

# 2013

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Candid taken during Camelot's 20th year, 2002-2003.



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Whole School Photo 2002

# New and Noteworthy in 2012-2013

## CAMELOT ACADEMY'S 30<sup>TH</sup> YEAR

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*Every year brings new teachers, new students, new challenges, and new opportunities to the Camelot community, and this, the thirtieth year, was no exception. The 2012-2013 school year brought many changes, including:*

- The rental of a new Specials Building
- The arranging and use of a new rooftop senior lounge
- The forging of a new walking path through the yard
- The founding of the Alumni Association
- The purchase of a second (full-length!) bus
- Record-breaking international student enrollment



Students practice a dance routine for graduation. Photo taken by current staff member Krista Moll. Back, L to R: Lyn Mattox, Jenna Smith, Grace Balk. Front, L to R: Fiona Castorina, Zachary Milkereit, Sarah Fauver.

# Camelot Through the Years...

## Pre-Camelot

Camelot's founding principles are inspired by Thelma's two mentors: her father, Christopher De Carlo, and her professor, Julian Stanley.



Julian Stanley and Thelma De Carlo-Glynn 2005.

## 1982

Thelma DeCarlo starts Camelot, at first as a supplementary experience for kids enrolled at other schools. Tutoring, Saturday classes, and summer camps spread excitement and the Camelot name across the Durham area.

## 1983-1984

First regular school year, serving a grand total of 19 students in a building on Roxboro Road.

## August 1984

Mr. Mike Glynn joins Camelot as a teacher.

## 1986

Thelma De Carlo and Mike Glynn marry.

## 1987

Camelot leaves the Roxboro Road building and relocates to Mangum Street, but only for a short time. The new building is quickly outgrown, and Camelot expands to use both buildings.

## 1988

The first graduating class of Camelot Academy.

## 1990

The Proctor Street building is purchased. The Glynn family lives upstairs while classes are held downstairs.

## 1992-1993

Camelot Academy celebrates its 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

## Summer 1993

The Glynn family moves out of the Proctor St. building to make room upstairs for a growing student body.

## 1995

The school becomes nationally accredited by NIPSA (National Independent Private Schools Association).



pictured: Whole-school photo, Fall 1984

## May 1996

The largest-ever Camelot graduating class (seen at right), with a whopping 21 students, receives diplomas.

## 2002-2003

Camelot Academy celebrates its 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Also, to commemorate the occasion, a variety of Merit Scholarships are established to make a Camelot education accessible to academically gifted students in the area.

## August 2009

Camelot student body reaches the much anticipated 100-student mark.



## Spring 2009

Camelot hosts its first Semiformal Dance, which has since grown into one of the school's most highly anticipated annual events.



## 22nd of August, 2012

Camelot kicks off its 30th year with a bang. Students and teachers watch Camelot (the musical) together and get a rare opportunity to hear a more complete history of the school than is normally given during orientation.

## 25th of May, 2013

Camelot's 26th graduating class walks across the stage at the Carolina Theater, and the student body says goodbye to the school's 30th year.

## 5th of June, 2013

Camelot launches the Alumni Association at a cozy dinner party comprised of some of Camelot's oldest friends as well as members of the most recent graduating class.

**From year one**

**TO YEAR**

**30**

# A (School) Day in the Life of a Camelot Student

Camelot Alums: See how far our course offerings have come! With a record-size student body and faculty as well as increased opportunities for study off-campus and online, Camelot is offering more options to its students than ever before.

## Math:

Math is still the most individualized subject at Camelot, spanning subjects from an intro to counting, to basic arithmetic operations, to Algebra I and II, Geometry, Precalculus, Statistics, and Calculus.

## Science:

Recent adventures in the sciences include Physics experiments at an ice skating rink and visits to Duke Hospital to witness surgeries live on a Duke University projector screen.

## English/Language Arts:

Diverse and challenging reading lists, trips to the DPAC to see class books come to life onstage, and the option of AP courses make the English Department more vibrant than ever.

## History:

Students study everything from US and World History, to history *in the making* in Civics and Current Events, to the inner workings of our government in AP Gov.

## Foreign Languages:

With the aid of several multi-talented staff from around the world and our own parent community, students choose between Spanish, French, German, Latin, and ESL for our record number of international students. Mandarin is also taught TO students BY students after school and during the summer.

## Sample Schedule of a 2013 Senior

### Homeroom

### Morning Meeting

1st Period: Honors Introduction to Philosophy

2nd Period: Independent Study: Yale Open Courseware: American Lit. Since 1945

### Snack Break!

3rd Period: Honors Calculus

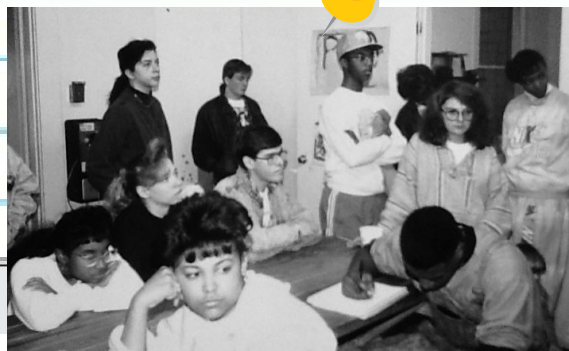
4th Period: Honors Physics

### Lunch!

(ordered in from local restaurants)

5th Period: Specials: PE, Drama, Art, Vocal Ensemble, and/or Instrumental Performance

6th Period: Honors Advanced Spanish Conversation and Composition



Candid of students working during the late 1980s.

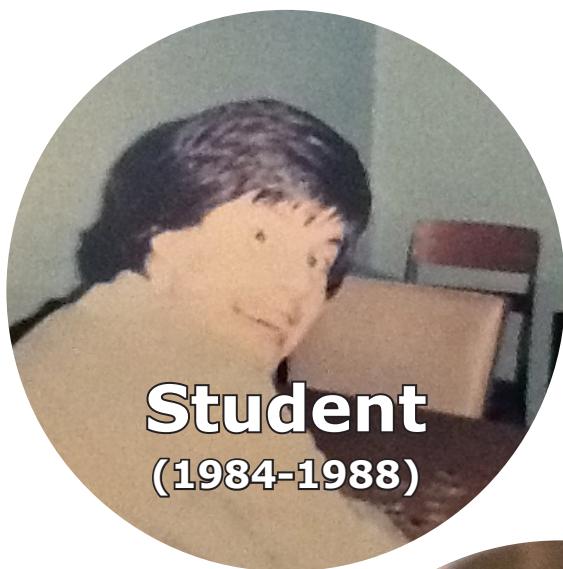
# Life of a Camelot "Lifer"

*Camelot prides itself on the high level of involvement and teamwork of all the members of our community:*

## **Teachers, Parents, Students, and Alumni.**

*Some of our community members fall into more than one of these categories. Several teachers, both past and present have also been parents of students; some graduates have returned to the Camelot routine as teachers. But in Camelot's 30-year history, only one person has ever worn every single one of these hats:*

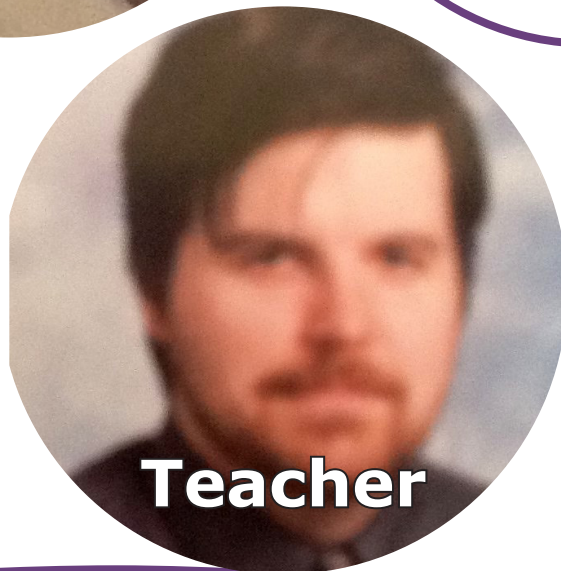
### **Meet Brennan Stephens.**



**Student**  
(1984-1988)



**Alum**  
Class of '88 (1st class!)



**Teacher**



**Parent**

# Check Out Some of our Student "Lifers," Too!

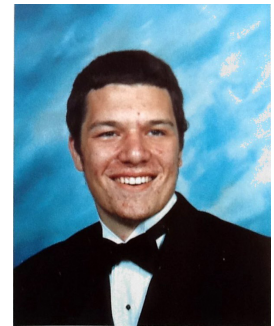
Students who spent their entire K-12 careers at Camelot



Brandi Creech (2001)



Joanna Bare (2003)



Greg Glynn (2005)



Rita Glynn (2009)



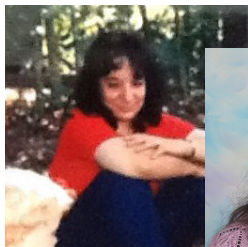
Megan Rusconi-Warner (2013)

# 2012-2013 Staff...

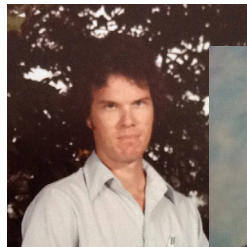


Scott Mitchell, Matt Wilhelm, Glenn Mehrbach,  
Judith Kuegler, Jill Sugg, Paul Creel, Kim Holt, Krista Moll,  
Dan Hill, Amanda Fox, Erin Grady, Jenny Feaster, Regina Stehlik,  
Mike Glynn, Lori Hilliard, Beth Wray, Wendy Morris, Theresa Fischer, Thelma DeCarlo-Glynn,  
Michelle Banal, Roni Peterson, Amy Cummings, Lynne Creel

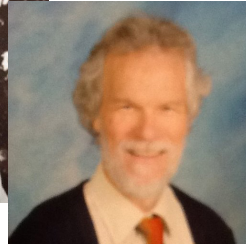
## ***Longest Standing Staff Members:***



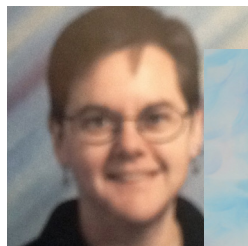
**Thelma De Carlo-Glynn**  
Founding Director



**Mike Glynn**  
Properties Manager, Co-owner



**Scott Mitchell**  
Director of Admissions



**Lori Hilliard**  
Upper School Science Teacher



**Wendy Morris**  
Office Manager



**Michelle Banal**  
Middle Grades Teacher



## **Dot Kohlbach**

Joined 1983  
Camelot's "first hire"  
Teacher/ Office  
Manager



## **Melanie Mitchell**

Joined 1991  
Lower School  
Coordinator/ Jr. MAPP  
Teacher



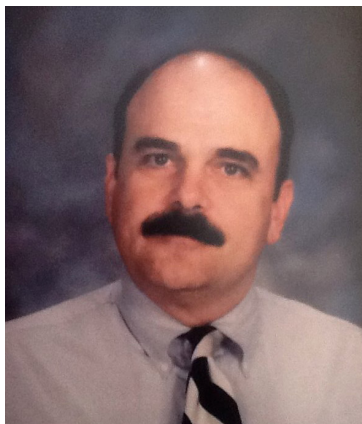
## **Trae Holland**

Joined 1989  
Upper School  
Coordinator/ Upper  
School History Teacher



## **Steve Poirot**

Joined 1995  
Camelot's one and only  
Assistant Director



***Camelot Legends***  
***Leaders Who Helped Shape Our School***

# Then...

The first ever graduating class in Camelot's history walked across the...err, platform...in 1988. The ceremony—conducted in front of the entire Camelot family—took place in the ballroom at the Carolina Theatre.

It was the late 80's.  
Cell phones were big,  
the hair was bigger,  
but the class of 1988 was astoundingly  
small with a mere but mighty  
head-count of

## 3.

**"Two roads diverged in a wood,  
and I said, I'll walk through the  
woods. Someone who goes down  
that road after me will have one  
more choice."**

-Brennan Stephens, grad speech 1988



Pictured: Whole-school photo, 1987

## 1988

# Camelot Graduating Classes Then and Now

## 2013



Pictured: Whole School Photo 2012

**"...No matter how many things change,  
one fundamental part of Camelot remains  
the same: it is an amazingly supportive  
community, and I am thankful to have  
grown up here."**

-Megan Rusconi-Warner, grad speech 2013

The most recent graduating class from Camelot happily accepted their diplomas at the Carolina Theater on Saturday, May 25th, 2013. This year, the very same second-floor ballroom which housed the entirety of graduation 26 years ago was only able to accommodate a small subset of the Camelot family in its annual graduate reception.

The Camelot Class of  
2013 had a exponentially large  
(relatively speaking) head-count  
of **9.**

## ...Now

# HIGHLIGHTS

## of the 2012-2013 School Year



Fall Trip to Asheville, NC



← Camelot outgrows the porch and has to take the whole-school photo using a crane.



Fall Festival



Academic Fair



First Lego League competes in Sumobot 2013 competition

Upper-schoolers at Stonehenge



as part of the trip to England

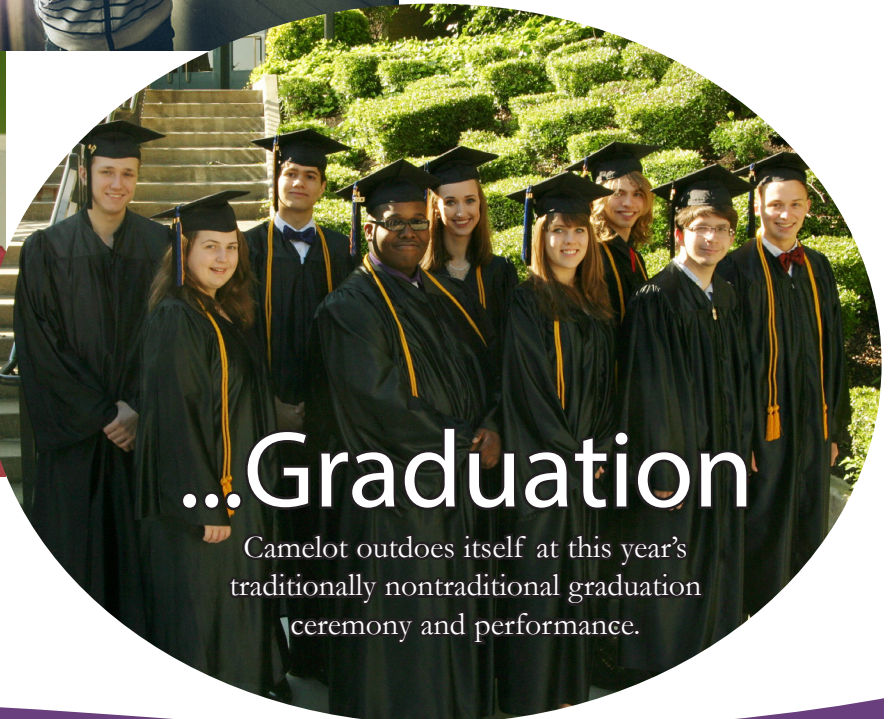


← These 30 years have added a lot of old books to the school collection.

Students help clear books out of the attic to support local and international book-drives.



Long-time Camelot athletics veterans as well as first-year players gather at the first annual all-athletes Sports Banquet.



## ...Graduation

Camelot outdoes itself at this year's traditionally nontraditional graduation ceremony and performance.



**Graduating Class of 2013  
24th of May, 2013**

# Thoughts from a Thirtieth Anniversary Graduate

It's been 30 years since Camelot's beginning, and I can't claim to have watched it grow, branch out, and develop into the beautiful entity that it is today from the fragile little seedling I imagine it to have been in its earliest days.

I'm 18 years old, so this school is 12 years my senior.

I wasn't around to read over Thelma's shoulder as she filled out the first forms to have her little school accredited, or to meet the first teachers who warmed the classrooms of a school building on Roxboro Road that I wouldn't even recognize as "my" Camelot, or to witness all of the countless, inevitable accidents and mishaps that led to the student Family Handbook being as thick with acquired rules as it is today.

All these things and more I would love to have witnessed, and yet I don't feel that I have been denied my fair share of Camelot history in my comparatively-short five years within these old walls on Proctor Street. I've seen, if nothing else, what I am sure has mattered the most on each of Camelot's milestone anniversaries, and on every day in between; I have seen and felt the spirit and ideals

on which this school was founded. Respect. Compassion. Curiosity. Trust. Intellectual Eagerness. Global Vision. Service. Home.

I've seen eyes open with excitement, hearts open with trust, and minds open with curiosity. I always see that Camelot "spark" in the little things. It's there when



a senior holds a door open for a kindergartener, and when a look of joyful surprise spreads across a public speaker's face in response to an insightful question from a freshman. It's there when students put an arm around one another to say, "I'm always here for you if you need me."

These memories will be at the core of my outlook on life for as long as I live. In only five years here, I have seen the paths of over a hundred students twist and turn and sprawl out into the

great wide world opened up to us by our school, and I can only imagine how many *more* Camelot Kids were similarly affected before my time here.

Camelot has taught me, among other things, that goodness has no age. It has plenty of faces, and sadly, plenty of failures at times, but goodness never grows old where it is strong to begin with.

So on this, our 30th anniversary, I am filled with and awed by the sense of the goodness that runs through my graduating class, and the very first of Camelot's graduating classes, and that will surely run through the graduating class of every year for the *next* 30 years and beyond. I know that Camelot's goodness is exceptionally persistent, and it will last as it has already lasted for generations to come. I know that this goodness will inspire every size and shape of student yet to come through our doors, no matter where they come from or where they want to go in life.

Age is just a number, and although 30 is a pretty good one, I think that what we should celebrate on this milestone anniversary is not the number, but rather that which our Founding Director, Thelma, our teachers both past and present, and our students throughout the years have created here: the beginning, middle, and end of very good things.

**Brianna Oleson**

# 2013-2014 UPCOMING EVENTS

## *Alumni Welcome!*

See "Calendars and Schedules" and "Announcements"  
at [camelotacademy.org](http://camelotacademy.org) as dates approach for more details.

### Fall Festival

Sun, October 20th (rain date is Sun. Oct.  
27th), at Camelot

### Academic Fair/Thanksgiving Feast

Fri, November 22, 2013, 9AM  
Durham Convention Center - Marriott

### NEW YEARS

### ALUMNI EVENT

Fri, January 3, 2014, 5 PM  
Camelot Campus

### Spring Festival

Thurs. April 24th, 2014, 1-3 PM

### Evening of the Arts

Fri, May 2nd, 2014, 6:45 PM  
Hayti Heritage Center

### Graduation

Sat, May 24th, 2014, 9 AM  
Carolina Theater

## Class of 2013



## CONGRATULATIONS

to Camelot Academy's Class of 2013

**These nine students have accrued over \$1.5 million in merit scholarships**  
and been accepted to 45 colleges while logging  
62 years at **Camelot Academy**.

American University (3) • Appalachian State (2) • Barruch College • Bard College • Barnard University  
Drexel University (2) • Duke University (2) • Eckerd College • Georgetown • George Washington  
Harvard University • High Point University • Hofstra University (3) • Hunter College • Kenyon College  
Meredith College • New York University • NC State • Oberlin University • Pratt Institute • Rose Hulman  
Institute of Technology • Sarah Lawrence College • Temple University • Tufts University • Tulane University  
University of Connecticut • University of Miami • UNC - Asheville (2) • UNC - Chapel Hill (3)  
UNC - Wilmington • University of Pennsylvania • Vanderbilt University  
Virginia Commonwealth University • Wesleyan University



Celebrating 30 years!