



# THE WEBB SCHOOL

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The Character *of* Home



Knowledge leads to opportunity. But it is character that creates a fulfilled life. For almost 150 years, The Webb School has provided an educational home distinguished by academic excellence, but equally committed to the molding of each student's character. Here, we are immersed in math, literature and science, but we are just as focused on integrity, honor and self-discipline. Ours is an education that expands the mind and enriches the heart and soul. That is the wonder of Webb. That is the character of home.



**Founded in 1870 by noted educator Sawney Webb, The Webb School is the South's oldest continuously operating boarding school. Throughout its rich history, Webb has held true to Sawney's high principles of integrity, honesty, concern for others, and hard work.**







# Character Set Free

*"You are made to be different.  
I wouldn't try to be like other people...  
don't be a me-too."*

Sawney Webb, Founder of The Webb School



At Webb, you can be outgoing, or you can be reserved. You can be funny, or you can be serious. You can be scholarly, or artistic, or athletic. Or all three. In other words – you can be yourself. Here, every individual is respected and every talent celebrated. Follow the crowd? You won't find that pressure at Webb. This is your opportunity to forge your own path, to find your unique voice, to become the best “you” you can be.

### Welcome Home

Webb is a small, close-knit community where friends are easily made. Our students are friendly, respectful and down to earth — the kind of kids with whom you want to spend your time. This is a welcoming place, a supportive place. This is a family, a very close one, and if you come here, you'll be family, too.

### Global Perspective

Ours is a diverse learning environment, made up of 310 day and boarding students, as well as students from 16 states and 12 countries. Each class, each activity, and each meal is an opportunity for students to authentically connect with each other and expand their viewpoint. Living and learning with others from diverse backgrounds and cultures makes our students more aware, more open-minded. It makes them think bigger. It makes them live better. With a legacy of service and graduates who are active in the global marketplace, Webb impacts the world.

**“Webb has made me a gentleman and it has encouraged me to always be honest.”** Hayden Cliche, Class of 2013



In such a highly supportive environment, Webb students don't hesitate to step out, take risks, and try new things.



Everyone has a unique contribution to make. At Webb, we'll help you discover it, and make the most of it.



Webb students often collaborate, bringing their unique talents and perspectives to group learning projects.



# Character Imparted

- Respected historian
- Revered Webb history teacher
- Has taught at Webb for over 36 years
- Most likely to take class outside
- “Keeper” of Webb history and traditions — just ask any senior about *Little Brown Jug*
- Leader of Webb’s daily chapel gatherings
- Coach of trap and skeet team
- Longtime Honor Council sponsor
- Turkey hunter — even his ring tone is a turkey call
- WWI and WWII re-enactor — has even made the *History Channel*
- Accomplished storyteller — relates turkey-hunting stories to life lessons!

L.R. Smith  
*Webb Icon*



**“Webb has taught me the importance of virtue and how far it will get you if you live by it.”**

Aurora MacDougall, Class of 2012

### **Friends With My Teachers?**

**Student-teacher relationships are extremely close at Webb. It’s because we connect in so many ways — in classrooms, over meals, on teams, in clubs, throwing the frisbee, playing chess, camping out, cooking together, you name it. Webb faculty are teachers, they are mentors, and they are friends.**



### **Quite An Impression**

**Adults who meet our students often comment about the ease with which our students carry on conversations. They are often taken aback by our students’ firm handshakes and the way in which they confidently look you in the eye. It’s the way a young person should address an adult, and it’s part of the character education you’ll receive here at Webb.**



### **Honor Lives Here**

**Our honor code guides and enriches our daily life at Webb. It allows us to leave a backpack or cell phone unattended. It allows us to trust what each other says. It allows for a test to be taken without a teacher present. It allows us to know what’s right, and to do what’s right, comfortably. Princeton University has been duly impressed — they modeled their own well-known university honor code after ours.**



### **Almost 150 Years Of Tradition**

**Ours is a storied history steeped in wonderful, lasting traditions. Senior blazers. Declamations and orations. Webb students standing when an adult enters a classroom. Honor Council. Signing the honor pledge. Trapping. Walking downtown for ice cream. Prefects. “Integer Vitae” (Webb’s alma mater). Winter Freeze. Senior Survival. Classes outside under the trees. Thousands have been touched by these time-honored traditions. And you will be, too.**





# Character Lived

Emily Read  
*Mad Wizard*

- Hometown: Franklin, TN
- Honor Roll student
- Dorm prefect
- Has an awesomely decorated dorm room!
- Traveled to Strasbourg, France for French Exchange and to Italy on Spring Break school trip
- Plays volleyball
- Loves music — taught herself to play guitar and banjo
- Frequent YouTube poster
- Harry Potter fanatic
- Favorite Webb class: Honors U.S. History
- Loves hanging out in Bell Buckle

## Nice PJs!

Boarding at Webb will transform you. Managing your own life — getting up in the morning, keeping your room clean, doing your homework, taking care of laundry each week — it makes you more responsible; it makes you more independent. Living at Webb is like being part of a large family. Living together, hanging out together, walking into the dining hall in our PJs together! — these are lessons, friendships and memories you'll carry the rest of your life.

## Movie Night or Pancakes Anyone?

Webb boarding students are loved and supported. Four dorm parents — faculty members who care about kids and are committed to this way of life — work in each dorm. Available day and night, dorm parents are always there to help with problems, assist with homework, hang out and watch TV, as well as serve up tasty treats like our always-fun Pancake Nights. Boarders also enjoy visiting the home of our Head of School for dinners, game nights, pumpkin-carvings, and afternoons of watching football.





**“Our boarding experience fosters independence and teaches students to be mindful members of a community. It’s wonderful to look back at all the relationships I have formed with boarding students over my 15 years at Webb.”**

James Garcia,  
Residential Faculty



## TGIF

**Boarding students look forward to weekends, because something’s always up. It might be dinner and a movie, a trip to the mall, or ice-skating. It may be a weekend of camping, white water rafting or hiking. It might be a sporting event in Murfreesboro (only 30 minutes away) or a play, concert or other exciting attraction in Nashville (just an hour away). Whatever it is, everyone is invited (boarding and day), and it’s always a lot of fun!**

## A “10” On The Quaint Meter

Webb’s scenic campus sits on 145 acres in the bucolic town of Bell Buckle, Tennessee — population 400! This safe, friendly, charming artist village, dating back to the 1800s, is known for its festivals and antiques. Student hotspots include the Bell Buckle Café (good food, great music), The Bluebird (homemade fudge and ice cream!), and The Coffee Shop.



# Character Learned





One of our students remarked, “At Webb, it’s cool to be smart.” And it’s true. At Webb, you’ll find a wonderful freedom to become the student you were meant to be. Here, surrounded by other positive learners and teacher-mentors who truly care about your success, you’ll find the support and encouragement you’ll need to help you achieve your full potential. Very “cool.”

#### **Become Your Best**

This is an education all about excellence. All Webb students attend college, and according to a recent survey of college-age Webb graduates, 91% say they are “very well” or “extremely well” prepared for their first college courses. Our most recent SAT average is 150 points above the independent school average and 336 points above the national public school average. Webb is also proud to offer 23 AP courses across all disciplines. And through the years, Webb students have consistently been recognized as National Merit Scholars as well as AP Scholars.

#### **Speaking of Excellence**

Webb students are well spoken. Our Emerging Voices Program requires them to stand and present publicly each year. Middle School students and freshmen recite declamations. Sophomores deliver orations. Juniors and seniors design and present projects. Poise, confidence and presence — the benefits of public speaking speak for themselves.

**“Not a day goes by that I don’t think about the immense influence that Webb has had on my life and how eternally grateful I am to have attended such a wonderful place for six years.”** Caitie Connor, Class of 2013



Close, mentoring relationships are easily formed at Webb in highly personalized classes that average just 10 students.



Lessons in responsibility and self-discipline start early at Webb, in our supportive, age-appropriate Middle School program.



Ours is a world-class education in every way, as learning at Webb takes many active and creative forms.



# Character Performed

- Hometown: Bell Buckle, TN
- Co-president of senior class
- Secretary of the Honor Council
- Webb Company Player (theatre)
- Enjoys plays at Tennessee Rep and Tennessee Performing Arts Center
- Favorite role: Luisa in the *The Fantasticks*
- Addicted to saving movie and theatre tickets
- Sings in Webb Choir
- Passionate about Tennessee Shakespeare Festival
- Loves to read
- Enjoys eating sushi with friends

Harley Walker  
*Dedicated Thespian*

## Real-World Theatre

In Webb's drama program, you'll work like a professional. With two full productions a year, rehearsals three to five days a week, and advanced classes and workshops, you'll immerse yourself in theatre. Under the guidance of Theatre Director Ruth Cordell, an accomplished actress, choreographer and director, you'll be part of an active, professional program where you'll learn theatre — by *doing* theatre.

## To Be Or Not To Be — In Scotland

Webb's theatre program was selected to participate in the 2011 Fringe Festival in Edinburgh, Scotland. Recognized as the world's largest and most prestigious performing arts festival, the Fringe invites only a limited number of highly qualified high school theatre programs from around the world to participate. Webb was one of 48 schools selected from 960 applicants. This is a tremendous honor and accomplishment. Bravo!





## What's Happening in the Wondrous Lundin Fine Arts Center?

Classical Piano I & II  
 Music Appreciation  
 Strings I & II  
 Strings Orchestra  
 Guitar  
 Choir  
 Theatre I & II  
 Advanced Acting  
 Art I & II  
 Advanced Art  
 Art Appreciation  
 AP Studio Art: 2D Design  
 AP Studio Art: Drawing  
 Pottery  
 The Webb Players  
 Studio Band



**“Strings has affected my life in almost every aspect at Webb from time management to public performance skills to coordination. But the best thing about playing an instrument is that once you begin to play, your instrument becomes a part of you and you find yourself becoming more and more in love with playing.”**

Elizabeth Bigham, Class of 2018



## Fine Arts at Webb

Webb’s creativity takes place among the 11,000 square feet of halls and classrooms that comprise the Lundin Fine Arts Center. This facility features a choir room, piano lab with 12 pianos, string ensemble room, recording studio, theatre room for drama classes and rehearsals, individual practice rooms, an art gallery and a 4,000 square-foot room that houses two and three dimensional art classrooms. Upper level students at Webb (grades 9-12) are required to take one class in the Fine Arts each year, three of which must be in a different area of the Fine Arts.

## A Program of Note

Violin, viola, cello, bass, piano, guitar, choir — whatever your musical interest, you can pursue it at Webb. Led by professional, working musicians, Webb’s music program offers students personalized, advanced instruction, outstanding facilities (the Lundin Fine Arts Center is amazing!), and the opportunity to perform both on and off campus throughout the year. What is your musical passion? Tune in to it at Webb.



# Character Involved

- Hometown: Beijing, China
- Honor Roll student
- Favorite Webb classes: Calculus, Physics and History
- Varsity cross country
- Mock Trial Best Attorney
- Dorm prefect
- Founder and President of the Chinese Club
- Son Will Society member
- Enjoys swimming, running, badminton, Ping-Pong and reading
- Possibly the most enthusiastic person you will ever meet

John Dong  
*Perpetual Smiler*



**“It’s so easy to get involved at Webb. There are so many opportunities, and everyone is so supportive. Here, no one is holding you back – but you.”** Madison Roberts, Class of 2014

**Prepare To Participate**

Because Webb is a smaller school, our participation is huge. Here, you jump in and get involved — it’s just what Webb students do. You join a club, serve on Honor Council, or take part in a weekend kayaking trip. You sing in the choir, compete on a sports team, or write for the school newspaper. Here, you can do any one of these things — or you can do them all. It makes for a full experience. It makes for a lot of fun!



**Reaching Out**

Service is an important part of a Webb education. Each student completes a minimum of 70 hours of community service by the time they graduate. Those with 100 hours or more will receive special recognition at graduation. They read to children in schools and daycare centers. They clean up along public waterways and trails. They entertain residents of assisted living centers. Our students reach out to make the community better. And in the process, they become better, too.



**Taking the Lead**

Student leadership at Webb encompasses Student Council and Honor Council — but it goes much further. Our students plan and coordinate campus events. They provide campus tours and lead panel discussions with prospective families. They direct fine arts and theatre productions. They plan and lead wilderness excursions. Whatever the opportunity, our students step up. And as a result, they stand out.



**Webb Student Organizations**

Bible	French Cooking	Minecraft	The Oracle
Bible and Science	Game Club	Music Club	Theology
Book Club	Gardening	Photography/Video	Ultimate Frisbee
Cheerleading Club	Green Feet	Pottery	Volleyball Club
Chess Club	Guitar	Quiz Bowl	Walking Club
Chinese Club	Interact	Son Will Society (admissions ambassadors)	WILD (Wilderness Instruction and Leadership Development)
Computer Programming	Investment Club	Spanish Club	Yearbook
Cooking	Karate	Sports Management	Yoga
Creative Writing	Leadership Theory & Practice	Student Council	
Engineering	LGBT	Teenage Republicans	
Feet to Feet	Lit Mag		
Film			



# Character in Action

Daniel Monroy  
*Passionate  
Participant*

- Hometown: Houston, TX
- Honor Roll student
- Favorite Webb class: Physics
- Plays soccer and basketball
- Loves weekend Outerlimits trips
- Son Will Society member
- Enjoys solving puzzles and algebraic equations
- Likes small-town Bell Buckle
- Relishes hanging out with friends in the dining hall
- Animal lover

## I Am An Athlete

In the fall and spring, every Webb student is required to participate in an athletic endeavor. It might be a team sport or trap shooting. It may be aerobics, yoga or karate. It might be weight lifting, rock climbing or horseback riding. Whatever you choose, you'll be active, you'll make new friends, and you'll learn values such as perseverance and teamwork that you will carry for a lifetime.

## Winners On And Off The Field

At Webb, we're known for our athletic competitiveness, but we are known for our sportsmanship, too. Recently, The Webb School received an award from TSSAA (Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association), recognizing our school's sportsmanship both on and off the field. We are very proud of the accomplishments of our athletes, but we are equally proud of their character and demeanor. We win, we lose, and we do both with class.





## Webb Athletics

### Fall

**Cross Country** (Boys, Girls)  
**Football** (Boys)  
**Golf** (Boys, Girls)  
**Soccer** (Girls)  
**Trap/Skeet** (Boys, Girls)  
**Volleyball** (Girls)

### Winter

**Basketball** (Boys, Girls)

### Spring

**Baseball** (Boys)  
**Lacrosse** (Boys, Girls)  
**Soccer** (Boys)  
**Softball** (Girls)  
**Tennis** (Boys, Girls)  
**Trap/Skeet** (Boys, Girls)  
**Golf** (Boys, Girls)



## To The Limit

Outerlimits is Webb's popular outdoor program, where students learn teamwork and self-confidence in the great outdoors. On campus, students challenge themselves on our indoor rock climbing wall and our high- and low-ropes courses. On weekends, they venture off to backpack, raft and cave. During extended breaks and the summer, they head to Florida's rivers, Michigan's Boundary Waters, Utah's canyons, and beyond.

## W.I.L.D.

Wilderness Instruction and Leadership Development, or W.I.L.D., is a series of academic classes that teach students hands-on wilderness skills. Lessons include trip planning and packing, using outdoor equipment, building campfires, cooking outdoors, plus personal outdoor experiences gained from Outerlimits activities such as camping, canoeing, backpacking and rock climbing.



# Character of Success



Along with ten Rhodes Scholars, Webb alumni have achieved success in the following careers:

## Media

Former International Editor of *TIME* Magazine  
Investment Analyst for FOX News Network  
Former Editor of *Wall Street Journal*, winner of two Pulitzer Prizes  
President of ABC Radio Sales  
Executive with Microsoft for Digital Media

## Arts and Entertainment

Movie and Television Actor  
Hollywood Screenwriter  
Internationally Acclaimed Fine Art Photographer  
Nashville Songwriter and Producer  
Hugo Award-winning science fiction author  
Poet Laureate of Alabama

## Politics/Government

Former U.S. Senator  
Former Chairman of National Democratic Committee  
Former Governors of Tennessee and Mississippi  
First Governor of Hawaii

## Academia

Former Chancellor of University System of Georgia  
Professor Emeritus of Harvard University's Kennedy School of Government  
Former President of University of Florida  
Founder of Webb Schools in California  
Founder of Webb School of Knoxville  
Nationally Honored Professor of Biology  
Founder of Greek Play Tradition at Randolph-Macon Woman's College  
Professor of Pediatrics at University of Minnesota Medical School

## Armed Services

First female accepted into the U.S. Navy's elite Nuclear Propulsion Officer Candidate program  
First pilot to fly the SR-71 Blackbird (*experimental supersonic spy plane*)

## Religion

Bishop in Episcopal Church

## Business and Economics

CEO of internationally-known Chocolates El Rey, Venezuelan chocolate producer  
Chairman of Publix Corporation Board of Directors  
CEO and Founder of Ensafé — a multi-national environmental consulting company  
Part-owner of the St. Louis Cardinals  
Former Chairman of Federal Trade Commission  
Executive with Citigroup Global Markets  
President of SunTrust Bank

## Law

Two attorneys recognized as being among the "Best Lawyers in America"  
Former US Attorney for the state of Tennessee  
Former Chief Counsel for the U.S. Department of Agriculture  
Former U.S. Attorney General



This is an education that will prepare you for college, and for life. Ours is an academic experience second to none, instilling not only a lifelong love of learning, but also life values of discipline, responsibility and hard work. Webb graduates are bright, ambitious and confident. They go on to attend some of the nation's finest colleges and universities. They come to Webb – they learn, they grow, and they succeed.

#### **World Wide Webb**

This is an education that will enlarge your view — of the world, and of yourself. Through cultural exchange and travel abroad, our students have recently experienced France, Spain, Italy, Cuba, Galapagos Islands, and Peru. Each day our students experience other cultures, as they live and study with students from many countries. This is vital preparation for their future in a global economy, as our numerous graduates living in 29 countries already know.

#### **Apps Made Easy**

Applying to college can be daunting-but not at Webb. The process begins during the freshman year and progresses throughout the upper school culminating in a required College Counseling class. It is a year-long course (spring semester for juniors, fall semester for seniors) that will help you navigate your way. Led through the process by our full-time college counselor, you'll research colleges. You'll establish your SAT and ACT accounts. You'll practice writing essays. You'll prepare your recommendation letters. You'll learn what you need to do and when you need to do it — and you'll get it done.

**"I feel that I am more prepared than most of my peers at Penn. My Webb classes covered most of the material in my introductory level courses here. Webb also encourages the study habits necessary to succeed."**

Adam Mansell, Class of 2014, University of Pennsylvania



At Webb, successful habits are established early on in middle school, creating the foundation to excel in upper school.



In a recent survey, 98.6% of Webb parents said they were either very satisfied or satisfied with their child's Webb experience.

#### **Learn More**

Visit us online at [www.thewebbschool.com](http://www.thewebbschool.com), or visit in person and discover the character of Webb for yourself. To schedule a campus visit, call our Admissions Office at 888-733-9322.



Atlanta	3 1/2 hours
Birmingham	3 hours
Chattanooga	1 1/2 hours
Huntsville	1 1/2 hours
Knoxville	3 hours
Lexington	4 hours
Louisville	3 1/2 hours
Memphis	4 hours
Nashville (closest airport)	1 hour



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