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## *Set Apart for a Purpose*

**Casey  
Goldring**  
Senior at  
Fletcher Academy

Handshake was an exciting day for everyone, but especially the Student Association. It started out as a question, "How can we have these students to get to know each other in only two hours?" Over the summer, members of Fletcher Academy's Student Association brainstormed the first event at Fletcher Academy that would hopefully set the tone for the rest of the school year.

Our theme for the 2015-2016 school year is A[PART]. The theme has a dual meaning; "Apart" and "A Part." The first meaning draws from Jeremiah 1:5 (NIV) which says, "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I set you apart; I appointed you as a prophet to the nations." Our aim with this theme

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## Fletcher Academy Administration

Phil Wilhelm, Principal  
Jere Clayburn, Vice Principal  
Janet Novak, Registrar

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*Set Apart for a Purpose (continued)*



(from cover)

is to recognize the many individual talents God has given our student body, and use them to glorify Him whether it is through music, sports, leadership, etc. We hope students will encourage each other to use these gifts to uplift God as well as each other, and find their self-worth through understanding that the God of the universe has set them apart.

The second meaning is "A Part." This theme is inspired by the text found in 1 Corinthians 12:12 (NIV), "Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ." Our goal for this theme is to bring the family at Fletcher Academy even closer together by helping students realize how their individual talents contribute to the school as a whole.

The beginning of the school year is always exciting to witness as new friendships develop and old friends are reunited. This process was encouraged by the ice breaker games played at Handshake. We ended our evening with a sundown worship done by the students. We want everyone here this year to join closer together as members of the body of Christ.

I am thrilled to be S.A. president this year and have the opportunity to help create an environment of unity where students can use their individuality to contribute to Fletcher, and the Body of Christ as a whole.



## Parent Survey



**Phil  
Wilhelm**  
*Principal Fletcher Academy*

Transitioning to a new school can be a challenge. Your summer is quickly used packing up one house only to spend the next month making a new house feel like home all while spending time in an office familiarizing yourself with the new school. Through my transition process, I have heard many great things about Fletcher Academy from the previous principal, current faculty, and many community members.

One of the most valuable things I have found is that feedback is invaluable whether good or bad. I especially value parental feedback because it is shaped by personal experience and their child's perceptions.

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I desired to assess the health of Fletcher Academy so I could start the year nurturing things running smoothly while addressing areas needing attention.

I was very pleased to find that parents of Fletcher Academy students are very happy with their school. They gave Fletcher high marks in the areas of spiritual atmosphere, positive peer influence, positive faculty influence, academics, extracurricular activities, and facilities. Of course, there were elements of concern expressed, but by and large, parents feel that Fletcher is a place where their son or daughter can meet Jesus. It warms my heart to know that God has brought my family to be a part of such a great school!

### Work for Fletcher Academy

Fletcher Academy is seeking a Development Director whose focus will be on fund-raising efforts. This is a full time position with benefits. Pay commensurate with experience and education. Please contact Gary Carlson at 828-209-6701 or [gcarlson@fletcheracademy.com](mailto:gcarlson@fletcheracademy.com) if you, or anyone you know, is interested in more information about this position.



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### FA Yearbooks Are Going Digital!

Did you love the photos of Handshake featured in this issue? Did the shots bring back great memories of your days here at Fletcher Academy? Fletcher Academy is now in the process of turning your yearbook into digital form so it can be viewed online at the Fletcher Academy website. Just login to [fletcheracademy.com](http://fletcheracademy.com) and click on Alumni. There follow icons and click on your yearbook. Yearbooks will be added as soon as possible. If your yearbook is not on here yet, just keep checking back. We hope to have all the years into digital form ready for Alumni Weekend.



## Meet our New Principal, Phil Wilhelm!

**Christina  
Coston**  
*Junior at  
Fletcher Academy*

When trying to get to know someone, we often ask questions. I was given the privilege of interviewing our newest administration member and principal, Phil Wilhelm. After some time, all of my questions were answered. Mr. Wilhelm was born in Nashville, TN and came to Fletcher Academy from Bass Memorial Academy, where he served as principal for five years. He has been married for 18 years and has three children ages ranging from 6 to 11.



Phil, Tami, Aiden - 11, Aubrey - 9, Asher - 6

In response to the question, "What is your favorite aspect of your job?" he answered, "I enjoy the variety the job brings." Not only does he enjoy his job but in his free time he enjoys playing with his children and riding four wheelers with his family. He would rather read than watch. His favorite book is "The Great Controversy."

Other information ranged from his favorite Bible verse (1 Corinthians 10:13), to some of his pet peeves (including ticking clocks), all the way to his lifelong dream of going to Greece and discovering all that this country can tell about the mysteries of math and history.

Though it is difficult to describe one's self in a sentence, he managed the task by using many adjectives. "I am a technology loving, analytical, spontaneous, honest, and spiritually conscious husband, father, and principal."

We are excited to have Mr. Wilhelm join the staff at Fletcher Academy. Welcome to our school!

# Dedicated Staff are Ready

**Phil Wilhelm, M.S.Ed.**

Principal, Senior Class Sponsor

**Bethany Johnson, B.A.**

English I, II &amp; IV, Creative Writing, Sophomore Class Sponsor

**Jere Clayburn, M.S.**Vice Principal, Academic Dean, Anatomy & Physiology,  
S.A. Sponsor**Craig Johnson, M.S.Ed.**American History, Government, Economics, Individual Sports,  
AcroKnights Head Coach, Sophomore Class Sponsor**Janet Novak, M.A.Ed.**

Registrar, Accounting

**Desiree Kröper, B.A.**

Librarian, ESL, Freshman Class Sponsor, Café Assistant

**Debra Anthony, B.Mus.**

Strings

**Freida Lane**

Food Service Director

**Bill Bass, M.S.A.**Bible II & IV, Auto/Home Repair, Director of Transportation,  
S.A. Sponsor**Gary Lewis, B.S., C.P.A.**

Senior Accountant, Accounts Receivable, Cashier

**Shawn Betchley, M.A.Ed.**

Handbells

**Heath Miller, B.S.**

Computer Applications

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Freshmen Class Sponsor**Jeff Morris, B.A.**

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Assistant Girls' Dean

**Mally Osvold**

Dean of Girls, Girls' Club Sponsor

**Steven Green, B.A.**

Band, Junior Class Sponsor

**Zac Peters**

Information Technology Director

**Kathy Hadley, B.S.**

Chief Financial Officer (CFO)

**Denise Pettit, B.A.**

Choir, 11th Hour

**Kim Henski, A.S.**Work Coordinator, Life Skills, Health, Art,  
Senior Class Sponsor**Collin Petty**

Human Resources

**Pam Hughes, B.S.**

Accounts Payable

**Andrew Rahm, B.S.**

Dean of Boys, Physical Education, Boys' Club Sponsor

*"I have been driven many times to my knees by the overwhelming conviction that I had nowhere else to go." Abraham Lincoln*

# dy to Start a New Year!



**Jessica Rahm, R.N., B.S.N.**

School Nurse



**Eileen States, M.Div.**

Chaplain, Bible I, Jesus in the Gospels



**Marcella Sampayan, A.S.**

Administrative Assistant, Attendance Officer



**Jessica Stout, B.A.**

English III, World History, Yearbook, Junior Class Sponsor



**Dean Sigsworth, M.A.**

Algebra II, Geometry, Pre Calculus, S.A. Co-Sponsor,  
National Honor Society Sponsor



**David Vigil**

Assistant Boys' Dean



**Jon Smith**

Director of Development, Alumni Association

## Pray for Our Staff

Fletcher Academy is so blessed to have such a talented and dedicated staff. Staff who have been called to minister to our youth here at Fletcher. Please read over the names below and choose one or two of them. Pray for them this year and for their ministry. Prayer can be a powerful tool. So let's use it! You may remember your favorite teacher at Fletcher and how much they meant to you. Make a difference for these teachers and staff. Pray! Pray! Pray!

## Encounter Jesus! FA New Bible Curriculum

Eileen States - Chaplain at FA

The graduating class of 2019, our incoming Freshmen here at Fletcher Academy are breaking ground on a new Seventh-day Adventist Bible curriculum called Encounter. Bible teachers across the nation are being trained extensively on how to use this curriculum to better mold and train our young people to not only believe in God and fall in love with Him but to prepare them to live their lives in service for God and His kingdom.

The Adventist Encounter Curriculum is a seamless curriculum that is intentional about exploring big-picture, spiritual concepts with the goal of making a difference for eternity. This curriculum uses the four walls of the classroom to help build a lifelong relationship with Jesus Christ, using the Bible as the source of truth. Through intentional teaching methods and 21st century learning strategies, it explores and develops personal reasons for faith, lifestyle choices, and ethical decision-making from an Adventist worldview, all the while nurturing interpersonal relationships and service to others. A life-long relationship with Jesus Christ that transforms the lives of both teachers and students is the goal of this Encounter curriculum. We as your Bible teachers covet your prayers as we seek to lead this generation of young people to the heart of God.

For more about this new curriculum feel free to visit the website at  
<http://adventisteducation.org/encounter>



## Come Tour Fletcher Park Inn...

Lovely units available NOW at Fletcher Park Inn Retirement Center. FPI continues to be an important and integral part of FAI. If you, or someone you know, are interested call Loretta or Linda at 828-209-6930 or 1-800-249-2882 for your no-obligation tour and complimentary lunch.



# *Alumni Gifts for the Library and Physics Lab*

## *Thank you Alumni!*

*Jere Clayburn - Vice-Principal of Fletcher Academy*



Generous gifts from Fletcher Academy alumni and others have resulted in new library furniture, and physics equipment.

One of the items on the wish list presented at alumni weekend was new tables and chairs for the library. The existing furniture had been in service for many years, was showing its age, and needed replacing. Attending alumni members generously provided the funds to purchase new furniture which has arrived for the start of school.

Other financial gifts have resulted in the purchase of equipment for our physics classroom, which will allow us to conduct hands on activities to bring physical concepts to life.

We are grateful to our supporters for continuing to remember Fletcher Academy and its students by contributing to the financial needs of our school.

## *Gift Giving Report for Fiscal 2014-2015*

By Jon Smith

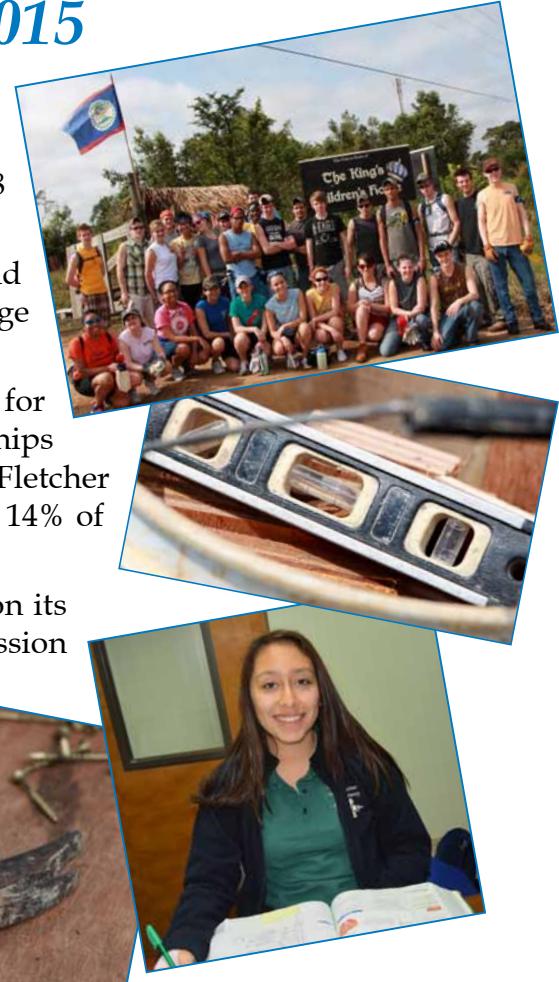
FAI Director of Advancement & Alumni Affairs

During fiscal 2014-2015 Fletcher Academy was the recipient of 1,248 donations totaling \$786,804.

Sources of the gifts: 48% of the gifts came from Trust Funds and Estates. 33% were donated by individuals. 13% came from Park Ridge Health and Other Sources provided the other 6%.

Where the gifts were applied: 43% of the gifts were designated for Capital Needs and Renovations. 17% was applied to Student Scholarships and Student Financial Assistance. 16% went toward Mission Trips. Fletcher Academy and Captain Gilmer Christian School were the recipients of 14% of the gifts. 10% was applied to the needs of Fletcher Academy, Inc.

Fletcher Academy continues to grow and this puts new demands on its resources. Your gifts to this special school are an investment in the mission and future of Fletcher Academy. I pray that each of you will be among those whose current gifts and planned future gifts are investing in the lives of young people for time and eternity.





## Alumni Homecoming Weekend 2015

# "The Potter's Hand"

PLAN ON JOINING US FOR THESE EXCITING EVENTS.

BELLOW ARE LISTED THE HIGHLIGHTS OF THE WEEKEND. CAN'T WAIT TO SEE YOU!

### Friday, October 2, 2015

**10:00 am**

*Fifth Annual Alumni Golf Classic Tournament*

**5:00 pm**

*Registration in the Main Lobby of the Lelia Patterson Center*

**6:00 pm**

*Reception in the Lelia Patterson Center*

**7:30 pm**

*Vespers in the Lelia Patterson Center - Hosted by 10 year class of 2005*

*Featured Speaker - Rebekah Bonjour '05*

### Sabbath, October 3, 2015

**8:15 am**

*Prayer Breakfast in the Lelia Patterson Center*

**9:30 am**

*Sabbath School in the Lelia Patterson Center - Hosted by 25 year class of 1990*

*Mission Feature:*

*John Neff '90 & Bill Bass '82*

**10:45 am**

*Divine Worship in the Lelia Patterson Center - Hosted by 50 year class of 1965*

*Featured Speaker:*

*Phil Wilhelm, F.A. Principal Honor class photos after church at the stage of the Lelia Patterson Center.*

**12:30 pm**

*Potluck in the Lelia Patterson Center  
Please remember to bring a favorite dish to share with all*

**2:00 pm**

*F.A. Students & Alumni Band Concert Rehearsal in the LPC*

**2:00 pm**

*Fletcher School of Nursing Meeting in the LEC*

**3:00 pm**

*Fletcher Academy Music Department Special Alumni Weekend Concert in LPC & Band Reunion*

**4:00 pm**

*Heritage Room Open and Administration Building with Graduate Photo Gallery*

**6:30 pm**

*Vespers - Hosted by 40 year class of 1975 Traditional Candlelight Vesper at the Chapel*

**8:00 pm**

*Traditional Alumni Sport Games on the Field & Basketball at the Lelia Patterson Center.*

### Sunday, October 4, 2015

**9:00 am**

*Alumni Brunch and Business Meeting in the Lelia Patterson Center*

## Special Band Reunion

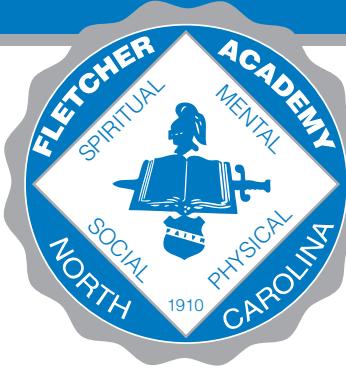
Dust off your band instruments and bring them to Alumni Weekend! This year, Fletcher Academy's Alumni weekend will feature past and present band members and directors. We are inviting any alumni that have been involved in band to the stage of the Lelia Patterson Center on Sabbath, October 3 at 2:00 p.m. to rehearse with the F.A. Academy Band for the 3:00 p.m. concert. Please contact Steven Green for parts and any questions regarding the concert at 864-630-4560 or [sgreen@fletcheracademy.com](mailto:sgreen@fletcheracademy.com).

## Attention! Attention! You Can Help!

Fletcher Academy has been blessed with many students for the

current school year. In fact, more students have joined the band than we can supply instruments to. My mission and the mission of the band, is to spread the joy of music with any and all students that are interested. Without the money to purchase more instruments, the music department will have to turn away students who can't afford to buy their own. We need more clarinets, flutes, and or money to be able to give the gift of music to our students. Please contact the Band Director Steve Green at the information above on how you can help!





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## JOIN US FOR

### Alumni Homecoming Weekend 2015

#### "The Potter's Hand"

**October 2,3,4**

**Events and Highlights:**

**Annual Golf Tournament**

**Friday Evening Reception and Refreshments;**

**Inspiring Vespers Program**

**Traditional Prayer Breakfast**

**Alumni of the Year Award 2015**

**Mission Features from Fletcher Academy Students;**

**Delightful Performing Arts by Fletcher Academy**

**Uplifting Church Service**

**Alumni and F.A. Student Band Reunion Concert**

**Fletcher School of Nursing Meeting**

**Candlelight Vespers at the Chapel**

**Alumni Verses; Student; Saturday Night Games;**

**Sunday Morning Brunch and Business Meeting**

## HONOR CLASSES

1955, 1965, 1975, 1990, 2005

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or visit [www.fletcheracademy.com](http://www.fletcheracademy.com)



"Yet, O Lord, you are our Father. We are the clay, you are the potter; we are all the work of your hand."

**Isaiah  
64:8 (niv)**