Miles family visits campus

We were excited to welcome incoming Head of School Mr. Jeff Miles and his family for a visit to campus on Tuesday, January 22.

Margaret Carton, chair of the Board of Trustees, introduced Mr. Miles, his wife Kiana, and their two daughters, Alison and Lia, to all three divisions. They also met with parents and Rabun Gap employees during a special meet and greet that morning. See photos from the visit.
Mr. Miles was announced as Rabun Gap’s 11th Head of School in December, and will officially take on his new role July 1, 2019. Mr. Miles comes to Rabun Gap from Christ School in Arden, NC, where he has been involved in nearly every area of school life for close to 20 years. For the past decade, he has been an integral part of the senior administration at Christ School, most recently as Assistant Headmaster. He has extensive experience in strategic planning, academics, athletics, student life, and the management of daily operations at a boarding school. [Read more about Mr. Miles here.](https://mail.google.com/mail/u/1?ik=0f32f1835f&view=pt&search=all&permthid=thread-f%3A1624279094580917826&simpl=msg-f%3A1624279094580917826)

Head of School Dr. Anthony Sgro announced his resignation this past summer and will continue to serve as Head of School throughout the 2018-2019 school year. He and his family will move to Asheville, NC, as he accepts the role of Head of School at his alma mater, Asheville School.

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**Alumni, join us in February!**

We have two exciting alumni events happening this month. Reconnect with your classmates and faculty members. There’s no need to RSVP - just show up and join in the fun!

**Alumni Basketball Night: Saturday, February 2**

All alumni and faculty, past and present, are invited to join us at the Andrew Ritchie Gymnasium as the Eagles take on Veritas Christian Academy!

3:00 PM - Varsity Girls
4:30 PM - Varsity Boys

Basketball alumni will be recognized on the court between the Varsity Girls and Boys games. Complimentary food and refreshments will be available for Rabun Gap alumni in the Athletic Office overlooking the basketball court.

**Alumni @ Cirque Qaos: Friday, February 15**

Join us at Cirque Qaos for a night of reconnecting with fellow alumni and faculty. There will be a complimentary coffee bar with desserts on the third floor of the A&T during intermission of the show. Tickets are $10. [Purchase tickets here.](https://mail.google.com/mail/u/1?ik=0f32f1835f&view=pt&search=all&permthid=thread-f%3A1624279094580917826&simpl=msg-f%3A1624279094580917826)
MLK Day of Service celebrated in honor of Dr. King

Upper School students and faculty honored the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. on January 21 with a special convocation and day of community service.

Students started their afternoon with a service to commemorate Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. They read excerpts from the civil rights leader’s famous speeches and talked about his legacy. The Rabun Gap chorus led in the singing of “Lift Every Voice and Sing,” and “We Shall Overcome.”

The entire Upper School student body participated in a variety of community service activities with their advisory groups both on and off campus in honor of Dr. King. The MLK Day of Service is a national movement that encourages individuals and groups to “make it a day on, not a day off” by giving back, strengthening communities, bridging barriers, creating solutions to social problems, and moving us closer to Dr. King's vision of a "Beloved Community."

Rabun Gap students gave back to the communities in Rabun County, GA and Franklin, NC by serving at the Food Bank of Northeast Georgia, Traces of Tiger, and the CareNet Thrift Store. More than 200 students participated in on campus work projects. These projects ranged from hauling brush at Indian Lake, maintaining the cross country trails, and mulching the Lower School playground to organizing books in the library, pruning the school orchard, and painting the stage wall in the Rearden Theater.

“Dr. King embodies what we teach our students at Rabun Gap - to love God and love others,” said Head of School Dr. Anthony Sgro. “It it important for our students to engage around acts of service, especially as we honor the legacy of Dr. King.”
Young women excel in STEAM program

Rabun Gap’s STEAM program, housed in the Dess Oliver STEAM Center, has seen a growth in the number of girls, like Willow Harris ‘22 and Gianna Sparks ‘22, who are joining up and are holding their own in a program that thus far has been predominantly male.

They recently built a wood cart to house and organize the lumber in the STEAM building. The cart is compact but efficient, holding various sizes, shapes, and lengths of wood. The girls also put the cart on wheels to make it portable. They were the first team to finish a project this trimester.

“I couldn't be more proud of their work,” said STEAM Director Mr. Michael Lomuscio. “Once they decided what they were going to build, it was full steam ahead! They completed the project in record time without sacrificing quality. They worked really hard.”

The girls are proud of their creation and, in the spirit of the former Industrial Arts program, are continuing to work on their woodshop skills. Their newest project is to use scrap wood from around the shop to make small furniture accessories for their dorm rooms, like jewelry holders. They are also doing research on how to build a pinball machine for the student center and are working on constructing a farmhouse bench.

Read more
Cirque Qaos tickets now on sale

Cirque Qaos is coming to the Rearden Stage on Feb. 15-16! Showtimes are: 7:30 PM on Friday / 2:30 PM & 7:30 PM on Saturday. Tickets are $10 for adults. Children 12 and under, as well as Rabun Gap students and faculty, are free.

Sometimes the most interesting part of a production is what happens behind the scenes. Cirque Qaos peels back the curtains and features the hijinks, antics and dedication of a production team as they attempt to mount a brand new cirque performance. This year's cirque production features an original script, a colorful cast of characters, and as always, an amazing display of cirque acts and abilities including aerial silks, contortion, doubles trapeze, tumbling and some new and original surprises. Join us for Cirque Qaos, where one little change can cause everything to unravel! Appropriate for all ages!

Purchase tickets

Georgia still accepting 2019 tax credit sign-ups

There is good news for Georgia taxpayers who wanted to sign up for the 2019 education tax credit but missed the Dec. 31, 2018 deadline.

For the first time in many years, the program cap was not met by midnight Dec. 31, so the Department of Revenue will continue to accept applications on a day-to-day basis. Georgia is one of only a few states to have this sort of tax credit, and gave the program a large budget increase this year, which is likely why the cap was not met as quickly as in recent years. The program empowers Georgia taxpayers to provide scholarship funding to an independent school in the state and then receive a 100% tax credit.

"The Georgia GOAL tax credit is one of the ways that Rabun Gap-Nacoochee School provides opportunities in education to numerous students from Rabun County," said Eric Vogelbacher, assistant director of development at Rabun Gap-Nacoochee School. "Many of the participants say that they like being able to decide where their taxes go."

Sign-up online at www.goalscholarship.org or contact Vogelbacher at evogelbacher@rabungap.org with any questions.

Upcoming Events
Click here to view the full calendar

Alumni Basketball Event - 2/2/2019
International Week - 2/4-8/2019
Alumni at Cirque Qaos - 2/15/2019
Cirque Qaos - 2/15-16/2019
Spring Break - 3/1-18/2019

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From the Archives...

As we get ready for the upcoming Alumni Basketball night, enjoy this photo of the Rabun Gap boys basketball team from 1965.

For any questions regarding our archives, please contact David Grist '67 at dgrist@rabungap.org
Leave a Legacy

Did you know the easiest way to leave a legacy for future students at Rabun Gap is to list the School as a partial beneficiary of your IRA? This simple and thoughtful provision does not require an attorney or CPA and it enables you to transform the lives of countless students.

For more information visit rabungap.planningyourlegacy.org or contact Claire Foggin at cfoggin@rabungap.org

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