



# THE COLT CHRONICLE

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## Letter from the Editor: Carley Wood

As an avid baker and dessert lover, I have found many fun recipes over the 6 years I have been baking for my friends and family. Most of Lee Academy's student body and faculty have probably tasted one of my brownies at this point. As Christmas gets closer and I look forward to more free time during the break, I am absolutely ecstatic to have more time to bake, by myself and with my Nana, who taught me everything that I know. Everyone knows that Christmas recipes are the best! Here are a few of my favorite treats to get you in the Christmas spirit!

### Oreo Balls

A fan favorite amongst my family, Oreo balls have been a staple of our holiday season since we were young. Some of my favorite holiday memories are making them with my Nana the past few Christmases. I use her recipe, but this one is very similar. I would suggest using white almond bark instead of regular chocolate- trust me!

#### Ingredients

- 1 package (15.25 oz) regular Oreos (about 36 Oreos)
- 8 oz package cream cheese, softened
- 16 oz chocolate\*, for melting
- Optional for decorating: melted chocolate, Oreo crumbs, sprinkles, crushed peppermint, or chopped nuts, if desired

#### Instructions

- Add whole Oreo cookies to a food processor and pulse into fine crumbs (alternately, use a ziplock bag and a rolling pin to gently smash them into fine crumbs). Reserve 1 tablespoon of crushed Oreo for sprinkling on top at the end, if desired.
- Add room temperature cream cheese to a mixing bowl and mix until smooth.
- Add the Oreo crumbs and stir well to combine.
- Scoop the mixture into 1 tablespoon size oreo balls and place them on a lined baking sheet. Freeze for 15 minutes.
- Meanwhile, melt the candy wafers according to package instructions.
- Remove balls from freezer and dip them into the melted chocolate, allowing excess chocolate to drip off before placing them back on the baking sheet.
- Allow to chill in the fridge for at least an hour before serving. Store in an airtight container in the fridge for up to 3 weeks.



### Snickerdoodles

Another favorite of mine and my Nana's, this simple cookie is absolutely a Christmas staple dessert. The sugar and cinnamon will always bring back fun memories of the holidays. Once again, I use her recipe when I make these simple cookies, but this one is very similar.

#### Ingredients

- 2  $\frac{3}{4}$  cups all-purpose flour
- 2 teaspoon cream of tartar
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- $\frac{1}{2}$  teaspoon salt
- 1 cup unsalted butter just softened
- 1  $\frac{1}{2}$  cups sugar
- 2 eggs
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract

#### Cinnamon Sugar Coating

- $\frac{1}{3}$  cup sugar
- 2 tablespoons cinnamon

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## Instructions

- Preheat oven to 350°F.
- In a large bowl, mix together flour, cream of tartar, baking soda, and salt together. Set aside.
- In a stand mixer, cream together butter and sugar. Add eggs and vanilla and blend well.
- Add dry ingredients to wet ingredients and mix well.
- In a small bowl, combine remaining 1/3 cup sugar and 2 tablespoons cinnamon.
- Use a small cookie scoop to scoop out dough, roll into a ball and then roll into the cinnamon sugar mixture- twice.
- Place 2 inches apart on an ungreased cookie sheet.
- Bake for 8 - 10 minutes. Let sit on the cookie sheet for a few additional minutes before removing to a wire rack to cool.

## Divinity

This bite-sized dessert tends to be hit or miss with a lot of people. From sneaking into the kitchen to steal another bite with my cousins at my great-grandmother's house when I was young, until now when I get the chance to make some for my family every year, it is a recipe that I have many memories tied to. This is the closest recipe I could find, but make sure to use clear vanilla rather than regular.

## Ingredients

- 2 large egg whites
- 3 cups sugar
- 2/3 cup water
- 1/2 cup light corn syrup
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1 cup chopped pecans

## Instructions

- Place egg whites in the bowl of a stand mixer; let stand at room temperature for 30 minutes. Meanwhile, line three 15x10x1-in. pans with waxed paper.
- In a large heavy saucepan, combine the sugar, water and corn syrup; bring to a boil, stirring constantly to dissolve sugar. Cook, without stirring, over medium heat until a candy thermometer reads 252° (hard-ball stage). Just before the temperature is reached, beat egg whites on medium speed until stiff peaks form.
- Slowly add hot sugar mixture in a thin stream over egg whites, beating constantly and scraping sides of bowl occasionally. Add vanilla. Beat until candy holds its shape, 5-6 minutes. (Do not overmix or candy will get stiff and crumbly.) Immediately fold in pecans.
- Quickly drop by heaping teaspoonfuls onto prepared pans. Let stand at room temperature until dry to the touch. Store between sheets of waxed paper in an airtight container at room temperature.

I hope that everyone has a fun-filled Christmas break! Merry Christmas.

# Attention ALL

## LEE ACADEMY ALUMNI

The Colt Chronicle wants to interview YOU!

We're starting a **BRAND NEW** newspaper segment - **The Alumni Spotlight!**



Our INTREPID reporter, Alyssa Vassel, will interview you for the newspaper to feature past students' accomplishments, memories, and future plans!

If you'd like to be interviewed, please contact us via email: [newspaper@leeacademycolts.org](mailto:newspaper@leeacademycolts.org) or by clicking the link in our Instagram bio!

We will also be contacting alumni for interview requests, so be on the lookout!

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# All Around Lee by Alyssa Vassel

## CASPIAN

- canned green beans/peas
- instant mashed potatoes
- canned corn
- canned sweet potatoes

## ORLOV

- canned peaches
- mac and cheese
- canned pineapple
- canned mixed fruit

## LAAKA

- peanut butter
- chicken soup
- canned pears
- tuna
- canned vegetable soup

## TARPAN

- rice (white or brown)
- canned mandarin oranges
- canned cranberry sauce
- boxed stuffing

It's almost time for the holiday season! Many amazing events have occurred at Lee since Homecoming. The Initiative Club held a series of bake sales in October and raised \$200 for the CARES Animal Shelter. The Caspian house made the most donations and won a pizza party. A blood drive was held at the school on November 2. The Booster Club distributed hams at the school on November 22.

Students filled 50 boxes for Operation Christmas Child in November, benefiting children in need around the world. Initiative Club's December project is a food drive for the Care Station. The house that has the most donations from Operation Christmas Child and the food drive combined will win home work passes for next semester. The due date for food items is December 9, and the list of items for each house is included below.

The Colt Chronicle is sponsoring a house Gingerbread House contest! Your team will use the kits given out by Mrs. Latham to build a Lee Academy-themed house together.



Make sure to post your gingerbread house on social media by Thursday, December 8.

Winter Formal will be held Saturday, December 10 at the Clarksdale Country Club. The 7-9th grade dance will be from 7:00-9:00 P.M. and the 9-12 grade dance will be from 9:30-11:30 P.M. 9th-grade students can go to either dance, but they must purchase 2 wristbands to attend both dances. Anyone interested in attending must see William Walker, Tanner Fava, Will Moser, or John Oliver for a permission form (that must be filled out before purchase) and a \$20 wristband.



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## Senior Spotlights by Carley Wood

### Lila Dunavent



Lila Dunavent has been a student at Lee Academy since the seventh grade. She was a captain of the soccer team her senior year, and she played from 10th-12th grade. Lila's favorite teacher is Mrs. Evans because "She has always helped me with so much. I miss eating lunch

with her and two of my friends everyday in 8th and 9th grade." Her advice to underclassmen is to make the best of your time because it goes by fast. Lila's favorite memory is the senior retreat and staying up all night before the first day of school. Lila is currently deciding between attending Northwest Community College or Mississippi State University.

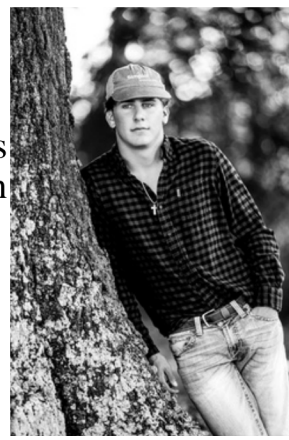
### Georgia Dulaney

Georgia has attended Lee Academy since preschool, except for 5th and 6th grade. Georgia is running track this year, but says, "I think that I have come to the realization that there just is not a sport for me." Georgia is a member of the Crown Club and is also an active member of the Southern Debutante Assembly. When asked who her favorite teacher is, Georgia said, "Mrs. Evans and Mrs. Noland have both been my favorite teachers. I can't pick between them! They have both taught me so much and have pushed me to keep working hard. Even though they're classes were the hardest, they taught me the most, and I couldn't be more thankful for them!" Georgia's advice to underclassmen is to work hard, do your work, go the extra mile, and show that you are trying to improve. Georgia's favorite memory from her time at Lee is "When I put spinach in Lauren's face in the 4th grade and she screamed so we got in trouble and the principal made us go and apologize to all the teachers for screaming at lunch and disturbing their peace." Next fall, Georgia will be attending Mississippi State University to major in AgriBusiness.



### Justice Duraj

Justice Duraj has been a student at Lee since K-3. He plays football and runs track. Justice is a member of St. Elizabeth Youth Group. He has loved all of his teachers, but he says, "Dr. Humber's ability to put us in a great mood even on Monday mornings is pretty awesome though." Justice's advice to underclassmen is "Don't blink, it will be gone before you know it." Justice has enjoyed playing football the most during his time at Lee, but he says he has many memories that he will never forget. Justice plans to attend Mississippi State University to major in AgriBusiness.



### Aden Easter

Aden Easter has attended Lee Academy since seventh grade. He is a member of the shooting sports team and is a volunteer firefighter. Aden's favorite teacher is Coach Flo because "We always used to talk about Friday night football games." His advice to underclassmen is to become friends with Mrs. Walker. Aden said, "My Favorite memories at Lee were all the shooting team practices and tournaments with coach John Sherard and the Friday night football games." Aden plans to attend Delta State University and pursue a Bachelor of Commercial Aviation in Flight Operations.



EXTRA CREDIT FROM

MS. LAGNESE

Students that keep their syllabus until the last week of school will be able to replace their lowest test grade with a 100%!



## Music

Christmas is just a few short weeks away and there are many ways to get in the holiday spirit. You either love it or you hate it, but one main way to celebrate is Christmas music. You of course have the Christmas classics such as “Rockin’ Around The Christmas Tree” by Brenda Lee, “Last Christmas” by Wham!, and “Jingle Bell Rock” by Bobby Helms. You also can listen to the king of Christmas music himself, Michael Bublé. He has many different Christmas songs out. Another option is the Elvis Presley Christmas album if that is more your style. It cannot be a Christmas playlist without “Christmas Tree Farm” by Taylor Swift and “Christmas the Whole Year Round” by Sabrina Carpenter for the more pop music approach. Go to any streaming platform and search up Christmas music playlists to see what you like! OR use the QR code below to access the LA Colt Chronicle Spotify account where you'll find our student made Christmas playlist!

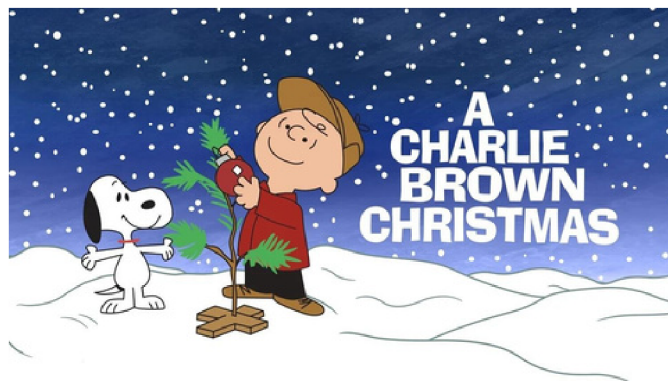


## Celebrity

Celebrities are always entertaining, here's what has been happening recently in the celebrity world. I think we all heard about the horrendous sale of Taylor Swift's “The Eras Tour” tickets. You have a higher chance of getting into Harvard than getting those concert tickets. It is even said that Ticketmaster will be getting investigated for how badly they messed up that sale, leaving many true fans without tickets. Vanity Fair just dropped the highly anticipated interview of the year with Billie Eilish. For the past six years Billie has done this interview where she answers the same questions to see how much she has grown. It has been recently confirmed that Kendall Jenner and Devin Booker split up over this summer. Among the celebrity breakups, Harry Styles and Olivia Wilde are claimed to have gone their separate ways as well. With the two couples breaking up around the same time some people of course have to say they believe Harry and Kendall are going to be getting back together, coincidence or not?



## Gage's Top 3 Christmas Movies; alternatively The Only Good Christmas Movies, A Comprehensive List



*A Charlie Brown Christmas* - I've always had a soft spot for old school animated projects, and Charlie Brown in particular is always a hit. Surprisingly, this twenty-five minute short has a really nice message about consumerism and capitalism, which is odd considering the target audience, but then again, rewatching Charlie Brown as an adult will reveal a startling amount of legal jokes.

*National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation* - John Hughes is kind of a god at writing character-based projects, from *Ferris Bueller* to *The Breakfast Club*, his work always hits hard, and this is no exception. It's probably one of the most consistently funny comedies I've seen, and the number of famous quotes that come the film truly is impressive.



*A Christmas Story* - Despite coming out to mostly lukewarm reception in 1983, it's become a cult classic in recent years, even having a new sequel release only a few weeks ago. It's become a tradition to watch this movie every year, and I love it just for how sincere it is. It's nothing more than a modest story that takes an honest look into the 1940s.



## Colt and Filly Sports by Tatum Young

Photographs provided by Meredith Whitworth

For the first time in a while, we have a boys soccer team here at Lee. They have started off their season with a bang by winning their first two games against Magnolia Heights. They have played two games since then and done great. Their next game is December 7th at home against Kirk.

Colt Basketball is in full force. All teams have done well in their past few games. The basketball teams have their first conference games next week. They play Oak Hill is home and will be streamed, and Rossville is away. And as always, if you can make it to the game, please do!

The shooting team's season has also started. They traveled to McIvor and competed a few weekends ago. Their next shooting competition is this weekend also in McIvor.

Our Football season is over, but we continue to be proud of all of our players. Our guys ended the season as district champions and got to host a playoff game, which hasn't happened in a long time. Although the regular season is over, two of our seniors will continue to play in the MAIS All-Star game. Luke Agostinelli and Sam Stonestreet were chosen to play in the all-star game in Jackson this Friday. We are so proud of them and their hard work!



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