

Lamar School
Gratitude Report
2021-22



Head of School



10 DEFINING MOMENTS OF THE 2021-2022 SCHOOL YEAR

Every year at Lamar School is unique, and this past school year was no exception. As I complete my 9th year as your Head of School, I am reminded of how thankful I am to serve a community of like-minded and mission-driven families in our area. We pride ourselves on being college preparatory by providing a rigorous curriculum of numerous offerings and a myriad of opportunities to students, but most of all I pride myself in knowing that every student at Lamar School has a chance to succeed in all areas of student life.

As I reflect on the past year, I am so humbled by the memorable things that occurred on the special days as well as on the ordinary ones.



- 1. Grandparents Day:* This year the Mitchell Cafetorium overflowed with grandparents who traveled from near and far to spend a day with their grandchildren. The excitement, love, and support were evident all across campus. My very favorite part though was watching the grandparents wave to their grandchildren onstage. Priceless!
- 2. Monthly Chapels:* Middle and High School students gathered monthly to listen to local pastors, faculty, and alumni speak about their faith in God, join together in prayer, and listen to our highly talented praise team share music. It was after the December chapel that a senior asked to share his faith with the 400+ students in middle and high school. To finish out the year, we heard from several more middle and high school students. What a blessing their willingness to share was to us all!
- 3. MS Day of Love:* Serving others is so rewarding. Each year middle school students and teachers plan and carry out the Day of Love within our community. From the items collected to the visits they make on this special day in February, these young people are making a difference and learning how important it is to give to a community. Real love.
- 4. Raider Market:* Elementary entrepreneurs? Yes! From slime to a student-built mini claw machine (Google it!), young students created business plans, paid “taxes,” and opened shop for all elementary students to spend hard earned Raider bucks! Innovation at its best!
- 5. Media Day:* My Raider pride became prouder as I listened to former Lamar student, Coach Jacob Land, talk about his vision for football and track in front of our families at Lamar. To see the exciting vision he had for Lamar School’s athletic program made me consider buying my own pair of cleats! Go Raiders!
- 6. Hosting Robotics Competition:* On a cool Saturday morning over 20 teams from all over Mississippi came together in our Training Facility to compete with one another in robotics. The robots that were built and programmed

by students competed in arduous contests. This is a “must see to believe it” event for sure! However, the most defining moment was when the referee of the event greeted me. I looked up and recognized one of our very own alumni who was actually on the very first Robotics team at Lamar! Wow! To end the day, Lamar School came in 1st place. I’ll see you on the front row next year!

7. *National Merit Finalist.* What’s greater than seeing a student be rewarded for hard work? Austin Dungan (’22) has always been a good student. He set his goals high, performed extremely well in his demanding classes, and even founded Lamar School’s first investment club. When the letter from National Merit came across my desk, I opened it quickly to see his name listed as a National Merit Finalist! Congratulations, Austin! I’m excited to see what’s ahead for you at Notre Dame. Go Irish!

8. *Track Practice.* We need a track. I have heard that from several patrons over the years. I don’t think I fully understood it until I walked out to track practice on Day 1. Seeing the 40+ students involved in everything from running to passing batons to throwing a shot put, I was amazed at the organization, individual effort, and camaraderie among the student athletes. We need a track!

9. *Turning of the Tassel.* It just never gets old. To be able to instruct a group of graduating seniors to make that symbolic gesture in May is a highlight of each year. Watching their faces as they turn that tassel makes me smile

because I know it is not the end, it is just their beginning. Good luck to the Class of 2022!

10. *Standing Ovation.* I have attended a lot of elementary plays over the years. Each play is special and will hold many fond memories for roosters, frogs, turkeys or even a narrator (which was always what I found myself to be in elementary school). One play stood out the most for me this past year, and it wasn’t the play, it was the crowd. At the end of the Kindergarten play, parents, grandparents, and special friends slowly began standing as they were clapping. It is the first time I have seen a standing ovation at an elementary play. I smiled. Because every child on that stage deserved that ovation as did every teacher. More importantly, I smiled because our students and faculty at Lamar deserve a standing ovation more than ever before. Together we have been through a pandemic and kept our students on track while remaining one of the top schools within our state. Bravo!

**I am so proud to serve as
Head of Lamar School.
Thank you for your continuous
support of our school!**

Leigh Ann Ballou



Foundation Board President

As Lamar School closes the books for another year, I want to thank you for trusting Lamar to educate your children. The Foundation Board at Lamar School does not take that responsibility lightly. We are constantly seeking ways to enhance the experience our students, teachers, staff and guests have when they interact with our school. Along with Mrs. Ballou and her team, Lamar is poised to thrive in the coming years with improvements to our facilities and campus, a continued commitment to building and developing a robust faculty and staff, and a steadfast focus on developing our students in all facets of life. I am excited to watch the continued growth at Lamar and hope that you will continue to support those efforts as we work to make Lamar School better each and every day.

Sincerely,

Larkin Kennedy



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*Lamar School's mission is to educate each individual
by providing a challenging and purposeful college preparatory curriculum
in a safe, respectful, Christian environment.*

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Names in **bold** indicate faculty who are Lamar Alumni.

Class of 2022

Thirty outstanding young men and women graduated on Friday, May 13. This class had an impressive year with many honors both in and outside of school. Their many achievements include:

- an average ACT score of 25
- 5 students in the ACT 30+ Club
- 6 students eligible for the Mississippi Eminent Scholars Grant which provides up to \$10,000 toward their tuition.
- 1 student was recognized as STAR Student with a 35 on the ACT
- 1 student was named a National Merit Finalist
- 9 students graduated with Honors
- 9 students graduated with Highest Honors
- 11 students graduated with Top of Class distinction
- 5 students will be a part of athletic teams at the collegiate level
- Tennis, Track, and Cheer State Championship Team members
- being offered over \$1.5 million in scholarships
- accepting approximately \$500,000 in scholarships to date
- 10 students are a part of the 12 Year Club, having been at Lamar since 1st grade or before

It has been a privilege to watch you grow and learn over the last 14 years. We wish the Class of 2022 continued success.



Matriculations

Ward Guy Adams	Mississippi College
Elizabeth Scott Bond	Mississippi State University
John Wesley Brent, II	Mississippi State University
Jackson McRee Bryan	East Mississippi Community College
Jon Austin Carle	University of Mississippi
William Cooper Coleman	Mississippi State University
Zagar Henley Cooper	Mississippi State University
Madisen Marie Daleo	University of Southern Mississippi
Elizabeth Claire Dean	University of Southern Mississippi
Austin Lee Dungan	University of Notre Dame
Anna Catherine Evans	University of Mississippi
James Liam Gilbert	East Central Community College
Lauren Raye Goodman	University of Southern Mississippi
Eli Davis Huebner	Meridian Community College
Anna Claire Hutchinson	Mississippi State University
Reuben Royce Little, III	Xavier University of Louisiana
James Davis McBrayer	University of Southern Mississippi
Ethan Landon McElroy	Mississippi State University
Hays William Monsour	University of Southern Mississippi
Robert Ellis Parrish	Meridian Community College
Ava Elizabeth Partridge	Mississippi State University
Kaden Mahmud Pasha	Mississippi State University
Rawson Anthony Polizzi	Meridian Community College
Walter Turner Rogers, III	Meridian Community College
Alexandria Jolie Rowland	University of Alabama
Hollyn Ann Russell	University of Mississippi
Caroline Lee Sanders	Mississippi State University
Betsy Valerie Suarez	University of Alabama
Magdalene Grace Triplett	Mississippi College
Chloe Jean Woodall	Mississippi State University



Dr. Julie Covington McMahan from the Class of 2010 delivered the Commencement Address. Julie, who is now a dentist in Hattiesburg, encouraged graduates to keep striving for their dreams, no matter the obstacles they may face.



Alumni Spotlight



Sara Katherine Kemp

Class of 2017

Undergrad: Nursing Degree from East Mississippi Community College

Current Job: Registered Nurse in the Pediatric Emergency Room at Children's of Mississippi

On Lamar: I look back on my time at Lamar School with great fondness and appreciation. Lamar gave me the tools I needed to succeed in both my college and professional careers. The rigorous curriculum prepared me for the intense pace of nursing school and the demanding requirements of being an emergency room nurse. The kindness displayed by the teachers and administration helped me develop empathy and understanding for those I treat on a daily basis. I am eternally grateful for my time at Lamar and all of the educational and life lessons learned.



Brady Dearing

Class of 2015

Undergrad: Mechanical Engineering Degree from Mississippi State University

Current Job: Senior Engineer at Eaton Aerospace, Jackson, MS, working as a part of a team to develop the next generation of hydraulic generation products for modern "More Electric Aircraft"

On Lamar: If I had to summarize in one word how Lamar contributed to my success, it would be: Prepared. Lamar prepared me for college through a challenging curriculum, passionate teachers, and an emphasis on "preparation." Prepare for tests, prepare for the ACT, prepare for college, and prepare for your career. At Lamar, there is only one thing for certain, you better be prepared to learn! Engineers are committed to lifelong learning, and I'm thankful that value was instilled in me as early as Kindergarten at Lamar School.



Madison Gordon

Class of 2018

A public policy leadership major on the pre-medical track, Madison's time at Ole Miss has been marked by engagement, involvement and chiefly, a commitment to service – which was a large part of why she decided to run for Miss Ole Miss. Congratulations, Madison!.

Congratulations!



Anna Arrington (Class of 2014) married Cooper Dunn on May 7, 2022

Blake Barham (Class of 2015) married Jacob Munn on March 26, 2022

Wesley Bennett (Class of 2009) married Mary Kathryn Bledsoe on June 5, 2021

Rivers Countiss (Class of 2012) married Adam Keyes on June 26, 2021

Kaeley Gemmill (Class of 2010) married Jim Nardelli on December 18, 2021

Katherine Hessler (Class of 2015) married **Jackson Turner** (Class of 2015) on December 4, 2021

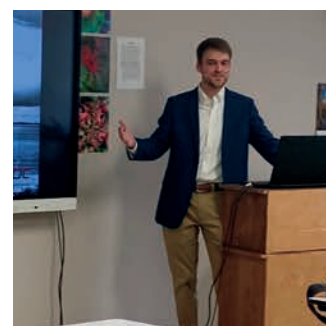
Andrew Lund (Class of 2018) married Katie Williams on January 8, 2022

Lee Martin (Class of 2014) married Payton Lane on June 12, 2021

Hayley Rank (Class of 2015) married Ryan Durand on January 8, 2022

Resham Rahat (Class of 2011) married Saad Malik on June 31, 2021

Mary Barrett Tucker (Class of 2013) married Nick Callahan on September 18, 2021



Lamar Alumni are spotted around campus every day as teachers, parents, volunteers, and guests.

We are so proud to have children of alumni and to watch that number grow.

Help us spotlight more of our alumni and their achievements by sending updates to lamarschoolcool@lamarschool.com. We would love to share your success with everyone!

Thank you to Our Supporters



We are grateful for all who have generously given to Lamar School. Your gifts help us to ensure that we meet our goal of providing an exceptional academic program, a vibrant learning community, a safe environment, and premier campus facilities. Gifts of all sizes directly impact the lives of each student. Thank you!

You will find your name if you contributed between June 1, 2021 and May 31, 2022.

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Drew Denney Field House Fund

Darrell Denney
Friends of Drew Denney
Ed & Phyllis Skipper

*The Friends of Drew Denney held the 4th Annual Par 75
Golf Tournament, raising almost \$9,000 to support the
Drew Denney Field House.*

Sustaining Givers

*We have the honor of recognizing donors' many years of dedication
and consistent giving. Their faithful Donors who have made gifts over
the past five consecutive years are listed below:*

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Honorariums

**Gavin, Peyton, Keegan, &
Macy Aull**
Gary & Sharon Aull

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Sara Beth Brown (Class of 2019)**
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Memorials

Members of the Class of 1978:

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Annie Granec
Wanda Rew

Emily Niles Wiley
(Class of 1982)
Bob & Susan Coffin

Cassie Wilson Kauerz

Lamar School lost a longtime friend and supporter with the passing of Cassie Kauerz. She was a Lamar parent, grandparent, and faithful volunteer. Cassie also served on the Lamar School Foundation Board and was proud to be a part of the Board when the current elementary building was built, placing the entire school on one campus. Thank you to those who gave gifts in memory of Cassie.

Janette Batchelor
Garry, Dana, & Brooke Lawyer
Bo & Jodie Marsalis
Manny & Melanie Mitchell
Mia Pollman
Richard & Betty Vise



Patrick Swearingen

Class of 2009

Patrick was a beloved member of the Class of 2009 and all who knew him. After graduation, he earned a B.S. from Mississippi State University and served in the Navy as a Nuclear Electrician. Classmates and friends are honoring Patrick's memory and love of football with gifts towards the purchase of new weight equipment for the Drew Denney Field House. The equipment will be installed this summer and inscribed with Patrick's name and number, #55.

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Steve & Suzy Horne
Tim, Vanessa, & Adam Moore

Will & Kristina Moore
Fairie Smith
Lynn Stewart
Steve & Kimberly Stewart
Lee & Helen Valentine
M.L. & Kim Waters
Allen & Leigh White
Darrell & Bonnie Wildman



Dr. Sonny Rush

With the passing of Dr. Sonny Rush in August of 2021, his family established the Sonny Rush Lamar School Athletic Fund as a tribute to his legacy and love of Lamar School. These funds will go towards improvements to the Rush Training Room in the Drew Denney Field House. Dr. Sonny had a great impact on the lives of many Lamar athletes and their families. His positive and encouraging attitude will be missed on campus. We join the Rush family in expressing gratitude for the generosity of those who have donated almost \$20,000 to date.

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Rafique & Shakila Ahmad
Bill & Marilynne Allen
Taylor Allen
George & Nancy Arrington
The Atkins Family
Genie Autry
Will & Leigh Ann Ballou
Bill & Christine Barham
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Bryan & Renee Bossier
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Spike & Sheryl Watts
Sonny & Cay Wedgworth
Allen & Leigh White
David & Margaret White
Kary & Beth Whitehead
Deanna Wilbourn
Charles & Felise Woodall

Special Events

Each year, Lamar School hosts several annual events which serve as fundraisers and opportunities to enhance relationships within our school, with our alumni, and with the community at large. Thank you to all who made a donation of time and talents. None of these events are possible without the support of our families and friends.

Friends of Lamar School Golf Tournament

On April 19, Lamar School hosted 23 teams in a 4-man scramble at Northwood Country Club raising over \$3,500. Many thanks to Reid Davis (Class of '01) for planning and organizing the day and to Billy Pomeroy, Kyle Carpenter, and this year's sponsors:

Pinnacle Wealth
Legendyk Family
Bill Woods, DMD
Structural Steel

Merrill Lynch
ServPro
Mitchell Signs
The Insurance Center

Transmission Services, Inc.
MidSouth Welding Supply
Citizens National Bank

Congratulations to the winning team:
Reid Davis (Class of '01), William Davis, John Rea, and
Austin Holmes (Class of '01)!



Trivia Night

With great excitement, Trivia Night returned to the Riley Center for a fun-filled night of fast-paced trivia! A special thanks to Jennifer McRae and her crew of volunteers and sponsors who made the night fabulous for our Trivia Teams. Mark your calendars for February 3, 2023 and start studying now!

Congratulations to the winning team,
Southern Pipe's "Pipe Dreams!"



TRIVIA Night

\$29,000 total raised

New curtains for Cafetorium stage

Elementary Art Supplies

Middle School Character Education Curriculum

Middle School Art Supplies

High School Art Supplies

Engineering Curriculum Supplies

Thank you

Booster Club

The quality of Lamar's athletic programs and the success our student athletes and teams are not possible without the financial support we receive from Booster Club members. In 2021-22, the Booster Club funded expenses for athletic needs such as equipment and travel. We are thankful to all our supporters!

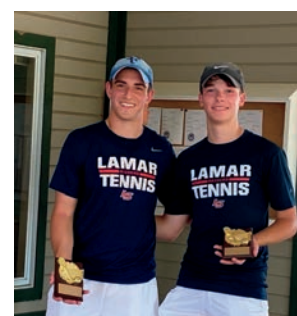
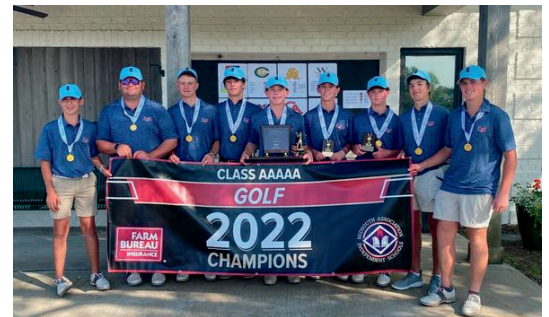
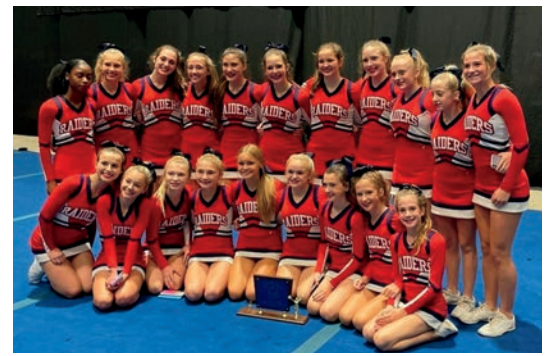
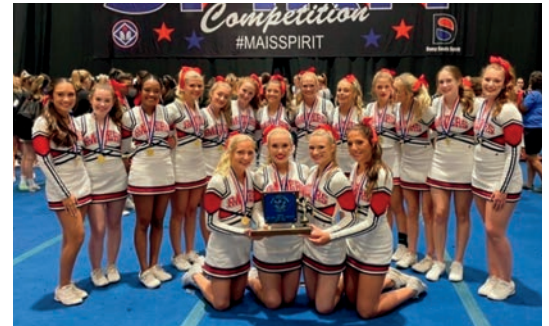
1. **Membership**– Memberships can be purchased online at www.lamarschool.com/athletics/boosterclub. I urge everyone to join and help make a difference in the lives of our student athletes.
2. **Corporate Sponsorship**– Sponsors enjoy season passes, parking passes, signage, program ads and reserved seating for one annual fee.
2. **Ads in the Sports Program**– Our program is second to none! Please take time to look through the program and support the businesses who advertise with us each year.
3. **Concessions**– Throughout the year, concession sales help us generate additional revenue. We have a great selection of food items and every purchase helps provide opportunities for our students. Most importantly, we thank the parents who volunteer to man the concession stands throughout the year. Please be willing to help us by agreeing to serve when you are asked.
4. **Tailgating Tents and Chair Back Seating**– The berm area at the end of the football field gives Raider fans a great place to watch games and tailgate with friends. Tailgating spots and chair back seats are available to purchase through the Lamar website.
5. **Raider Pride Night and Booster Club Drawdown and Auction**– This annual event is our primary fundraiser. In 2021, we raised \$16,813. We hope you'll join us in 2022!

We will kick off the 2022-23 season at Boosters and Barbeque on July 28. Join us to hear about plans for the upcoming year and to enjoy one another's company.

Go Raiders!

Bernie Mitchell, President

MAIS State Champions!



Pals

PALS aims to foster and maintain a strong partnership between parents and the school to enhance the educational environment for students and to support teachers. PALS provides opportunities for fundraising, coordinates volunteers, and builds community throughout the school.

Under the leadership of Lindsey Nicholson (President) and Mary Ann Howell (Vice President) PALS has gone the extra mile over the last three years to support our teachers. We are grateful for this added support.

Activities and events this year included:
Raider Reader Party * Homecoming Breakfast
Fall Festival * Baccalaureate Reception
Elementary Art Gala * Uniform Resale



Accolades

Golden Apple Award

Congratulations to Mrs. Phyllis Skipper! She was named as the March 2022 Golden Apple Teacher. She was surprised and humbled to receive this honor. Alumni David and Grant Honeycutt along with their parents presented the award from the Meridian Family of Stations.

Mrs. Skipper continues to teach upper level math classes in addition to Engineering 101 classes, Robotics, and Mock Trial. Each Friday night during football season, you can find Mrs. Skipper alongside Mr. Skipper holding the defense and offense signs in support of the Raiders!



Richard E. Wilbourn Scholarships

The Wilbourn family annually presents two upcoming seniors with scholarships honoring the legacy of beloved father and husband, Richard Wilbourn. These scholarships are awarded to "deserving young men or women in the possession of athletic abilities which allow them to participate competitively in interscholastic athletics." The 2022-23 recipients are Sarah Pierce Swift and Thad Ransier.



Jefferson Davis Academy Scholarship

Upon closing, Jefferson Davis Academy established a scholarship trust fund at Lamar School. Upcoming seniors with a family connection to JDA may apply. Recipients are chosen based on academics, good citizenship, and school involvement. The 2022-23 recipients are Emma Kate Stephenson and Libby Newell.



MAIS Overall 6th Grade Spelling Bee Champion

Congratulations to T.J. Olaleye!

A Legacy Of Generosity

For almost six decades, Lamar School has been blessed with the generosity of parents, grandparents, faculty, alumni, and the community at large. We ask that all members of the Lamar family unite in their commitment to help sustain the high standards of Lamar School. We are invested, not only in the future of Lamar School, but the future of all Lamar students. There are many ways, both large and small, that we can all touch the future. Please consider ways, not only financially, you can help continue this legacy of generosity for decades to come.

Financial Giving:

1. **Annual Fund** – The annual solicitation of financial support for the operating budget.
2. **Capital Campaign** – Capital Campaigns are efforts established to fund new buildings or renovate existing buildings.
3. **Endowment Gift** – A gift given to provide income through earnings from a protected fund.
4. **Gift-In-Kind** – A gift of equipment, supplies, professional services, contract services, etc. Please contact the school administration prior to giving.
5. **Planned Gift** – Planned or deferred gifts allow donors to make a significant gift that will benefit Lamar School in the future, typically at the donor's or beneficiary's death. These gifts include bequests, contracts, or trusts.
6. **Matching Gift** – Corporate matching gifts may be made to either the Annual Fund or Capital Campaign.
7. **Memorial and Honorarium Gifts** – These gifts offer an opportunity to honor a relative, friend, or business associate for a special occasion or during a bereavement period.
8. **Gifts of Stock** – Gifts of stock are accepted by Lamar School. The most common form of stock transfer is for the donor to work directly with a broker. Please contact us for more information.
9. **Children's Promise Act Tax Credit** –

DIRECT YOUR TAX LIABILITY TO LAMAR SCHOOL FOUNDATION

You can now contribute to LAMAR SCHOOL and receive a DOLLAR-FOR-DOLLAR CREDIT on your MS STATE INCOME TAX LIABILITY.

The state of Mississippi now allows contributions to LAMAR SCHOOL to offset YOUR STATE INCOME TAX LIABILITY. Businesses can contribute 50% of total tax liability through The Child's Promise Act. Please contact Leigh Ann Ballou for help with acquiring the necessary forms and to answer any questions you may have, 601-482-1345. More information on the MS State Tax Law, The Children's Promise Act, can be found at www.dor.ms.gov.

*This information is not intended to give tax advice.
Consult a tax professional regarding your specific tax situation.*

What's New at Lamar School?

What's New on Campus?

- New Drainage on the Playground
- New Swings on the Playground
- Refurbished Walking Track
- Top Dressing of all Athletic Fields
- New Locker Rooms in the Indoor Training Facility
- New Praise Band Equipment
- New Student Desks
- Naming of the Mitchell Cafetorium



What's to Come?

- Campus Security Updates
- Baseball Field Renovation
- Stage Curtains
- New HVAC System for the Elementary Library
- Updates to the Rush Training Room in the Drew Denney Field House

Ways to Support Lamar School:

- Encourage students to excel in all they do.
- Attend school events.
- Volunteer for PALS.
- Join the Booster Club.
- Chaperone or host a field trip.
- Partner with Lamar School through Amazon Smile.
- Save Box Tops.
- Volunteer to share your expertise with a class or group.
- Follow and like Lamar School on social media.
- Be an advocate for Lamar School in the community.
- Pray daily for our school, students, and faculty.

Cast of Spring Production of Anastasia





Artwork by Nessa Defatta – Kindergarten



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