was able to play at midfield for several minutes during post-season play when her team repeated a State Championship. Kate displayed courage, determination, and outstanding team spirit throughout her ordeal. A feature article entitled "This Time, FRA Goalie Lets Doctors Make the Save" ran in the *Nashville City Paper* on September 29th, 2005 and detailed Kate's experience. Kate is back, playing travel soccer for her club team and looks forward to playing for the Panthers this fall when her team, once again defends their State Championship title.

PROGRAM

- Team ranked #1 consistently over last four years by NSCAA in Class A/AA
- Team finished in the state championship game in each of the last four years
- Team won three of last four state championships, claiming the title in 2002, 2004, and 2005; finishing as runners-up in 2003
- Team holds the TSSAA season record for least number of goals allowed in a season: 11 total goals allowed in 2003
- 2005 post-season shut-out record of 45-0 goals is pending TSSAA review
- Team graduated the only NSCAA All American female soccer player from Tennessee in 2004; Gatorade Player of Year, NSCAA All America High School Team, All America Youth Team, State Player of the Year, and *The Tennessean* Midstate Player of the Year (**Kristin Garman**)

ACADEMICS

- Team grade point average: 3.77 on a 4.0 scale
- Awarded the NSCAA Team Academic Award, for having a

combined grade point average of over 3.75 each year (3.25 required for the award)

- Three team members named to the NSCAA Scholar All America Team (3.75 GPA required for the award)

COLLEGIATE PLAYERS FROM GIRLS SOCCER PROGRAM

- **Marissa Yennie '06**
Western Kentucky University
- **Kristin Garman '05**
University of Georgia
- **Jenny Philip '05**
Washington University
- **Ashley Price '05**
University of Kentucky

GIRLS GOLF STATE CHAMPIONS

- District Champions, Region Champions, Class A/AA State Champions
- **Team members were Ashley Lance, Katy Ferrell, and Lindsey Shepard.**
- **Ashley Lance** won the individual championship and **Katy Ferrell** placed third overall; both were named to the All State Team.

- Team won by 48 strokes, the fourth largest margin of victory in TSSAA history
- Team's third consecutive district title and fifth consecutive regional championship
- Team record was 28 wins and three losses in match play
- Team finished first in five 18-hole tournaments

INDIVIDUAL STATE CHAMPION – ASHLEY LANCE

- Won the Class A/AA State Championship
- Named to All State Team
- Region Medalist, District Medalist
- Low medalist in 10 matches, did not place below second place in a single tournament all year
- Low medalist in five of six 18-hole tournaments
- Second place medalist in the Old Hickory Tournament, with a season low of 69



- First place medalist in the Hardin County Tournament
- First place medalist in the District 11 Championship
- First place medalist in the Region 6 Championship
- Stroke average of 37 per 9 holes in 9-hole matches
- Stroke average of 73 per 18 holes in 18-hole matches, which includes 6 tournaments
- *The Tennessean* All-Mid-State, 1st Team – Player of the Year in 2004 and 2005
- Ashley's grade point average is 3.7.

INDIVIDUAL RECOGNITION – KATY FERRELL

- Named Class A/AA State Tournament third place medalist with a two-day total of 157
- Named to All State Team
- District tournament runner-up with a score of 76
- Region tournament second place with a score of 79



Ferrell

- Low medalist in 2 of 9-hole matches; second place medalist in 7 of 9-hole matches
- Placed as the top three finisher in five of six 18-hole tournaments
- Stroke average of 39 per 9 holes in 9-hole matches
- Stroke average of 79 per 18 holes in 18-hole matches, which includes 6 tournaments
- Katy's grade point average is 3.38.



Ashley Lance, Katy Ferrell, Lindsey Shepard, and Coach Glenn Tackett

BOYS GOLF TEAM

- Placed third in district competition
- Advanced to the regional tournament, and took second place, losing to the eventual state champion
- Third consecutive year that an FRA golfer has finished in the top six at state and been named to the All State Team in A/AA classification

INDIVIDUAL RECOGNITION – CLAY MITCHELL

- Placed in the top four at the region tournament, and advanced to the state tournament
- Finished sixth overall at the Class A/AA State Tournament with a two-day total of 147
- Named to the All State team.
- Placed second in the district tournament with a score of 69
- Placed fourth in the region tournament with a score of 71, and qualified for the state tournament
- Low medalist in 2 of 9-hole matches; second place medalist in 2 of 9-hole matches; third place medalist in 3 of 9-hole matches; fourth place medalist in 3 of 9-hole matches

■ Placed as top five finisher in every 9-hole match and 18-hole match

■ Stroke average of 36.5 per 9 holes in 9-hole matches

■ Stroke average of 72 per 18 holes in 18-hole matches, which includes 6 tournaments

■ Clay's grade point average is 3.58.

GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY TEAM

The Lady Panthers Cross Country Team had quite a successful season. The team finished a close fourth behind Martin Luther King High School. This is the highest our girls have ever finished and they are only one place away from a coveted third place finish and a ticket to the big dance, the state meet!

Coach **Dean Cole** says the outlook for the team looks bright. "We will continue to build for the future, and I am confident that we can break into the top three at region and compete at state!"

Lauren Huddleston (2005 PR 21:41) was first across the finish line for the FRA women at the Region 5 championship meet, finishing 17th overall in a time of

21:47. Rounding out the top seven were **Liz Boyd** (2005 PR 22:18), **Sammie Martin** (2005 PR 20:57), **Katie Giglio** (2005 PR 22:38), **Jess Walker** (2005 PR 23:12), **Stella Kamm** (2005 PR 24:03), and **Caitlin Ford** (2005 PR 26:15).

Other members of the team were **Sarah DeMarco** (no times available due to injury), **Sarah Moore** (2005 PR 24:34), **Addison Nichols** (2005 PR 27:57), and **Emily West** (2005 PR 28:18).

Named to the 2005 A/AA All Metro Team, 2nd Team for FRA were **Sammie Martin** and **Lauren Huddleston**.

FOOTBALL

The 2005 season marked a new era for FRA football. In accordance with TSAA policy, the team played in the very competitive Region 5 AA. FRA was matched against teams of schools having more than twice its enrollment. The players and coaches were very excited about this opportunity and challenge.

The team finished with a 4-6 record. FRA opened the season against two single A powers: Eagleville and Columbia Academy. The hard work from the spring and summer was obvious as the team started the year fast, going 2-0. Other victories included a tough region contest over Harpeth High and a blow-out win against Nashville Christian School.

The team faced one of the toughest schedules in school history. Recent former state champions Goodpasture, DCA, CPA, and Ezell Harding proved to be tough foes.

Outstanding senior leadership was provided by several key contributors. **John Avrett** was named the team's Offensive MVP. **Jay Wade** was the Linemen of the Year while **Nathan Sanders** was the Defensive MVP. Other awards were given to **Stephen Ball** (Lifter of the Year) and **Chase McCabe** (MVP Manager of the Year).



Clay Mitchell



Jacquelyn Chenger, Kathleen Strawn, Natalie Murphy

Seniors **John Avrett** and **Jay Wade** were named to the All Region Team by the Region 5 AA coaches and recognized at an award ceremony in February. **John Avrett** was also selected as one of the finalists for the **Nick Coutras Football Award**. **Nathan Sanders** is FRA's nominee for the Scholar Athlete Award presented by the National Football Foundation Hall of Fame.

VOLLEYBALL

The volleyball team finished the season with a winning record of 12-10, fifth out of eleven teams in a very tough district. Coach **Missy Guthrie** led the team comprised of seventeen fine athletes, including senior captains **Jacquelyn Chenger**, a middle hitter, **Stacey Benefield**, a defense specialist, **Natalie Keene**, an outside hitter, and **Kathleen Strawn**, a setter.

Jacquelyn was strong on and off the net, and she was our strongest hitter and blocker. Stacey filled a new position called a "libero" and showed

great enthusiasm while playing the back row. Natalie was strong all the way around the court. Her serve was hard to receive, and her hit was just as strong. Kathleen was in charge of the court and was one of the two setters. She blocked and hit hard on the front row.

Junior **Natalie Murphy** was our other setter, stepping up to the role and helping lead the team. Junior Courtney Woodside was the other outside hitter, with a strong serve and an eye for the ball. Sophomore **Mattie Jackson** was our other middle, and although the youngest one on the court, she was aggressive and confident in her play. **Sara Beth Gideon**, **Sarah Kline**, and **Kelsie Bottiggi** each contributed greatly



Stephen Ball

to the team's success, playing hard each time they stepped out on the court.

FRA Family Responds to Hurricane Katrina

Franklin Road Academy, in conjunction with the National Association of Independent Schools and the Southern Association of Independent Schools, opened its arms to qualified students who were displaced by Hurricane Katrina. FRA established the "Katrina Student Assistance Fund" in September 2005 to help these students and their families. Any unused contributions will go to the American Red Cross for continued hurricane relief efforts. We are very grateful for your generous support of this fund.

The FRA family joins the entire country in sadness and concern for the families of the Gulf Coast who experiencing such devastation and heartbreak. Working together, we hope to make a difference and teach our children the importance of "Fulfilling our Mission as Family." Our thoughts and prayers are with all who continue to suffer from this disaster. We thank you for having joined us in our efforts to make a difference by helping others in need. We encourage you to continue to pray for courage and strength for the people of Louisiana and the Gulf Coast area.

FRA TEACHERS MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Upper School teachers Jack Nunnally and David Tucker



rented a large Ryder cargo van and collected cash donations, water, and baby items from faculty members, students and members of the Fellowship of

Christian Athletes. After Upper School faculty and students loaded the van, this daring duo hit the road and delivered over 70 boxes of food, 100 cases of water, and a truck full of baby items to Mobile, Ala. Then, the authorities asked them to travel to Biloxi, Miss. because their van could get through to areas where semi-trucks could not. Jack and David traveled 1,300 miles in 22 hours and delivered items directly into the hands of those who needed them most. We are grateful for their efforts and safe return, as well as for the generosity of our students and staff members. A subsequent trip by FRA faculty members Jeff Cowan and Alan Wong to the Gulf Coast area also brought supplies from FRA families to the affected region.

The whole experience was incredibly rewarding for the faculty members. As Coach Nunnally said, "Many times when we donate to causes, it is for help or for a cure to be found at some distant place down the road. For those who contributed to this effort, the impact was immediate and potentially life-saving. I would like to thank those who contributed to help the victims and for allowing us this rare opportunity to help make a difference."

Franklin Road Academy Launches New Website

Webmaster: Darlene Dralus

Technology Staff: Steve Compton,
Alex Robinson, Brandon
Herrenbruck

Interesting Stats

- 10,200+ web pages
- 2,100+ PDF documents
- 15,500+ images or photographs
- 750 audio/video clips
- 1,300+ documents or PowerPoint presentations

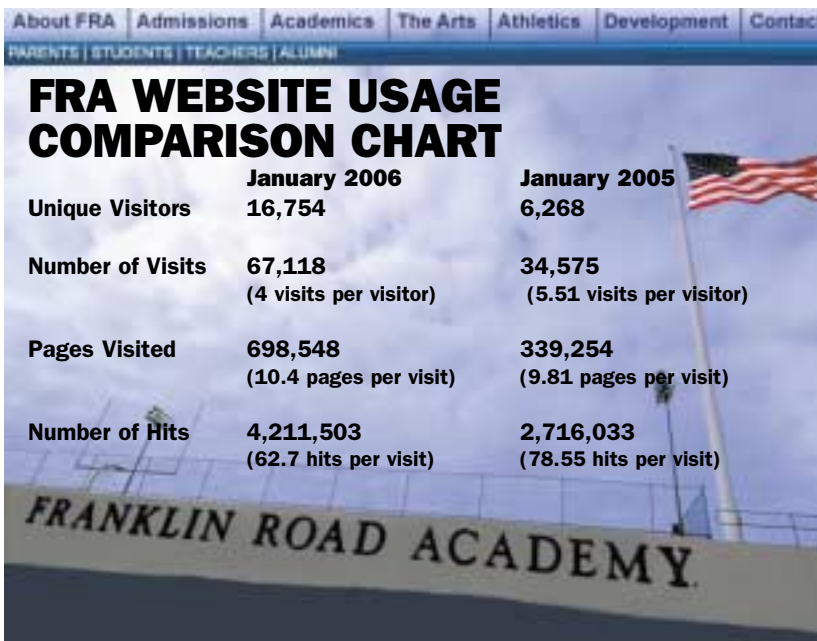
Note: These statistics do not include visits to "FRA Mail" or "Grade Information."

WHAT'S NEW ON THE WEBSITE?

New portal pages have been created to make the website more user-friendly. Before the launch of the new site, parents needed to access the "Teacher" menu to get most of the information they desired. In the new design, "Teachers" is a portal page designed specifically to accommodate teachers. Selecting "Homework" on that page enables teachers to enter homework assignments and student grades.

"Parents" is a new portal page, which displays links to weekly newsletters, homework assignments, grades, upcoming events, etc. If parents select "Homework," a faculty listing is displayed so that parents can access homework assigned by specific teachers.

Parents and students now have an opportunity to submit photos of ballgames, arts events,



swimming meets, special school friends, or service projects. An online photo gallery is now being designed. Don Heim and the FRA Athletic Boosters are keeping us well informed about Upper School sporting events, but more information about sports in the Middle School is needed.

The old website had a navigation system that wasn't very systematic, and information was scattered in various places without much rhyme or reason. The new website is organized and easier to navigate. Darlene Dralus and the communication staff have done an outstanding job in designing the website. As Darlene notes, "The website is

not finished and hopefully never will be. I've already talked with many of you about adding new content to the website. You'll notice more photographs (and more current photographs!) including photo galleries for the last several theatre productions (for example), more audio clips and videos.

If you have suggestions for more content, ease of use, or have photographs, music, artwork or anything else to display on the website, please let us know. We want to make sure that everyone can see all the terrific things our students and faculty do here on campus."

Many thanks to everyone who has participated in this project.

www.franklinroadacademy.com

ALUMNI CLASS NOTES

CLASS OF 1979

Next Reunion 2009

CLASS OF 1980

Next Reunion 2005

Tim Light and wife **Betsy Brown Light** ('84) have moved to Harbor Springs, Mich. where they run their mortgage company, Sandstone Mortgage Group.

Betty Covington Panter is working as a paralegal at the law firm of Ortale, Kelley, Herbert & Crawford in downtown Nashville. She and her husband Jason have a baby boy, Jon Mabry, who was born on July 31, 2004.

CLASS OF 1981

Next Reunion 2006

CLASS OF 1982

Next Reunion 2007

James Kennon has joined with partner Matthew Taylor to form Kennon Taylor Architects. The newly formed firm will focus on both commercial and residential architecture.

CLASS OF 1983

Next Reunion 2008

Lori Lewis Jones has been named as the director of the Mayfair Child Development Center in Huntsville, Ala. where she lives with husband Tony and children Courtney and Jake.

CLASS OF 1984

Next Reunion 2009

Donna Barksdale Park and her husband Doug live in Franklin, Tenn. They have two children, Jakob and Charlie.

CLASS OF 1985

Next Reunion 2005

Chris Austin is the owner and general manager of Southern Hobby Supply and is living in Franklin, Tenn. with wife Tia and children Connor, Landon and Turner.

CLASS OF 1986

Next Reunion 2006

Emily Walter lives in Los

Angeles, Calif. and works for the law firm of Yukevich, Clafo & Cavanaugh.

CLASS OF 1987

Next Reunion 2007

CLASS OF 1988

Next Reunion 2008

Dana Driggs Swaffer and her husband Mark have a daughter Abbie.

CLASS OF 1989

Next Reunion 2009

Mark Campbell is coaching women's basketball at Union University in Jackson, Tenn. Mark's team won the NAIA National Championship this spring.

Jason Skinner was named as the art director of the year in 2004 by the Nashville Advertising Federation which recognizes excellence in local advertising work.

Kimi Snowden is living in Tokyo, Japan where she is an English language teacher at Shukutoku, a private girl's school.



John Pierce, FRA faculty member and assistant varsity boys basketball coach, received a great honor when his college basketball jersey (#50)

became only the second to be retired in Lipscomb University basketball history. John was named NAIA All American in each of his four years and Player of the Year in 1993 and 1994. John is college basketball's career all-time scoring leader, with a total of 4,230 points, ahead of every college basketball player in NCAA and NAIA basketball history. (See photo above)

CLASS OF 1990

Next Reunion 2005

Stephanie Agar Bashaw is living

in South Carolina with husband Matt and daughters Anna and Mary. Stephanie enjoys spending time with her girls and her freelance work in advertising/marketing.

Carrie Tillis is living in New York City and is pursuing a career in musical theatre. She just finished an eight week run of "Anything Goes" in Atlantic City, N.J. at Trump Plaza.

CLASS OF 1991

Next Reunion 2006

Kemp Maxwell has been awarded the certified college planning specialist designation and is employed as a financial planner with TrustCore Financial Inc. in Brentwood.

Jennifer Hotchkiss Otvos is working as an account representative with Holliday Promos, an advertising specialties company based in Franklin.

CLASS OF 1992

Next Reunion 2007

Matthew Gardner and family have moved to Roswell, Ga. where Matthew serves as vice president of field operations for Clear Choice USA, a nationwide home improvement and mortgage company.

Valerie Eagan Mangrum is working in the interactive department at Dye, Van Mol and Lawrence and is enjoying spending time with her husband Jason and daughter Calleigh Roane.

CLASS OF 1993

Next Reunion 2008

Scott Lamberth is living in Nashville with wife Samantha and sons Matthew and Mark. Scott is working in the commercial division of Fifth Third Bank where he works with healthcare and large corporate clients to implement treasury and management services.

CLASS OF 1994

Next Reunion 2009

George Khoury is a financial adviser with Fifth Third Bank in Franklin.

CLASS OF 1995

Next Reunion 2005

Elizabeth Easterly Auden lives in London, England with her husband Adam. She works as a software engineer for Mullard Space Science Laboratory.

Millicent Van Mol Cash recently moved back to the Nashville area with her husband Michael. Millicent will be working as the assistant director of college counseling at Brentwood Academy.

Allison Patten McGuire recently earned her Ph.D. in psychology from Vanderbilt University.

Leslie Vermillion Moss is living in Durham, N.C. with her husband Josh where she is working as an interior designer.

CLASS OF 1996

Next Reunion 2006

David Andrews is living in NYC where he works as a pastry chef at Gotham Bar & Grill.

Shannon Welch Jordan has received her masters in social work from the University of Tennessee in Knoxville and is working as the program coordinator for Prevent Child Abuse Tennessee.

Jamie Tate is vice president of Essential Therapy Store and Spa in Nashville.

CLASS OF 1997

Next Reunion 2007

Andrew Scarlett graduated from Perdue in 2001. He married Jenny in 2004 and currently works as a department head for a large hotel in downtown Chicago.

Malinda Potter Wilkinson lives in Atlanta, Ga. where she works as a product marketing manager for Evant.

CLASS OF 1998

Next Reunion 2008

Meredith Baker Bucher lives in Memphis, Tenn. with her husband Joe and dog Bella. She is working as a residential architect with Looney Ricks Kiss Architects.

Nathan Monday will graduate from the Owen Graduate School of Management at Vanderbilt in May 2006 with an MBA in strategy and operations. Last fall, Nathan and his four-man team competed in and won the 10th Annual International Operations Case competition at Carnegie Mellon University.

Yusuke Shimpo is working at Daiwa Securities SMBC Co. LTD, an investment bank in Japan.

Kathryn Whitfield recently graduated from Vanderbilt Law School and will be working with Shearman and Sterling LLP in Washington D.C.

CLASS OF 1999

Next reunion 2009

Jeffrey Barnes is currently working as an aerospace engineer at Redstone Arsenal in Huntsville, Ala.

Amanda Beasley is engaged to marry Christopher Ohweiler of Knoxville, Tenn. on March 18, 2006. Amanda currently works for SunTrust Mortgage.

Bree Davenport will finish nursing school in May 2006. She hopes to work in L & D or a neonatal unit.

Whitney Dunn is living in Nashville where she is co-owner of The Perfect Pair, an upscale shoe boutique in the Green Hills area.

Ashley Core Kaeser is living in Spring Hill, Tenn. and working for HCCA International as a coordinator for their immigration department.

Chris Lyell is working as a lobbyist in Nashville representing a variety of clients such as the Tennessee Titans and AFLAC Insurance.

Kohei Yamamoto is a third year law student at Arizona State.

CLASS OF 2000

Next Reunion 2005

Christin Demetros has joined the FRA faculty as an Upper School Spanish teacher. She and fiancé Jonathan Cochran will be married at Woodmont Christian Church in Nashville on May 18, 2006.

Bret Elam is a health policy intern in Washington D.C. for Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist.

Colleen Hellman is working for Lockheed Martin in Maryland and is living outside of Washington, D.C.

Will Moore is working as an aerospace engineer testing airplane engines. He is currently living in West Palm Beach, Fla.

David Whitson graduated from the University of Tennessee in May with a B.S. in business administration with an emphasis on finance and marketing. David is working with Insight Global in Atlanta, Ga.

CLASS OF 2001

Next Reunion 2006

Blake Adams graduated cum laude from Virginia Tech this spring with a degree in finance and a minor in business leadership. Blake will be working as a financial analyst with Insurors Bank of Tennessee in Nashville.

Carrie Bryant is currently in law school at St. Louis University

Tommy Francis recently graduated from the University of Tennessee after completing an

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internship with the Indiana Fever of the WNBA.

Lori Garrison graduated as a member of Phi Beta Kappa from Western Kentucky University this spring. Lori received her degree in elementary education and will be teaching in the Simpson County school system in Kentucky this fall.

Meredith Heindrichs graduated cum laude this spring from Auburn University with a degree in marketing and is working as a director of special events for the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation in Nashville.

Lauren Holder recently graduated from the University of Michigan and is working as a sales representative for MSDOnline in Chicago.

Jed Jenkins graduated from USC in May and received a scholarship to attend law school this fall.

Rebecca Monday will graduate with honors in May 2006 from Belmont University with a BBA degree in business and marketing. She plans to work in the Nashville area.

Jody Tucker, daughter of current FRA faculty David Tucker and his wife Debbie, is engaged to Matthew Wiley. The wedding is scheduled for early spring 2006.

Will Wade graduated from Clemson this spring and has stayed on at the university as the men's graduate assistant basketball coach.

Jesse Wrenn is currently enrolled in the Biomedical Informatics Ph.D. program at Columbia University.

CLASS OF 2002

Next Reunion 2007

Brittany Blalock is currently attending Vanderbilt University

where she is majoring in psychology research with honors with a concentration in psychopathology and clinical neuroscience.

Chris Cummings graduated from Tennessee Tech in December with a degree in business and marketing and has accepted a position as director of youth ministries at the First United Methodist Church in Crossville, Tenn.

Cara Lusby is majoring in psychology at Emory where she is working on a minor in French and risk management as well. Cara was able to study psychology in England this summer.

Jenny Matthews graduated cum laude from Belmont University in December 2005 with a degree in exercise science. Jenny has been accepted to the Doctorate of Physical Therapy Program at Belmont and will begin classes in August.

CLASS OF 2003

Next Reunion 2008

Lesley McCormack is a junior at Mercer University majoring in marketing with a minor in public relations.

Anna Zaborowski will serve as president of the Junior Panhellenic Council at the University of Memphis for the 2005-2006 school year.

CLASS OF 2004

Next Reunion 2009

Steve Cummings is attending the University of Alabama, where he is majoring in broadcast journalism. Steve is co-host of the Jake and Steve Show which airs Monday through Friday from 7:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. (CST) during the school year. Listen to live broadcasts @ www.newrock907.com, or give him a call at 205-348-6082.

Cody Taylor had an art show July 1-31 entitled "Art of the Mind" at the Borders Bookstore in Cool Springs, Tenn.

CLASS OF 2005

Next Reunion 2010

Chris Derrick pledged Kappa Sigma Fraternity at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville.

Anne Marie Gideon and **Mary Catherine Moore** were both in the cast of the summer production of *Smoke on the Mountain* at the Chaffin Barn Dinner Theatre.

BIRTHS

Betty Covington Panter ('80) and husband Jason proudly announce the birth of their son Jon Mabry Guy. Betty is working as a paralegal at the law firm of Ortale, Kelley, Herbert and Crawford in Nashville.

Susan Peppers Bowling ('84) and husband Ray welcomed their third child Rachel Leigh on May 5, 2005. She joins big sister Laura and big brother Michael.

Buddy Smith ('84) and wife Scotti were blessed with the birth of their first child. James "Boyce" Smith was born on May 2, 2005.

Craig Cochran ('86) and wife Keri welcomed a daughter Zoe Belle on February 3, 2005. Zoe joins big brother Griffin who is 3 years old.

John Main ('87) and his wife Anne-Marie welcomed their daughter Catherine Anne on November 28, 2005. Big sister Emily and the family live in Atlanta, Ga.

Jackie Jenkins Daniel ('87) and husband Hardin announce the birth of Ava Rose, born on February 23, 2006. Big sister Lola is very proud of the new baby.

Betsy Brakefield Funk ('88) and husband Sam were pleased to

announce the birth of their third daughter. Elizabeth Hatten joined big sisters Mary Caroline and Lucy on March 8, 2005.

Susan Walker Wayt ('88) and husband Howard proudly announce the birth of Cordelia Rose who arrived on August 28, 2004. Cordelia joins big sister Virginia.

Todd Henderson ('89) and wife Mary Evelyn were blessed with the birth of a son. Max joins big sister Canon.

John Faber ('90) and **Robin Jackson Faber ('89)** were blessed with the birth of their third daughter Sarah Katherine Faber on December 16th. Proud big sisters are Ellie and Maggie.

Gretchen Glassford Lawson (90) and her husband Jeremy welcomed a baby boy. Calder was born November 17, 2005. He is their first child.



Shea Collins Oakes ('89) and her husband William welcomed their second child Lealand Calwell on September 11, 2005. Lealand, her parents, and older sister Ansley live in Atlanta, Ga. (See photo above)

Dane Carder ('90) and wife Danielle welcomed their daughter into the world on January 9, 2005. Violet Marie is the couple's first child.

Lisa Gordon Perkins ('90) and husband Keith are the proud parents of a new son. Owen joins big brothers Ethan and Aiden. The Perkins family is living in Baton Rouge, La.



John Pierce ('89) and **Amber Parker Pierce ('90)** welcomed their fourth child Anna James on June, 2005. Anna joins siblings Lily, Ryan, and John. (See photo above)

Amy Butler La Frenz ('93) and husband Matt proudly announce the birth of their daughter Brooke Butler. Brook joined big brother Jake on February 18, 2005.

Matt Penny ('94) and his wife Laura welcomed their first child baby girl Jordan on October 31, 2005. They currently live in Washington, D.C.



Bobby Fraser ('94) and his wife Jennifer welcomed their daughter Lillian Asher on April 2, 2005. Bobby lives in Oakland, Tenn. and teaches math and computer at the Bodine School. (See photo above)

Clif Tant ('94) and wife Beth welcomed their son Lawrence Clifton III on March 14, 2005.

Mark Whitten ('95) and wife Dana were blessed by the birth of their son Seth Thomas on April 19, 2005.

Tommy Hodges ('96) and wife Jennifer were delighted to announce the birth of their son Tyler Andrew who was born on

July 12, 2005. Tommy continues to work on his doctorate at UT Knoxville.

MARRIAGES

Barry Fletcher ('81) married Dave Furbush in Washington, Va. on July 1, 2005.

Jennifer Baskette ('91) married Dave Bunt on June 11, 2005. The couple is living in Nashville where Jennifer is teaching third grade at Eakin Elementary School.

Hunter West ('91) and Jinanne Ruth Marable were married March 12, 2005 at First Presbyterian Church in Nashville. The couple is living in Nashville where Hunter is employed with Automatic Data Processing.

Susan Hutchinson ('92) and Mike Masters were joined in marriage on March 12, 2005. The couple was married in Atlanta, where they currently reside.

Kathryn Patterson ('92) married Daniel Donelson on October 22, 2005. They were married at Seaside Beach, Fla.

David Smith ('92) and Amanda Bradbury were married on March 19, 2005 in Newport, Ore. at the Oregon Coast Aquarium. The couple is living in Camas, Wash. where David is employed by Toyota Motor Sales.

Christine Fink ('93) was married on October 15, 2005 to Dr. Chia-Wai David Chang. They are living in Columbia, Mo. where David is an assistant professor with the Department of Otolaryngology at the University of Missouri. Christine is a nurse practitioner with the Multithoracic Surgical Oncology Department at the University of Missouri Medical Center.

Chase Laws ('94) and Amy Elizabeth Lee were married on April 30, 2005. The couple was married in Amelia Island, Fla. and is living in Dallas, Tex.

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A L U M N I C L A S S N O T E S

Rachel Allen ('95) and Matt Lyles were married on May 28, 2005 at Woodmont Christian Church in Nashville with a reception following at the Frist Center. The couple is currently living in Memphis, Tenn.

Garrett Beasley ('96) married Jillian Elizabeth Barry at Brentwood United Methodist Church on April 30, 2005. Garrett is an affiliate broker with Brentview Realty in Brentwood.

Allison Cox ('97) and Jason Deuster were married on July 30, 2005.

Scott Simmons ('97) and Brandy Clinard were married May 21, 2005. Scott is a master's candidate in wildlife biology at Tennessee Technological University.

Ashley Jenny ('98) married **Jeremiah Johnson ('98)** on October

8, 2005 in Hilton Head S.C. The couple lives in Nashville.

Brandon Sullivan ('98) and Liberty Anne Justice were married on July 30, 2005 at All Saints Episcopal Church in Morristown, Tenn. The groom is a financial advisor with Axa Advisors, and his bride is a teacher with Metropolitan Nashville Schools.

Jessica King ('99) and Hiram Lewis were married on July 2, 2005 at Christ Presbyterian Church in Nashville. Jessica is currently attending Vanderbilt University graduate school, and Hiram is a teacher at FRA.

Sharon Pewitt ('99) and William Crabtree III were married on July 9, 2005.

Jodi Vann ('99) married Allen Troutt on December 31, 2005 at the Hendersonville Baptist Church.

They will live in Nashville. Jody is the assistant director of extended day & summer camps at FRA.

Mark Winker ('99) and Jordon Moore were married on April 30, 2005. The couple is living in Killeen, Tex. where Mark is a lieutenant in the United States Army.

Nicki Lurker ('01) married Stephen Sauls on July 31, 2005 at Belle Meade Plantation. Nicki graduated magna cum laude in May from the University of Georgia with a degree in fashion merchandising and historic costumes with a minor in French. The couple will be living in Athens, Ga. where Nicki is pursuing her masters in historic costuming while teaching at the University of Georgia.

IN MEMORIUM

Robert Tyce Dinker - Class of 1981



PARTIES & EVENTS

ANNUAL CURRENT ALUMNI PARENT BREAKFAST



ANNUAL ALUMNI BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT



FALL PARTY AT GREENHOUSE BAR



**Melissa Hooper,
Paulie Allen, Bill
Johnson, Dana
Williamson Gross**

CLASS OF 1995 10 YEAR REUNION PARTY AT THE HOME OF CHANCE AND ANNE ALLEN



**Beth Covington Panter, Beth Campbell
Calton, John Calton**



**Courtney Felber Cain, Ryan
Cain, Elizabeth Hankla Smith**



**Alison Adair Arrington, Mary Cramer
McGaughey, Mr. and Mrs. Mark
Whitten and Sydney Francisco**



**Brandi Camron Pajot, Colin Pajot, Charlie
Canon, Katherine Stark Canon, Andrea
Rambo Ross and Ben Ross**



**Katie Tomlinson Lown, Jim
Akin, Kelly Deal**



**Shannon Jones Smith and
Holly Pewitt Koogler**



**Melanie Dickerson Oliva, Mary Rose
Herbert, Allison McGuire**

UPDATE YOUR ALUMNI PROFILE ONLINE

Attention Alums! Launched in January, the new website makes it even easier to update your alumni profile. Please visit the Alumni Section of the FRA Website and select "Personal Updates & Surveys." If you need assistance to update your profile, please contact the Alumni Office.

JOIN US FOR HOMECOMING AND REUNION EVENTS OCTOBER 6 - 7, 2006!

Special Event Reunions: Class of 1981 (25th), Class of 1986 (20th), Class of 1991 (15th), Class of 1996 (10th), and Class of 2001 (5th). Please contact the Alumni Office if you would like to help plan events for one of the classes listed above.

INTRODUCING THE FRA ALUMNI CONNECTION

The FRA Alumni Connection has been created to connect college students with summer internships in the Nashville area. This program will assist young graduates as they network with more established alumni and members of the FRA family.

If you would like to apply for an internship, or if you would like to sponsor a college-age intern this summer, please contact Heather Sparrow at (615) 832-8845 ext. 399 or via email: sparrowh@franklinroadacademy.com.



Sterling and Beth Ambrose Receive Distinguished Alumnus Award

The Distinguished Alumnus Award was established in 2005 to recognize FRA Alumni who have made unique, specific, or significant accomplishments in their vocation and who have spent significant time serving their community. The award was designed to honor individuals who have demonstrated loyalty to and support of FRA.

Sterling and Beth Ambrose will be honored at the Distinguished Alumnus/Faculty Awards Dinner which will be held at the school on May 9, 2006. Faculty members June Austin, June Barnes, Norma Dodson, David Tucker, George Weicker, and Ed Zaborowski will also be honored.

Please contact Heather Sparrow in the Alumni Office for more details about the event.

Alumni Association Sponsors Hale Harris Golf Classic

In November 2005, the Alumni Association's Board of Directors voted to undertake sponsorship of The Hale Harris Golf Classic. "Mr. Harris had a tremendous influence on our development at FRA," said Jody Roberts, president of the Alumni Association. "The Alumni Association is honored to sponsor an event that benefits such a worthwhile cause."

Traditionally, the tournament has been held in the fall and sponsored by parent volunteers. Proceeds from The Hale Harris Classic, established in 1995, benefit The Hale Harris Endowed Scholarship Fund which provides financial assistance to Upper School students.

This year's tournament will be held on Friday, June 2, 2006 at the Vanderbilt Legends Golf Course in Cool Springs. Registration and lunch will begin at Noon, and tournament play will start at 1:30 p.m. Everyone is invited to cheer on our wonderful players.

If you would like more information, become a sponsor, or participate in the event, please complete the registration sheet on page 37 in this edition of 4700 Magazine, and mail it to: Alumni Office, Franklin Road Academy, 4700 Franklin Road, Nashville, TN, 37220

Please contact Heather Sparrow, Director of Alumni & Special Events if you would like additional information: (615) 832-8845 ext. 399 email: sparrowh@franklinroadacademy.com

FRANKLIN ROAD ACADEMY 2006 HALE HARRIS GOLF CLASSIC



Friday, June 2, 2006
Vanderbilt Legends Club of Tennessee
12:00 p.m. Lunch
1:30 p.m. Shotgun Start
Awards & prizes following tournament play

TOURNAMENT FORMAT -SCRAMBLE

The SCRAMBLE format comprises a round of golf with foursomes competing as a team for the lowest golf score. Each team member tees off and the best drive is selected. Play continues with all team members playing from that spot. This process is repeated until the hole is completed. The team records one score and moves to the next hole.

\$175 per player (\$125 for FRA Alumni)

\$250 Hole Sponsorship (Advertisement for your company)

\$900 Corporate Sponsorship includes one (1) hole sponsorship plus a four (4) person team

Cost covers all greens and cart fees, free gifts, lunch banquet, awards, and donation to Franklin Road Academy. Thank you for participating in the Hale Harris Golf Classic which benefits the Hale Harris Scholarship Fund and the instructional programs at Franklin Road Academy.

Questions? Contact Jody Roberts, President, FRA Alumni Association (615) 533-4499, or

Heather Sparrow, Director of Alumni & Special Events (615) 832-8845 ext. 399

Registration & Entry Form

SINGLE PLAYER, place me with a foursome

INDIVIDUAL TEAM (4 players)

HOLE SPONSORSHIP only

Name _____

CORPORATE SPONSORSHIP (1) hole sponsorship plus a four-person team

Team Name _____

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Name _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Fax _____ E-mail _____

TEAM PLAYERS:

#2 Name _____ Address _____

#3 Name _____ Address _____

#4 Name _____ Address _____

I am unable to attend. Please accept my enclosed contribution to the Hale Harris Classic. _____

Mail this form and entry fees to: Golf Classic · Franklin Road Academy · 4700 Franklin Road · Nashville, TN 37220

Prizes will be awarded to winners of "Closest to the Pin", "Longest Drive", and other competitions.

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CLASS OF 2000 5TH YEAR REUNION AT THE FLYING SAUCER RESTAURANT



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