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TENISON WOODS COLLEGE

# Weekly Newsletter



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## Welcome to the 2022 School Year!



*Be The One at Tenison Woods College*



# From the Principal

## Welcome!

I was thrilled by the start the Tenison Woods College Community made to the 2022 academic year on Wednesday 2 February. I was particularly pleased to see staff and students looking refreshed and relaxed after the holiday break, even if it was online, ready to greet the challenges of the school year.

I offer a special welcome to all new students and new families to our larger school family. I hope you make many long-lasting friendships and enjoy your learning at Tenison Woods College.

## Thank You Fr Dean Marin and Farewell

As Principal, I sincerely thank Father Dean for his outstanding commitment to the College at the same time as serving a very large South East Deanery up to Bordertown and through the Southern Ports. This support has manifested in a variety of enthusiastic ways for its people, its ideas and structures and importantly for its Catholic culture and charisma, and represents the strong support that we enjoy from the parishes in our region.

Father Dean has taught us passionately and with his strongly invitational way that 'it is personal' - it is a personal commitment to our God and a personal commitment to our parish community, and we are all invited to express our personal commitment to our faith and our faith community. He has also taught us to learn the story and the doctrine so that we can appreciate the story and the doctrine, and the way it brings life, protects life, and nourishes life. In this way we can, according to our school motto, let our light truly shine.

For this we are indebted, and I was pleased to farewell Father Dean at the Sunday 16 January Parish Mass on behalf of the College community, knowing how Father Dean appreciates that he ministers at his best when he maintains his fitness, we presented a Tenison Woods College fitness pack that included a sports bag, monogrammed Tenison Woods College towels, sports bottle and air pods (earphones). In this way when Father Dean is exercising as Vicar General of the Archdiocese of Adelaide with all the responsibility and gravitas that the role brings, may he know that we are thinking about him, praying for him, and supporting him in his ministry.

## Be the One in 2022

The Staff Planning Days at the commencement of the year offered staff an opportunity to reflect on our work as individuals and as a staff team. During these planning days we focused on our College approach to "The Literacies of our Community", our strategy in relation to Living, Learning and Leading at Tenison Woods College, the ingredients of a deliberate start to the year and how we could serve our students, parents, and colleagues in the best possible way.

This year we will be encouraging students to "Be the One" and decide to SHINE+ or express their agency, growth in confidence, and commitment to the College community so that we SHINE+ as one.

I look forward to us developing a deep appreciation of how we can "Be the One" and look with renewed commitment at how we can be present with commitment and conviction to our family, school, local and global community.

## All the best for 2022!

With the understanding that at Tenison Woods College every learner has a place, every learner has a pathway and every learner will shine, we will continue our deliberate attention to the 2022-26 Strategic Plan, with the four areas of endeavour:

## The 2022 Key Initiatives will be:

1. The (critical) literacies of our community EY-12.
2. Resilient Impact and Growth Action Planning.
3. Developing our leadership capacity .
4. Simplification of processes.

## COVID-19 and HHDL

As the community would know, to date we have had a staff member, Year 7 and Year 4 students test positive to COVID-19, and we have followed the SA Health and CESA protocols of:

1. The COVID-19 positive cases are off-site, recovering and isolating for the required 10 days.
2. Staff classroom contacts have been notified immediately.
3. Letters were sent to the parents of the student classroom contacts and staff classroom contacts – clarifying the process going forward.

4. Parents have been asked to monitor and test student classroom contacts as they deem necessary if symptoms develop.
5. Staff have commenced the RAT "test to stay" approach.

We continue to accentuate HHDL (Health, Hygiene, Distance, Learning) as our approach to keeping the community safe, along with accentuating particularly:

- the wearing of masks;
- natural ventilation;
- minimising movement and visitors within the school;
- maintaining Sub-school delineation as much as is possible to minimise the risk of COVID-19 transmission across the College community.

To this end we ask that ELCC, Reception and Year 1 parents try to minimise their entry to the College as much as their child's wellbeing (not the parent's) will allow.

## Building Success

We look with anticipation to the building of the Junior School (Year 1-6) building, which has commenced in partnership with Edge Architect and Mos-sop Construction and Interiors, ready for occupation in 2023. Year 5 and Year 6 classes have been relocated to portable precincts adjacent to Gilap Wanga and the Thomas Ryan building.

## Recognising SACE Board Achievement and Excellence in 2022

I look forward to our Academic award and Dux Assembly, where we welcome graduates from last year who achieved outstanding SACE Board results. Due to our current COVID-19 protocols, the ceremony will be postponed to 3 March 2022. As a College community we are extremely proud of the results of these students and look forward to acknowledging their success before the Middle and Senior School communities.

## Standing on the shoulders ...

During our days of preparation we acknowledged the committed service of the following staff:

### 10 years of service

- Sarah McDowell
- Davina Gravestock
- Tanya Thomson
- Aye Aye Soe Myar
- Audine Bryant
- Scott Dickson
- Simone Gill
- Dianne Johnston
- Francesca Dickson
- Amanda O'Shaughnessy
- Sunny Mya
- Tania Sigley

### 20 years of service

- Malcolm Wighton
- Marisa Mariano

### 30 years of service

- Trent Eitzen
- Heather Widdison

We greatly appreciate the impact that the above staff have had on the story and culture of the Tenison Woods College learning community and so we acknowledge their contribution with deep appreciation and admiration.

## Positions of Responsibility

I offer congratulations and thanks to staff who have taken on new challenges in Positions of Responsibility this year. I thank staff who offered their talents last year in relation to Positions of Responsibility and I trust the staff who are taking on these roles will build on their predecessor's efforts in a way that offers our community significant security, creativity, and opportunity. A summary of the staff who hold Positions of Responsibility is located on our website [here](#).

## School Calendar Pivots

The 2022 College calendar was emailed to families during the holiday period and is now also available on our website. We ask that you please refer to this for upcoming events. While we aim not to change calendar dates, as you would appreciate, the school year has many demands and, at times, flexibility is required to accommodate particular situations. One such situation is the COVID challenge and as such you will note the following changes on the updated calendar to commence 2022: Deferring all whole school events for Weeks 2-4.

### Week 2

- Dux / Academic awards – postponed to 3 March

### Week 3

- R-12 Welcome evening – postponed, most likely to be combined with Parent Teacher Interviews in Week 10, Term 1
- Beginning of Year Mass – postponed to 10 March
- Interscholar Swimming – postponed TBC
- SAPSASA Swimming – postponed to 18 March
- Junior School Assemblies – cancelled for Weeks 1-4

## From The Principal *continued...*

- Working Bee – postponed to 5 March
- Years 7-12 Athletics Carnival – postponed to 18 March

We will keep any changes to a minimum; however, the online calendar will always be up to date. Please use this information, together with the weekly newsletter, and circulars which are sent home with students, to determine the schedule of meetings and events which are most applicable to your family.

### Parent Involvement In 2022

Over the coming months (after the COVID-19 precautionary measures) there will be a series of meetings for parents. Some events will be social, some curriculum-based and some pastoral. I encourage parents to attend and be involved. This partnership provides the best outcome for our students.

Two opportunities to get involved are our 2022 Working Bees:

Term 1	End of Week 5	Saturday 5 March 2022
Term 4	End of Week 1	Saturday 16 October 2022

I hope that all students will settle into a productive routine as quickly as possible. The new year brings with it all sorts of new opportunities and experiences. In 2022 this is certainly so! It is an exciting time at the College, and we look forward to providing many rich learning experiences as the year unfolds.

If you have any queries or concerns, please feel free to contact the College. We believe that it is critically important for your child's educational experience that a positive, healthy relationship exists between their parents and the College. This provides your child with a sense of security which is a foundation for good learning.

I look forward to seeing you around the College in the weeks to come and wish you every blessing in the year ahead.

All the best for 2022!

God Bless,  
**David Mezinac** | Principal



## CIM Team News

### Clergy Appointments and Announcements

Over the summer break, Archbishop Patrick O'Regan announced the new clergy appointments, beginning at the end of January. Fr Dean Marin, who has served our parish and College communities for the last 9 years, was appointed the Vicar General of the Archdiocese of Adelaide and coordinator of the Vocations team. We deeply appreciate Fr Dean's commitment to our College community over this time and the lasting impression he has left on our students, staff and families. We congratulate and wish him well in his new role. Click [here](#) for a farewell message from Fr Dean.

With Fr Dean moving to Adelaide, we warmly welcome Fr Peter Zwaans to the parishes of Mount Gambier and Millicent. Fr Peter comes to us from the Brooklyn Park and Richmond parishes in Adelaide and has been busy meeting parishioners and staff of the College. We look forward to welcoming him into the Tenison Woods College community to meet our students. Please click [here](#) to view Fr Peter's introduction video.

Joining Fr Peter for at least the next 5-6 months is James Thompson. James is a seminarian undertaking his studies towards entering the priesthood and is on pastoral placement in the parishes of Mount Gambier and Millicent. James has been studying in Boston and came back home to Australia throughout the pandemic to be with family and complete his studies online. We look forward to welcoming James into the Tenison Woods College community and having him work with classes across the College.

It is with great joy that we can finally announce that Deacons, Olek Stirrat and Anthony Beltrame will be ordained as priests on Saturday 12 March at 10.00am at St Francis Xavier's Cathedral, Adelaide. Olek has been with us since June last year and many of us would remember Anthony, who spent 6 months with our parish and College community in 2018 on pastoral placement. We are very excited about this significant milestone as both Olek and Anthony have ministered to our College in a number of ways and left lasting impressions on our young people. We keep Olek and Anthony in our prayers as they begin their final preparations towards the priesthood. Further information about local celebrations in the parish and school communities will be provided at a later date.

### Youth Mass

Youth Mass is held on the 3rd Sunday of the month at the 6.00pm Saturday Mass at St Paul's Church, Penola Road. The next Youth Mass will be held on Saturday 19 February. The music and readings at this Mass are led by the young people from the College and the parish. Please contact either myself or Kate Carroll if you would like to be involved in this. The monthly Youth Mass is followed by a Youth Group dinner and discussion group. Students in Year 7 and above are encouraged to attend.

### Family Mass

Family Masses are held on the 4th Sunday of the month at the 11.00am Mass at St Paul's Church, Penola Road. The next Family Mass will be held on Sunday 27 February. Please contact either myself or Cisca Teodoro at [mgpsacraments@bigpond.com](mailto:mgpsacraments@bigpond.com) if you would like to be involved. All families from the College are encouraged to attend.

### Sacramental Preparation Program

This year, we are excited to work with 24 young people from our parish and school communities in preparing to receive the sacraments of Reconciliation, Confirmation, and their first Holy Communion. A reminder that families involved in the program must attend the first session on Thursday 3 March at either 4.30-5.45pm or 6.45-8.00pm at St Paul's Hall.

### Whole School Mass

The Beginning of Year Whole School Mass will be held at Marist Park on Thursday 10 March at 9.00am.

### Faith Facts



Do you know the answer to this week's question?

The answer will be in next week's newsletter!

### Term 1 Masses in the College Chapel

We look forward to welcoming all students back on campus next week. Masses will not resume in the Chapel on a Thursday morning until Week 7. Until further notice, due to current COVID restrictions, only staff members and students of the College are permitted to attend.

**Chloe Shanahan** | Religious Education Coordinator

## Key Dates:

All further events have been postponed until further notice under directive from the Australian Government and Catholic Education South Australia.

### Monday 14 February –

Library Lovers Day  
All year levels return to school for face to face learning

### Wednesday 16 February -

Rest day for new reception students

**All whole school events have been deferred until Week 5 onwards**



See the Community Noticeboard for posters and notices of upcoming events within our College, and wider community.

Please click [here](#) to view this page.



## Swimmers Blitz the SA Country Championships

Eight students who swim for Blue Lake Y Swim Club recently competed at the 2022 SA Country Championships in Renmark over four days. The team collected a total of 29 medals, including 3 overall medals. There were many impressive personal bests swum, and multiple swims in finals over the course of the meet.

Medals:

Thomas Bignell:

- Gold – 50 breaststroke overall.
- Silver – 100 breaststroke overall; 16-17yo 50 breaststroke, 50 backstroke, 100 breaststroke, 100 backstroke, 17&O 200 individual medley, 16&O 400 individual medley, Open 200 breaststroke
- Bronze – 17&O 200 freestyle, 16&O 400 freestyle

Hayley Pearson:

- Gold – 18&O 50 butterfly
- Silver – 18&O 100 butterfly, 50 freestyle
- Bronze – 50 butterfly overall; 18&O 200 individual medley

Aleisha Pearson:

- Bronze – 14-15yo 100 backstroke, 15yo 50 backstroke

Keira Flowers:

- Bronze – 15yo 50 breaststroke

Regional Relays:

- Female 18&U 200 freestyle relay Gold and 200 Medley relay - Silver: Hayley, Aleisha, Keira
- Male 18&U 200 freestyle and Medley relays – Bronze: Thomas, Nicholas

Mikayla Pearson and Darcy Hodges (competing at her first Country Championship) had multiple swims in finals. Maggie Hodges competed in Superfish, her first meet ever and was the third fastest girl in 50 backstroke, breaststroke and freestyle in the 8&U age group.

Biggest Personal Bests:

Thomas 1500m freestyle 45.81 sec, Darcy 100 freestyle 14.92 sec, Mikayla 100 butterfly 10.65 sec, Keira 200 individual medley 10.57 sec.

Anyone interested in attending some free Come and Try sessions on Monday nights during school term please contact Helen Bignell on 0432 635 972 or email [blymembership@gmail.com](mailto:blymembership@gmail.com) for more information.

Image above – from left: Hayley Pearson, Keira Flowers, Nicholas and Thomas Bignell, Aleisha and Mikayla Pearson, Darcy and Maggie Hodges.

Image below – from left: Mikayla and Aleisha Pearson, Keira Flowers, Thomas Bignell, Hayley Pearson, Nicholas Bignell.



## Lochlan Thiele Secures Electrotechnology Apprenticeship

Congratulations to 2022 Year 12 student, Lochlan Thiele, as he has secured a Certificate III Electrotechnology apprenticeship with Stuckey Electrical Contractors!

Lochlan impressed Stuckey Electrical during his 2-week work experience and applied for a job, where he was offered an apprenticeship. Lochlan's role will include laying conduit, 1st fixes, general maintenance and problem-solving.

Congratulations, Lochlan, we wish you all the best in your bright future!

*Pictured above is Senior School Administration staff member Tanya Thomson, Head of Senior School Ciaran Buckley, Mother Rachel, and Lochlan Thiele.*

## Canteen Reminders

- Please ensure the Student Profile in the QKR! App created for ordering is your child's name (not the parent name) and your child's correct year level;
- QKR! App Orders need to be in by NO LATER THAN 8.30AM for same day orders;
- Please carefully check day/date of order when using the QKR! App, and the details of all orders before proceeding to checkout.
- Year 8 and 9 QKR! App specials are only available to be ordered by these year levels, not for a younger sibling.
- Reception to Year 5 are only allowed to purchase two items, only one of these can be lollies. There is no monetary limit only an item limit.



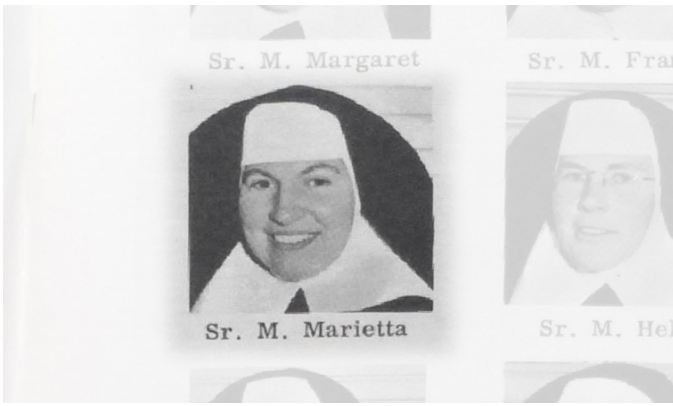
If you have any questions regarding the Qkr! App, please contact Jess Herring at [herrj@tenison.catholic.edu.au](mailto:herrj@tenison.catholic.edu.au).

**Leanne Sandow** | Canteen Manager



Check out the Tenison Woods College Facebook Page





## Vale - Sr. Janet Mead (Sr. Marietta)

It's with great sadness that we announce Sr. Janet Mead recently passed to eternal life on the morning of Wednesday 26 January.

Sr. Janet Mead - also known as Sr. Marietta - taught at Mater Christi College from 1963-1968. She was a well-loved Sister of Mercy who touched the lives of many, a great advocate for those unable to be heard on many fronts.

May Sr. Janet rest in peace.



## Centenary Tower Fire

We'd like to thank the MFS, CFS, local community and all the volunteers that helped control the fire in late January.

We captured some moments from the school grounds and we are extremely fortunate that the fire didn't impact the College.

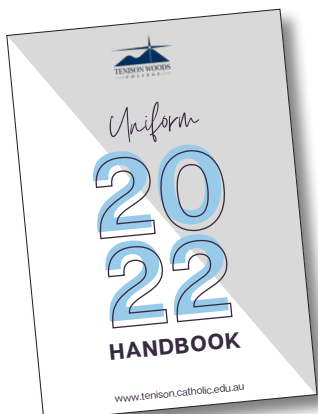


## 2022 Uniform Handbook is available

The all-new 2022 Uniform Handbook is now available to view online! Click [here](#).

If you are needing new uniform items, visit the Uniform Shop during the trading hours below:  
Tuesdays 8:00AM - 12:00PM  
Thursdays 12:30PM - 4:30PM.

Please Note: Uniform Shop is now located via the Front Office Entrance (within the Mall area)



## Music students achieve incredible exam results!

While the school took a break, some of our talented musicians continued to excel at their craft.

Australian Music Examinations Board Rockscool Exam results are in and we are delighted to share the incredible results from 2021.

- Tayla Graney was awarded a Distinction in the Grade 4 Exam.
- Maixence Williams was awarded a Distinction in the Grade 8 Exam.
- Mary Moreto was awarded a Distinction in the Grade 6 Exam.
- Zoe Aberle was awarded a Distinction in the Grade 8 Exam.
- Jake Parker was awarded a Distinction in the Grade 2 Exam.
- Sam Burke was awarded a Distinction in the Grade 5 Exam.
- Gabi Maldari was awarded a Merit in the Grade 5 Exam.
- Taylor Fenton was awarded a Merit in the Grade 1 Exam.

In addition to the above, Year 12 Tenison Woods College student Maxience Williams sang the National Anthem at the District Council of Grant Australia Day Ceremony.

Well done to everyone!

**Penny Mansell** | Head of Performing Arts



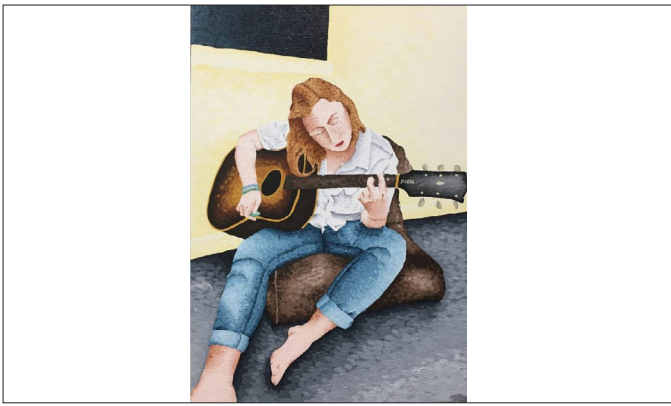
## Matthew Godrik Secures Carpentry Apprenticeship

Congratulations to 2022 Year 12 student, Matthew Godrik, who has secured a Certificate III Carpentry apprenticeship with Godrik Construction & Electrical!

Matthew secured his apprenticeship after impressing Godrik Construction & Electrical during his 2-week work experience. He commenced his apprenticeship on Monday 20 December last year. His role includes 1st fix carpentry, roofing, demolition and multi-trade work.

Congratulations Matthew, we wish you all the best in your bright future!

Pictured above is Matthew, parents Donnamarie and Gregory, and Head of Senior School Ciaran Buckley.



## Old scholar's artwork chosen for exhibition in Adelaide!

Each year the SACE board selects a number of artworks created by Stage 2 students across South Australia for exhibition in their art show at Light Square Gallery. This year, 2021 Year 12 student Amelia Taylor's artwork 'I want to hold your hand' was chosen for curation.

*"I want to hold your hand was developed through the exploration of capturing a moment in time within artwork; how a moment in time is more than what you can see, it is the feeling and the emotion that makes it so special. This piece captures the moment where I played my late Grandad's guitar for the first time, it was a moment full of various emotions; joy in seeing the guitar, sadness in not being to share the moment with him and sentimentality as Dad and I looked back on the guitar and its importance to Grandad. Just like Dad and I, Grandad loved music. The title of this piece is significant to this work and everything it portrays. It is the title of a Beatles song, tying Grandad, Dad and I together through our love of The Beatles and music. The song title also has more meanings than a romantic connotation; it means connection, familiarity, love and loss, all themes that my painting explores." - Amelia Taylor*



## Hudson Keding Secures Apprenticeship

Congratulations to Year 11 student Hudson Keding!

Hudson Keding secured a Certificate II Carpentry apprenticeship with Godrik Construction & Electrical after impressing them during his 2-week work experience. His role includes 1st and 2nd fix carpentry, tiling and concreting.

Congratulations Hudson! We wish you all the best in your bright future.

Pictured above is Head of Senior School Ciaran Buckley, Hudson Keding, Mother Xarnia Keding, and Senior School Pathways Coordinator Suzanne Pepe.



*Check out the Tenison Woods College Instagram Page*



## Week 2 Shine FM Podcast - COVID-19 Update

Tune in to our Week 2 edition of the SHINE FM Podcast, including a COVID-19 Update with our Principal David Mezinac. Enjoy! Listen [here](#)



## Students set to represent SA Country

Three Tenison Woods College Students have recently been selected to represent SA in the State Country Basketball Team.

The trio will represent SA Country at the National in April.

L-R: Year 11 Jackson Bowden, Year 12 Zachary Nulty and Year 11 Harry Mules.



## Lucy Denton and Annelise Janssen make the National Championships!

Congratulations to 2021 Year 12 Graduate Lucy Denton and 2022 Year 11 Student Annelise Janssen. The girls have made the final 19U and 17U Netball State Teams respectively!

Lucy and Annelise will compete at the National Championships in April. Well done, girls!

*Pictured above: Lucy Denton (left) and Annelise Janssen (right)*

# Photo Gallery - Reception Students First Day



See more images on our facebook page [here](#)

# 2022 Senior Student Leadership



Tess Kenseley  
School Captain



Riley Turnbull  
School Captain



Keeva Shepherd  
Mission Leader



Sarah Taylor  
Mission Leader



Ariella Holland  
Wellbeing Leader



Sari Mutton  
Wellbeing Leader



Emma Lang  
Sustainability Leader



Amelie Salmon  
Sustainability Leader



Flynn Davison  
Learning Leader



Mercedes Barrett  
Learning Leader



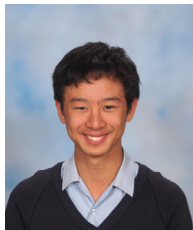
Joey Jones  
Sport Leader



Noah Sims  
Sport Leader



Ethan Hopgood  
Music Leader



Julio Teodoro  
Music Leader



Liam Turley  
Champagnat Founder Leader



Josh Chuck  
Champagnat Founder Leader



Maixence Williams  
McAuley Founder Leader



Thomas Bignell  
McAuley Founder Leader



Ruby Richter  
Woods Founder Leader



Claire Brooker  
Woods Founder Leader



Ashley Burt  
MacKillop Founder Leader



Alyssa Duncan  
MacKillop Founder Leader





## 2022 Junior School Student Leadership



**Emmy Jeffrey**  
Junior Student Leader



**Louis Fritsche**  
Junior Student Leader



**Amelie Adam**  
MacKillop Founder Leader



**Lachlan Cutting**  
MacKillop Founder Leader



**Raia Haggis**  
Champagnat Founder Leader



**Paddy Sigley**  
Champagnat Founder Leader



**Jess Oxlade**  
McAuley Founder Leader



**Fergus Tarr**  
McAuley Founder Leader



**Gabi Yates**  
Woods Founder Leader



**Duke Bradley**  
Woods Founder Leader

## 2022 Middle School Student Leadership



**Chelsea Lucas**  
Middle Student Leader



**Mason Bentley**  
Middle Student Leader



**Harriet Clark**  
MacKillop Founder Leader



**Kobe Cole**  
MacKillop Founder Leader



**Cedar Scott**  
Champagnat Founder Leader



**Alexei Georgiou**  
Champagnat Founder Leader



**Matilda Hunt**  
McAuley Founder Leader



**Jacob Salmon**  
McAuley Founder Leader



**Samantha Considine**  
Woods Founder Leader



**Charles Moore**  
Woods Founder Leader

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