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YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO A RECEPTION
CELEBRATING THE KICK OFF OF THE 2013-2014 CLASS OF

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Vestavia Hills*

NETWORK WITH FELLOW GRADUATES
AND MEET THE NEW CLASS
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 1ST · 4:30 P.M. - 7:00 P.M.
AT MORGAN MANOR CLUBHOUSE
3300 MORGAN DRIVE · VESTAVIA HILLS, AL 35216

BUSINESS ATTIRE · SPOUSE/GUEST INVITED · BEER & WINE AVAILABLE
RSVP BY SEPTEMBER 20TH TO PAULINE AT PAULINEPARKER@BELLSOUTH.NET

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Brent Irby

LVH President 2013 - 2014

Member Spotlight



Current LVH President, Brent Irby, was born and raised in the small southern town of Eufaula, Alabama. Brent attended the University of Alabama, where he earned both his undergraduate and law degrees.

After a few years of living in the Birmingham area, Brent and his wife, Amy, decided they wanted to raise their family in Vestavia Hills. "The people that I knew who lived in Vestavia Hills all shared a sense of community that we thought was unique and positive. Amy and I were blessed with a 'trifecta' opportunity: to live, work, and raise our kids in Vestavia." Brent and Amy have been married for fifteen (15) years and have three (3) young children: 10-year-old twins Harrison and Sara

Camille, who attend Vestavia Hills Central Elementary, and 7-year-old Gray, who attends Vestavia Hills East Elementary.

Brent is a partner in the Vestavia law firm of McCallum, Hoaglund, Cook & Irby, LLP. He is licensed in Alabama, Tennessee and Georgia, and his practice is focused primarily on complex civil litigation and business disputes. According to Brent, when founding partner Chip McCallum approached him about starting a small firm in Vestavia Hills, Brent knew it was a great opportunity: "Job satisfaction is not always so much about the work you do as it is the people you work with. To me, that makes all the difference." Brent's firm has been actively involved in the community. Brent's professional goal is "to maintain a small but successful law firm in Vestavia that will also remain proactive in the community for years to come."

While maintaining a busy law practice, Brent has also stayed actively involved in several Bar organizations. And in 2013, Brent began teaching as an adjunct professor at the University of Alabama School of Law, teaching a Complex Litigation course to second and third year law students. Says Brent, "After 15 years of practicing law, it was refreshing to step back and hear ideas and views from those very new to the profession. I've learned just as much from my students as they have from me."

Brent is an alum of the 2008-2009 LVH class, and has been an LVH Board member since 2011. Brent's comments regarding LVH: "LVH opened my eyes to the fact that the progress of our city doesn't, and can't, rest just with our elected officials. Everyone can do something, no matter how big or small. Vestavia is blessed with so many talented citizens who want to give back to their community. We want LVH to be an avenue for them to do that."

Brent is also involved in other civic organizations. He served as an Ambassador for the Vestavia Chamber of Commerce for several years, and continues to serve on its "Viva Vestavia" and "I Love America Day" committees. Brent was also a charter member of the Vestavia Hills Civitan Club and served as its first president. Brent's wife Amy is also actively involved in the Vestavia Hills community, where she sits on the Board for the Vestavia Hills School Foundation and is actively involved in school affairs.

In 2012, Brent was recognized as one of Birmingham's "Top 40 Under 40" by the BBJ for his professional and civic accomplishments.

Brent's hobbies include traveling, following Alabama football and, above all else, music. Brent is a passionate music fan and has played music live since high school. "If I could trade in the law gig, I would want to travel the country as a singer/songwriter. As one famous musician once said, there's a reason why it's called 'playing' and not 'working'."

--- ONLY YOU CAN PREVENT BLUE LIGHTS ---



OPERATION BLUE SHIELD

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 1ST

VESTAVIA HILLS
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
2061 KENTUCKY AVE. BIRMINGHAM, AL 35216

6PM TO 8:30PM

OPERATION BLUE SHIELD KICK-OFF
AND FREE FAMILY FUN NIGHT

LIVE MUSIC • KID'S AREA • FREE FOOD
HOT AIR BALLOON • LOCAL VENDORS

Vestavia Hills Police and Fire Departments' National Night Out presents Operation Blue Shield, a program that will help bring awareness to safe driving in Vestavia Hills and surrounding areas. Tuesday's FREE event will kick off the year long program with live music, kid's area, 50/50 raffle, free food and more. Come join the fun and learn more about Operation Blue Shield! For more information call 918-6174.



TWO MEN AND A TRUCK.
"Movers Who Care."



LVH 2013 - 2014 Class Schedule

September 3, 2013

Introduction to LVH and History Day

8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Shades Mountain Baptist Church

Leaders - Kelly Botcher and Dennis Anderson

October 1, 2013

Leadership Boot Camp

8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

One Vestavia

Leader - Allison Black Cornelius

(Reception with spouses at Morgan Manor 5:30 - 7:00 pm)

November 5, 2013

Team Building Day

8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Vestavia Hills Baptist Church

Leaders - Jim Pounds and Tal Prince

December 3, 2013

Economic Day

8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Board of Education Bldg. 2nd Floor

Leaders - Kevin Jaquess, Hurston Raley and Derek Waltchack

January 9, 2014

Government Day

8:00 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Vestavia Hills Library in the Forrest

Leaders - Robin Morgan, Lisa Christopher with team Bob Elliott, Jennifer Chandler and John Henley

February 4, 2014

Quality of Life Day

8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Location TBD

Leader - Brandon Bias and Steve Ammons

March 4, 2014

Education Day

8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Board of Education Bldg. 2nd Floor (Multiple Sites)

Leader - Pauline Parker

April 1, 2014

Graduation Day

8:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Vestavia Country Club



Youth Leadership Vestavia Hills (YLVH)

Update by Kym Prewitt

For three days this summer, the Youth Leadership Vestavia Hills team trained 160+ rising sophomores at Camp Kanawahala in Chelsea. They utilized ropes courses, conducted team-building challenges, and facilitated discussions about specific school issues and how they, as individuals and collectively, can solve those problems. Along with these students were teachers, administrators and counselors who gave of their valuable summer time to fully participate in the groups. Among those participants was new Principal Wes Gordon. After a full day and night of experiential games and small group activities, Mr. Gordon said he would be back every year. Both new assistant principals, Kevin Butler and Brandon Turner, also started their summer at the first Youth Leadership retreat and felt the experience helped them better understand the culture of VHHS and the unique set of issues facing our student body.

Some of our foundational truths continue to define our mission for these retreats:

1. We are all investors, owners and creators of our community (VHHS), and we all have the capacity to lead and improve by engaging others.
2. We are not defined by our problems but are transformed through possibilities.
3. We each have unique gifts that can be used for the betterment and health of our community.
4. Long-term and life-changing improvements are made through our relationships with our peers, everyday wherever we are. WE are committed to BEING the difference.

With over 450 students in the school trained in these principals, we are confident that our goals can be achieved.

Announcements

Visit the LVH website to see recent upgrades to the LVH webpage making it easier to access profiles and personal information. Logon to the webpage by using either your work email or home email address. If you want to change your logon, update your profile and create a user name. If you have forgotten your password or wish to change it, this can be done from the LVH website. If you have any questions or need assistance contact Burke Swearingen at bswearingen@bellsouth.net.

LVH Calendar

LVH Board Meetings

(7:45 - 9:00 a.m. VH Chamber Boardroom)

September 26

October 24

December 5

January 23

February 27

March 27

April 24

May 22

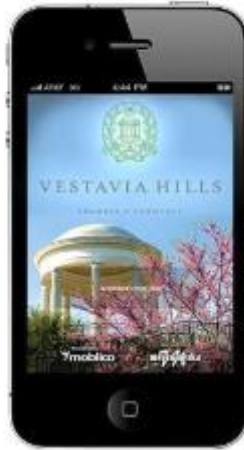
Citizen of the Year Banquet

March 6

Class Project Presentation and Graduation

April 1

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