

*Honor Week
September 13-17*

Each year the Honor Council, a group of Juniors and Seniors and two faculty advisors who support a trustworthy community whose foundations are based upon honesty and integrity, plans Ashley Hall's Honor Week. The week includes a series of assemblies and activities designed to educate the student body on the Honor Code and the importance of ethical behavior at Ashley Hall. This year the featured speaker was alumna **Melissa Fuller Brown '82, Esq.**, who, as student body president, instigated the adoption of the school's Honor Code in 1983. Brown, when asked why Ashley Hall still embraces the honor code stated, "An Honor Code provides a framework for a community to work together. It allows a community to set itself apart from the rest of the world...we as Ashley Hall women have agreed amongst ourselves to hold ourselves and our peers to a higher standard. We want to be something much more than 'normal', much better than 'average.' We expect an Ashley Hall girl to be exceptional."

At a second assembly faculty member, Kelly Smith, shared her very personal experiences with honor, the choices it forces each of us to make and its deep importance. She spoke of honor as the "one thing that no one can take away from you." After her remarks a solemn ceremony was held during which all Upper School students and faculty signed the Ashley Hall Honor Pledge, "As a member of this community, I pledge that I will not lie, cheat, or steal, nor tolerate those who do."

