

# The Academy Review



## Message from Head of School

The 23-24 school year is an exciting time for LaGrange Academy. We are constructing a new academic building, updating our current facilities, and, most notably, focusing on re-engaging with the LaGrange Academy family, current and past. We want to ensure that our history remains part of our future, including the people who helped shape our amazing school into what it is today.

Sincerely,  
John M. Mehaffey Ph.D.

## Construction

In August we began the construction of our new academic building, starting with the demolition of the old Admin Building. The front office has relocated to the Media Center. Our admin has relocated to the Pennebaker Learning Center/ Brainjogging house down the street. We will begin the grading and construction of the new building before the end of December.



## State Playoffs

Our Varsity Volleyball team had an excellent year. As a result of key back to back wins vs. long time region foe Oak Mountain and a 13-7 record our girls finished the season ranked #6 in the state and a playoff birth. They went on to beat Mons. Donovan in the first round before ultimately losing to Highland Christian Academy in the Quarterfinals.



# WHAT'S COMING SOON

LaGrange Academy's  
**Fall Festival**  
Friday, October 20th  
4:30 - 6:30

Extra Tickets  
10 for \$5

Rain Date  
TBD

Community Event - Open to all

**Wristbands - \$15 each or  
\$50 max per Family/Household**

5 tickets included with the purchase of each wristband

Wristbands  
Include:  
Unlimited Outdoor  
Games, Inflatables,  
Face Painting, and  
Train Rides

Also Enjoy:  
Cake Walk (1 ticket)  
Haunted House (1 ticket)  
Dunk Booth (1 ticket)  
Costume Contest with  
cash prize for winners!

Food and drinks will be available to purchase

PREORDER YOUR WRISTBANDS BELOW

## Fall Festival

10/20 from 4:30-6:30

Join us for a night of family fun. We will have a haunted house, dunk booths, costume contests, train rides, face painting, games, and more.

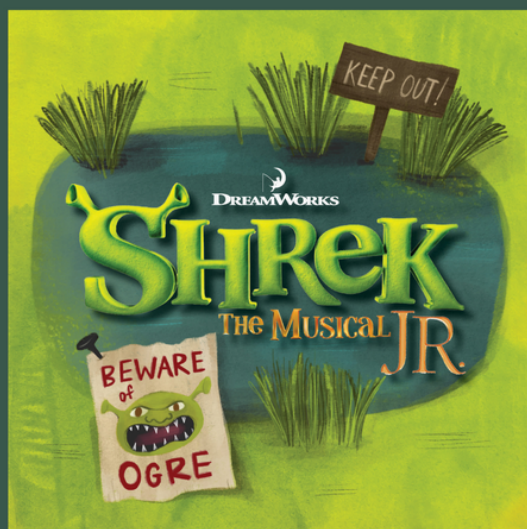
**Preorder  
your wrist  
bands today**



## Shrek the Musical 4/19-4/20

What's up Duloc? Have you heard the news? Shrek and all his fairy tale friends are coming to LaGrange Academy this April! The LaGrange Academy Theatre Department is proud to announce its production of Shrek The Musical Jr.

LaGrange Academy Theatre Department presents



## Basketball Season



Basketball season starts soon. Our teams begin practice on 10/16 with games that will quickly be upon us. This season, we will live stream our games on the NFHS network for the first time. If you want to advertise on our TV/Livestream or purchase a patron spot, please contact:

CharlesParker@LagrangeAcademy.org

# ALUMNI NEWS

## Chris and Lucy Wynne 01'

Chris and Lucy Wynne, class of 2001. Chris is a Producer for Mallory Agency, and Lucy is a Toddler Teacher at First Presbyterian Church Montessori Preschool and Kindergarten. They moved back to LaGrange from Atlanta in 2012. Payton (13) is in the 7th grade, and Addie (10) is in the 4th grade at LaGrange Academy. Lucy learned in September 2022 that Coach Parker (her former softball coach) had kidney failure and needed a kidney transplant. She felt that God put it on her heart to go through the process of seeing if she would be a match for Coach Parker. She was a perfect match and gave Coach Parker her kidney on May 19, 2023. Lucy and Chris both volunteer at SouthCrest Church. Chris serves as an ambassador for the West Georgia Auburn Alumni Club. Lucy volunteers as the Counselor Liaison for Good Sam Ministries. The Wynnes serve as a host family for Safe Families and have had the opportunity to host two little girls and provide respite care for three other children.



## Maya Turner 18'

Maya graduated from Savannah College of Art and Design with a bachelor's in visual communications. I am currently getting my master's in art education at LaGrange College while working as an art teacher here at LaGrange Academy.

## Oluwamayokun "Mo" Oshinowo 13'

After leaving Lagrange Academy, Mo enrolled at the Georgia Institute of Technology, receiving his Bachelor of Science in Biomedical Engineering with a premedical and biomedical sciences concentration in 2017. As a result of his multi-directional experiences with research/lab work and his volunteering experiences at Children's Healthcare of Atlanta (CHOA), where he tutored hospitalized children in math and science, he sought to pursue a joint MD and PhD degree. Mo is currently an MD/Ph.D. student at the University of Systems of Georgia's MD/Ph.D. program, where he is undergoing his medical training (MD) at Medical College of Georgia at Augusta University and will receive his Ph.D. from the joint department of Biomedical Engineering at Emory University and Georgia Institute of Technology. Mo's ambition is to integrate engineering and medicine to develop new therapeutics and diagnostic devices, aiming to improve patient care directly and indirectly through his practice of medicine, medical research, and volunteerism.



# THE ACADEMY REVIEW



## FREE ALUMNI REUNION & DINNER

December 16, 2023

## Alumni Reunion

We are excited to invite all of our alumni back onto our campus for an afternoon of socializing, basketball, and dinner provided by Jamie and Melissa Keating. You are not required to play basketball to attend. The event is entirely free; however, we ask that you RSVP. You can RSVP at [Http://bit.ly/LAAlumniReunion](http://bit.ly/LAAlumniReunion). The link can also be found on our Facebook and Instagram.

In September, LaGrange Academy was named by the AP College Board to the AP School Honor Roll. We have been given the distinction of Platinum, their highest honor. To qualify, schools must meet strict guidelines based on the 2024 graduation class: **80%** must have completed at least 1 AP course, **50%** must have achieved a score of 3 on at least one AP exam, **15%** must have taken at least 5 AP classes throughout high school. As a school, we far exceed those requirements: **100%** have experienced an AP class, **100%** have scored a 3 or more, and **71%** have taken 5 or more AP classes.



<https://bit.ly/LAContribute>

We are excited to announce that we have completed the bid process and chose Torrance Construction Company as our General Contractor. They have completed over 250 school projects in the Troup County area over the last 40+ years. They quickly began the construction process, removing the Caldwell Harman Administrative House. In addition, as part of a separate initiative, we will soon start the installation of a new roof on Founders Hall. To donate to the capital campaign, follow the QR code above or visit <https://bit.ly/LAContribute>. You may also visit the same link or QR code to pledge; under the donation schedule, change the selection from one-time to monthly.

The Annual Fund is essential to our school's success as it provides us with the resources we need to maintain our high standards of academic excellence and to offer our students the best possible educational experience. Your donation will help support our academic programs and extracurricular activities such as athletics, arts, and clubs. In addition, we can maintain and update our facilities to ensure students are in an environment that promotes strong academic success. Every gift, no matter how small, makes a difference. Please consider donating to the Annual Fund today.



To Donate, go to:  
<https://bit.ly/annualfundla>