Cardinal Newman Mission Statement

With origins dating to 1858, Cardinal Newman School, a diocesan, coeducational, college preparatory secondary school serving grades 7 through 12, exists for the purpose of providing Catholic education of the highest quality to children of residents of the greater Columbia community. With an emphasis on the Catholic tradition of education - strong academics, a dedication to service, and traditional Catholic, Christian values, Cardinal Newman School provides a safe and structured environment which challenges all students to achieve personal excellence in every way. Inspired by the community belief in divine providence and love, Cardinal Newman students will become self-disciplined learners who also demonstrate respect, integrity, responsibility, and a sense of justice as they prepare to live lives of truth, integrity, and fidelity—VERITAS, INTEGRITAS, FIDELITAS.
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Dear Alumni and Friends of Cardinal Newman School,

I am pleased to send this issue of Cardinal Matters to you for your reading enjoyment. It brings much good news of the accomplishments of the Cardinal Newman School Class of 2009, as well as a number of interesting articles on other happenings at our school.

Right now, during the summer, we are hard at work planning for the upcoming year and the future of Cardinal Newman School. We are adding a number of new things to our repertoire, including a HOUSE program for our Junior High Students, and we are focusing on providing our students with numerous opportunities to build leadership skills for both present and future use.

Perhaps the most exciting step of all is that our Bishop has approved the purchase of the property on Alpine Road for the new Cardinal Newman School campus. The property closing is scheduled to take place in August! Bishop Guglielmone also graciously granted our request to begin the capital campaign for the project – the “Our School – Our Children – Our Future” campaign. Our Honorary Committee has been formed, and our Steering Committee, chaired by CNS parents, Mariellen and Jim Deyling, has been meeting and planning throughout the summer.

Obviously, in these difficult economic times, all private schools face definite challenges. However, in a religious-based school like ours, those tough times present opportunities for us to demonstrate, in an even broader way, the mission of outreach and acceptance. The future, I believe, is strong for Cardinal Newman because we are a school that believes in and practices that outreach with measurable success.

Please know that all of us at Cardinal Newman School truly appreciate your continuing belief in and support of our Mission. Without the blessings provided by God and by you, we would not be where we are today, and we would not be moving confidently into the future. Know that we will continue to pray daily for you, and may our patron, John Cardinal Newman, continue always to bless you and your families.

I am sincerely yours in Him,

Jacqualine Kasprowski
Principal
Oh the Places They Will Go!
Class of 2009 Announce Their Chosen Colleges and Universities

Cardinal Newman School’s 2009 graduating class, a class of just 75 students, is truly extraordinary! These students were accepted to nearly 70 colleges and universities across the country, including Appalachian State, Clemson University, Emory University, The Catholic University of America, University of South Carolina and the United States Naval Academy.

In addition, 33% of the class scored above 1250 on the SAT, with 5% of the class scoring above 1400. One student made a perfect score on the SAT Biology Exam, and one student is a National Merit Scholar Finalist.

Along with these state-sponsored scholarship awards these students received additional merit scholarships from out-of-state and private colleges and universities to bring the total merit scholarship award value for the Class of 2009 to $4,346,891.00!

Hernan Adame-Ramirez
Undecided

Rahoul Vijay Ahuja
University of South Carolina
Honors College, Columbia, SC

Ashley Brooke Alexander
Clemson University, Clemson, SC

Luke Montgomery Allen
College of Charleston, Charleston, SC

Victoria Helen August
Clemson University, Clemson, SC

Carolyn Rosemary Barnick
College of Charleston, Charleston, SC

Michael Cedric Beaudoin
Clemson University, Clemson, SC

Evan Alexandra Black
University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC

John Robert Bolchoz III
United States Naval Academy, Annapolis, MD

Michael Calder Bolchoz, Jr.
Campbell University, Buis Creek, NC

Robert Gray Bonner
Clemson University, Clemson, SC

Nicholas Campbell Bozard
Presbyterian College, Clinton, SC

Robert Stokes Brewer
University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC

Derrick Emory Brit
Undecided

India Nate Broadwater
College of Charleston

Robert Stokes Brewer
University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC

Elliott Spencer Drayton
Presbyterian College, Clinton, SC

Elizabeth Sackie Eckstein
University of Dayton Honors Program, Dayton, OH

Rita Therezia El-Khabbaz
Francis Marion University, Florence, SC

Mariel-Ashlyn Georgianna Gatling
Southwest Virginia Community College, Richmond, VA

Georges Bellinger Davis II
University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC

Lauren Marie Delphia
University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC

Cathryn Briley Derrick
Columbia College, Columbia, SC

Julie Ann Diroff
Undecided

Brandon Lee Crisp
Francis Marion University, Florence, SC

Edward Gordon Dannelly
University of North Carolina–Chapel Hill, Chapel Hill, NC

Kristen Shea Darby
University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC

Benjamin Thomas Davis
University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC

Mark Louis Greenwood, Jr.
Undecided

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Presbyterian College, Clinton, SC

Charlton Mark Hinnant  
University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC

Johnie O’Neil Hodge  
Clemson University  
Calhoun Honors College, Clemson, SC

Megan Anne Kaple  
University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, AL

Zachary Evan Kline  
University of South Carolina–Aiken, Aiken, SC

Robert Chandler Kohn  
College of Charleston, Charleston, SC

Shelby Marie LeBlanc  
Undecided

James Davis Lemon  
Clemson University, Clemson, SC

Magdelana Maria Leon  
Columbia College, Columbia, SC

Katherine Ann Lighthart  
College of Charleston, Charleston, SC

Christine Renee Lutfy  
Undecided

Leslie Clare Lyon  
Winthrop University, Rock Hill, SC

Caroline Hunter Maass  
Clemson University, Clemson, SC

Stephanie Lee Marsha  
University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC

Caitlin Elizabeth McFarland  
Clemson University, Clemson, SC

Matthew Ducrest Melson  
University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC

Jacob Matthew Pruessner Motto  
University of Dayton, Dayton, OH

Lauren Victoria Nottoli  
University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC

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Capstone Scholar, Columbia, SC

William Archibald Rainwater  
University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC

Gregory Edward Regan  
University of Wyoming, Laramie, WY

Markel Bernard Robinson  
University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC

Mollie Burke Roe  
University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC

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David Robert Roth  
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Calhoun Honors College, Clemson, SC

Evelyn Gray Sexton  
Clemson University, Clemson, SC

Anna Marie Simonelli  
Winthrop University, Rock Hill, SC

Kaitlyn Lanier Smith  
Presbyterian College, Clinton, SC

Nathaniel Luken Smith  
University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC

Margaret Elizabeth Solomon  
University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC

Justin David Durant Southern  
Clemson University, Clemson, SC

Phillip Andrews Thompson  
University of South Carolina–Aiken, Aiken, SC

William Rush Tompkins  
Undecided

Adam Gabriel Touma  
Clemson University, Clemson, SC

Joanna Michelle Watson  
University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC

James Angelo Williams  
Washington and Lee University, Lexington, VA

Thomas Shepherd Winstead  
College of Charleston, Charleston, SC

Mary Elizabeth Hammond Womack  
Undecided

Ryan Paul Zurcher  
University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, IN
From Our Valedictorian and Salutatorian

Congratulations to Cardinal Newman School Class of 2009 Salutatorian Johnie Hodge and Class of 2009 Valedictorian Rahoul Ahuja! The two student leaders had the privilege of addressing their class during graduation services and this is what they had to share:

Johnie Hodge
2009 Cardinal Newman School Class Salutatorian

I’D LIKE TO WELCOME ALL OF YOU AND THANK YOU for coming here and watching us graduate; I don’t know a lot of you, but I’m hoping that some of these other people up here do, and we all appreciate your attendance; I thank Bishop Guglielmone, Sister Julia Hutchison, and the Cardinal Newman Advisory Board for coming up here and taking part in our graduation ceremony. I also would like to thank all of the faculty, staff, and parents who helped get us here, and I’d especially like to thank Coach Bolchoz for making sure my hair was the right length for this occasion.

So, here I am; our number two, the salutatorian, and as Jerry Seinfeld says “the first loser,” but I’d like to give myself a little more credit than that. The truth is, it came as a bit of a surprise to me that I was to be the salutatorian. I had already been awake for a few hours when Mrs. Dearhart called my house at 8:30 Tuesday morning and told me that Mrs. Kasprowski wanted to see me, the first thing that crossed my mind was that I was in trouble for something, even though I really couldn’t think of anything I had done wrong, but I usually don’t realize that what I do is wrong until somebody catches me. After hanging up the phone I quickly went and shaved the patchy beard I had been working on since school had ended a few weeks ago; just in case there was trouble, I wanted to show a little respect. As it turned out, the only consequence for my actions was having the opportunity to write and give this speech for all of you.

That being said, I am proud to welcome all of you the graduation of the most magnificent class that Cardinal Newman School will ever produce. One indicator of that is that the Pope named a new Bishop of Charleston just in time, so he could be here this year to give us our diplomas. Just being here with this class today is like looking into the face of God and seeing him smiling back and saying, “You are my most wondrous creation.” We also apparently got a million dollars more scholarship money than any other previous class. It is clear that this class has great potential for success, but before I go off on the future, which I really think is more Mr. Ahuja’s job later on, I’d like to sum up my experience at Cardinal Newman.

Aside from a little learning here and there, my time at this school has been hilarious, and I will definitely miss all you people except the ones going to Clemson. I got to know most of you pretty well, even though most of you don’t really know a lot about me. After all, I could probably count the number of people who have seen my house on one or two fingers.

Even at that, I have done and learned things this year that I never have before. I learned that “senioritis” is a real disease with doctors and medicine. This really hit me the last month of school when I just couldn’t force myself to look at a school book or study, but I guess this hit my classmates as hard as it did me.

Even so, I learned many things about what we all must do to keep living happy lives from here on out. So far most of us have led not sheltered, but fairly privileged lives; we’ve had most, if not all, of our basic needs provided for us, which is not a bad way to grow up, as long as we can make the transition to the real world and, hopefully, leave home and be successful enough that we don’t have to come back at least for our parents’ sake. That’s another thing, success, it is not always measured in money; while getting rich is important to many people, it should never be more important than finding something legal to do that you are passionate about and that makes you happy; money should be a pleasant side effect to this choice.

And so, class of 2009, if you don’t remember anything else about our final day together, I hope you remember this: Do not dwell on the past; do not only dream of the future, live in the present moment.
Rahoul Ahuja
2009 Cardinal Newman School Class Valedictorian

GOOD EVENING CARDINALS! Graduates, parents, alumni, and especially our honored guests: Bishop Guglielmone, Sister Julia, Father Boniface, the Cardinal Newman School Advisory Board, Administration, Faculty and Staff. Many thanks to all of you for being here with the Class of 2009 on this very important occasion. But up there, way in the back, are our most important guests: the ones to whom we really do owe all our love and accomplishments. The ones whose greatest wishes were to see us be successful, but also those whom we don’t really get to thank a lot: our parents. Thank you, for everything!

When I found out that I had to write this speech, I wasn’t really sure what to do, so the first thing that came to mind was to do what everyone else does: Google it! But then I realized it wouldn’t be original; it would not be what our class would normally do. Let me tell you now, we have defined Cardinal Newman as the Class of 2009! 2009 most definitely was quite a year! George W. Bush has seemingly disappeared from the world now, and Barack Obama was inaugurated as President. But you know what I think we really did this year that was different? We had the drive that it took, that hunger, to be noticed! I mean come on, what was last year’s class thinking, putting sand in the parking lot for a senior prank? How couldn’t you love the hundreds of balloons and miles of toilet paper in the hallways that OUR class did the last day of school, and let’s not also forget the entire class fighting each other with light sabers between classes? Yes, we dared to be different!

However, most importantly for us, 2009 is the year where we say our goodbyes to our high school lives. Really though, when we first entered high school, 12th grade was so far away, we had so many questions, and everyone around us was huge! Where are our classes? How will I ever figure my way around here? I couldn’t believe how big Jake Motto was! But after 4 years, everyone looks just a bit smaller, and we’ve grown a lot in many different ways. But do you know how we really changed? We gained power over ourselves. What we learned in the classroom, even though we may not have realized it or appreciated it, gave us power to control what influences us! Power over the elements of science, technology, language, and math that define us and our world. If we don’t know about the elements that control our lives, we have no true power! As we sit here now, we sit here changed because of our experiences and growth at Cardinal Newman, but even now, after all this growth, I still can’t believe how big Jake Motto is!

And think of all the great people that we met here! Who will forget David Roth, who was always full of school spirit and would encourage us to look at the positive? Who will forget Talley Lattimore climbing every tree imaginable, even one with no branches! And Megan Kaple because she asked me to mention her in this speech! Dr Johnie Hodge, the funniest guy I’ve ever met in my life! Everyone in our class has been recognized at some point, but why did we get recognized? Because we were unique.

Thus Class of 2009, I now come to my message to you for this amazing day. Throughout high school, everyone always wants to be accepted, to be given recognition by everyone else. But why couldn’t we be the ones that would accept others? We needed to stop fitting in and start standing out! That was the key, and we recognized that! I encourage you all to pick up the same drive that our class as a whole exemplified: to be unique, different, and to learn more about yourselves and others around you to know exactly how they influence you and how you can be a catalyst for change! Don’t allow yourselves to be stereotyped—to be put into a category like everybody else. I mean come on, I’d rather make my own stereotype than to BE stereotyped! When we step out of this building, people will want us for how we influence them, how we make them happy, not for how we fit in with their demands! So I tell you to TAKE RISKS—but when I say take risks, I don’t mean putting your reputation on the line, but putting yourself out there as someone whom people want to follow. And don’t be afraid to make mistakes along the way. Mistakes are a part of everyone, but trying to be like the best person in order to avoid mistakes doesn’t bring out you. Consider the words of Gandhi, who said: “Freedom is not worth having if it does not include the freedom to make mistakes.” “I want freedom for the full expression of my personality.”

I know for a fact that we are all ready to get out of here and enjoy our lives! But when we go out of here into the world, let’s get out there and do something! What do you really want to do? Are you just doing what will get you the most money or what everyone else is going to do? I hope not! Be you! Who knows, maybe I won’t be the doctor I envisioned and save the world from global warming after all, as voted by my classmates for superlatives because my personality expressed that desire. Each of you - Look at yourself, even if you have been influenced by your classmates, that inner-you is ready to launch your life into the spotlight, but it’ll only help you out if you take the risks!

And so ladies and gentlemen, I end this speech with a quote from one of the best villains in movie history: the Joker in his talk with the Dark Knight. In his words: Why so Serious Class of 2009? Go out; be you; it’s your world now! I want you all to make millions! But when I say to make millions, I’m saying several things! Invent a cure that will destroy millions of cancer cells! Find the next source of energy that is millions of times stronger than fossil fuels! Maybe you will be staring down the lens of NASA’s new telescope venturing millions of light years into new galaxies! Maybe you will find yourself sitting a mile high in the sky, controlling the stocks and dividends of millions of shareholders! To be successful, do what you feel is a million! Save the world, but I don’t want you to do it the way Bill Gates, Serena Williams, or Chuck Norris did; I want you to do it how Edward Dannelly, Julie Diroff, or Ryan Zurcher would! I encourage all of you to do the same. And my greatest wish is that we see each other as OURSELVES at our high school reunion 10 years from now because we made others look upon us as role models! Congratulations to each of you all, God bless you, and thank you!
Lauren Nottoli is known by all as being a reliable, talented, hardworking student. Her leadership skills in student organizations such as the National Honors Society, Student Council, Catholic Commission and the WINGS program are prime examples of how Lauren has proven herself to be a fine role model for her fellow students. In addition to her academic achievements, Lauren is also a talented athlete, participating in both Varsity Basketball and Varsity Tennis.

In August, Lauren will begin her college career as a Public Relations major (political science minor) at the University of South Carolina with hopes of someday working for a large political public relations firm or headlining a politician’s communications campaign. “The University of South Carolina has an outstanding Journalism/PR program and I truly believe I will be learning from the best and most knowledgeable in the field,” she states.

Lauren really embraced the Cardinal Newman experience, she states, “I am truly proud that I went to school at Cardinal Newman. CNS is a great place where many people have helped me to grow as a person and a student and I cannot begin to thank everyone for that.”

And her parents agree. When describing Lauren, they state, “Through [Lauren’s] leadership roles in her activities at Cardinal Newman, she has used these qualities and established character and strength. She has developed in a young woman who will take on the world with her heart and mind.”

Lauren will definitely take the lessons she learned at Cardinal Newman with her. She says, “Through the clubs, sports and academics CNS has offered me I have really discovered not only who I am, but I have also discovered who I want to be.”

During his time at Cardinal Newman David Roth has proven himself to be one of the most positive and encouraging members of his class.

While serving as an active athlete and member of Cardinal Newman’s basketball team in middle school, David was diagnosed with Marfan Syndrome, a disease in which the connective tissue of the body is defective and does not act properly. In David’s case, it meant an enlarged aorta, which put a swift end to his basketball days.

David states, “I have matured greatly over the years. CNS really helped me to appreciate community and good role models who invest in me and helped me to become a more humble and kind man of God.”

David reports to Clemson University in the Fall and when asked where he sees himself in the future, states, “Possibly in a foreign country doing mission work.”
Senior SPOTLIGHT

Class of 2009 Award for Volunteerism Recipient

**Emily Schulte** truly set the bar very high for her fellow classmates in the area of volunteerism by serving well over 200 hours of community service during her senior year!

The recipient of the Class of 2009 Award for Volunteerism states, “I feel really honored to have won this award. Service is very important to me and I truly enjoy doing many different service activities at church, at camp and other various places. I never find it to be a chore, and it is really cool for me to be able to help others.”

When Emily isn’t volunteering her time, she participates in several other extra-curricular activities including, Spanish Club, National Honors Society, Pep Club, Alpha Theta, WINGS and Soccer and Cross Country.

In her spare time, Emily loves a good practical joke! She tells us that the favorite moment of her senior year at CNS was the senior prank: turning the marquee on the School’s front lawn into a “For Sale” sign!

Emily is one of several Cardinal Newman seniors who will be making the Clemson University Calhoun Honors College their new academic home. She will be majoring in Architecture and hopes to pursue a career as an architect for the Peace Corps.

She states, “Retreat Commission was my favorite activity because it enabled me to minister to my fellow students and empower the younger generation of Cardinal Newman.”

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Evelyn Sexton is definitely a pace-setter among the senior class. She is an extremely active leader among her peers, participating in Pep Club, Spanish Club, Alpha Theta, WINGS and her favorite activity, Varsity Cheerleading. In addition to her involvement in extra-curricular activities, one of Evelyn’s greatest strengths is her willingness to support her fellow students in any way she can.

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Evelyn’s parents see the growth in their daughter, noting the self confidence she’s gained at Cardinal Newman as her greatest strength. They assert, “By being involved in clubs and school events, Evelyn was given the opportunity to interact with her peers and develop the skills needed to succeed. Her leadership skills strengthened as her involvement in these activities grew. This will certainly serve her well in the future.”

Evelyn will join her older sister Meredith, ’08 at Clemson University in the Fall and plans to major in Political Science.

Manus Christi Award (Hands of Christ) Recipients

The Manus Christi Award is presented annually at Cardinal Newman School to the student who, over the last four years has been the Hands of Christ in our community THROUGH REACHING OUT TO OTHERS IN MANY, MANY WAYS, INCLUDING WORK WITH Campus Ministry. The 2009 Manus Christi Award went to Senior Standouts: Leslie Clare Lyon and Evelyn Sexton.

**Leslie Clare Lyon** is truly a well-rounded student. During her time at Cardinal Newman Leslie Clare has participated in Varsity Soccer, French Club, Key Club, National Honors Society, WINGS, Honor Council and as a member of the Campus Ministry program’s Retreat Commission, Leslie Clare was able to really embrace her spiritual identity.

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Senior Athletes of the Year Award Recipients

These awards take the place of the “Heart of A Lyon” award that was originally presented only for football, and named in honor of James Lyon, Class of 2006. The Athlete of the Year Award, decided by a ballot of the entire coaching staff of Cardinal Newman School, represents the two people – 1 female; 1 male – that best exemplify through their work ethics, their attitudes, their love of their sports, their leadership, what coaches would like all athletes to strive for. The 2009 Senior Athlete of the Year Awards went to Senior Standouts: Victoria August and Thomas Winstead.

Victoria August exemplifies the true meaning of the term “student athlete.” Through participation in the National Honors Society, Student Council, French Club, Key Club, Tennis, Basketball and Softball, the senior has proven herself to be both and athletic and ACADEMIC powerhouse!

When speaking of her involvement in activities at Cardinal Newman, Victoria states, “I think the activities I participated in helped find things that I was talented at and really loved doing. I feel very fortunate that I was able to experience the type of education from Cardinal Newman that I did.”

Her parents agree, stating, “[We] feel that Victoria’s greatest strength is actually two-fold – drive and devotion. She has always been a very caring and driven child, working very hard at whatever she does. Her devotion stems from her faith and family heritage and is what drives her to strive for near perfection in all her projects and activities both in and out of school,” they add, “CNS has only strengthened her God given talents and we feel confident that her CNS education and life experiences have prepared her for a happy and successful future.”

While Victoria plans to attend Clemson University in the fall and major in mathematical sciences, she will not forget Cardinal Newman. She states, “All the friends I made and teachers that taught me will definitely have a positive impact on whatever happens in my future. Thank you Cardinal Newman for everything!”

Thomas Winstead is a member of a true “Cardinal Newman Family.” His aunts, uncles, brother and mother are all CNS graduates, so there was no doubt that Thomas would call Cardinal Newman School home.

During his time at CNS, Thomas has proven himself to be a natural athlete, excelling in football, basketball, wrestling and his favorite sport, soccer. He states, “I grew up playing it and something about it just clicked for me.”

The skills that Thomas learned from being a student athlete will take him far. His mother, Terri Rossi Boyle, ’81, states, ‘Thomas’ greatest strength is his ability to see the whole picture and apply a positive attitude to a challenge for the benefit of everyone involved. At CNS he learned that he is not the center of attention and taking care of his family and friends is important too.”

His love for soccer is getting him far, Thomas signed to play for the Charleston Cougars this fall.

2009 Salutatorian

One word can be used to describe senior Johnie Hodge—FUNNY! No one would ever have guessed that one of the greatest academics to come out of the Class of 2009 would also be its class clown!

Johnie is not only the Salutatorian for the Class of 2009, but also the recipient of the 2009 Scholar Athlete Award; Congressman Joe Wilson Award, and The Perfect “8” Award! What was Johnie’s reaction to winning all of these honors in his senior year? He says, “Receiving this recognition was a complete surprise, because before this year, I never seemed to win anything!”

Johnie’s academic and athletic achievements include: having the highest cumulative GPA of all student athletes; earning two varsity letters in three sports: football, wrestling and soccer; and having one of the highest averages in History, Government and Social Studies over a four-year period!

What does such an accomplished student want to do with his life? Johnie asserts, “I have decided to attend Clemson University’s Calhoun Honors College and I will major in bioengineering. [In ten years,] I see myself either fresh out of college with a PhD in some science related field and trying my hand in stand-up comedy, or still in medical school.”

While Johnie is quick to the punch line, he does speak seriously for a moment in saying, “My greatest memory is of all the great people, both students and teachers, who I came to know over my six years at CNS.”

2009 Valedictorian

While not the class clown, 2009 Valedictorian Rahoul Ahuja is also an unforgettable figure in the Class of 2009—and yes, quite the academic! The word that best describes Rahoul? FOCUSED!

His Dad states, “Rahoul values the long term perspective and stays focused on the future. Even two years before college would start, he was already thinking about where to apply and the best way to get into a good school.”

To become the well-rounded student that colleges and universities are working so hard to recruit, Rahoul not only worked hard academically, but also participated in many extra-curricular activities such as: Quiz Bowl, Spanish Club, Model United Nations, Varsity Tennis and Cross Country; National Honors Society, WINGS and Photo Club.

In addition to being awarded the honor of being the Class of 2009 Valedictorian, Rahoul also was the recipient of the Capital Plastic Surgery Scholarship; an award earned by the senior holding the highest average in both Science and Math over their entire high school years, and he joined fellow classmate Johnie Hodge in being awarded the Congressman Joe Wilson Award for possessing the highest averages in History, Government and Social Studies.

Rahoul will become a Gamecock in the Fall. He has decided to make the University of South Carolina Honors College his new academic home. He plans to major in Biology and follow in the footsteps of both his Mother and his Father and become a doctor.

“My greatest memory from my time at CNS is giving] my Valedictorian speech. It [was] like a quarterback kneeling at the end of a football game, where you’ve worked hard through four years [or quarters] you’ve missed a lot of opportunities, but after all your hard work and training, you and your team are victorious and are ready to move on to the next stage.”
Congratulations to the Class of 2009! We are extremely
Graduates

proud of you and wish you the very best. God Bless!
Cardinal Newman 2009–2010 Scholarship Recipients

Each year generous patrons make it possible for Cardinal Newman School to offer several scholarships to deserving students. Congratulations to the winners of the 2009–2010 Cardinal Newman School Scholarships.

**Bernard Neil Herbkersman Scholarship**
Provided by: The Herbkersman Family
Funds are awarded to students demonstrating a joy for living through active involvement in school and church.

**Griffin Darby,** 8th Grade  
**Jack McDonald,** 8th Grade

**Capital Plastic Surgery**  
Provided by: Dr. and Mrs. Gregory Sexton
$1,000 awarded to a graduating senior holding the highest cumulative GPA in math and science during their four high school years.

**Rahoul Ahuja,** 12th Grade

**Colite International Scholarship**  
Provided by: The Brown Family and Colite International, LTD.
$1,000 is awarded to two current 8th-11th grade students holding at least a “B” average and are active in two or more sports.

**Rachel Bruning,** 10th Grade  
**Griffin Darby,** 8th Grade

**Judith Felix Scholarship**
Provided by: Mrs. Judy Felix
This scholarship is awarded to a rising freshman who excels in English.

**Haley Claffy,** 8th Grade

**William C. Ehrhardt Scholarship**
Provided by: The Ehrhardt Family and Cardinal Club
This annual, merit based scholarship awards $1,000 to four students.

**Leila Heidari,** 11th Grade  
**Emily Hinnant,** 6th Grade – St. Joseph  
**Chelli Nottoli,** 10th Grade  
**Tommy Winterstein,** 10th Grade

Helping make a Catholic education more affordable for our children is one of the most important ways you can support Cardinal Newman and its mission of Forming Lives of Excellence in the Catholic Tradition. To learn how you can sponsor a scholarship for a deserving Cardinal Newman School student, please contact the Office of Development at 803.782.2814 ext. 24.
Two Cardinal Newman Families Receive Holy Family Award

Each year, a Cardinal Newman Family is awarded the Holy Family Award in honor of their service to Cardinal Newman School. This year, the award goes to TWO Cardinal Newman families!

**Grant and Jennifer Kaple**

Grant and Jennifer are parents to Cardinal Newman graduates Peter, ’07 and Megan, ’09.

Grant has helped Cardinal Newman by serving as a basketball coach and a long time member and officer in the Cardinal Club. Jennifer has assisted the PTO with auction support and served as the School’s bookkeeper.

**Mitch and Donna Watson**

Mitch and Donna Watson are parents to Cardinal Newman graduates Mary Katherine, ’03; Elizabeth, ’04; and Joanna, ’09.

Mitch has been a long time supporter of the Cardinal Club and recently ended his term as the athletic booster club’s President. Donna served the PTO for many years as an auction volunteer. Both Mitch and Donna have served on the School’s Advisory Board.

We would like to thank the Kaples and the Watsons for their commitment and dedication not only to Cardinal Newman School, but also to their belief in the importance of Catholic Education!
My House is Your House
Principal Jacqueline Kasprowski Adapts a British Program to Cardinal Newman School’s Junior High School Curriculum

“Hmmm – superior intellect; keen sense of humor; gifted artist – I think you belong in Bonaventure House!” said the sorting hat at the first ever ‘HOUSE Placement Ceremony’ for Cardinal Newman School Junior High students. This ceremony marked the beginning of a new concept for CNS that is designed to build acceptance, understanding, appreciation, camaraderie, team spirit, and leadership skills for the seventh and eighth graders.

The HOUSE concept actually has a long history in British schools, but it is certainly new to Columbia, South Carolina and Cardinal Newman School. The idea of implementing such a program actually came to Mrs. Kasprowski after hearing about a similar program her Indiana grandchildren were experiencing. After a semester of research, Mrs. K. approached Mrs. Laura Chambers, five year CNS veteran teacher, to become the Chancellor of the Cardinal Newman School HOUSE Program, and together they worked to design the CNS HOUSE Program model.

Under this program, the Junior High is, for lunch and free time, divided into eight HOUSES – each containing an equal number of seventh and eighth graders. Mrs. Chambers will serve as the administrator who directs the overall program. The leadership for each HOUSE consists of its “Head of HOUSE” [a CNS teacher], the HOUSE Chairmen [2 appointed eighth graders] and the HOUSE Service Chairman [one appointed eighth grader]. At the end of the first quarter, an additional leadership position will be added when a seventh grader in each HOUSE is appointed HOUSE Assistant Chairman. The HOUSES have been named for eight “Doctors (special saints) of the Church,” and they and their Heads are as follows:

- **St. Augustine House** – Mrs. Angel Allen
- **St. Teresa House** – Mr. Mikel Rider
- **St. Thomas House** – Mrs. Lauren Robeson
- **St. Bernard House** – Mr. George Kaupp
- **St. Anthony House** – Mr. Tony Haughey
- **St. Catherine House** – Mr. Patrick Greenwood
- **St. Bonaventure House** – Mrs. Liz Loeffler
- **St. Isidore House** – Mr. Hoppy Smith

The students and their teachers have embraced the program with great enthusiasm and are looking forward to its full implementation for the 2009–2010 school year, as are the entire administrative team, faculty, and staff. In Mrs. Kasprowski’s words, “We have high hopes that the HOUSE Program will give the Junior High at Cardinal Newman School the unique identity for which we have been searching, as well as provide excellent opportunities for learning, for healthy competing, and for lots of fun for the students.” Be sure to watch for HOUSE Program updates in future issues of Cardinal MATTERS!
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Cardinal Newman Students Attend Model UN Session

By Amy Wise Taylor
Reprint Courtesy of The Catholic Miscellany

A group of students from Cardinal Newman School in Columbia received a firsthand lesson on what it means to be part of the global community when they attended the Model UN Conference in New York.

Jacquie Kasprowski, principal, said 10 juniors and seniors were chosen to participate as representatives from Kenya in East Africa at the event held March 19-22.

“It was thrilling for them,” Kasprowski said in a phone interview with The Miscellany.

It was also a daunting task.

“They were very excited. This was the first year of United Nations at Cardinal Newman, so it was a year of intense learning,” said Laura Chambers. She teaches world geography and history and served as the UN moderator.

At the conference, students act as ambassadors from UN member states and debate current issues on the organization’s agenda. They make speeches, prepare draft resolutions, negotiate with allies and adversaries, resolve conflicts and navigate the rules of procedure. Their goal is to resolve problems that affect countries all over the world, according to the website, www.unausa.org.

And they only have four days to do it. “It was really interesting to actually see the way that the UN works and how difficult it is to agree on a resolution,” Joanna Watson, a senior on the trip, wrote in an e-mail to The Miscellany.

Some of the topics they discussed included disarmament, weapons in space, world health issues and rehabilitation for child soldiers in war-torn countries, Chambers said.

“I feel like after the trip I am more aware of what goes on around the world and how much cooperation [is] needed to fix global problems,” Watson wrote.

Courtney Poston, a junior, said the experience exceeded all her expectations. She explained in an e-mail that the group was overwhelmed at first, but said everyone was friendly and helpful and that the students adapted quickly to their roles.

“It was so interesting to watch all the delegations react with one another and hear everyone’s opinions,” Poston wrote.

It wasn’t all work for the students. Chambers said they visited a number of New York’s most famous spots.

They went to Ellis Island and looked over Manhattan from the top of the Statue of Liberty, and attended Mass at St. Patrick’s Cathedral.

As Chambers said, a trip to the Big Apple would not be complete without seeing a Broadway play, and the group was lucky enough to score tickets to “Phantom of the Opera.”

On a more somber note, the students walked around ground zero of the 9/11 terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center and paid their respects at the monument to the victims.

Each person brought home their own favorite memory. For Chambers, it was attending the opening and closing sessions at the UN General Assembly hall and voting on resolutions.

Watson wrote that the academic aspect of the trip was fascinating, but even more incredible for her was meeting people from around the country and the world.

Poston was intrigued by it all. “The best part was that we all were introduced to a new way of learning, one that was very different from the one we experienced in the classroom,” she wrote. “We learned about how countries deal with these types of problems by experiencing just what they go through ourselves.”

To vote as representatives of Kenya, the students had to understand the republic, where 33 percent of the population is Catholic.

Kasprowski said the students conducted an in-depth study of the country and wrote a position paper on the issues discussed at the United Nations.

Located along the coast of the Indian Ocean, Kenya is surrounded by power-stricken, war-torn countries including Somalia and Ethiopia.

Kenya has faced a number of daunting crises in its recent history which impact its concerns at the United Nations.

Flooding, epidemics of malaria and cholera, and ethnic fighting plagued the country in 1997–98.

Drought ravaged the country in 2006, and ethnic violence erupted again in 2007 following the charges of corruption in the presidential election.
A Day at the Storytelling Rock
Cardinal Newman 7th Grade Spends a Day with Local author Dori Sanders

Guest Writer: Abby Jackman, 7th Grade
Photos provided by Lauren Robeson

The Cardinal Newman 7th Grade Class had the privilege of spending the day with Dori Sanders on her peach farm in Filbert, SC. There they learned the inspiration for her novel Clover. Seventh grader Abby Jackman shares her thoughts on the experience.

“YOU WRITE ABOUT WHAT YOU KNOW. The New York Times said that my writing is very much the genuine item,” says Dori Sanders, author of the novel Clover. Her audience is a large group of Cardinal Newman 7th graders, who are seated on folding chairs, benches and even bales of hay.

Earlier that day, they had traveled two hours in Filbert, SC where Dori’s peach farm is located. The students, armed with jeans and sneakers, trekked through a swamp-like area toward the Storytelling Rock.

On the way they passed a large pond that was completely covered over green algae. When the middle schoolers finally reached the rock, they gathered around Dori Sanders who was seated in her “directors chair.” There, she told the group many stories, including how she used to visit the rock when she was a young girl. A little while later, they headed back to the peach stand.

“I kept waiting for a phone call,” states Sanders, “I couldn’t believe they were going to publish my book!” She went on to explain that she got her idea for her book from a passing funeral procession. In the procession, she saw a young black girl who waved sadly at her. A little while later, she spotted another procession, in which she saw an older white woman. She decided to make the young black girl Clover and the older white woman Sara Kate, the two main characters in her book.

I think Clover was a very well written and genuine book. Many events in Clover are realistic and could have happened in real life. Also, the plot of the story was very believable. When we went to the peach farm, it helped me visualize some of the events in the book. This field trip opened my eyes to how real this book is, and I’m glad we had the opportunity to go.

For more information on Dori Sanders, visit her website at www.dorisanders.com.
Six Basic Truths of Discipleship: Discipleship means following

By Father Jeffrey Kirby
Reprint Courtesy of The Catholic Miscellany

At a time when many struggle, it is imperative to remember what we, not only as human beings, but also children of God are called upon to do to help our fellow man. Father Jeffrey Kirby, the parochial Vicar at St. Mary Help of Christians Church in Aiken, shares his thoughts on the true meaning and importance of Discipleship. Father Kirby also served as the instructor for the Senior Theology Seminar course at Cardinal Newman during the 2008-2009 school year. Father Kirby will be attending Seminary in Rome this Fall. We wish him all the best.

OBEDIENCE. DEFERENCE. AUTHORITY. DOCILITY. These are nor popular words in our society. Our Culture has attached negative connotation to each of them.

Why? Each of these words, when properly understood, is a key to a deeper understanding of our discipleship. They can help us to better grasp what we are called to be as disciples.

In considering this state of affairs, I am reminded of people who seemingly know everything and do those who can't be told anything. I am also reminded, however, of the many more people who do show respect and obedience to others, especially those who have authority.

My memory is flooded with faces of friends and parishioners who show heroic deference and humility in their daily lives and in their relationships with others. What's the difference? What realities do these words have to offer?

One negative aspect of our culture is that we are all kings and queens in our own kingdoms. We are taught to be radically autonomous, independent and to rely on ourselves.

Other people are to be seen as a means to our goals, and any effort by someone else to change or correct us is to be seen as an affront to our dignity. God is avoided, or our understanding of him is adjusted to conform to our way of life.

Such a culture demand, however, cannot ever be fully lived. In attempts to live it, we only find ourselves isolated, spiritually alone, and removed from relationships and community.

Love becomes a distant reality, if not an abandoned idea seen as an outdated fantasy. Is this how we are called to live? Is this all that life has to offer us?

The redeeming quality of this cultural demand is that each of us are distinct persons, who have dignity and are called to an aspect of self-possession. Our self-possession however, is not meant to be an enthronement to ourselves, but is meant to empower and encourage us to engage, love and serve other people. It is meant to free us to receive the counsel and correction of others, especially those in authority. It permits us to approach the revealed God and allow his teachings to change us.

In this context, we can see how discipleship offers a complement and an enhancement to who we are as human beings.

As disciples, is any area of life, we are able to follow another, not in a slavish, self-destructive was, but in a very human, edifying way. We can be comfortable in following and trusting another, knowing that nothing good in ourselves is lost of diminished. Rather, by showing deference and docility, the good in ourselves is only increased and strengthened.

Discipleship means following another, and allowing ourselves to be open to becoming better people.
Coaches of the Year

Congratulations to our Spring Sports coaches for being recognized as SCISA Coaches of the Year!

Will Eudy, Boys Soccer
Steve Berzins, Girls Soccer
Doug Frye, Girls Softball
All Area Players of the Year!

Congratulations to the following students on being recognized as All-Area Players of the Year!

**Nick O’Rourke**, Boys Soccer

**Nazley Wilson**, Softball

Cardinal Club 1st Annual Year-End Celebration

The Cardinal Club hosted its first annual Year-End Celebration on June 5 at the Defender Services Clubhouse. Guests were treated not only to a great dinner and socializing with fellow members of the Cardinal Newman Family, but also to the opportunity to meet special guest speaker, Harold Nichols, Head Football Coach of Presbyterian College.

Let’s not forget the numerous opportunities for attendees to win DOOR PRIZES! Congratulations to the event night’s BIG WINNERS!

**$500 Cash Prize Winners**
- David Dean
- Jill Fuller
- Sisters of Charity Foundation Staff

**$1,000 Cash Prize Winners**
- Mary and Katherine Nahigian
- Carmella Roche
- Greg Sexton

**$10,000 Cash Prize Winners**
- Jim and Jacqui Desmond

The event was a huge success and the Cardinal Club would like to thank everyone for their support! The Cardinal Club commits to providing $80,000 to the School’s Athletic Budget EVERY YEAR. Your participation in and support of Cardinal Club events helps them meet their yearly goal. So please remember to support the Cardinal Club!
Young Alumni Spotlight:

Tripp Volk

Class of 2007

Many of you remember Tripp Volk as a member of the Varsity Swimming or Boys Tennis team. Many of you may remember him as the bright face whose contagious smile would always leave you doing the same. Or maybe you remember him as the extremely intelligent member of the National Honor Society who received Senior Academic awards in virtually every subject. No matter what you remember about Tripp, the 2007 alum is doing great things as he prepares for his junior year as a Business Administration major at Winthrop University.

Tripp was just elected Vice Chair of Student Council Leaders for Winthrop’s 2009-2010 academic year. He also serves as Treasurer of Alpha Lambda Delta Honor Society and is a member of the Students in Free Enterprise.

Tripp’s mom, Adele Volk Thomas states, “I was excited that Tripp was elected to this office. I believe being a Cardinal Newman graduate, participating in Palmetto Boys State and the Greater Columbia Youth Leadership Council helped him prepare for this role.”

Congratulations Tripp! Keep up the great work!

Would you like to be featured in the next Young Alumni Spotlight? If you are Cardinal Newman graduate still enrolled in a college or university and want to let parents, friends and your fellow alumni know your story, please send your story and photos to Felicia Easterlin, Director of Development & Public Relations at:

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You could be in the next Cardinal Matters Young Alumni Spotlight!
Alumni Creating Traditions & Memories

Second Annual Alumni Soccer Game!

A group of Cardinal Newman Alumni (and soon-to-be alumni) have started the tradition of an annual Cardinal Newman Alumni Soccer Game! This year’s match took place on Saturday, April 25, 2009 on the Cardinal Newman athletic field. April’s game marked the second year these alums came together.

Pictured L to R: Michael Hodaly, ’11; Bryan Dwyer, ’06”; Matt Winstead, ’06; Chris Scott, ’05; Jon Richardson, ’03; Jake Rotreau, ’99; Kevin Graves, ’89; Sam Hall, ’05; Brian Robinson, ’05; Frank Giomi, ’05; Ian Root, ’04; Kevin Jones, ’01; Jerry Campanero [CNS Girls Assistant Soccer Coach]; and David Palevich.

(Photo Provided by Terri Rossi Boyle, ’81.)

Class of 1982 Annual Beach Trip!

Members of the class of 1982 get together for an annual beach trip. The group wanted to share a photo of this year’s trip. They were joined by Terri Rossi Boyle, ’81. Terri’s sister Bobbi Lynn Rossi was a graduate of the Class on 1982.

Front row L to R: Julie Riddle Price, Sharon Kuta Lewis, Terri Rossi Boyle, Penny Stowe Thomas
Back Row L to R: Kim Bailey McMillan, Melanie McLean Michel, Carol Gillespie Doonan, Bridget Felix Kneece, Dany Felix Williams, Lynn Morris, Laura Edens Gazecki.

(Photo Provided by Terri Rossi Boyle, ’81.)

1988 and 1989 Alums Have Their Own Mini-Reunion!

A few members of the classes of 1988 and 1989 got together for a “mini” class reunion in June. Among the Cardinal Newman Alumni to attend were: Jack Dunn, ’88; Mitch Goodwin, ’88; Kelly Powers, ’89; Lisa Davis Harrington, ’88; and Leslie Davis, ’88.

(Photos provided courtesy of Lisa Davis Harrington, ’88)

Are you and your classmates starting your own class traditions? Share them with us! Please send your story and photos to Felicia Easterlin, Director of Development & Public Relations at:

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Come out and reunite with old friends, make new friends and cheer on the Cardinals during the

**Cardinal Newman Homecoming and Alumni Reception!**

Friday, October 2, 2009

Tailgating begins at 6:00 PM  
In the Cardinal Newman Cafeteria

The mighty Cardinals take on  
Porter Gaud at 7:30 PM

And the Alumni Reception begins at  
9:00 PM in the School Meeting Room

Don’t miss a night of great friends, great food and great memories.  **GO CARDINALS!**

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**RSVP Form**

☐ YES! We plan to attend the Alumni Reception!

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I am a member of the Cardinal Newman Class of ____________!

Please contact **Geralyn Ferguson, ’83** at (803) 782-2814 for more information.

*Please complete the RSVP form and submit it the Alumni Office no later than, Friday, September 25, 2009. RSVP forms can be mailed to: Cardinal Newman School • Alumni Office • 4701 Forest Drive • Columbia, SC 29206*
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Reunion News

CNS 1999
The Class of 1999 will hold its 10-year class reunion on Saturday, September 26, 2009 at 6:30 PM at Blue Marlin in the Vista. Please contact Brooke Dixon at (843) 340-6416 or bdixon@trojanlabor.com if you have question or need more information on the event. Cost is $20 per person [Cash bar]. If you can not attend, but would like to make a donation to the event, please contact Brooke.

Class News

1975 and 1983
Brothers Scott Boling, ’75 and Karl Boling, ’83 are living in Lawrenceville, GA and currently own and operate Summit Painting, one of North Georgia’s premier paint companies and service clients all around the southeast.

2000
Jennifer George is living in Charlotte, NC and is currently working at The NASCAR Foundation as its Marketing Coordinator.

2001
Kevin Coco graduated from the College of Charleston in 2005 with a BS in Business Administration and a BS in Hospitality and Tourism Management. He and his wife Beth now reside in Greenville, SC where he is a National Accounts Manager for Portico Systems, a commercial flooring company and his wife is a veterinarian.

Bundles of Joy
Congratulations to Sean Waldo, ’94 and wife LaToya on the arrival of their second son, Greyson Chance on March 17, 2009. The Waldo Family has a two year old son, Tyler Christian, who as you can see is a very happy BIG BROTHER!

If your family is celebrating the arrival or expecting the arrival of a new baby, let us know! E-mail announcements to gferguson@cnhs.org.

IN MEMORIAM
May our good and loving God grant these men and women eternal rest and peace.

Robert T. Knuckley ’66

Relatives of Alumni
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Have you read an article in Matters that really touched or motivated you? Or just want to let us know what you think of the publication? WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU! Submit your comments and opinions to us. Your letter could be featured in the next issue of Cardinal Matters.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

August 17, 2009  First Day back for Students in Grades 11 and 12
August 18, 2009  First Day back for Students in Grades 8 and 10
August 19, 2009  First Day back for Students in Grades 7 and 9
August 26, 2009  Back to School Night
October 2, 2009   Homecoming
November 1–3, 2009  Alumni Homecoming Reception
                   KAIROS Retreat

If you would like more information on any of these events, please contact Cardinal Newman School at (803) 782-2814.

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