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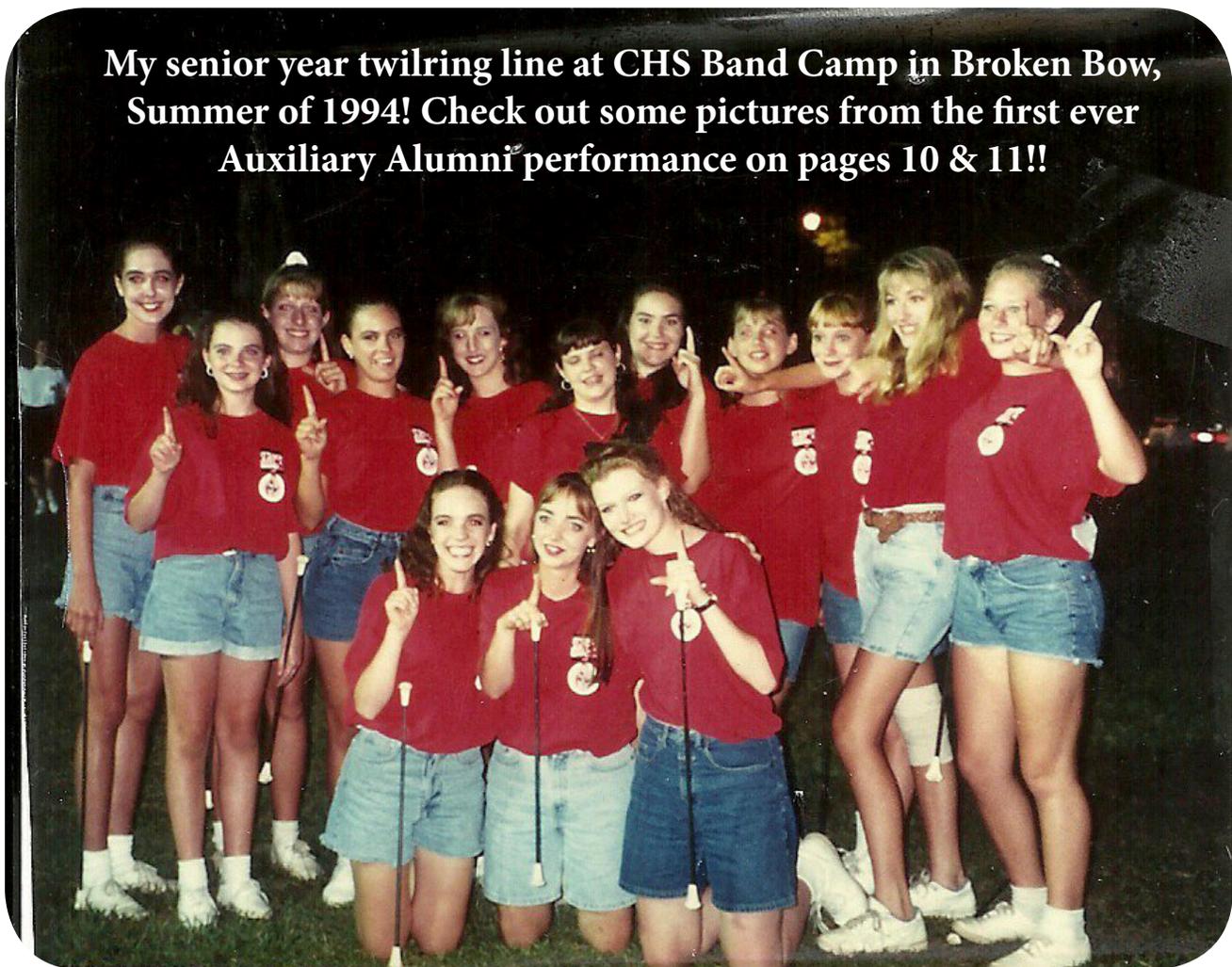


Dear Alumni and Friends,

What fun to celebrate success from our Carthage schools! Did you know that the Class of 2001 produced at least six medical doctors? You can find out about them in this edition of Connections! We know you will also enjoy connecting with the class reunion pages, and don't miss the Timeline which features fashion through the decades at Carthage schools. How often have you thought that if you had just held on to some of your clothes from your school days, that you could sell those pieces for a pretty penny today! It's funny how it all comes back around. We invite you to keep coming back around as a member of our CISD Alumni Association.

Proud to be a Bulldog,
Gina Sue Rogers Bradley, Class of 1995

My senior year twirling line at CHS Band Camp in Broken Bow, Summer of 1994! Check out some pictures from the first ever Auxiliary Alumni performance on pages 10 & 11!!



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ON THE COVER:

Butch gets a wellness check and the all-clear from the CJHS nurse, Iris Pace

{UPCOMING DATES}

Class of 2020 Graduation..... May 29, 2020
Contact School for more information
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Class of 1995.....25th Reunion, October 10, 2020
Carthage Country Club
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If your class is having an upcoming reunion, please contact Gina Sue Bradley so we can get your reunion in our newest edition of Connections!
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CONNECTING WITH DOCTORS OF THE CLASS OF 2001



Ross Bland, M.D., practices radiation oncology in Monroe, LA. After receiving his Bachelor of Science in Computer Science and Electrical Engineering from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 2005 and his Master of Engineering in Electrical Engineering from MIT in 2006, he earned his Doctor of Medicine from UT Southwestern Medical Center in 2011 followed by his Radiation Oncology Residency at UT Southwestern Medical Center in 2016. Ross chose “radiation oncology because I found cancer medicine interesting, and I wanted to provide hope for cancer patients. My background in physics and engineering has been particularly useful in this specialty that uses radiation to treat cancer. I can’t imagine a job I would enjoy more. The cases are challenging and interesting. I enjoy getting to know the patients and helping them in one of the biggest battles of their life.” Ross also says that “coming out of Carthage High School, I was sufficiently prepared to

compete with students from all over the world at MIT, many of which had come from larger, more prestigious high schools. I am thankful to Carthage High School for the start it gave me in a long educational journey.”

Mary Kendall Thoman Parker, M.D., is a Dermatologist at Snyder Dermatology in Austin, Texas. She attended medical school at The University of Texas Medical School - Houston, McGovern School of Medicine and completed her internship in internal medicine and dermatology residency at Washington University in St. Louis where she served as chief resident. She says, “I chose dermatology because I could see a variety of patients of different ages, perform surgery, and establish long term relationships with my patients. I also like dermatology because it is very specialized and many specific systemic diseases manifest with skin findings. I perform skin checks for early skin cancer detection and treat chronic skin diseases like eczema and psoriasis.” She continues by sharing, “I love what I do and treat my patients how I would want my family members treated. I practiced in Houston for four years before I moved to Austin, and many of my Houston patients still make the drive to come see me now for their dermatologic care. I consider it a privilege to be a physician and can’t imagine having any other career besides also being a mother.”



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Queenie Williams Wilkins, M.D., serves as Pediatric Anesthesiologist, Chief of Surgery, and Medical Director at HCA Houston Healthcare – Pearland. Queenie pursued her degree at the University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston. She says she “attended an airway workshop in medical school and became interested in anesthesiology. I felt like it was ‘magic’ to put someone to sleep and wake them up when you want. In addition, I liked the idea of having a job where I could leave work at work.” She enjoys her job because “I love kids! When taking care of children, you can’t help but to be happy. Regardless of what’s going on in your personal or professional life, seeing the children in the pre-operative area just brightens your day. I tell all the parents that I treat their kids like they’re my own. Anyone that works with me knows I don’t play about my kiddos. They’re all mine!”



Matthew P. Soape, M.D., is a Gastroenterologist in Lubbock, TX. He earned his degree from Texas Tech Health Sciences Center School of Medicine in Lubbock, TX. Matt says that “GI has given me the opportunity to build relationships with my patients over their lifetime. I enjoy performing procedures that save people from invasive surgeries and bringing smiles to their faces when I help them.”



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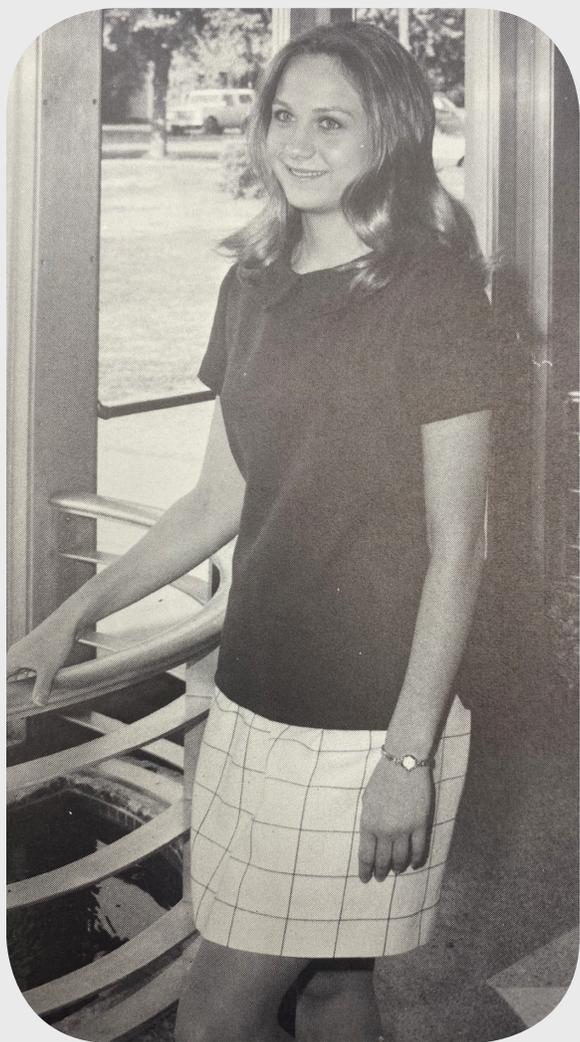


Brandy Noles-Akin, Pharm.D, received her Doctorate of Pharmacy from the University of Texas at Austin. She is currently a staff pharmacist at Wal-Mart in Carthage, TX. She says, “My interest in math and science led me to the field of medicine. I am grateful that my career in pharmacy allows me to share my knowledge and help others by promoting overall health and well-being, educating my patients, and assisting them in finding the most effective and affordable medication for their individual needs. I truly enjoy my day to day interactions with patients, and I also appreciate that I have ample family time to spend with my husband Nolan and two children Greyson and Lyla.”

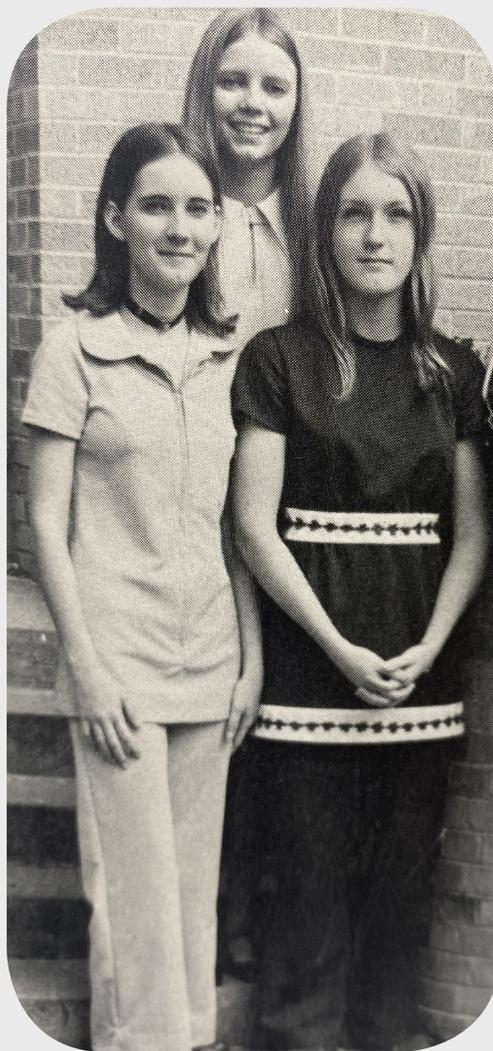
Sarah Saxon, M.D., is a Facial Plastic and Reconstructive Surgeon. Sarah owns Saxon MD Facial Plastic Surgery, PLLC and the medical spa Breathe Wellness, PLLC Education with locations in Austin and Dallas. Sarah received her Bachelor of Arts in Biology and Sociology with a Chemistry minor from Baylor University; then she went to medical school at the University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio which she followed with her Residency at Otolaryngology Head and Neck Surgery through the University of New Mexico and her Fellowship with Facial Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery, Boston University. Sarah shares, “I’ve always been fascinated with the face. As an art student at Carthage High School, my favorite subject was portrait drawing of all shapes and sizes. Everyone’s face is unique, and the anatomy is very complex. It can be challenging to treat some problems, but I can do this using a combination of improving skin quality, making structural changes, and improving function. Oftentimes, my patients come to see me in major life transitions. They may be looking for a new job, going through a divorce, about to get married, or just simply deciding to finally treat themselves after years of taking care of other people. I love seeing each patient’s personality and confidence emerge as we work together.”



DID YOU KNOW?



1969



1971

Carthage school dress code mandated that girls wear skirts until the school year 1970-1971. In the Fall of 1970, ladies could don pants, but only in the form of pant suits. No pants without a matching suit top and certainly no blue jeans or shorts were allowed! “Skorts were not ok either,” says Sherry Lafollette Brewster. “I got sent to my Daddy (then CHS Principal Metz Lafollette) for wearing one.”

TIMELINE : FASHION TRENDS

1960s

Peter Pan Collar



1980s

Shoulder Pads
and Big hair



1970s

Bell Bottoms



THROUGH THE DECADES

2000s

Jeans and Flip Flops



Inadvertently, our Carthage Yearbooks feature fashion trends every year. As we began a new decade in 2020, this timeline takes a little look back at some fashions of the decades. Of all the trends that come and go and come and go again, maybe big hair can just belong “totally” to the 80s.



1990s
Plaid

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AUXILIARY ALUMNI PERFORMANCE FALL 2019



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THE CLASS OF 1969



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THE CLASS OF 1999



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Membership is open to all graduates of CHS, Turner, their spouses, faculty, staff, former students, and friends of CISD. Your dues will pay for the cost of mailing the newsletters and help with the cost of the Distinguished Alumni reception.

Name _____

Maiden Name _____

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Zip _____

Graduation Year _____

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