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Brewing Behind the Scenes

Each quarter, Oak Hill Academy invites **families, donors, alumni, and friends** to *brew a cup of coffee and join us on Zoom* for a **Brewing Behind the Scenes** conversation. These relaxed virtual gatherings offer a peek at what's brewing on The Hill—updates from school leaders, highlights of ongoing initiatives, and stories that bring Oak Hill's mission to life.

Mark your calendar for our upcoming sessions:

- **February 9th, at 8:00 p.m. EST**
- **May 18th, at 8:00 p.m. EST**

To be included in these virtual gatherings, please **email Libby Luper** at **LLuper@oak-hill.net** or **scan the QR code** to register your attendance. We look forward to sharing what's new and exciting at Oak Hill Academy!

Stay Connected with Oak Hill!

At Oak Hill Academy, our community extends far beyond campus. Whether you're a graduate building your future, a parent celebrating your student's next chapter, or a friend of the school, **we want to stay connected with you!**

If you're an alumnus, please take a moment to share your **updated contact information**—a new address, email, or phone number helps us keep you informed about alumni gatherings, campus news, and opportunities to reconnect with classmates and faculty.

Current families, we'd also love your help keeping in touch with your **graduate**. Sharing their latest contact details allows us to celebrate their continued success and ensure they stay part of the Oak Hill story.

Staying connected helps keep the Oak Hill spirit alive—no matter where life takes you. Please email your updates to **Libby Luper at LLuper@oak-hill.net** or **scan the QR code** to update your information online.

Once a Warrior, always a Warrior!

A Word from the President


Micah Kurtz

Dear Oak Hill Family,

It has been a great start to the school year here at Oak Hill Academy, as we welcomed our highest opening day enrollment since 2017. While we remain deeply committed to our mission of being a small, nurturing school that meets every student where they are, we also know that sustaining this mission and providing an exceptional campus and experience requires a healthy and growing enrollment. I'm proud to share that, in my first two years here as President, our enrollment has steadily trended upward. This enrollment growth reflects the strength of our community and the growing demand for the Oak Hill experience.

Exciting Campus Updates Made Possible by Your Generous Support

Thanks to the generosity of many of you, parents of our students, alumni, and friends of Oak Hill Academy, as well as the success of recent fundraising efforts, we've been able to make significant improvements across our campus. These updates ensure that our students have every opportunity to succeed both academically and athletically while maintaining the strong community that makes *The Hill* so special. Some of these exciting additions include:

A Completely Transformed Learning Center

One of the most exciting updates is the complete renovation of our Learning Center, home to our Applied Learning Strategies program. With more than half of our students participating in this program, we're thrilled to now have a space that reflects its importance. The renovation includes new carpet, paint, lighting, and ceiling, as well as modern furniture designed to meet the needs of students with different learning styles. A new glass wall creates a quiet area for one-on-one testing accommodations, and a large multi-functional television enhances interactive learning. This refreshed space embodies Oak Hill's commitment to meeting students where they are and helping them reach their full potential.

Transportation and Student Life

As our enrollment has grown, so has our need for additional vehicles for transportation. Thanks to generous donations, we were able to add two "new-to-us" 12-passenger vans and two SUVs to our fleet. These vehicles help us safely transport students to games, off-campus trips, and enrichment activities. With five basketball teams, a highly competitive soccer program through our Paris Saint-Germain partnership, and growing volleyball, track and field, cheer, and wrestling teams, not to mention countless clubs and endless opportunities for off campus excursions, these new vehicles are a tremendous addition and asset to our student's Oak Hill experience.

Expanding Campus Infrastructure

Through a recent grant, we've also been able to expand our well system to ensure that our campus water supply remains strong and sustainable as our enrollment continues to grow.

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Infrared Sauna

This important infrastructure improvement will support daily operations as more and more families join Oak Hill Academy.

Advancing Athletic Technology

Oak Hill has made a commitment to embracing cutting-edge technology and many of these tools now help our student-athletes maximize their development. We've added **Hudl video technology** to better livestream games and provide coaches with valuable tools for video analysis of both games and practice. We just installed the **Noah Basketball System**, an advanced shot-tracking and analytics platform that gives players instant feedback to improve shooting form and consistency. In addition, our historic Turner Gym now features two new side baskets, doubling practice stations and allowing more students to maximize their potential through individual skill workouts.

New Wellness and Recovery Facilities

We recognize the growing need for athletic recovery and overall wellness, and are excited to announce the addition of a large, state of the art infrared sauna and a commercial-grade cold plunge. Infrared saunas help eliminate the body of toxins and heavy metals, improve circulation, muscle recovery, stimulate the production of white blood cells to boost immunity and reduce stress, while cold plunges help reduce inflammation, boost energy, and accelerate physical recovery. Together, these new additions provide our students with the same state-of-the-art recovery methods used by professional athletes.

Plyomat Technology and Strength Training

Our weight room also received a major upgrade with the addition of **Plyomat technology**, a cutting-edge system that measures vertical jump height and Reactive Strength Index (RSI). RSI is a key indicator of how quickly an athlete can get off the ground and this is probably just as or more important in many sports than the ability to jump high. This data allows our coaches to personalize training to each athlete's needs, improving performance across a variety of sports.

Media and Communication Enhancements

We've also expanded our social media and videography capabilities by adding new cameras, video cameras, and microphones. These tools not only enhance our livestream quality and parent experience but also provide students with valuable hands-on learning opportunities in digital media production.

There are many exciting things happening on The Hill, and none of this progress would be possible without the continued support of our incredible community. Every donation, big or small, gives our Oak Hill students the very best. From all of us here, thank you.

Micah Kurtz
President

Alumni Spotlight:

From Oak Hill To The Global Stage

Taneesha Greaves, Class of 2012

Since graduating from Oak Hill Academy in 2012, Taneesha Greaves has built an impressive career as a Toronto-based content creator and social media marketing expert, partnering with some of the world's most recognized brands.



Taneesha earned a NCAA Division I basketball scholarship upon graduating from Oak Hill. After college, Taneesha transitioned her drive and discipline from the court to the digital world. Today, she has grown a personal following of over 300,000 and has led major campaigns for companies such as VISA, Intuit, DoorDash, OxiClean, Fit4Less, FreshCo, Food Basics, and Binance. Her work has reached audiences of more than one billion people worldwide, including collaborations featuring global icons like Cristiano Ronaldo, Khaby Lame, and The Weeknd.

Beyond her digital success, Taneesha has also spearheaded national retail growth initiatives within Canada's energy and resources sector, generating over $6 million in recurring revenue. Her leadership and creativity have earned her multiple awards and nominations, including recognition for her efforts to combat hunger in Northern communities, where she helped reach over 1,700 children and 70 families.

In this edition of our Alumni Spotlight, we are blessed to catch up with Taneesha Greaves, who credits Oak Hill for instilling the discipline, focus, and work ethic that continue to fuel her success today. From the basketball court to the boardroom, she exemplifies the perseverance and excellence that define the Oak Hill spirit.

Taneesha, what made you decide to attend Oak Hill?

Oak Hill is one of if not the best basketball program in the world. I had big dreams of playing NCAA Division 1 basketball and coming from small town Winnipeg, Canada where these programs were few and far between, I knew I had to train with the most elite athletes in the world to achieve that goal, so I chose Oak Hill.

When did you attend Oak Hill, and what lessons have stayed with you since graduating?

I attended Oak Hill from 2010 to 2012, where I spent two incredible years playing basketball. But it wasn't just what happened on the court that shaped me, the school structure, academic classes, and daily routine taught me how to manage my time, stay disciplined, and perform under pressure. That balance between academics and athletics built a foundation I still rely on today.

Tell us about some of your favorite memories from your time at Oak Hill.

Some of my favorite memories weren't from the games themselves, but from the moments in between like long bus rides, early morning practices when we were barely awake, and meaningful conversations with Coach Rodgers about life after Oak Hill. Those experiences built just as much character as the practices and games ever did.



How did Oak Hill prepare you for college and life after college?

Oak Hill prepared me for life in ways I never could have anticipated. After earning my NCAA Division I scholarship, I transitioned into a career as a digital creator and entrepreneur. Today, I run two successful businesses in the digital marketing space. The work ethic, consistency, and focus I developed at Oak Hill have been instrumental in every step of my journey.

Any advice for current Oak Hill students or a word of advice to your younger self?

If I could go back and tell my high school self one thing, it would be to trust the process. Every class, every rep, every drill, and every challenge matters, it all pays off in the long run. Oak Hill taught me



that showing up and giving your best effort every day, even when it's tough, is what truly builds your future. Those lessons stayed with me long after I left Oak Hill.



Student Art Gallery: *A New Creative Space on The Hill*

The creation of a Student Art Gallery has been a long-time dream, and it's exciting to finally see it come to life on campus. The gallery provides our art students with a professional space to showcase their work throughout the year and gain real-world experience in the fine arts.

Students will learn how to curate exhibits, hang artwork, and organize shows, while also working with and learning from visiting artists and professionals through special exhibits and workshops. This hands-on experience gives our young artists a valuable advantage as they prepare for art school and future creative careers.

We believe the gallery will make Oak Hill a destination for talented and curious student artists, offering something truly unique and inspiring on The Hill.

Oak Hill Academy Curriculum Moves Into the Digital Age

Oak Hill Academy is embracing the future of learning by integrating modern communication and media skills into its curriculum. As technology continues to reshape how we share stories, express creativity, and build professional identities, Oak Hill is preparing its students to thrive in this digital era. Two exciting additions to the course offerings—the Social Media & Branding class and the Videography class—are leading the charge.

These new courses build on Oak Hill's commitment to educating the whole student, combining creativity, responsibility, and real-world application. They empower students not only to consume media but to create it—thoughtfully and effectively.

Social Media & Branding: Crafting a Digital Voice



The Social Media & Branding class invites students to explore the power and responsibility that come with a digital presence. In a world where personal and professional branding often begins online, this course helps students understand how to present themselves authentically and strategically.

Students learn how to develop cohesive online identities, create engaging content, and analyze trends across popular platforms like Instagram, TikTok, and LinkedIn. From writing captions and planning campaigns to understanding algorithms and analytics, the course equips students with the skills to communicate purposefully in a digital-first world.

Beyond the technical aspects, the class emphasizes digital citizenship and ethics. Students learn to navigate online spaces with integrity, respect, and awareness—values that align deeply with Oak Hill Academy's mission of character development and responsible leadership.

Videography: Telling Stories Through the Lens

Complementing the branding curriculum, Oak Hill's new Videography class provides students with hands-on experience in film and video production. In this course, creativity meets technology as students learn to plan, shoot, and edit video projects that tell meaningful stories.

From campus highlights to student interviews and community features, participants gain real-world production experience using professional-grade equipment and editing software. The class not only strengthens technical proficiency but also teaches collaboration, storytelling, and the art of visual communication.

Many of the student-produced videos are featured through The Hill Media Lab, Oak Hill's growing student media platform. This integration gives students a public stage to share their work—building confidence, accountability, and pride in their creative contributions.

A Future-Focused Education

By introducing these digital media courses, Oak Hill Academy continues to evolve while staying rooted in its core values: personal growth, community, and academic excellence. The Social Media & Branding and Videography classes represent more than new electives—they symbolize a forward-thinking approach to education that meets students where they are and prepares them for where they're going. As the world of communication grows increasingly visual and connected, Oak Hill students are learning not just how to keep up—but how to lead.



Oak Hill Academy Launches the PSG Academy Pro Residency Program

ACADEMY PRO USA





After more than a year of planning and anticipation—including an Open House Tryout Day for over 25 families in April 2025 and two highly successful weeks of summer soccer camps—Oak Hill Academy is proud to announce the launch of the first-ever **PSG Academy Pro Residency Program** on our campus. This inaugural team is now in full training mode under the leadership of **Coach Laurent Newsome**, who was selected from within the PSG Academy Pro coaching system. The team follows a demanding schedule with multiple daily training sessions, preparing for both interscholastic and club-level competition.

Paris Saint-Germain (PSG) is one of the most iconic names in professional soccer. As the 2025 UEFA Champions League titleholder, PSG represents global sporting excellence, social commitment, and innovative player development. By aligning with PSG Academy Pro, Oak Hill Academy is building strategically on its own legacy of athletic achievement—best known for elite high school basketball—to become a nationally recognized destination for student-athletes across multiple sports.

The program's international reach was evident even before the residency launched. This summer's soccer camps at Oak Hill drew more than 40 participants per session, representing over a dozen countries. The inaugural residency roster reflects that same diversity, with student-athletes hailing from six nations as well as across the United States. This global appeal further strengthens Oak Hill Academy's ability to offer international families a unique U.S. boarding school experience: one that combines advanced athletic training with a rigorous college preparatory education.

About Coach Laurent Newsome

Coach Newsome brings an impressive record of both playing and coaching experience to Oak Hill Academy. He holds a **UEFA A License** and has spent more than a decade within the PSG Academy system, specializing in elite youth player development. His leadership roles have included serving as **Youth Director of PSG Academy Miami, Director of Camps for PSG Academy in North America**, and **Head of the Video Department at FC Miami City (USL 2/USL W).**

As a player, Coach Newsome was part of the **NCAA Division I Champion team at George Mason University in 2014**, and earlier came through the **D.C. United Academy system** on the MLS pathway. This blend of professional coaching expertise and firsthand playing experience uniquely positions him to guide Oak Hill's PSG Academy Pro Residency athletes as they pursue both athletic and academic excellence.

In addition to his coaching responsibilities, Coach Newsome serves as Resident Manager in Ingram Dormitory, where the residency team lives, trains, and builds community. His dual role ensures that players experience not only world-class training but also a supportive and structured boarding environment.

Looking ahead, the PSG Academy Pro Residency at Oak Hill Academy will compete in a range of interscholastic and club competitions. New partnerships with major soccer clubs in Virginia and North Carolina will provide expanded opportunities for competition, co-training, and player exposure. While the program's central focus remains year-round player development, its broader goal is to elevate Oak Hill Academy's reputation as a hub for academic and athletic excellence on a global stage.

A New Era on The Hill: Carmelo Anthony and Bay Frazier Lead Oak Hill Basketball into the Future

Oak Hill Academy Basketball is synonymous with excellence and the relentless pursuit of greatness. As we continue our quest for the next National Championship, we are thrilled to announce a new chapter: welcoming Oak Hill alum **Carmelo Anthony ('02)** and **Bay Frazier** as our Co-General Managers of Basketball Operations.

This visionary move marks a historic first in high school basketball and signals a new era for the storied program, one rooted in tradition but looking firmly toward the future.



For Anthony, the return to Oak Hill is deeply personal. As a member of the Class of 2002, he led the basketball team to a dominant 32–1 record and was recognized as both a McDonald's and Jordan Brand All-American. After Oak Hill, Carmelo began a legendary basketball journey, an NCAA Championship at Syracuse, a 19-year NBA career, ten All-Star appearances, six All-NBA selections, a place on the NBA's 75th Anniversary Team, and a first-ballot NBA Hall of Fame induction.

"I've had my time on the court, and now it's about helping put the right people in position to lead and elevate the next generation," Anthony shared. "Bay's been behind the scenes for a long time making things happen, and Oak Hill is the perfect place for us to do this together. We're here to make sure these young players have every opportunity to succeed—on and off the court."



Oak Hill Co-GM Bay Frazier has long been a trusted force behind the scenes. As Anthony's manager and advisor throughout his professional career, Frazier brings a wealth of experience in leadership, operations, and strategic planning. Together, we are excited to have them both oversee the program's direction as they will focus on player development, recruitment, and fundraising initiatives ensuring Oak Hill remains at the forefront of elite high school basketball in an ever-changing athletic landscape.

"Oak Hill has always been about more than basketball," Anthony added. "It's about preparing young men for life. We want to build on that foundation in every decision we make."



> *"We are incredibly proud to welcome Carmelo Anthony and Bay Frazier back. Melo is not only one of the greatest players to ever wear the Oak Hill jersey, but also one of the greatest NBA players of all time. Bay has built an impressive career as a manager and businessman, and we're truly grateful to have both of them back as part of the Oak Hill family."*
>
> – Micah Kurtz, President

Oak Hill Academy's Applied Learning Strategies Program Gets a Fresh Look

This year, Oak Hill Academy's commitment to supporting every learner is stronger than ever—thanks to the continued growth of its Applied Learning Strategies (ALS) program and a complete renovation of its dedicated learning space over the summer.

Under the leadership of Mrs. Martha Dacons, Director of the Applied Learning Strategies program, the ALS team provides individualized academic support designed to help students build confidence, strengthen study habits, and discover personal strategies for success. With a fresh new look, updated resources, and renewed energy, the program is now better equipped than ever to meet the diverse needs of Oak Hill students.

A Space Designed for Success

During the summer months, Oak Hill Academy invested in a major renovation of the ALS classroom—**made possible through a generous parent donation**. The refreshed space has been transformed into a bright, inviting, and highly functional learning environment. The updates include flexible seating, improved lighting, new technology, and dedicated areas for one-on-one tutoring, small-group collaboration, and independent study.

"The goal was to create a space where students feel comfortable, focused, and supported," said Mrs. Dacons. "The new design allows us to better tailor our instruction and meet students where they are—academically and emotionally."

Focused Support, Lifelong Skills

The Applied Learning Strategies program is a cornerstone of Oak Hill Academy's personalized approach to education. Students in the program work closely with teachers to develop effective organization, time management, and communication skills. Lessons extend beyond academics—helping students gain the self-advocacy and problem-solving tools they'll use throughout their lives.

Through consistent support and individualized instruction, the program empowers students to take ownership of their learning. Many participants go on to thrive in college and beyond, crediting ALS for helping them understand how they learn best.

Building Confidence Through Connection

At the heart of the program is relationship-based learning. Mrs. Dacons and her team work closely with each student, fostering an environment of trust, encouragement, and accountability. The results are seen not only in improved academic performance but also in



Oak Hill Academy extends its heartfelt thanks to the family whose generosity made this renovation possible.



students' growing confidence and independence.

"Every moment spent in the ALS Lab is centered around the student as an individual and their unique needs. It's a true collaborative effort—student, parent, learning specialist, and core curriculum teachers—all working together in an innovative space designed to support each student's learning style," said Mrs. Dacons. "Day in and day out, this partnership fosters growth, confidence, and the opportunity for every student to reach their fullest potential."

Continuing a Tradition of Care

With its newly renovated space and its ongoing commitment to individualized education, the Applied Learning Strategies program reflects the school's enduring mission: to nurture the potential in every student. As Mrs. Dacons and her team look ahead, the focus remains clear—providing the structure, encouragement, and tools that help each student succeed, both in the classroom and far beyond "the Hill."

Giving Thanks, Giving Back: Oak Hill Academy's 2025 Week of Thanks



At Oak Hill Academy, gratitude is more than a word — it's a way of life. Each year, our community comes together to celebrate this spirit of appreciation through Week of Thanks, a special campaign that highlights the generosity, kindness, and support that make life on The Hill so remarkable.

This year, the Week of Thanks will run from November 16–22, with the goal of raising $25,000 to purchase a new van for student transportation, service projects, and off-campus learning experiences. Every gift ensures that our students can continue exploring, learning, and growing beyond the walls of our campus.

Throughout the week, we share stories of gratitude from every corner of our community. From students expressing thanks for mentors and friends to faculty reflecting on the impact of family support, each message is a reminder of the deep connections that define Oak Hill Academy. Special videos feature students, staff, and alumni celebrating how your generosity transforms lives and builds lasting memories.

By participating in Week of Thanks, you're doing more than giving to Oak Hill — you're investing in experiences that shape confident, compassionate, and capable young adults. Your support allows students to travel safely to competitions, participate in service projects that make a difference in our local community, and embrace opportunities that spark growth and inspiration.

Even if you aren't able to give during November 16–22, it's never too late to donate. Every contribution, no matter the size, brings us closer to our goal and ensures that the spirit of gratitude continues to thrive on The Hill.

Give thanks. Give back. Make your gift today at

https://www.givecampus.com/schools/OakHillAcademy/25-week-of-thanks.

Over $31,000 Raised at Inaugural Friends of Oak Hill Academy Golf Tournament

Oak Hill Academy proudly hosted its 1st Annual Friends of Oak Hill Academy Golf Tournament in April at the Blue Ridge Country Club in Galax, Virginia. The event brought together alumni, parents, local businesses, and community supporters for a day of golf, camaraderie, and fundraising in support of the Academy's mission to provide a transformative and enriching educational experience.

Participants enjoyed a full day on the rolling fairways of Blue Ridge Country Club, one of the region's most scenic and challenging courses. The tournament featured exciting contests, including closest-to-the-pin, longest drive, and putting challenges, adding an extra layer of friendly competition and fun to the event.

Through the generosity of participants, sponsors, and donors, the tournament successfully raised over $31,000, with all proceeds directly benefiting Oak Hill Academy students.

These funds will support programs, opportunities, and initiatives that enhance student experiences both in the classroom and beyond, helping to ensure that Oak Hill students continue to thrive academically, socially, and athletically.

> *"This tournament is more than a day of golf—it's a chance for our extended Oak Hill family to come together in support of our students," said Libby Luper, Advancement Officer at Oak Hill Academy. "We are incredibly grateful to everyone who participated, sponsored, or volunteered to make the inaugural event such a success. The impact of their generosity will be felt directly by our students and will help us continue to provide a world-class education and community experience."*

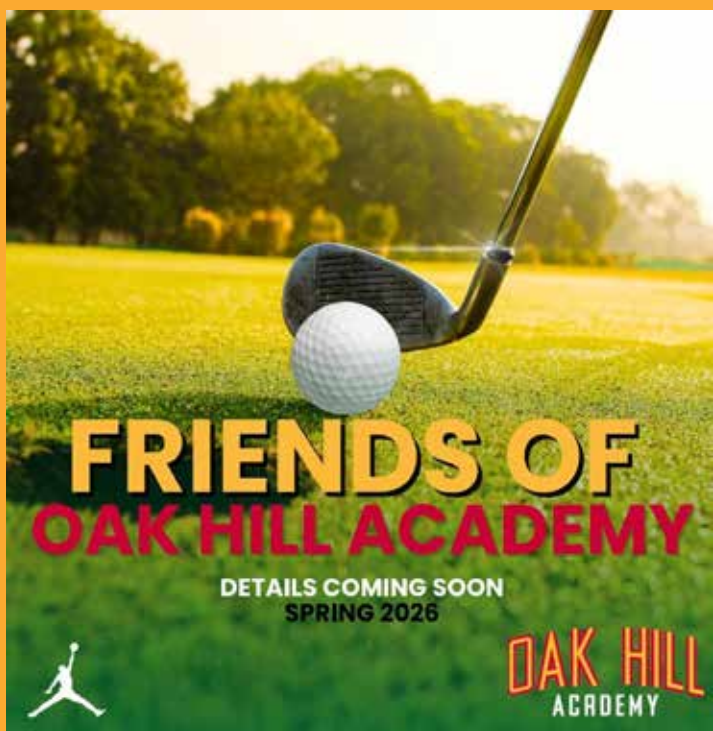
The success of the inaugural tournament has set a strong foundation for what Oak Hill Academy hopes will become an annual tradition. The Academy looks forward to building on this momentum in future tournaments, continuing to bring together alumni, families, and local supporters to celebrate and invest in the next generation of Oak Hill students.

Be sure to be on the lookout as we plan to have a second Friends of Oak Hill Golf Tournament this spring.









Oak Hill Academy Celebrates Alumni Weekend

This past July, Oak Hill Academy welcomed alumni back to campus for our annual Alumni Weekend. Alumni gathered in Mouth of Wilson to reconnect, reminisce, and experience the familiar beauty of our campus nestled in the Blue Ridge Mountains.

The weekend kicked off with a warm welcome reception in the Fletcher Chapel Building, where former classmates reunited and shared stories of their time at Oak Hill. For many, it was a chance to catch up with friends they hadn't seen since graduation day and to relive cherished moments from their years on the Hill. Alumni Weekend serves as a reminder of Oak Hill Academy's unique ability to forge lifelong bonds and create lasting memories. These reunions are a testament to the enduring spirit of our Oak Hill community and to how our alumni continue to be part of our story long after they've moved on from campus.

We're already looking ahead to next year's celebration — mark your calendar for Alumni Weekend 2026, to be held on July 25! We can't wait to welcome alumni back to campus for another weekend of connection, laughter, and nostalgia.



As we plan for this special event, we'd love to hear from you! If you have ideas for activities, gatherings, or experiences you'd like to see at Alumni Weekend, please reach out to Libby Luper at LLuper@oak-hill.net. Your input helps us create a celebration that truly reflects the Oak Hill spirit and the memories that make this place so special.

If you haven't done so already, please take a moment to update your contact information so we can keep you informed about event details and future reunions. Visit https://oakhillacademyalumni.searchwavelength.com/requestAccess to update your records today.

We look forward to many more reunions, celebrations, and alumni weekends to come!

In Memoriam:

Andy Barnes – '64
George Pelton – '67
Carole Gurley Bonn – '68
Mary Holberton Hart – '72
Mike Gardow – '74
Ben Jones - '11
Ramon Riveroll – '77
Susan Starling Moore – '79







Launch of Oak Hill Honey: A Hands-On Environmental Literacy Initiative

Oak Hill Academy is proud to announce the launch of Oak Hill Honey, a new environmental literacy initiative that combines science, sustainability, and entrepreneurship. The program began after Oak Hill Academy was selected as a recipient of three top-bar hives through the Virginia Beehive Distribution Program, a grant-funded initiative supporting the establishment of new beehives across the Commonwealth.

This exciting project introduces a student-led apiary to Oak Hill's campus, providing immersive, hands-on learning experiences that connect environmental science, business, and community engagement. Students will gain firsthand knowledge of pollination, ecosystems, climate impacts, and conservation, while learning to monitor hive activity and honey production through data collection and analysis.

Beyond environmental science, Oak Hill Honey opens doors for cross-curricular collaboration. Students in marketing and business courses will explore entrepreneurship and brand development, while those in design and media will create product labels, content, and social media campaigns to share the story of the hives and promote pollinator awareness.

The initiative also supports Oak Hill Academy's Environmental Literacy Certificate program, expanding opportunities for students interested in conservation, agriculture, and sustainable business. Through future outreach and community partnerships, Oak Hill Honey will further engage local organizations and highlight the school's commitment to environmental education.

Significant progress has already been made to bring the project to life. Following the successful receipt of the hives in January 2025, Oak Hill science faculty member Ms. Rader and three students have been completing beekeeping courses through Wytheville Community College in partnership with the Mountain Empire Beekeepers Association. These efforts lay a strong foundation for long-term success as the Academy works to integrate the apiary into classroom learning and campus life.

'Bees pollinate around one-third of all the crops and wildflowers humans consume and are essential to the survival of our food systems. After completing a beekeeping course at Wytheville Community College last year, we [OHA Environmental Science Club] received our own bees in early September and are now preparing to winterize the hives. We're excited about this new initiative and hope to help support the currently declining honeybee populations,' said Maher Dhillon, senior at OHA.

From classroom to community, Oak Hill Honey exemplifies Oak Hill Academy's mission to provide meaningful, hands-on learning that prepares students for college, career, and citizenship—all while protecting the natural world that sustains us.

Ushering in a New Era of Oak Hill Academy Athletics

Oak Hill Academy is entering a thrilling new chapter in its storied athletic tradition. With momentum building across multiple programs, the 2025-2026 school year promises to be one of growth, excellence, and renewed pride.

The volleyball program continues its upward trajectory, showcasing remarkable development and competitive spirit. Our exciting new partnership with PSG Academy brings world-class training and global exposure to our student-athletes, elevating the standard across all sports.

Wrestling is also on the rise, with both boys' and girls' programs expanding and thriving under dynamic leadership. The addition of several outstanding coaches across the department has infused fresh energy and expertise, setting the stage for success.

Basketball remains a cornerstone of Oak Hill Athletics. The Gold Team proudly returns to the EYBL Scholastic circuit, competing at the highest level of prep basketball. Meanwhile, the Red Team is making waves in the Elite Conference of the CAA4SC, and our International, Global, and White Teams are all competing in the PAC Conference of the CAA4SC—each representing Oak Hill with grit and determination.

As our athletic department grows, so do our expectations. We invite alumni, families, and future Warriors to join us on campus and be part of this exciting journey. Together, we are restoring the tradition and building a legacy that honors the past while embracing the future.

GOLD TEAM OAK HILL BASKETBALL

DATE	DAY	HOME/AWAY	LOCATION	TIME	OPPONENT	RESULTS
10/18/2025	Saturday	Neutral	William Flemming HS		Massanutten Military Academy(Scrrimage)	
10/22/2025	Wednesday	Neutral	Floyd County HS		Hargrave Military Academy (Scrimmage)	
10/25/2025	**Saturday**	**Home**	**Mouth of Wilson, VA**	**2:00 PM**	**New Faith Christian**	
10/28/2025	**Tuesday**	**Home**	**Mouth of Wilson, VA**	**6:00 PM**	**Wesley Christian**	
10/29/2025	**Wednesday**	**Home**	**Mouth of Wilson, VA**	**6:30 PM**	**Experience Academy**	
11/1/2025	**Saturday**	**Home**	**Mouth of Wilson, VA**	**2:00 PM**	**Mt. Zion Collegiate**	
11/5/2025	**Wednesday**	**Home**	**Mouth of Wilson, VA**	**6:30 PM**	**Parris Academy**	
11/8/2025	**Saturday**	**Home**	**Mouth of Wilson, VA**	**3:30 PM**	**Carolina Basketball Academy**	
11/12/2025	**Wednesday**	**Home**	**Mouth of Wilson, VA**	**5:00 PM**	**Leadership Academy**	
11/15/2025	**Saturday**	**Home**	**Mouth of Wilson, VA**	**3:30 PM**	**Bull City Prep**	
11/20/2025	Thursday	Neutral	Charlotte, NC	8:00 PM	Davidson Day School (Steve Smith Classic)	
11/21/2025	Friday	Neutral	Charlotte, NC	8:00 PM	Ambassador Christian (Steve Smith Classic)	
11/25/2025	**Tuesday**	**Home**	**Mouth of Wilson, VA**	**TBA**	**Bethel Academy ??**	
11/28/2025	Friday	Neutral	Las Vegas, NV	TBA	Iowa Prep	
11/29/2025	Saturday	Neutral	Las Vegas, NV	TBA	Utah Prep	
12/5/2025	Friday	Neutral	Draffenville, KY	TBA	*Veritas Prep (Marshall County Hoopfest)	
12/6/2025	Saturday	Neutral	Draffenville, KY	TBA	*Utah Prep (Marshall County Hoopfest	
12/12/2025	Friday	Neutral	Washington, DC	TBA	*Faith Family (DC Hoopfest)	
12/13/2025	Saturday	Neutral	Washington, DC	TBA	TBD (DC Hoopfest)	
12/17/2025	**Wednesday**	**Home**	**Mouth of Wilson, VA**	**6:30 PM**	**Cross Trainer Academy**	
12/26/2025	Friday	Neutral	Bristol, TN	TBA	Arby's Classic	
12/27/2025	Saturday	Neutral	Bristol, TN	TBA	Arby's Classic	
12/28/2025	Sunday	Neutral	Bristol, TN	TBA	Arby's Classic	
12/29/2025	Monday	Neutral	Bristol, TN	TBA	Arby's Classic	
12/30/2025	Tuesday	Neutral	Bristol, TN	TBA	Arby's Classic	
1/18/2025	Sunday	Neutral	Springfield, MA	TBA	*Brewster Academy (Hoophall Classic)	
1/19/2025	Monday	Neutral	Springfield, MA	TBA	*Montverde Academy (Hoophall Classic)	
1/23/2025	Friday	Neutral	Lexington, VA	TBA	TBD (Rock The Ribbon Classic)	
1/24/2025	Saturday	Neutral	Lexington, VA	TBA	Blue Ridge School (Rock The Ribbon Classic)	
1/30/2025	Friday	Neutral	Baltimore, MD	TBA	Melo Classic	
1/31/2025	Saturday	Neutral	Baltimore, MD	TBA	Melo Classic	
2/7/2025	Saturday	Neutral	Chattanooga, TN	TBA	*St. James School (Dr. Pepper Classic)	
2/8/2025	Sunday	Neutral	Chattanooga, TN	TBA	*La Lumiere (Dr. Pepper Classic)	
2/14/2025	Saturday	Neutral	Boston, MA	TBA	*Long Island Lutheran (CATS Academy)	
2/15/2025	Sunday	Neutral	Boston, MA	TBA	*Spire Academy (CATS Academy)	
2/18/2025	**Wednesday**	**Home**	**Mouth of Wilson, VA**	**TBA**	**TBD**	
2/21/2025	Saturday	Neutral	Canton, OH	TBA	*Cats Academy (Spire Institute)	
2/22/2025	**Sunday**	Neutral	Canton, OH	TBA	*Tennessee Collegiate (Spire Institute)	
2/27/2025	**Friday**	**Home**	**Mouth of Wilson, VA**	TBA	***Christ School**	
3/12/2025	Thursday	Neutral	North Augusta, SC	TBA	*EYBL Scholastic Play-Offs	
3/13/2025	Friday	Neutral	North Augusta, SC	TBA	*EYBL Scholastic Play-Offs	
3/14/2025	Saturday	Neutral	North Augusta, SC	TBA	*EYBL Scholastic Play-Offs	
3/15/2025	Sunday	Neutral	North Augusta, SC	TBA	*EYBL Scholastic Play-Offs	
4/1/2025	Wednesday	Neutral		TBA	Chipotle Nationals	
4/2/2025	Thursday	Neutral		TBA	Chipotle Nationals	
4/3/2025	Friday	Neutral		TBA	Chipotle Nationals	
4/4/2025	Saturday	Neutral		TBA	Chipotle Nationals	

* Denotes Conference/League Game



OHA Women's Wrestling Camp: A Breakthrough Summer on The Hill







This summer marked an exciting milestone for Oak Hill Academy as we hosted our first-ever Women's Wrestling Camp. The camp's focus was to create a space where young women in wrestling could learn directly from female mentors and role models.

The camp was an incredible success. Over six days, participants trained hard, built strength and confidence, and formed friendships that will last a lifetime. Between sessions, the girls enjoyed fishing, swimming, and even a wrestling room sleepover—complete with movies, homemade pie, and ice cream, which was a big hit!

The camp featured an impressive lineup of instructors, including USA Senior World Team member Emma Bruntil, collegiate standouts Shelby Kemp and Jamie Hearl, Heidelberg University Women's Head Coach CarrieAnn Randolph, and Virginia National Women's Team Coach Aubrey Burkett-Erice.

The week was filled with energy, encouragement, and empowerment. This camp has already become a cornerstone for the growth of women's wrestling at Oak Hill Academy, and we can't wait to bring it back—bigger and better—next summer!

Investing in the Oak Hill Experience: Immediate Campus Needs

As Oak Hill Academy continues to grow in enrollment, we remain committed to one goal, enhancing the student experience. As outlined earlier, this past year has brought exciting progress across campus, including major upgrades to our gymnasium, the Applied Learning Strategies Center, the Wellness and Recovery Center, our water system, and new audio-visual technology that has transformed classrooms and media learning spaces.

These projects have been made possible through the generous support of alumni, families, and friends who believe in the Oak Hill mission. Every contribution, whether financial or physical, directly impacts our students' daily lives, and all donations are 100% tax-deductible.

As we look ahead, there are a few immediate needs that will go a long way toward enriching the Oak Hill experience for every student:

1. Additional Campus Vehicles

Our students enjoy a wide range of off-campus experiences that make their time on The Hill truly memorable. On top of their travel for athletic competitions, our students also enjoy so many other excursions like volunteering at Grayson Highlands Elementary School, visiting local colleges, grabbing a coffee at Starbucks, attending college sporting events, and joining festive holiday outings around Sparta, Jefferson, Boone and Independence.

To continue offering these experiences safely and comfortably, we hope to purchase another 12-passenger van and an additional minivan or SUV. These vehicles are vital for both athletics and everyday student life.

- Estimated cost (12-passenger van): $30,000–$50,000
- Estimated cost (Minivan/SUV): $20,000–$50,000

2. Stair Climber for the Hough Fitness Center

We are proud to now have two fitness centers on campus—one in Turner Gymnasium and one in Hough Dormitory. As our female students have become increasingly interested in strength and fitness training, the most-requested addition is a stair climber. This equipment would be a favorite feature, helping promote healthy routines and confidence in fitness.

- Estimated cost: $3,000–$12,000

3. Commercial-Grade Zero-Turn Mower

With our new Paris Saint-Germain soccer partnership, Oak Hill's soccer field is now in constant use, often twice a day. To maintain it at the highest standard for training and competition, we hope to upgrade to a commercial-grade zero-turn mower.

- Estimated cost: $5,000–$14,000

If you are interested in supporting any of these projects, either by donating funds or providing equipment directly, please contact lluper@oak-hill.net or scan the QR code to make your contribution.

Every gift, no matter the size, helps the future of Oak Hill Academy. Thank you for supporting Oak Hill and our shared mission!

Student Spotlight:

PC Chambers – Finding Family and Focus on The Hill

PC Chambers arrived at Oak Hill Academy because he was looking for something new. "I needed a change that would push me to maximize my potential. My mother told me the options I had, and Oak Hill Academy was one of them," says PC. A lifelong basketball enthusiast, PC was already familiar with Oak Hill's storied athletic tradition. After exploring the school's academics and campus online, a visit sealed the deal. PC explains, "What cemented my decision was seeing the ideal high school-learning environment anyone could ask for. The moment I toured the campus and understood the whole picture, academics, structure, and community, not just sports, I knew Oak Hill Academy was the best place for me to finish high school."

PC describes his Oak Hill experience in three wxords: *preparation, discipline, and excitement.* But what stands out most to him is the sense of family. "The word 'family' here on The Hill means to me that we're all in it together. It's more than just being friends; it's a solid system where we hold each other to high standards. It's that setup which creates our community, a community where everyone has your back and wants you to succeed."

PC is quick to point out that his Oak Hill journey extends far beyond sports. He's become a musician, actor, and environmentalist, each passion sparked by his promise to try new things. One of his favorite memories came when his music class performed *Oklahoma Smokeshow* by Zach Bryan in front of the whole school. "As the bassist, I watched the crowd start to get hype as the groove came along. It was amazing to see the reward of the effort we put in. That is a feeling I will never forget." PC credits teammate Gavin Cassar as one of his biggest influences.



PC Chambers

"Gavin is tough as nails, a man who never quits. Despite his rigorous workload, Gavin is always smiling and bringing positive energy to everyone around him."

From basketball to basslines, PC approaches every opportunity with heart. His story reflects what Oak Hill Academy is all about: discovering new strengths, embracing community, and becoming the best version of yourself.

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Wish List and Giving Opportunities

Below are some wish-list items that will immediately benefit the Academy.

CURRENT NEEDS

- Stairmaster
- Gently used golf clubs
- Lawn games for socials *(BucketGolf, Kanjan, giant Jenga and Connect Four, cornhole, etc.)*
- Furniture for Ingram commons area renovation
- School building carpet/flooring upgrade
- 60-inch deck commercial lawn mower
- Golf Cart
- Minivan for student activities
- 12-passenger van for athletic teams travel
- Car/SUV for staff travel
- Pickup truck for facilities use

Do you know about our legacy gift options through which you may memorialize the legacy of a loved one, former classmate, or former team?

LEGACY GIVING OPPORTUNITIES

Memorial Oak Plaque	$1,000
Planted Memorial Oak Tree	$2,000
Team Legacy Gift	$5,000
Class Gift	$5,000
Named Scholarship	$10,000

For more information or to make a gift to Oak Hill Academy, please contact Libby Luper, Admissions & Advancement Officer, at 276-579-2619 or lluper@oak-hill.net.

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