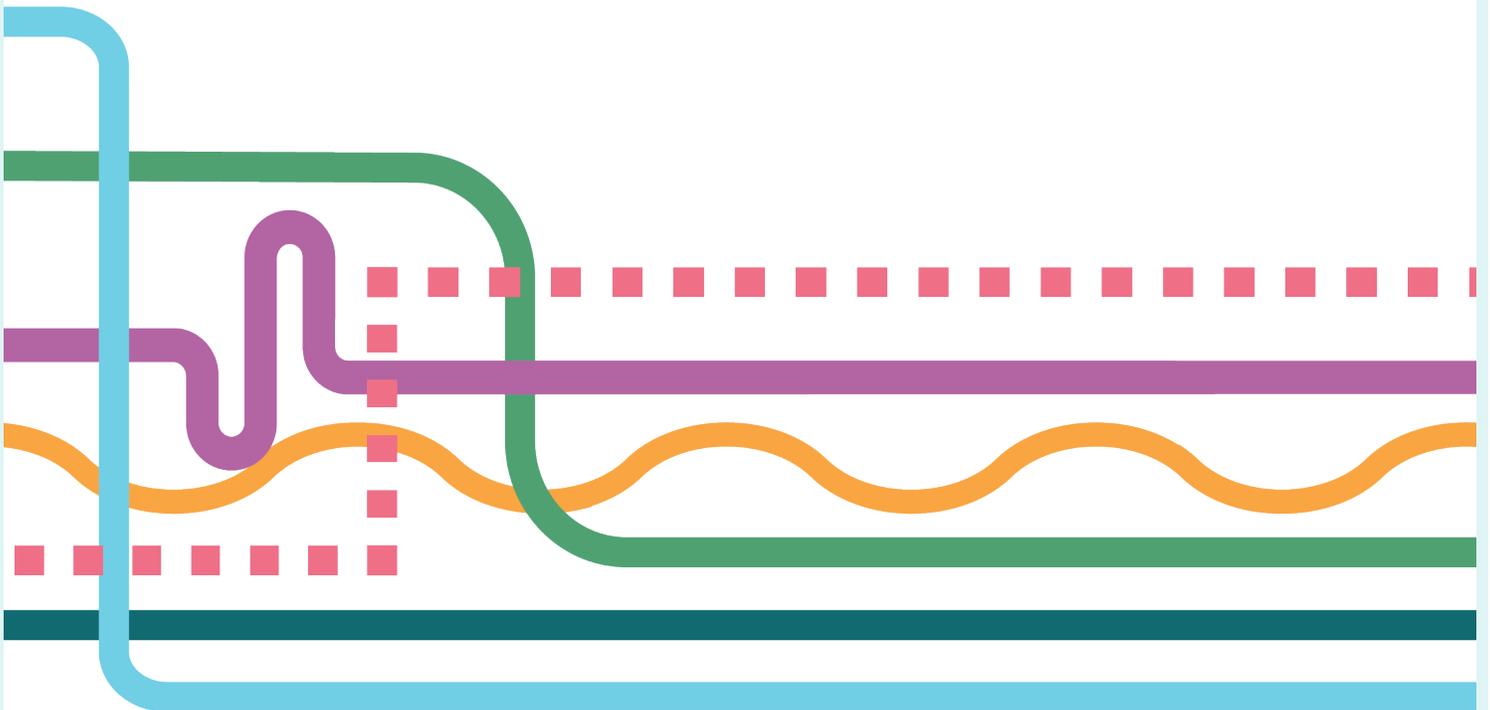


UPPER SCHOOL

COCURRICULAR
PROGRAMS &
ATHLETIC TEAMS

2019-2020



WOODWARD ACADEMY

August 1, 2019

At Woodward Academy we feel that learning and growth occurs not just in the classroom, but also through club activities, on school trips, through service projects, on sports fields, and more. One of the key components of our school motto is ‘Opportunity’ – we are proud to offer a large array of co-curricular programs and athletic teams for our students to choose from.

By participating in clubs, service projects, arts groups, academic teams, and athletic programs, students experience personal growth in areas outside of the classroom. Each group provides the camaraderie and sense of belonging important in the high school experience. Further, as students invest time and energy into a club and team, they often find opportunities to develop their leadership abilities. There are numerous opportunities for these skills to develop, and student leaders are invited to participate in the Student Leadership Institute at the beginning of each school year.

The Student Life department encourages our students to review the many offerings and consider carefully what programs to participate in. While there is no limit to the number of activities that you as a student may join, it is important to recognize that one person can’t do everything. Joining a group or team is a commitment. Sometimes these commitments require two or more hours each afternoon, as it is with a sports team. Sometimes these commitments involve just an hour or so each month. Regardless, these commitments of involvement are not to be taken lightly. Students, faculty, and coaches all rely on their group members to honor these arrangements.

If you find that you have an idea for a new group that furthers the Academy’s mission and is not being met by one of our current offerings, we encourage you to speak with Coach Myers about the new club proposal process.

In closing, the Student Life department encourages all students to get involved. The relationships developed between students, and between coaches and faculty members and students outside of the classroom are the ones that last longest. When Woodward Alum return to campus, they are most likely to reminisce about a particular game, social activity, or service project. It’s in these opportunities that excellent character is developed and long-lasting friendships and memories are made.

Our best for the best year yet!

Chris Myers
Director of Student Activities

ACADEMIC CLUBS & TEAMS

***ACADEMIC TEAM**

***HEAD COACH:** Andrew Jones
Caitlin Ishibashi

Do you enjoy Jeopardy, High-Q, and trivia games? Join the Academic Team! We practice regularly after school to train for competitions and tournaments throughout the year. Successful team members are eligible for award letters and letter jackets. Any student in grades 9-12 with a competitive spirit are welcome. We are especially looking for underclassmen who are willing to learn and grow. Come play with us! To find out more, contact Mr. Jones (W223), or Mrs. Ishibashi (S261).

***ALGONQUIN CIRCLE**

***SPONSORS:** Lorri Hewett
Margaret Lee

This is a group of **7 to 8 seniors** who have excelled in English, love to read, and are willing to read an extra book each month to discuss it with the group. The name comes from The Algonquin Round Table, a group of writers in who met at the Algonquin Hotel in New York to discuss and critique literature.

***CHINESE CLUB**

***SPONSOR:** Sherry Cheng

The Chinese club is open to all students to help them understand Chinese Culture. Activities may include learning classic and pop Chinese songs, watching representative movies, learning Chinese painting and calligraphy, paper cut and traditional games, visiting Chinese restaurants, cooking traditional dishes, and celebrating traditional festivals.

Dues: \$15.00

***DEBATE**

***HEAD COACH:** Maggie Berthiaume
***ASSISTANT COACHES:** Bill Batterman
Brian Keith Jackson

Woodward's nationally competitive Debate Team—the 2018 State Champions and the 2012 National Champions—is open to all Upper School students who are taking the “Debate” class as part of their course schedule. Debate sharpens one's ability to research and analyze problems, think and listen critically, express thoughts clearly and fluently and better understand public affairs. It increases one's confidence and poise and provides constant intellectual stimulation. Tournaments are held from September through May with travel opportunities tailored to meet student needs. For more information: <http://www.woodward.edu/go/debate> or debate@woodward.edu.

***FRENCH CLUB**

***SPONSORS:** Jason Stump
Tara Ingle

Membership is open to all interested French students in grades 9-12. Activities include cultural events such as film, theater, story-telling and art sponsored by Atlanta's Alliance Française, the AATF, and the French Consulate. Students may also attend a weekend immersion camp at Rock Eagle. The year culminates in the Spring with French week, featuring the “Grande Fête” luncheon. Dues help support “Sisa,” a child in Africa, our Grands Amis activities in the LS and PS, and food for meetings.

Dues: \$15.00

*** FRENCH NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY**

*** SPONSOR:** Richard Sommers

Membership for French National Honor Society is based on scholarship in French classes. Evidence of outside interest in the language and culture is also considered. Membership is by invitation only.

***GERMAN CLUB**

***SPONSOR: Ben Shivers**

German Club members celebrate German culture in as many ways as its members devise: visiting German restaurants, watching films in German, attending the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra, contributing to the German "Weihnachtsmarkt" Christmas market or enjoying breakfast in Herr Shivers' classroom. Students may travel to a weekend language camp with an abundance of games, contests, and activities. The Club is student-led with suggestions and support from Herr Shivers and membership is open to any interested students. Leadership opportunities are available. Dues help defray expenses.

***GERMAN NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY**

***SPONSOR: Ben Shivers**

Membership for German National Honor Society is based on scholarship in German classes. Membership is by invitation only.

***JAPAN CLUB**

***SPONSOR: Tad Sahara**

The Japan Club meets monthly during the school year. Membership is open to any interested students. Activities include watching Japanese movies, eating Japanese food, and participating in other cultural activities.

Dues: \$5.00

***NJCL LATIN HONOR SOCIETY**

***SPONSOR: Lori Beth Wiseman**

Membership for Latin National Honor Society is based on scholarship in Latin classes. Evidence of outside interest in the language and culture is also considered. Inductees must be members of the Junior Classical League.

***MATH COMPETITIONS**

***SPONSOR: Jeff Floyd**

We have many opportunities for students to participate in math competitions conveniently on our campus after the school day. These include:

- 1) six rounds of the Georgia Math League (GAML), which are after school one Tuesday a month from October to March
- 2) five rounds of the Mandelbrot Competition, which are after school one day a month starting in October
- 3) the Kennesaw University Math Competition, with round 1 in October and (for qualifiers) round 2 in February
- 4) the AMC 10/12 A and B tests, which are after school two days in February
- 5) the AIME (for qualifiers thru AMC 10/12 scores) in March

All of these will take place after school in room M374. NO EXPERIENCE IS NECESSARY. Interested students should email Mr Floyd at jeff.floyd@woodward.edu to be added to a Math Competitions Powerschool group (which posts copies and solutions from previous years of these competitions-over 250 pdf files), and to be added to a Math Competitions google calendar which will always contain the most recent updates concerning the schedule of these competitions.

***MATH CLUB**

***SPONSOR: Swannee Park**

Students who might not think they are good at math or lack confidence in math, but still love it, are perfect for Math Club. High schoolers from all walks of life are welcome to join. At Math Club, we will talk about simple proofs to complex problems, history of math, axioms, properties of numbers, everyday math and so much more. Participating students will be able to foster a love for math in a non-strenuous environment that does not require a deep understanding of math. Every two weeks Math Club will meet up to discuss math and solve fun math riddles. Students should be prepared to learn math while having fun.

***MODEL UN**

***SPONSORS: Ben Shivers
Jessica Hubbard**

Students simulate United Nations committees by representing a country whose positions they have researched. Woodward's club typically participates an Atlanta-area conference, one conference in another state, and also hosts its own on-campus conference. Delegates acquire a practical understanding of the way that the United Nations and other international organizations approach global issues and reach decisions. Participating students represent nations from around the world in actual debates and problem-solving negotiations.

***NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY**

***SPONSOR:** **Stephanie Stephens**

Membership is by invitation only. Criteria for membership is based on scholarship, leadership, service, character, and a minimum 3.8 Core GPA.

Grades 11 and 12 ONLY

***FIRST ROBOTICS TEAM**

***HEAD COACH:** **Shelley Carter**

FIRST is More Than Robots. *FIRST* participation is proven to encourage students to pursue education and careers in STEM-related fields, inspire them to become leaders and innovators, and enhance their 21st century work-life skills. Combining the excitement of sport with the rigors of science and technology. *FIRST* Robotics Competition is the ultimate Sport for the Mind. High-school student participants call it "the hardest fun you'll ever have." Under strict rules, limited resources, and an intense six-week time limit, teams of students are challenged to raise funds, design a team "brand," hone teamwork skills, and build and program industrial-size robots to play a difficult field game against like-minded competitors. It's as close to real-world engineering as a student can get. Volunteer mentors lend their time and talents to guide each team.

***SCIENCE OLYMPIAD**

***SPONSOR:** **Stephen Clark**

Science Olympiad is a competitive team of 15 students that compete against other schools in 23 different events that cover science & engineering fields. Events consist of simple paper and pencil tests of knowledge, lab activities demonstrating skill and knowledge, and engineering events where students build a device to be tested at the competition site. The team competes in at least three tournaments per year at the region, state and national levels.

***STEM CLUB**

***SPONSORS:** **John Faison**
Maria Touhy

In this club we will read articles, talk about current science events, host STEM-related faculty to speak about their fields, and encourage students to form study groups for their STEM classes. Through selecting and reading articles from varying science topics, including astronomy, biology, botany, chemistry, geology, and physics, we hope to introduce students to a wide range of fields and offered courses for their upperclassmen years. Through exposure to the many available scientific fields of study, we hope to aid students in developing interests in science-related topics and provide a strong starting point for research and projects in students' science courses. Uniquely, the aim of STEM Club is to pique the interests of students in the fields of science and mathematics.

***SENIOR PHILOSOPHY SEMINAR**

***SPONSORS:** **Tom Ehrensperger**

The Senior Philosophy Seminar consists of about ten seniors, chosen by the sponsors after an application process in the spring. The group meets in the early evening about 8-9 times per year to discuss selected philosophical issues. A textbook, *Philosophy: Paradox and Discovery*, serves as a guide and is required reading over the Summer.

***SPANISH CLUB**

***SPONSORS:** **Noelle Canas**
Rochelle Morgan-Verdin

The Spanish Club usually meets during club time with occasional meetings before scheduled field trips and special projects. All students are welcome to join. Activities include a Dia de los Muertos craft activity in November, National Spanish week in February, a Cinco de Mayo picnic, a field trip to Spanish or Mexican restaurant, and/or field

trips to a Hispanic movie or play. The club also sponsors two needy children through Children International. Trips to Spanish speaking countries are also offered during the summer.

Dues: \$10.00

***SPANISH NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY**

***SPONSOR: Lori Beth Wiseman**

Membership for Spanish National Honor Society is based on scholarship in Spanish classes. Evidence of outside interest in the language and culture is also considered. Membership is by invitation only.

PERFORMING & VISUAL ARTS GROUPS

***ART CLUB**

***SPONSORS: Chris Greenway
Andy Cunningham
Jennifer Knox
May Engelhart**

Membership in the Art Club is based upon outstanding ability, interest, service, and character. Members must take two semesters of art during the current school year or have been an active member previously. The purpose of the club is to inspire and recognize students in the program dedicated to art as well as to further their creative abilities. The club also strives to bring art to the attention of the Woodward community. Members participate in and sponsor gallery shows and events that require art in the gallery and other parts of the campus. The club also organizes and/or hosts the visiting artists workshop day, visits to museums and galleries, Experience the Arts Day, the Art College Visitation Day, and the Senior Art Show and awards presentation.

Dues: \$15.00 (includes T-shirt designed by member.)

***THESPIAN CLUB**

***SPONSORS: Erin Greenway
Joel Williams**

The Thespian Club is a branch of the International Thespian Society. The club meets once a month to organize theatre outings, service projects, and other group events that take place throughout the school year. In February, members attend a weekend State Theatre Conference; also available is a week-long international conference during the month of June. At these conferences, the group attends theatre performances and participates in workshops on acting, singing, mime, dance, lighting, costuming, stage management, etc. Eligibility is based on a point system. Points can be accumulated by participating in the Woodward Theatre Department as an actor, stage manager, designer, or crew member.

***THESPIAN HONOR SOCIETY**

***TROUPE DIRECTOR: Erin Greenway**

The International Thespian Society (ITS) is the Educational Theatre Association's honorary organization recognizing the achievements of high school theatre students. Thespian troupes are chartered in public and private school throughout the country, representing excellence in theatre education.

A student can be inducted into the ITS after earning 10 points – equivalent to 100 hours working in school, community and/or professional theater both on and backstage. Inducted students are eligible to compete at the state convention in Columbus, GA.

***FALL THEATRE PRODUCTION**

***DIRECTOR: Erin Greenway**

The Upper School Theatre Department puts on two productions each Fall, one in mid September and the other in mid October. Students may participate on stage as an actor or behind the scenes by assisting with the technical aspects. For more information, contact the theatre director.

***SPRING MUSICAL**

***DIRECTOR:** Erin Greenway

Woodward Academy Theatre Department produces a major musical in February of each year. Auditions for the musical are in late November or early December (listed on the school calendar). Each student is required to prepare a song from a Broadway Musical and participate in a dance audition. There are also opportunities to assist with the technical production of the Spring musical. For more information, contact the theatre director.

***MEN'S & WOMEN'S REGAL EAGLE TALENT COMPETITIONS**

***DIRECTORS:** Suzanne Woodruff
Steve Rotz
Erin Greenway
Kathleen McManus
Lauran Hunt
Paige Patterson

The Men's and Women's Regal Eagle Talent Competitions take place in January of each year. If you are interested in entering a solo or group act, please see one of the directors prior to the Thanksgiving break.

***NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY FOR DANCE ARTS**

***SPONSOR:** Jenny Gould

This group celebrates the artistic, academic and leadership achievements of exceptional dance students. Our goal is to promote a desire for life-long learning in the field of dance, encourage an understanding of and an appreciation for dance as an art form and to develop knowledgeable audiences for tomorrow. All dancers (in the Woodward Dance program) are eligible for the National Society for Dance Arts after one year of participation and 30 earned points.

***CHOREOGRAPHERS CONNECTION**

***SPONSOR:** Jenny Gould

This club is open to anyone who is interested in choreography. The club provides support for dancers and choreographers interested in creating dance/performance works. Club members will network to identify the needs (audiences, rehearsal space, musicians, performance opportunities, available dancers, etc.) to launch their projects. If you are a musician/composer who would like to see your work used, send us a link, if you need a rehearsal space ... we can find one for you, if you need dancers, we can provide that also!!!

***DANCE ENSEMBLE**

***DIRECTOR:** Jenny Gould

The Dance Ensemble is a performance-oriented group limited to the dedicated student with an advanced level of training. Students in this course receive Honors credit. Membership in this group is by audition only. Auditions are held in the Spring. Dancers must have completed their freshman year. The class meets twice a week for two hours.

***MARCHING BAND**

***DIRECTORS:** Kenny Beard
Lauran Hunt
Greg Miller
Valerie Morgan

The Woodward Academy Marching Band is known as the Robert W. Woodruff Marching Band after the well-known Coca Cola Company President who graduated from Georgia Military Academy (Woodward) and was a member of the first band at the school. Today the marching band plays in the stands and for half-time at every football game. In addition, you will see the band marching in parades and competitions in various locales. In competitions, the marching band often receives the "Best in Class" award for music and marching excellence. The musical selections of the band are a mixture of fun and pageantry with the goal of supporting the team and entertaining the home crowd. Students in marching band are in the 9th through 12th grade and benefit from social and leadership development because of the discipline and hard-work necessary to be a member of the group.

***BIG BAND**

***DIRECTOR:** **Lauran Hunt**

A jazz group in the style of the traditional Big Band: 5 saxes, 4 trumpets, 4 trombones, piano, guitar, bass, drum set and percussion. The group performs tradition swing classics, rock and funk. The group performs various concerts and events throughout the year. This is a year long membership. Membership is mainly students within the band program, but, some exceptions can be made. Rehearsals are Tuesdays after school.

***JAZZ BAND**

***DIRECTOR:** **Lauran Hunt**

A jazz group performing jazz standards with a focus on improvisation. This is a smaller group with a open instrumentation: orns players, piano, guitar, bass and drums. The group performs various concerts and events throughout the year. Semester membership. Membership is mainly students within the band program, but, some exceptions can be made. Rehearsals are during AAAA at designated times.

***COLOR GUARD/DANCE TEAM**

***DIRECTORS:** **Brianna Twaddell**
Jessica Richardson

The Guard/Dance Team performs with the marching band at all football games, and select pep rallies. Members are eligible to receive letters for their participation. Auditions are held in the spring and open to all Upper School girls. Dance training and gymnastic abilities are not a pre-requisite but are a plus.

***HONORS CHORAL ENSEMBLES**

***CAMERATA SINGERS DIRECTOR:** **Steve Rotz**
***JAZZ CHOIR DIRECTOR:** **Suzanne Woodruff**

Membership in the Vocal Ensemble is by audition only. The groups meet using a combination of Tuesday evenings and late start mornings to rehearse. Camerata Singers is open to 11th and 12th graders, and Jazz Choir is open to 9th-12th graders. The groups perform at the Choral Concerts and in the community. The ensembles are featured on Experience the Arts Day. Students in the ensembles receive honors credit for their choir class.

PUBLICATIONS

***THE BLADE**

***SPONSOR:** **Rebekah Goode-Peoples**

The Upper School news magazine is published approximately five times during the school year. Any student may write articles or editorials for the paper on either a regular or one-time basis and submit for possible publication. The staff seeks students with interests in writing, photography, computer/graphic design, cartooning, and editing. For students interested in serving on the editorial staff, a class is available as part of the academic schedule. Membership in the class is by application. Interested students should see Ms. Goode-Peoples in Jane Woodruff Hall, room 113.

***THE PHOENIX**

***SPONSOR:** **Rebekah Goode-Peoples**

The Academy yearbook staff positions are filled from applicants from the Journalism 1 course. Students interested in participating on the yearbook staff should demonstrate superior writing and organizational skills and must take the class which meets daily. Staff members are needed with interest and/or expertise in writing, graphic design and photography. Interested students should see Ms. Goode-Peoples in Jane Woodruff Hall, room 113.

***SILENT VOICES**

***SPONSOR:** **Rebekah Goode-Peoples**

The Upper School literary magazine is published each spring. Any student who would like to enter works can submit poems, short stories, essays, or artwork, to Ms. Goode-Peoples or silentvoiceswa@gmail.com. Students interested in being on the staff should see Ms. Goode-Peoples in Jane Woodruff Hall, room 113.

RELIGIOUS CLUBS

***CATHOLIC IDENTITY CLUB**

***SPONSOR:** Marianne Lecesne
Jeanneann Ratliff

The Catholic Identity Club will meet twice a month during lunch. The Club's purpose is to help Catholic students and teachers connect with one another and meet to discuss issues relevant to their faith and the Catholic community locally and world-wide. The Club seeks to help students explore and strengthen their faith, to consider how it affects their daily life here at Woodward, and to learn how to love and work productively with those of other faiths while remaining true to their own faith.

Dues: \$10.00

***FELLOWSHIP OF CHRISTIAN ATHLETES**

***SPONSOR:** Jim Minor
Lauren Collins

Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) is a Christian organization encouraging athletes to impact the world for Jesus Christ. FCA meets most Tuesdays, during lunch and in the gym. Lunch is always provided, and there is either a guest speaker or student-led talks and discussions to challenge you and help you grow in your faith. Other activities include a spring retreat, weekly bible study, and other opportunities to volunteer. FCA's purpose is "to serve local communities around the globe by engaging, equipping, and empowering coaches and athletes to unite, inspire and change the world through the gospel."

Dues: \$30.00

***MUSLIM AWARENESS CLUB**

***SPONSOR:** Lorri Hewett

The Muslim Awareness Club will focus on the cultural as well as religious aspects of Muslimism. While the club is open to both Muslim and non-Muslim students, the club will focus on how Muslim students can celebrate their fondness for America while maintaining their Muslim heritage.

***YAD B' YAD**

***SPONSOR:** Brian Jackson

Yad B' Yad encourages Woodward's Jewish students to participate and welcomes students from all different religious backgrounds as well. Every other week, Rabbi David Silverman, from Atlanta Scholars Kollel, hosts a Lunch n' Learn session where students meet to discuss Jewish issues relevant to our community. Guest speakers are often the focus of our monthly meetings and community service programs are organized several times during the year.

Dues: \$10.00

LEADERSHIP & SERVICE GROUPS

***CHAPLAIN'S COUNCIL**

*** SPONSOR:** Katie Kilpatrick

This is a leadership group that works to plan religious events throughout campus. The group meets regularly to plan interfaith prayer services and other campus-wide events promoting religious understanding. Please speak with Chaplain K for permission to become a part of this religious leadership group.

***GIRL SCOUTS – WOODWARD SERVICE UNIT**

***SPONSOR: WA Parent Sponsors**

Girl Scouting is available to female student in grades K-12 at Woodward. Through the Girl Scout Leadership Experience girls can do many cool things to explore the world around them and to discover, connect and take action in the community. There are also opportunities to work on higher level awards like Religious, Silver and Gold Awards like some WA girls have accomplished in recent years.

***SCOUTS BSA TROUP 631**

***SPONSOR: WA Parent Sponsors**

For youth who would like to participate in a premier leadership and outdoors program – for both boys and girls, because a new troop for girls can officially launch on February 1, 2019. Youth leaders of the troops decide what they will do, like weekend and summer camping, caving, scuba, canoeing, hiking, biking and other trips, advised by adults. The Scouts BSA troop of boys (formerly, “Boy Scout troop”) meets most Mondays during the school year at 6:00 pm, except on Mondays after overnight trips, which are held once a month usually. The Scouts BSA troop of girls will be organizing in the fall of 2018, and may sometimes have joint activities with the troop of boys – depending on what the youth leaders plan to do.

***HONOR COUNCIL & DISCIPLINE BOARD**

***ADVISOR: Anthony Thomas**

Dean Thomas takes nominations from upper school teachers in the spring, and then students vote on nominated individuals.

***HONOR GUARD**

***SPONSOR: Pete Fritts, Jr.**

This high-profile group is open to Upper School students by invitation and audition. It performs at all home football games, Upper School Convocations, Baccalaureate, graduation ceremonies, and off-campus functions as approved by the administration.

***PEER LEADERSHIP**

***SPONSORS: Mark Carrington
Scott Crook
Sara Elliot
Swanee Park
Tim Hamling
Chris Myers
Tonia Webb**

This select group is open to juniors and seniors only. The group works with the ninth grade class to insure a smooth transition to high school. Applications and tryouts are in the spring.

***STUDENT ATHLETE ADVISORY COUNCIL**

***SPONSORS: Jose Fernandez
David Widener
Gene Patterson**

This select group is open to rising 10th, 11th, & 12th grade student athletes. The group will meet regularly with the athletic department administration to discuss issues facing today’s student athletes and provide assistance in improving Woodward’s athletic department through the sharing of ideas and open dialogue. Members are selected based on recommendations from respective coaches.

***STUDENT ALUMNI AMBASSADORS**

***SPONSORS: Caroline Stancil
Amy Zweng
Trevon Broad
Sara Elliot**

The Student Alumni Ambassadors purpose is to promote, foster, and create mutually beneficial relationships among the Academy's students, alumni, staff, and faculty for the betterment of Woodward Academy and its community. Student Ambassadors strive to improve the quality of Woodward Academy through a direct partnership with the Alumni Office.

Student Alumni Ambassadors create a lifelong relationship with Woodward Academy starting as a student and leading to becoming alumni. SAA members assist in planning and organizing relevant and meaningful Lunch & Learns for our current students to connect with our broad alumni network. Alumni Guest Lunch & Learns give current students the opportunity for career networking with alumni, professional and leadership development, resume building, and volunteer service. SAA members also have the opportunity to assist with on-campus events, campus tours and event preparation throughout the year. If you are interested in joining, find us at the Student Activities Fair in August or email alumni@woodward.edu.

Membership is open to students in grades 9-12.

***STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION**

***SPONSORS:** **Jill Bounds**
Dana Reker

SGA is open to all students in grades 9-12. Campaigns and elections for presidents and VP's are held in the spring. Campaigns and elections for senators and freshman class officers are held in the fall. The organization functions as a liaison between student body and administration.

***SERVICE LEADERSHIP BOARD**

***SPONSOR:** **Ronda Zents**

The Service Leadership Board allows community service to be a student driven initiative -- not a faculty or administrator-driven program. Service Leaders are the force behind how we coordinate community service in the Upper School. Service Leaders plan, execute, advertise, and advocate for specific community service projects at Woodward Academy. They are the ambassadors of community service to the school and in the larger community and are responsible for educating their peers and younger students about the issues for which they care enough to design service projects. Service Leaders are charged with setting the agenda for Woodward Serves club meetings and connecting service club members to hands-on opportunities for service.

To be a member of the Service Leadership Board, a student must be in the 11th or 12th grade. Members are selected through an application process that begins in early to mid April each spring. Qualified applicants will show a commitment to serving the greater community, especially through projects connected to Woodward Serves. Members also participate in a leadership retreat prior to the start of school in August.

***WOODWARD SERVES**

***SPONSORS:** **Ronda Zents**
Jenny Green
Bill Nicholson
Elizabeth Griffin
Marianne Lecesne
David Roth
Jessica Hubbard
Chad Ross

Along with the athletics and arts programs, the service learning program is a cornerstone of the co-curricular programming at Woodward Academy. At the heart of Woodward's Vision Statement is developing students into ethical problem solvers who engage in opportunities to serve the local, national, and global community. In the Upper School, we believe that coordinated community-service efforts develop students and ultimately the Academy into a member of a stronger community, and it is, therefore, our goal to cultivate an understanding of the importance of giving back to our communities.

This development of an awareness of the needs of others comes about by connecting Upper School students with local, national, and global community service projects. As an Academy, we are committed each year to providing for others through three different service projects: (1) The Canned Food Drive in partnership with several Atlanta Area Food Banks; (2) The Terranova School, our sister-school in Zambia, Africa; and (3) The Jesse Draper Boys and Girls Club, located on Woodward's Main Campus.

Specific to the Upper School, two projects are selected each year to be a focus of our giving efforts. In the past, such projects have included Habitat for Humanity, Juvenile Diabetes Research Fund, and the American Red Cross Blood Drive, among others. Oftentimes it is difficult, if not impossible, for a student to do service work by him or

herself. Therefore, it is with the concerted effort of **Woodward Serves** that we bring together one organization to manage, advertise, and organize our efforts toward serving those in need.

All US students are encouraged to join **Woodward Serves**, a unique student-led club where service is prioritized above self. Through **Woodward Serves** students can learn about specific needs in our community and beyond and connect to specific projects serving those needs. Students can also receive guidance in meeting their Upper School service-hour commitment through the many opportunities coordinated by **Woodward Serves**.

Dues: \$10

SPECIAL INTEREST CLUBS

***30/30 VISION HUMAN RIGHTS CLUB**

***SPONSOR:** **Margaret Lee**
Rochelle Morgan-Verdin

Formerly known as the Amnesty International Club, 30/30 Vision was founded on the principle that people have fundamental rights that transcend national, cultural, religious, and ideological boundaries. Membership is open to all interested students in grades 9-12.

Dues: \$5.00

***BLACK STUDENT UNITY CLUB**

***SPONSOR:** **Lorri Hewitt**
Ronda Zents

The Black Student Unity Club - a safe space for black students to discuss pressing or current topics that concern the Black community, and for allies to listen and learn from group discussion. Students are encouraged to express their thoughts and feelings about controversial subjects while being open-minded to the statements of others. The goal of the club is to foster an environment where black students feel free to speak their mind, but will be respected for their opinion. Club members will also work collaboratively on service projects, Black History Month activities, and with the 5 Points Diversity club for broader group discussions.

***BOOK CLUB**

***SPONSOR:** **Kelsey Emerson**
Brian Hutchison
Laura Campbell

The Woodward Book Club is made up of students and teachers who enjoy reading, especially diverse, contemporary, young-adult fiction. The club meets once a month during lunch to discuss books it has read together and as individuals. We encourage all students to join the discussions, whether they are official members or not. The club is committed to fostering a life-long love of reading.

***BUSINESS CLUB**

***SPONSOR:** **Meredith Zaring**

The Business Club is for students interested in pursuing a career in business. The club brings in several speakers from the business community to talk about their careers as well as the necessary academic and personal characteristics needed for success. Speakers are as diverse as rap music executives to internet start-up entrepreneurs.

Dues: \$20

***CINEMA ANALYSIS CLUB**

***SPONSOR** **Trevon Broad**

***CHESS CLUB**

***SPONSOR:** **Jennifer Willis**

The Chess Club meets weekly for those interested in competitive or friendly games. All levels are encouraged to join. The club will offer opportunities for tournament play in the Atlanta area.

***COMPUTER CLUB**

***SPONSOR:** **Tim Hipp**

The Computer Club encourages its members to be involved in any of four areas: hardware refurbishing, e-cycling drive, the Think Quest Web design competition, or the FIRST VEX Robotics Challenge. Refurbished hardware is donated to local charities and the club helps with the Academy-wide e-cycling drive. The Think Quest competition is an international competition for students focusing on academic Web sites. The FIRST VEX Robotics Competition is a mid-level robotics competition with tournaments around the country. Dues include membership in the Technology Student Association.

Dues: \$20

***CREATIVE WRITING CLUB**

***SPONSOR:** **Emily Heilker**

The Creative Writing Club meets monthly to provide a space for students to share writing and offer each other constructive criticism in a workshop format. On weeks when the workshop does not meet, the meeting space will be available for any students who need time and space to generate material or who want to play writing games. On these days, club members and sponsors will provide writing prompts.

The club invites participation from students working in all genres: poetry, fiction (including genre fiction!), essays, plays, screenplays, comics, graphic novels, etc. Ideally, this club will also provide another outlet for students already involved in *Silent Voices* or taking creative writing. We will also work on occasional special projects and collaborative works.

***CURRENT EVENTS CLUB**

***SPONSOR:** **David Widener**

The Current Events Club is for students and faculty to come together to have informed civil discourse on current events and political issues in the news. All viewpoints are welcome and encouraged to take part in discussions.

***DOLLHOUSE**

***SPONSOR:** **Chato Hendrix**

The Dollhouse Club is a mentoring and service club. This organization mentors students at the academy and in the WA community. Club members also provide support to organizations that serve the community. Participation in this club is a great way to give back and assist others in need.

***EAGLE EXCHANGE**

***SPONSOR:** **Elizabeth Burbridge**

Student-run podcast club. Members script/outline, record, and edit podcast episodes. Students are also responsible for social media. Topics involve events and topics around WA and the world.

***ENVIRONMENTAL AWARENESS CLUB**

***SPONSOR:** **Maria Mays**
Rochelle Morgan-Verdin

The Environmental Awareness Club meets 2 times a month. The club is divided into several subcommittees to better organize the projects executed by its members. Included in these projects is helping to maintain the recycling program on campus, community outreach, planning Earth Week activities, and promoting the education of sustainability through all schools in the Woodward community.

Dues: \$10.00

***FIVE POINTS CLUB**

***SPONSORS:** **Tim Hipp**
Ronda Zents

The Five Points Club is focused on embracing diversity as an integral part of being a caring community of lifelong learners. We are committed to building and maintaining a diverse, accessible, civil, and supportive campus. The Five Points Club provides a social, cultural, and educational environment, which encourages pluralism of benefits and options, including diversity of religion, gender, ethnicity, race, disability, age, and socioeconomic class. We are

committed to upholding the Woodward Academy motto of “Character, Excellence, and Opportunity” as the tool toward continued personal and intellectual growth for all students of the Academy.

Dues: \$10.00

***GARDEN CLUB**

***SPONSOR: Jessica Hubbard**

Reap what you sow....literally. While learning the history of daily dependent crops, (fruits, vegetables, herbs), and the obstacles to overcome, you can also be rewarded with the fruits of your harvest. We will take the time to personally plant around Woodward Academy's campus. You will learn the in's and out's of how to grow seedlings in a greenhouse, how to sow seeds directly into soils, and how to grow micro greens in the classroom.

***GENDERS & SEXUALITIES ALLIANCE**

***SPONSORS: Carri Carver
Traci Lerner**

The GSA offers support to Woodward's LGBT+ (lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender & inclusive of all identities) population and educates Woodward students and faculty about LGBT+ issues. Acting as a safe zone for LGBT+ students and allies, the club serves as a place for students of all orientations to support each other. An important goal of the GSA is to make Woodward a more inclusive and understanding place for everyone.

***GIRL UP**

***SPONSOR: Sara Elliot
Malia Raley**

Girl Up is the Upper School's newest service club focused on global issues. The campaign of the United Nations Foundation provides students the opportunity to become global leaders and channel their compassion to raise awareness for the UN programs. Girl Up pictures a world where all children are able to be educated, healthy, and safe. This club focuses primarily on the issue of sex trafficking, but is involved with a variety of other issues that impact children and young adults. All students (boys and girls) in grades 9-12 are encouraged to join. Club members, through the guidance and direction of faculty and parent advisors, will organize, coordinate, and promote all activities.

***HEALTHCARE CLUB**

***SPONSOR: Lesley Carnes**

***INDIAN CULTURE CLUB**

***SPONSOR: Anu Bielfelt**

The Indian Cultural Club is all an inclusive club exploring and appreciating all aspects of the Indian culture, including but not limited to food, Bollywood, and culture. All are welcome to join

Dues: \$10.00

***INTERACTIVE MEDIA CLUB**

***SPONSOR: Anu Bielfelt**

This club provides place for casual video game players, video game enthusiasts, and aspiring game developers alike, a chance to meet regularly to discuss games and learn more about the field of game development. The club hosts tournaments as well as meets with local Atlanta video game companies. The club will focus on the mechanics and art styles of video games, as well as current events in the gaming world.

***INTERSECTIONAL FEMINISM CLUB**

***SPONSOR: Elizabeth Burbridge**

This is an affinity-group for WA feminists. Students welcome regardless of gender-identity. Students plan workshops on identity and equality for the upper school.

***OUTDOORS CLUB**

***SPONSORS:**

Chris Myers

The Outdoors Club is open to all students. Club members have opportunities to learn skills and attend trips camping, backpacking, river rafting, skiing and other various outdoor activities. All trips come with an added cost. Club dues go towards trip deposits and group equipment used during trips.

Dues: \$10.00

***LDA-GA STUDENT CLUB**

***SPONSORS:**

Gigi Moore

Angela Stephenson

The LDA-GA student club is a student-led affiliate of LDA-GA (Learning Disabilities Association – Georgia). The purpose of the organization is to advance the welfare of children and adults with learning disabilities and their families. The organization shares knowledge, disseminates information and seeks to affect policies related to learning disabilities and/or Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder.

***MAGIC CLUB**

***SPONSOR:**

David Widener

The Magic Club is for anyone interested in learning magic with cards, coins, rope, and other ordinary objects. Members will learn effects and presentation techniques, as well as have the opportunity to perform and see guest magicians perform. The club will meet twice a month at different times. Dues will cover the cost of tricks and guest performers.

***SADD CLUB**

***SPONSOR:**

Kevin Hurysz

The SADD (Students Against Destructive Decisions) Club is open to all students. The club organizes assemblies and guest speakers to increase student awareness concerning the dangers of drinking and driving and other destructive decisions.

Dues: \$10.00

***SPIRIT CLUB**

***SPONSOR:**

Chelsea Hagan

Sara Elliot

The Spirit Club helps to build enthusiasm and spirit for athletic, performing arts, and student life events throughout the year. The club meets at least once a month to discuss upcoming events and plan ways to improve student involvement and attendance.

Dues: \$5.00

***TIRES & FLYERS**

***SPONSOR:**

Anu Biefelt

***WELLNESS CLUB**

***SPONSOR:**

Tonya Whitmire

The Wellness Club is about bettering yourself physically and mentally. Whether you want to lose weight, gain weight, improve your health, or manage anxiety, The Wellness Club can help you with anything concerning you by being a strong support group of students who value the well-being of their mind and body. In meetings we bring in renowned trainers to give exercise tips and advice, expert nutritionists to tell you how best to nourish and fuel your body, have supportive discussions with each other on struggles we may be going through and uplift each other. Also, healthy desserts and snacks are provided at every meeting for a yearly due of \$30. While these dues may seem high, this price reflects the organic, quality, and rare ingredients to prepare the food that we do for our members and any member will assure you how delicious the treats are. However, you DO NOT HAVE TO PAY DUES to be a member of the club and attend meetings. The Wellness Club will also have excursions throughout the school year. Examples of excursions that will happen are: a boxing class with a trainer, goat yoga at Serenbe Farms, and a yoga class at Radiant Studios.

ATHLETICS

Director of Athletics	Jose Fernandez
Administrative Assistant	Kelli Wyble
Associate Director of Athletics	David Widener
Assistant Director of Athletics	Gene Patterson
Certified Athletic Trainers	Gene Patterson Kristi Mounts Jordan Olson Lexus Pickett
Certified Strength & Conditioning Coach	Ty McCard Lindsey Beard

***ATHLETIC TEAM MANAGERS (ALL SPORTS)**

Students wishing to serve as a team manager for any of our offered sports, should contact the head coach about available managing opportunities.

FALL SPORTS

***CROSS COUNTRY**

Boys & Girls Varsity Head Coach:

Tim Hamling

Assistant Coaches:

Pete Fritts

Michael Farry

Nicholas Widener

Sarah Milette

Leslie Stewart

Tryouts will begin August 4th. Meet at Dobbs Gym and bring a watch and water bottle. Be prepared to run for at least one hour.

***FOOTBALL/COMPETITION CHEERLEADING**

Varsity Head Coach:

Malia Raley

Assistant Coaches:

Tryouts for all squads are held in mid-April for current students. New to WA students try out during the first week of summer.

***FOOTBALL**

Varsity Head Coach:

John Hunt

Assistant Coaches:

Jim Minor

Ryan Davis

Bill McGarrah

Jimmy Hyder

**Brandon Seigler
Lee Sellers
Calvin Lewis**

***VOLLEYBALL - Girls**

Varsity Head Coach:

Tad Sahara

Assistant Coaches:

**Tim Grooms
Carrie Lauchlan
Sara Elliot
Lane Perno
Tim Coats
Shawn Stratton
Morgan Hicks**

Tryouts and practice begin in early August, and the season runs through early November.

***SOFTBALL - Girls**

Varsity Head Coach:

John Hurston

Assistant Coaches:

**Shannon Balthaser
Eileen McWhorter**

Tryouts are held in May for the following year. New to WA students may tryout in August.

***RIFLERY**

Varsity Head Coach:

Assistant Coach:

Season begin in late August and goes through March. If you have the desire and commitment, we will teach you how to shoot.

***CLAY TARGET TEAM**

Head Coach:

Luke Underwood

Assistant Coaches:

**Tony Morris
David Widener
Joel Wade**

Woodard Academy Sporting Clays provides the opportunity for boys and girls in the Upper School (grades 9 -12) to participate in the exciting and challenging sports of Trap, Skeet and Sporting Clays in a supportive environment taught by trained and supportive adult coaches focusing on the safe handling and use of firearms. Tryouts are held in August for all currently enrolled Woodward Academy students. New-to-Woodward students will have the opportunity to tryout in August and should contact Coach Underwood (luke.underwood@woodward.edu) if interested.

WINTER SPORTS

***BOYS BASKETBALL**

Varsity Head Coach:

Anthony Thomas

Assistant Coaches:

**David Widener
Mike Mousadis
Mike Wylder**

**Tim Coats
Tre Wimby
Richard Sommers
Derek Lee
CJ Williams
Arlon Harper**

Tryouts begin in late October. See one of the coaches in order to determine which team to tryout for.

***GIRLS BASKETBALL**

Varsity Head Coach:

Kim Lawrence

Assistant Coaches:

Calvin Lewis

Drew Kise

Chad Ross

Rob Lawrence

Pre-season conditioning begins in September. Tryouts are in late October.

***BASKETBALL CHEERLEADING**

Varsity Head Coach:

Linsey Troutman

Assistant Coaches:

Haley Little

Tryouts are in the spring for both fall and winter seasons.

***BOYS SWIMMING**

Varsity Head Coach:

Kevin Greaney

Season starts in mid- October and runs through mid-February.

***GIRLS SWIMMING**

Varsity Head Coach:

Danielle LeFevers

Assistant Coaches:

Leslie Stewart

Season starts in mid- October and runs through mid-February.

***BOYS & GIRLS DIVING**

Varsity Head Coach:

***WRESTLING**

Varsity Head Coach:

Jeff Ragan

Assistant Coaches:

Christopher Hardin

The coach would like to interview candidates first, not for potential talent, but for commitment and desire.

***WRESTLERETTES**

Sponsor:

Malia Raley

The group serves as timers, scorekeepers, and pep squad, etc., for the wrestling team.

SPRING SPORTS

***BOYS SOCCER**

Varsity Head Coach:

Matt Holmes

Assistant Coaches:

Tryouts are in January. First game is in February.

***GIRLS SOCCER**

Varsity Head Coach:

Sara Elliot

Assistant Coaches:

Tryouts are in January. First game is in February.

***BOYS GOLF**

Varsity Head Coach:

Kevin Greaney

Assistant Coaches:

Bill McGarrah

Season starts late February and runs through early May.

***GIRLS GOLF**

Varsity Head Coach:

Pete Fritts

Assistant Coaches:

The Golf Team is open to anyone in grades 9-12 interested in playing competitive golf. Tryouts begin in late February. The season lasts through early May.

***BOYS TENNIS**

Varsity Head Coach:

George Westlund

Assistant Coaches:

Jeanine Duke

***GIRLS TENNIS**

Varsity Head Coach:

Eileen McWhorter

Assistant Coaches:

Kim Tatum

Tryouts for tennis begin in mid to late January. An announcement will be made before tryouts begin. Students in grades 9-12 are encouraged to try out.

***BOYS & GIRLS TRACK & FIELD**

Varsity Head Coach:

Tim Hamling

Assistant Coaches:

Scott Crook

Luke Underwood

Ryan Davis

**Tad Sahara
Michael Farry
Weldon Coleman
Nathan Murphy**

Tryouts begin January 19th. All interested athletes will receive info about the spring meet schedule and lettering requirements.

***BASEBALL**

Varsity Head Coach:

Jose Fernandez

Assistant Coaches:

**Kenny Hopkins
John Hurston
Greg Mooneyham
Shawn Stratton
David Alvord
Mike Wylder**

***BOYS LACROSSE**

Varsity Head Coach:

Andy Pons

Assistant Coaches:

**Bo Bobinski
Tim Coats
Eric Gorsline
Chris Myers**

Tryouts are in late January. First game is in mid-February.

***GIRLS LACROSSE**

Varsity Head Coach:

Kate Sedgewick

Assistant Coaches:

Lindsey Beard

Tryouts are in early February. First game is in mid-February.

***BOYS ULTIMATE FRISBEE**

Varsity Head Coach:

Ken Kirschner

Assistant Coaches:

Ben Shivers

Ultimate teams are open to all students in grades 9 – 12. The teams play schools in Atlanta & attend a few tournaments in Atlanta as well as other states.

***GIRLS ULTIMATE FRISBEE**

Varsity Head Coach:

Tre Wimby

Assistant Coaches:

Kat Watson

Ultimate teams are open to all students in grades 9 – 12. The teams play schools in Atlanta & attend a few tournaments in Atlanta as well as other states.

