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THE BRUIN



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USJ graduates its largest class

Michael Hammond, valedictorian of USJ's Class of 2005, is on his way to Princeton, while salutatorian Kristin Wheeler is headed to Rhodes. Essayist Lauren Hillam will attend Brigham Young in Utah.

They are the top graduates of the Class of 2005 – the largest graduating class in USJ's history. The talented class includes five National Merit students and numerous AP scholars.

Ten graduates will play sports at the college level. One will attend the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis, Md.; another will attend the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, N.Y. Others are attending colleges on academic, fine arts, and leadership scholarships.

In fact, the 92 members of the class of 2005 have accepted \$6.7 million in scholarships to attend a college of their choice.

Graduation ceremonies, held May 14 at West Jackson Baptist Church, featured graduation speaker Dr. David Dockery, president of Union University. In a dignified ceremony, Upper School Director Dr. Red Prudhon



Catherine Caldwell, Ashley Evans, Tiffany Kelly-Hollis, Sallie Williamson, Jayme Hogan-Yarbro, and Carolina Herrera, all graduating seniors, perform with the USJ choir during graduation ceremonies. For some, the last performance as a USJ student was a bittersweet moment. In the foreground are Dr. David Dockery, the keynote speaker and president of Union University, and John Burluson, USJ Board Chairman.

introduced each graduate and listed each graduate's accomplishments.

Diplomas were given out by Headmaster Steve Maloan and USJ Board Chairman John Burluson. Elizabeth Shearin, Class of 2003, welcomed the graduates into USJ's Alumni Association.

"The accomplishments of the Class of 2005 and the opportunities before each graduate are a testament to their work ethic in a quality educational environment," says Maloan. "Congratulations to the Class of 2005!"

USJ: 35 years old and still counting

Thirty-five years ago this fall, two separate groups of parents started two schools – Old Hickory Academy and Episcopal Day School – to open up new educational opportunities for their children.

In 1987, the boards of both schools, again considered the future and decided to merge the two schools to create an even better one – University School of Jackson.



USJ will spend this next school year celebrating its history. An important part of this celebration will be the involvement of the school's alumni, said Carol Kirkland, a member of the 35th Anniversary Committee and the mother of four USJ alums.

So mark your calendars and plan to return for theater productions, athletic games, and other events all

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Be true to your school

Homecoming this fall on October 28 will be a major part of USJ's 35th anniversary celebration.

The USJ Bruins take on Dresden at 7:30 p.m.

The tailgate party for alumni, families, and friends of USJ starts at 5:30 p.m.

Homecoming has become the traditional time for classes with major anniversaries to plan reunions the next day.

Alumni Association President Kathryn Tucker asks members of the following classes to start contacting classmates to plan a reunion. Organizers can reach her at ktuckerlaw@yahoo.com.

It's reunion time for...

- The Class of 1975
- The Class of 1980
- The Class of 1985
- The Class of 1990
- The Class of 1995
- The Class of 2000

Those who need help with e-mail addresses and other contact information on classmates, can contact alumni assistant Karen Skelton at kskelton@usj.tn.org.

October 28 will be here before you know it!



The Bruin is the newsletter of the USJ Alumni Association, serving alumni and parents of the former Episcopal Day School, former Old Hickory Academy, and University School of Jackson.

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USJ celebrates 35th anniversary all year

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year long. The 35th anniversary events include...

■ **August 20: USJ Back-to-School Night at Pringles Park.** USJ will give away 1,000 Trey Teague bobblehead dolls and the West Tenn Diamond Jaxx, a Southern League AA team, will play a doubleheader. The night starts at 5:30 p.m.

■ **October 14-15: Bruin Prints Fine Arts Festival,** featuring hands-on arts activities for the whole family, student art and entertainment, and sales and demonstrations by area craftsmen.

■ **October 28: Homecoming.** The Bruins take on Dresden at 7:30 p.m. The alumni tailgate dinner starts at 5:30 p.m.

■ **November 18-20: Holiday Mart** at the Jackson Civic Center. The Preview Party is 7-9 p.m. November 17.

■ **March 3-4: Upper School Spring Musical,** 7:30 nightly.

■ **March 11: Academic Auction,** Jackson Country Club.

■ **May 6: 35th Anniversary Celebration,** 6 p.m., Lower School.



Representing 35 years of USJ history are alumni Liz Shearin, Class of 2003; Matthew Reed, Class of 2001; Camille Tanner Jones, Class of 1979; Steve Maroney, Class of 1983; Lynn East, Class of 1971; and John Woodall, Class of 1990.

■ **May 13: Commencement** for the Class of 2006, 3 p.m., West Jackson Baptist Church.

For athletic schedules and other events, check out USJ's website at www.usj.tn.org. Events are added and updated on the website throughout the year.

Celebration starts with a bobblehead

Trey Teague, Class of 1993, the starting center with the Buffalo Bills, has good naturedly agreed to become USJ's first-sponsored bobblehead doll.

USJ will give away 1,000 Teague bobbleheads to the first fans who show up at Pringles Park for a doubleheader on Saturday, August 20. The West Tenn Diamond Jaxx, a Southern League AA team and Chicago Cubs affiliate, play the Montgomery (Ala.) Biscuits.

The giveaway is part of USJ's Family and Back-to-School Night at the park. USJ students and families will be involved in activities throughout the ballgames.

The first baseball game begins at 5:30 p.m. USJ will receive part of the proceeds from the regularly priced

tickets of \$4 for general admission and \$7.50 for box seats.

USJ will have tickets for sale as the school year begins on August 12. The school also will have extra bobbleheads for sale for those who missed getting a free bobblehead at the ballpark.

Trey played offensive tackle and defensive end for USJ. He was All-State for three years, Jackson Sun Athlete of the Year, Super Prep and Blue Chip All-American, and a mem-



ber of the USJ Class of 1993 Hall of Fame.

He attended the University of Tennessee at Knoxville on an athletic scholarship. At UT, he was All-SEC in 1997 and Best Lineman in 1996 and 1997. In 1997, his senior year, the UT football team won the SEC Championship.

Trey was drafted in 1998 by the Denver Broncos. He was Denver's starting

left offensive tackle when he signed with the Buffalo Bills in 2001.

Trey is married to the former Ashley Louviere, Class of 1994.

The Class of 2005: USJ's newest alums

From Harvey Mudd University in California to the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, the Class of 2005 will attend 42 different universities in 21 states this fall. **Graduates are...**

Lacey Adams, Univ. of Mississippi
Courtney Alvey, Samford Univ.
Michael Anton, Loyola Univ., New Orleans
Will Ayers, Belmont Univ.
Ryan Barnett, Univ. of Ala., Huntsville
Taylor Bayless, UT Knoxville
Adrianna Beal, Mercer University
J.T. Bell, UT Knoxville
Zach Berkley, Jackson State
Gary Blankenship, UT Chattanooga
Tia Brown, Presbyterian College
Katie Brush, MTSU
Eileen Butterfield, University of Texas
Catherine Caldwell, MTSU
Megan Carmichael, UT Martin
Ellen Carrington, Union Univ.
Carrie Beth Cole, Univ. of Mississippi
Laura Cole, Lambuth Univ.
Jon Wesley Conley, Univ. of Mississippi
Zach Cowden, UT Knoxville
Whitney DuVal, Rhodes College
Natalie Edwards, Auburn Univ.
Robert Egan, Harvey Mudd Univ.
Emily English, Univ. of Memphis
Ashley Evans, Tennessee Tech
Josh Farhat, Miami University of Ohio
Jack Findley, UT Chattanooga
Christie Freeman, UT Knoxville
Hunter Garrett, undecided

Stephanie Gerard, St. Louis Univ.
Mallory Grisham, Union Univ.
Justin Halvorson, UT Chattanooga
Michael Hammond, Princeton Univ.
Anne Helbig, exchange student, returns to Germany
Christina Henry, Tennessee Tech
Carolina Herrera, UT Knoxville
Lauren Hillam, Brigham Young Univ.
Trey Hinton, Mississippi State
Jayme Hogan-Yarbro, Loyola Univ., New Orleans
Margaret Jaco, Tulane Univ.
Ben Jeter, UT Martin
Sara Beth Johnson, Radford Univ., Va.
Ryan Judd, U.S. Military Academy
Tiffany Kelly-Hollis, Catawba, N.C.
Steven Kilboy, Mississippi State
Sara Kirkland, Belmont Univ.
Daichi Kuno, a Japanese student, will attend college in Japan
Andrew Long, Maryville College
Jay McLemore, Mississippi State Univ.
Kieran McMahon, Georgia Tech
Jesse McVay, Union Univ.
Cayla Mesecher, Univ. of Kentucky
Jessie Metcalf, UT Martin
Kenichi Mochizuki, UT Martin
Bradley Norville, UT Martin
Amy Page, UT Knoxville
John Pappis, Campbellsville Univ., Ky.
Josh Paschall, UT Chattanooga
Namrata Patel, Emory Univ.
Neelam Patel, East Carolina State Univ.

Nisha Patel, UT Chattanooga
Brian Petty, UT Knoxville
Jordan Phillips, Louisiana State Univ.
Thomas Poux, Univ. of Ala., Huntsville
Anna Powell, MTSU
Sarah Priddy, UT Knoxville
Sarah Purcell, Nutmeg Conservatory for the Arts, Conn.
Franklin Raines, UT Knoxville
Caroline Reed, Tulane Univ.
Molly Reeves, Mississippi State
Park Roach, Univ. of Mississippi
Ryan Ross, undecided
Jennifer Russo, Maryville College
Tyler Smallwood, Tulane Univ.
Randi Smith, Carnegie Melon
Terri Lynn Surratt, MTSU
Stephen Thomas, Union Univ.
Courtney Underwood, MTSU
Tina Vaksdal, an exchange student from Norway, returns to Norway
Will Wallace, U.S. Naval Academy
Kristin Wheeler, Rhodes College
Kennedy White, Univ. of Arkansas, Fort Smith
Tyler White, UT Chattanooga
Jess Williams, UT Knoxville
Sallie Williamson, Boston Univ.
Katie Wilson, Mississippi College
Jonathan Wright, Mississippi State
Landon Wright, MTSU
Heather Wyatt, Lambuth Univ.
Natalie Wyatt, UT Knoxville
Drew Yancey, Jackson State
Courtney Young, Tennessee Tech



Alumni Scholarship winner

Carolina Herrera, Class of 2005, was awarded the USJ Alumni Association Scholarship of \$1,000 this year.

Carolina, daughter of Fernando Herrera and Luz Starr, came to USJ her sophomore year. She plans to major in political science and pre-law at UT Knoxville. She also received a scholarship of \$500 from First Bank.

The Alumni Association funds the annual scholarship with donations and proceeds from Homecoming weekend. This year, the Association also took the first steps in creating an endowment for the scholarship.

Alumni wanting to contribute to the Alumni Scholarship Endowment can send their contribution to USJ Alumni, 240 McClellan Road, Jackson, TN 38305.

The Alumni Association has been awarding the scholarships since 2000.

Alumni lunch

The Alumni Association officially welcomed its newest alumni with the annual pizza lunch on Friday, May 13, at Village Inn Pizza.

In one of its last activities together, the Class of 2005 was treated to soft drinks, salads, and pizza.

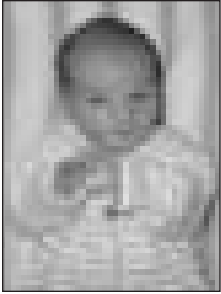


Representatives of the alumni association included Molly Woodruff Hymers, Class of 1976; Kevin Smith, Class of 1995; and John New, Class of 1988.



Those enjoying the lunch included Franklin Raines and Molly Reeves, foreground above, and at left, Jesse McVay, Natalie Wyatt, and Laura Cole.

The latest news from alumni



Trent Patrick Massey

Births

■ **Ryan Massey**, Class of 1996, and his wife, Melissa, have a new baby. Trent Patrick Massey was born March 30. Ryan teaches behavior disorder students at Lebanon High School in Swansea, Ill. (rmassey5@hotmail.com)

■ **Tate Smith**, Class of 1992, and his wife, Amber, have a new daughter, Bolton Douglas, who was born September 29, 2004. The Smiths own Smith Lumber Co. in Brownsville. (ambersmith16@hotmail.com)

■ **Tommy Shaffer**, Class of 1990, and his wife, Heather, have a new baby son, Bryson Thomas, who was born September 22, 2004. They live in Jackson. (ltshaff@aol.com)

1980-1989

■ **Penelope Miller**, a 1984 9th grade EDS graduate, is teaching prekindergarten at The Raleigh School, a private school in Raleigh, N.C. (MillerPenelope@aol.com)

■ **Brad Holden**, Class of 1985, and his wife, Jane, live in Apopka, Florida, where Brad works for Sherwin-Williams Financial Services. They have two children, Paige, born in May 1990, and Chase, born in August 1997. (bholden3@cfl.rr.com)

■ **Amy Pearson Griffin**, Class of 1988, and her husband, Will, have two children, Amelia, born in June 1999, and Annelise, born in April 2000. They live in Memphis; Amy is a stay-at-home mom. (amygriffin@bellsouth.net)

■ **Joy Carruth Watkins**, Class of 1988, is a stay-at-home mom with three daughters, Faythe, born in 2000, and twins Ashley and Anna, who were born in 2002. She has a bachelor of business administration in Management Information Systems from Memphis State University. She and her husband, Randy, live in Jackson. (jackstay@bellsouth.net)

■ **Stephanie Baker Rogers**, Class of 1988, works for Futuristic Concepts. She and her husband, Tim, live in Lexington. They have two children, Timothy McPeake, born in 1992, and Juliana Caryl, born in 1998. (voldar@bellsouth.net)

■ **Hunt Welles**, Class of 1989, works in the Medical Affairs Department of NPS Pharmaceuticals as a manager of medical science for the South region of the United States. He lives in Nashville. (hwelles@comcast.net)

1990-1994

■ **Jimmy Matthews**, Class of 1990, graduated with a masters degree in nuclear engineering from the Air Force Institute of Technology. He works for the Defense Threat Reduction Agency in the International Counterproliferation Program. He will conduct much of his work in Central Asia. He lives in Alexandria, Va., and is a combat engineer captain in the U.S. Army. (james.s.matthews@us.army.mil)

■ **Jennifer Mitchell Doss**, Class of 1990, and her husband, Matthew, and daughter, Madison, live in Birmingham, Ala., where Matthew is associate rector at St. Luke's Episcopal Church. (jennifermoss@msn.com)

■ **William Moss III** (Billy), Class of 1990, is an attorney in the firm of John Moss Attorneys and a 2004 graduate of Leadership Jackson, a Chamber of Commerce-



It's a small world

Maggie Earnest, granddaughter of Middle School computer teacher Linda Truex, is examined by Dr. Grant Newman, Class of 1989, and son of Don Newman, Upper School math department chair. Grant's practice is in Memphis. Maggie's mom, Jessica Truex, is a former USJ student.

sponsored leadership program. Billy lives in Jackson with his wife, Claire, and their son, Henry.

1995-1999

■ **Matthew Walker**, Class of 1995, and his wife, Amelia, live in Destin, Fla. Matt, a CPA, works for O'Sullivan, Creel, LLP. (coachmattwalker@hotmail.com)

■ **Michael Hodges**, Class of 1996, married Heather Ray on April 13, in Holly Springs, Miss.

■ **Stephanie Carruth**, Class of 1997, graduated May 27 from the University of Tennessee Health Science Center with a Doctor of Medicine degree. She also received the Faculty Medal for Academic Achievement. This award is presented by the College of Medicine Faculty to the graduating senior who has the highest academic standing in the class. Stephanie will be a transitional intern at the University of Tennessee/Methodist Hospital this next year. She then will enter a radiology residency program at the University of Pennsylvania in June 2006. Stephanie is engaged to marry Nathan Kurita, son of Dr. George and Senator Rosalind Kurita.

■ **Alicia Jackson**, Class of 1997, works at Smith Clinic for Physical Therapy, in Cordova, Tenn., and her husband, Damon, is an agent for the Farm Bureau in Collierville. She serves on the Advisory Committee for the Physical Therapy Assistance Program at Southwest Tennessee Community College, Memphis. She earned a master of science in physical therapy from the University of Tennessee at Memphis.

■ **Shea Minnick**, Class of 1997, lives in Atlanta where she works for the Latin American Sales Division of the German group, Veit-Brisay-Kannegiesser. She also teaches English as a second language part-time. Shea graduated from the University of Texas at Austin in 2002 with a bachelor of arts degree in Spanish and Portuguese and a minor in French. (sheasita@yahoo.com)

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■ **Ashley Jackson**, Class of 1999, married Elliott Simmons of Brownsville on June 4. Ashley works for Southwest Tennessee Electric Membership Corporation; Elliott owns his own landscape business and works at Brownsville Funeral Home.

2000...

■ **Travis Wolfe**, Class of 2000, married Margaret Laurette Clark of West Point, Miss., on June 4. Graduates of Mississippi State, they live in Nashville where Travis is associate manager for Kane Entertainment.

■ **Thad Williams**, Class of 2000, married Lauren Dirksen of Abbotsford, British Columbia, on July 2, 2004. (twilliams832@yahoo.com)

■ **Pamela Rizzuto**, Class of 2000, graduated with honors from the Memphis College of Art in May 2004 with a Bachelors of Fine Arts degree. She is a graphic designer at Combustion, a compact design firm in Memphis that is widely know for its award winning, edgy designs. Its client list includes Elvis Enterprises, Hilton Hotels, Blockbuster, International Paper, Memphis College of Art, Porter-Cable, Tasco, and FedEx. (pamrizzuto@hotmail.com)

■ **Miranda Wallace**, Class of 2001, is a graduate student at Regent University

in Virginia Beach, Va., working on her masters of fine arts in theater. A May 2004 honors graduate of Union University, Miranda already has been in several productions at Regent. (jediqueen77@hotmail.com)

■ **Rob Ragon**, Class of 2001, graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy in May with a bachelor of science in political science and a commission as an Ensign in the Navy. Selected for Navy SEAL training, he is to begin training this month in Coronado, California. (tuck331@hotmail.com)

■ **Cassie Murchison**, Class of 2001, graduated in May from the University of Mississippi with a bachelor of the arts degree in studio art. She plans to marry Raymond Dobens in June. (murkky-paint@hotmail.com)

■ **Leah Blount**, Class of 2002, married Garrett McElroy of Milan on May 28. She plans to graduate in December from Jackson State with an associates degree in nursing. Garrett is a Union University student.

■ **Jerry Rassier**, Class of 2002, has just finished his junior year at the University of Alabama in Huntsville. Jerry is an academic honors society member of Alpha Lambda Delta, majoring in Administrative Science with an emphasis in Management Information Systems. Minorng in Spanish, he also was inducted into Phi Sigma Iota, the International Foreign Language Honor Society. (jarazz46@yahoo.com)



Jonathan Mays, Class of 1996, married Yellen Angjaya on January 22 in Jakarta, Indonesia. Jonathan teaches at a school in Jakarta. (jmays@indo.net.id)



Rob Ragon, Class of 2001, was congratulated by President George Bush at his graduation from the U.S. Naval Academy. Bush spoke at the graduation.

Upcoming weddings

■ **Kelly Jackson**, Class of 1994, will marry Michael Bailey Jr. of Tupelo, Miss., on July 9 in Oxford, Miss. Kelly is a marketing sales representative for St. Augustine Publishers.

■ **Leah White**, Class of 1995, will marry Grant Shanks of Crossville, Tenn., on July 30 at Lambuth University's Chapel in Jackson. Leah tutors high risk athletes at UT Knoxville.

■ **Dow Davidson**, Class of 1996, an attorney with Burr and Furman LLP in Birmingham, and **Jennifer Dudney**, Class of 2001, will marry July 23 at First United Methodist Church in Jackson. Jennifer, a graduate of Southern Methodist University, plans to attend medical school.

We'd love to hear from you

Use this form to update information about your activities or address.

Name: _____ Maiden Name: _____

Class: _____ E-mail Address: _____

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Mail this to USJ, Office of Alumni Services, 232 McClellan Rd., Jackson, TN 38305; or fax it to: 731-664-5046; or e-mail it to: mary@reed-marketing.com; or fill in the form in the Alumni section of www.usj.tn.org

Become a part of USJ – Forever!

Interested in USJ for your child?

USJ still is accepting applications for the 2005-2006 school year.

Children of alumni are given preference for enrollment.

You can request a packet of admissions information by contacting Kay Shearin, Admissions Coordinator, at 731-660-1692, or e-mailing her at admin@usj.tn.org.

Shearin also invites you to set up an interview to tour the campus.

With sympathy

Verne Hawes, USJ headmaster from 1989-1991, died April 2. He was 72.

Mr. Hawes was a retired educator with more than 45 years with private and independent schools. He most recently served as assistant principal at Addelstone Hebrew Academy in Charleston, S.C.

Besides USJ, he also was headmaster at Interlochen Art Academy in Interlochen, Mich.; Raven Croft School in Raleigh, N.C.; and the Lovett School in Atlanta, Ga.

He is survived by his wife, Sally, four daughters, and five grandchildren.

To help pay for the prom and Project Graduation, the Class of 2006 is selling engraved, decorative bricks that will be placed at the front entrance of the school.

Years from now, you'll be able to bring your children and grandchildren to the "Walkway" to see your name and their names as a permanent legacy of USJ.

You can create your own message or choose from selected designs for your brick.

Each four- by eight-inch, two-inch deep brick costs \$60. Each brick will be engraved with your personal message using state-of-the art laser technology. You also can buy a miniature replica of your original brick for \$6.

This is an on-going campaign. Whenever the class

receives 100 orders, it processes the next round of bricks. The goal is to have the first bricks delivered and ready to start installing this summer.

Order forms are available at the Upper School. Or, you can download the form from the USJ website. The link is on the home page at www.usj.tn.org.

Each brick can have up to three lines of wording and 20 characters per line, including spaces and punctuation. If you decide to use a piece of clip art, you can have three lines of wording and 12 characters per line, including spaces and punctuation.

For more information, contact Teresa Henson at 731-664-5858.

Teague gives to football program

USJ's football team will be using new computer video equipment to analyze plays from other teams, thanks to a \$5,000 gift from Buffalo Bills football player Trey Teague and a matching \$5,000 gift from the National Football League.

"Instead of using pens and pencils, we'll have the computerized video analysis equipment in place," said Mickey Marley, USJ head football coach. "We'll watch teams that we play and do extensive analysis as we prepare for games."

Teague, Class of 1993, is the starting center for the Buffalo Bills.

Marley is grateful that Teague gave his former team \$5,000 and used the NFL's matching grant commitment to help USJ's football program.

"There's no doubt that while he is an NFL football player, his heart is still with us at USJ," Marley said. "He's been generous to make this contribution and to help us continue with our commitment to excellence."

Pictures of the past



Seniors of 1989 pose for the yearbook. Harbert Alexander Jr. and Anna Ames, lower left, were voted Most Talkative for the Class of 1990.



Middle School teachers Janice Baldwin and Jean Norville 15 years ago! (They haven't changed.) Cheerleaders, left, in the 1990 yearbook.



Looking for the latest information on USJ?

Just check out our web site at www.usj.tn.org. The web site's features include...

- An up-to-date calendar on athletic and other school events.
- Directions to out-of-town athletic events.
- Alumni news, including an on-line link to

change your address or send the school information about you.

- E-mail links to your favorite teachers and staff.
- Information on all aspects of the school, including curriculum and student honors.

State Champions!

The State Championship won by the boys baseball team capped off an excellent year for athletics at USJ!

The boys won the state championship for the fourth time in seven years when they beat Friendship Christian 9-2 in the finals.

In other spring sports...

■ Track and Field:

Freshman Katie Hayes finished 3rd in the one-mile race with a personal best time of 5:22:72. Senior Katie Brush finished fourth in the long jump and 400-meter run. Senior Ashley Evans finished 6th in the two-mile and 7th in the one-mile. Senior Robert Egan placed 7th in the 800 meter run with a time of 2:03:14.

■ **Tennis:** The girls tennis team, for the third year in a row, finished runner-up in the state.

"The overall success of the 2004-2005 athletic teams has been amazing," says Bob Wood, athletic director. Including the boys baseball team, seven varsity teams this



An excited baseball team rushes onto the field as the Bruins win the state championship. Leading the group, left to right, foreground, are Ryan Ross, Josh Liles, Hunter Garrett, and Andrew Long.

year made it to the final four in state tournament play.

■ The girls basketball team for the first time in history, played in the finals, finishing runner-up in the state.

■ Both the girls volleyball and girls soccer teams reached the state semi-finals for the first time.

■ Also finishing in the final four were the football team and girls golf team. Senior Natalie Edwards was the state golf champion.

We need help with addresses

Parents: If your child is away at college or is no longer living at home, please forward this newsletter and then contact us if your child has a new permanent address.



Alumni: Please keep us posted on changes of address. We're easy to reach...

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■ **Fax:** 731-664-5046

■ **Write:** USJ, Office of Alumni Services, 232 McClellan Rd., Jackson, TN 38305

■ **E-mail:** mary@reed-marketing.com

USJ ends a remarkable year of successes

When Upper School math students won a team first place and first place wins in every category they entered, it was another example of how USJ students continue to raise the bar on excellence.

Headmaster Steve Malone called the 2004-2005 school year "one of the most exciting years in the school's history."

The year began with excitement, he says, with the opening of the new Lower School and the introduction of uniforms. For the first time, all students were on one campus. Students and families welcomed the uniforms, which have added to the learning atmosphere on campus.

The year continued with more highlights, including...

■ Record numbers of students were

selected for All-State and All-Northwest choirs.

■ USJ performed two musicals for the first time in the second semester, including the operetta *Pirates of Penzance* that starred not only students, but teachers and parents, too.

■ Junior Nick Glover became the first student to win a national art award; his work will be on display this summer at the National Gallery of Art.

■ USJ had five National Merit students, once again more than any other West Tennessee school.

■ A record number of eight students were selected for Governors Schools this summer.

■ As we granted the wish of a young local boy by sending him to Disneyworld, USJ became the first Madison County school to participate in the Make-A-Wish Foundation.

■ Once again, USJ students finished first and second in the Regional Envirothon.

■ USJ fifth graders won the overall trophy for the elementary division in the West Tennessee Regional Science Fair.

■ Former USJ coaches Don Newman and Dan Rudesill were selected for the Madison County Sports Hall of Fame. Newman coached tennis and cross country during the 1980s and 1990s. Rudesill coached basketball at OHA from 1972-74.

■ Athletic Director Bob Wood will be inducted into the National High School Sports Hall of Fame on July 2 for his accomplishments as a tennis coach in Michigan. Wood started at USJ when his wife Kathy returned to USJ to teach mathematics.



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**Deadline for
pictures and news
for the next alumni
newsletter is
November 1, 2005.**

Blanket depicts school history

The Class of 2008 is accepting orders for USJ blankets that depict the school's history.

The blanket, designed by Upper School art teacher Libby Lynch, pays tribute to all of the periods of our school's history. Scenes include St. Luke's Church, where EDS had its first classes; the OHA buildings on Hollywood; old EDS buildings on Old Humboldt; school mascots; the seal; and the current campus.

"The blanket is a wonderful way to remember our school and would make a perfect gift for graduates, alumni, and other members of the USJ family," says Christian Haynes, who is helping to coordinate the project for her daughter's class.

The blankets are 100 percent cotton, machine washable, 58 by 61 inches, and full color tapestry. Price is \$65; add \$5 if the blanket needs to be shipped.

Make checks payable to USJ Class of 2008. Send to USJ, Attn: Rhonda Klipfel, 240 McClellan Rd., Jackson, TN 38305. For more information, call the Hayneses at 731-661-9947.

