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TEBOW TO SPEAK AT MISSION SERIES

Wilson Hall is hosting Tim Tebow, for the second consecutive year, as the keynote speaker for the Mission Series on October 18. The program will be held in the Nash Student Center at 7:00 PM, and the doors will open at 6:00 PM. The event is open to the public free of charge, and tickets are not necessary. Seating is on a first come, first served basis.

Tebow is a two-time college football national champion, Heisman Trophy winner, first-round NFL draft pick, and a former professional baseball player. The four-time New York Times best-selling author, speaker, and football analyst is most passionate about his work with the Tim Tebow Foundation (TTF), whose mission is to bring faith, hope and love to those needing a brighter day in their darkest hour of need. The TTF is currently fighting for people who can't fight for themselves in over 70 countries. The TTF focuses on special needs ministries, orphan care, children with profound medical needs, and anti-human trafficking through a variety of programs.

In the fall of 2009, a family approached Wilson Hall with the idea of doing something for the community with



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7PM | Doors open at 6PM

NASH STUDENT CENTER
All are welcome. No charge.

a particular focus on young people. The family was interested in something that would impact the lives of our young people for the better and for their future. From that meeting was born the idea of bringing in a well-known, inspirational speaker who might offer to the local population a message of encouragement, a challenge to leadership, an invitation for the greater good. As a reflection of the desires of this community-minded family, the event was named the Wilson Hall Mission Series.



Dillon Bartlett, Bella Grudzinski & Victoria Singleton, Class of '24.

Bartlett, Grudzinski & Singleton Receive College Board Recognition

Dillon Bartlett, Bella Grudzinski and Victoria Singleton, Class of '24, earned academic honors from the College Board National Recognition Programs. These programs celebrate students' hard work in high school and showcase their strong academic performance.

The academic honors for rural area, Black, Indigenous, and/or Latino students are an opportunity for students to share their strong academic achievements with colleges and scholarship programs that are seeking to recruit diverse talent. Colleges and organizations using College Board's Student Search Service can connect directly with awardees during the recruitment process.

The criteria for eligible students include: GPA of 3.5 or higher, PSAT/NMSQT or PSAT 10 assessment scores that are within the top 10% of assessment takers in each state for each award program, or earned a score of 3 or higher on 2 or more AP Exams in 9th and 10th grade, attend school in a rural area or small town, or identify as African American/Black, Hispanic American/Latino, or Indigenous/Native. *Dillon and Victoria* received the National Indigenous Award and *Bella* received the National Rural and Small Town Award.

Baron Family Tailgate Party

Over 500 guests enjoyed the Baron Family Tailgate Party held at the Nash Student Center on September 15. Catered by Southern Pride BBQ and SweetFrog frozen yogurt, the event allowed Baron Fans of all ages to socialize before heading to Spencer Field for the varsity football game. To promote school spirit Baron Ambassadors, led by chair *Jennings Frerichs '24*, distributed pom-poms and souvenir footballs, as well as wristbands for free admission to the game for new families. *Mrs. Laura Barr* and *Mrs. Martha Jo Smith Johnson '99* of the Development Office organized the event.



LeNoir Oswald '37 & Mary Claire Bearak '24 enjoy the Baron Family Tailgate Party.



Prep Hoops High School Basketball named Hugh Humphries '25, Shawn Michael Matthews '25 and Daniel Burton '24 to the Preseason Top 10 in S.C. Independent School Assoc. lists for their respective grades. They are members of the varsity basketball team coached by Mr. Rip Ripley.

CUSTER & FITZPATRICK ELECTED

Mr. & Miss Wilson Hall



Slade Custer '24 & Helen Fitzpatrick '24

Slade Custer '24 and Helen Fitzpatrick '24 received the honor of Mr. and Miss Wilson Hall. Each fall the upper school faculty nominates students for Mr. and Miss Wilson Hall and the Mr. and Miss for grades 9-11. When nominating a student the faculty considers the following factors: above average academics, participation in athletics and/or extracurricular activities, outstanding citizenship, and excellent character.

From the list of faculty nominated candidates, students in grades 9-12 voted for their own class. While voting, students considered the same criteria the faculty considers when choosing the most well rounded representatives of their class and of Wilson Hall.

The following underclassmen received this honor:

Mr. & Miss Junior

Andrew Segars and Molly Jones

Mr. & Miss Sophomore

Ford Wilder and Bowen Zitzke

Mr. & Miss Freshman

Reese Wilson and Land Stevens



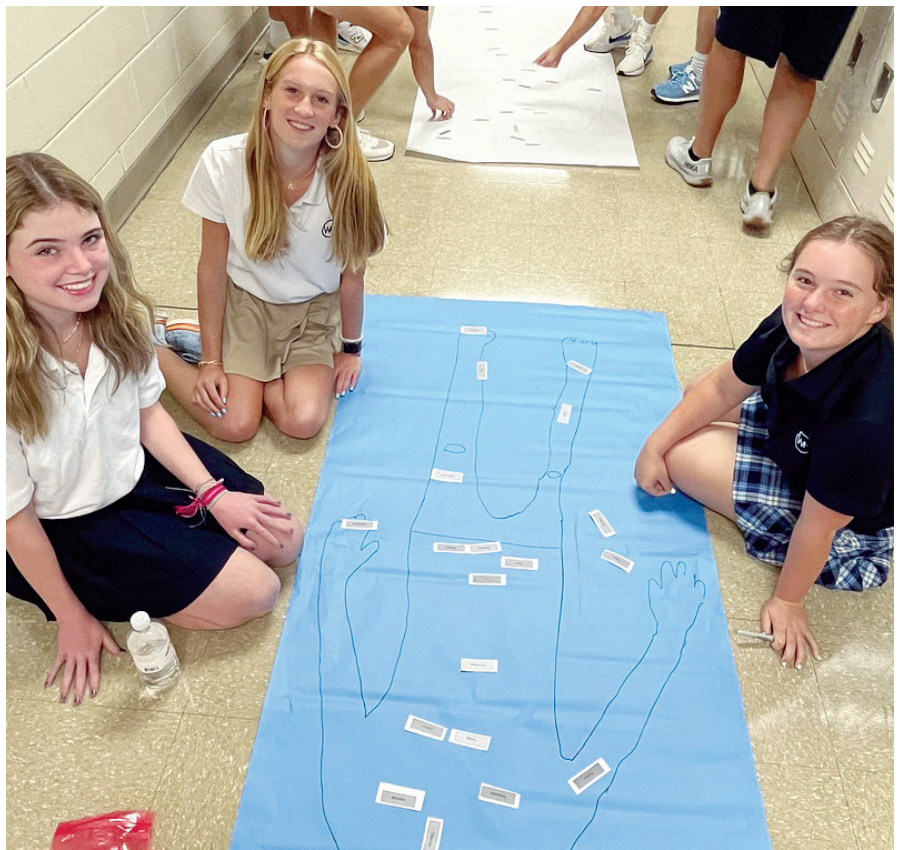
Jaxson Chalupa '38 enjoys a cool treat from the Yummy Wagon ice cream truck under the shade of the oak trees. To celebrate their first week of school, the PTO sponsored the special surprise for students and faculty in PS-K.



Aubrey Payne '24 was selected as the MaxPreps/American Volleyball Coaches Association High School Volleyball Player of the Week for South Carolina on September 12, and she was the S.C. Independent School Assoc. Volleyball Player of the Week for August 25. She is a member of the varsity volleyball team coached by Mr. Rip Ripley.



Emily Mason '25 & Kadence Newman '25, varsity football team athletic trainers, work on the sideline of Spencer Field.



AlliReagan Fidler '24, Abby Bradley '25 & Talan Griffin '24, students in the Honors Anatomy class taught by Mrs. Ashley Morris, practice mapping body region terminology during a STEAM activity.



To conclude their week studying the letter B, preschool 3 students enjoy chasing bubbles on the playground.

THE BARON GAMES

The 22nd Baron Games, a pep rally for students in grades 6-12, was held in the Nash Student Center on September 15. The pep rally featured four different competitions (Football Hike, Football Toss, Baron Caterpillar and The Baron Drag) in which teams representing the classes competed; the Classes of '24 and '29 won their respective competitions. Each class had its own t-shirt for the event. Following the events *Jackson Bonser '25*, a varsity football player, and *Mr. Chuck McCord*, an assistant football coach, spoke to the crowd, as well as *Elliott Arscott '24* as a fan, to generate spirit for the upcoming game. *Katie Croft '24* and the rest of the varsity cheerleaders led the singing the Alma Mater and the school fight song to conclude the program. Student Council



Sienna LeDeatte, Eli Smith & Ashley Brown, Class of '29, participate in the Baron Drag Relay during The Baron Games.

President *Slade Custer '24* and Vice President *Jane McAdams '25* organized the event on behalf of the Student Council which is advised by *Mrs. Rachel Jones Brown '00*, *Ms. Heather Eldridge '93* and *Mr. Sean Hoskins*.



Emmi Leard '24 participates in the autograph scavenger hunt during the class mini-retreat.

SENIOR CLASS MINI-RETREAT

As a follow up to their Junior Class Retreat, the seniors went on a mini-retreat to Camp Bob Cooper on the shore of Lake Marion in Summerton during the school day on September 6. Students participated in group activities such as an autograph hunt, reviewed the iMovies they made in the spring about the traits and characteristics they would like to emulate as seniors, and participated in waterfront activities before having lunch. *Mrs. Laura Barr* and *Mr. Glen Rector* coordinated the event.



Benjamin Metz '36 proudly poses with his blue-ribbon pet. To help transition into the new school year, students read "Boomer Goes to School" by Constance W. McGeorge. They also presented special stuffed dogs of their own, each winning a unique blue ribbon for specific characteristics (Happiest Dog, Fluffiest Dog, etc.) in the dog show. Students finished their special day by celebrating with graham cracker dog bones for a snack.

SPECIAL ATHLETIC RECOGNITION

Sumter Touchdown Club Special Teams Player of the Week:

Jackson Bonser '25

Farm Bureau Heart of a Champion Football Player of the Week:

Grayson Alexander '24

Slade Custer '24

Landon Gilley '24

Dylan Jones '24

Jersey Mike's Subs Above & Beyond Athletes of the Week:

Jackson Bonser '25 (football)

Olivia Cogswell '25 (volleyball)

Mary Katherine Dutcher '27 (golf)

Dylan Jones '24 (football)

Claudia Rhodus '27 (tennis)

Joscelin Tarpen '27 (swimming)

Caulder Williamson '27 (cross country)

Emmie Williamson '29 (cross country)



Caleb Thomas '36 & Ellie Morris '36 enjoy the annual Teddy Bear Picnic. Students brought their favorite stuffed bears, shared them with classmates, and put them outside on the benches where they soon disappeared. They hunted throughout the campus to find them, exploring all of their co-curricular classes and meeting those teachers. Students finally found their stuffed friends at the picnic tables in front of the Nash Center waiting on them with snacks



Kyrston Newman '26 dances with friends at the Student Council-sponsored dance for high school students after the varsity football game on September 15. Held in the Nash Student Center, approximately 100 people attended the casual, "come as you are" event. Vice President Jane McAdams '25 organized the event on behalf of the Student Council advised by Mrs. Rachel Jones Brown '00 & Mr. Sean Hoskins.

Alumni



Aphrodite Karvelas Konduros '77

1977

Aphrodite Karvelas Konduros is a member of the South Carolina Court of Appeals. She currently serves as vice-chairman of the Chief Justice's Commission on the Profession, Lawyers Helping Lawyers, and the Supreme Court Family Court Docketing Commission, and she served on the S.C. Senate Sentencing Reform Commission. *Aphrodite* has served on the Safe Harbor Shelter Board, Prevent Child Abuse Carolina Board, First Steps Board, Greenville Ballet Board, and the S.C. Senate Sentencing Reform Commission. She graduated from the University of South Carolina with a Bachelor of Arts in English and the University of South Carolina School of Law, where she was the first female Student Bar President, with a Juris Doctor. *Aphrodite* and her husband, Sam, live in Simpsonville and Seabrook Island.

1996

Wade Kolb was named to the 2024 Best Lawyers list; Best Lawyers is among the oldest and most respected peer review publications in the legal profession. He is an attorney who specializes in complex commercial litigation with Wyche, a full-service law firm in Greenville. *Wade* graduated from the University of South Carolina Honors College with a Bachelor of Arts in history and religious studies and from Duke University School of Law with a Juris Doctor, and he was an associate student of Keble College, Oxford University.

2001

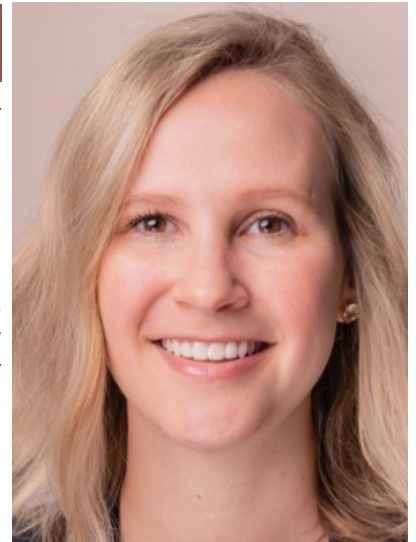
Brian Hill lives in Fort Worth, Texas, where he is the infrastructure services manager for Canyon Ranch, a company that operates luxury health resorts in Arizona, California, Massachusetts and Nevada. He graduated from the University of South Carolina with a Bachelor of Science in hotel, motel and resort management.

2004

Smith Gardner and *Brian Jenks* were married on September 16 at the Milwaukee County Historical Society in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, with a reception following. *Smith* is a senior interior designer for Thom Felicia, Inc., in New York City. He graduated from Washington and Lee University with a Bachelor of Science in economics, and he completed studies in interior design at Chelsea College of the Arts in London, England. *Smith* and *Brian* live in Brooklyn, New York.

2006

Madeline Martin Scully is the Manager of Operations at SwordGate Capital, a factoring company headquartered in Charleston that specializes in the purchasing of accounts receivable with a focus in the transportation industry. She earned a Bachelor of Arts in history from Clemson University and a Master of Education in higher education administration from the University of South Carolina. *Madeline* and her husband, *Shane*, live in Charleston with their sons, *Daniel* and *Clarke*.



Madeline Martin Scully '06



Ben Reynolds '24, a member of the varsity football team, speaks to the crowd during the first pep rally of the year, the Spotlight Pep Rally. The varsity cheerleaders, led by Capt. *Mary Margaret Griffin '24* & Co-Capt. *Mary Parish Williams '24*, organized the event. The players, often doing some kind of strut or dance move, were introduced by spotlight in a darkened gym, followed by a dance routine by the cheerleaders who wore wearing glow in the dark shoes, bracelets and necklaces. *Helen Fitzpatrick '24* spoke as a fan, as did Mr. *Adam Jarecki* as the football head coach.

2010



Alston James Grant '10 and her husband, Jason.

Alston James and Jason Grant were married on August 26 at Trinity United Methodist Church in Sumter with a reception held at LaPiazza. She was escorted by her father, Buck James '78. The bridal party included Ryane Kinder Ferrell '10, Stephanie James Gould '09, Alex Latham Sojourner '10 and Taylor Munn White '10, and George James '09 was among the groomsmen. Alston is the Director of Rehabilitation and is a speech language pathologist for HealthPRO Heritage in Pawleys Island. She earned a Bachelor of Arts in public health from the University of South Carolina and a Master of Speech Pathology from the USC Arnold School of Public Health.



Maggie Norris, Aubrey Payne & Rylee Bath, Class of '24, were named to the American Volleyball Coaches Association Preseason All-American Watch List. They are members of the varsity volleyball team coached by Mr. Rip Ripley.

2012

Chase Breeden works as an Enterprise Implementation Consultant at Samsara, a software development company. He graduated from the University of South Carolina with a Bachelor of Science in criminology. Chase lives in Pickens with his wife, Wendy, and family.

Lawson Held works as a primary care physician with Caromont Health Family Medicine in Lake Wylie. He graduated from Furman University with a Bachelor of Science in political science and the Medical University of South Carolina with a Doctor of Medicine, and he completed a family medicine residency at Floyd Medical Center in Rome, Georgia. Lawson lives in Charlotte, North Carolina.



Mrs. Rachel Jones Brown '00, an art teacher, is the guest speaker for the year's first meeting of First Priority Club, a Christian outreach club for middle school students. The club, advised by Ms. Heather Eldridge '93, meets at 7:30 AM every other Wednesday (on the days when there is no chapel program) for fellowship, prayer, and testimony from guest speakers.



Cooper Hill '26 & Caulder Williamson '27 practice the first hand building technique in the Ceramics 1 class taught by Mrs. Rachel Brown Jones '00.



Elsie Michaels '32 & Mary Evans Mims '32 are ready to cheer for the Barons on Spencer Field.



Serici Runion '35 & Brooks Grier '35 dress in their spirit wear for the first varsity football



Ethan Bentley '28, Thomas Jones '28 & Edmunds DuBose '27 enjoy the Baron Family Tailgate Party.



Jones Des-Champs '24, as the game's 12th Player, carries the school flag to lead the varsity football team onto Spencer Field.

2013 *Michael High and his wife, Ashleigh, announce the birth of their daughter, Millie Rose High, on September 19.*

2014

Kyanna Dawson works as a staff attorney for the South Carolina Court of Appeals in Columbia. She graduated from Carnegie Mellon University with a Bachelor of Science in international relations and politics, the University of South Carolina School of Law with a Juris Doctor, and she studied international relations at the Temple University Japan Campus.

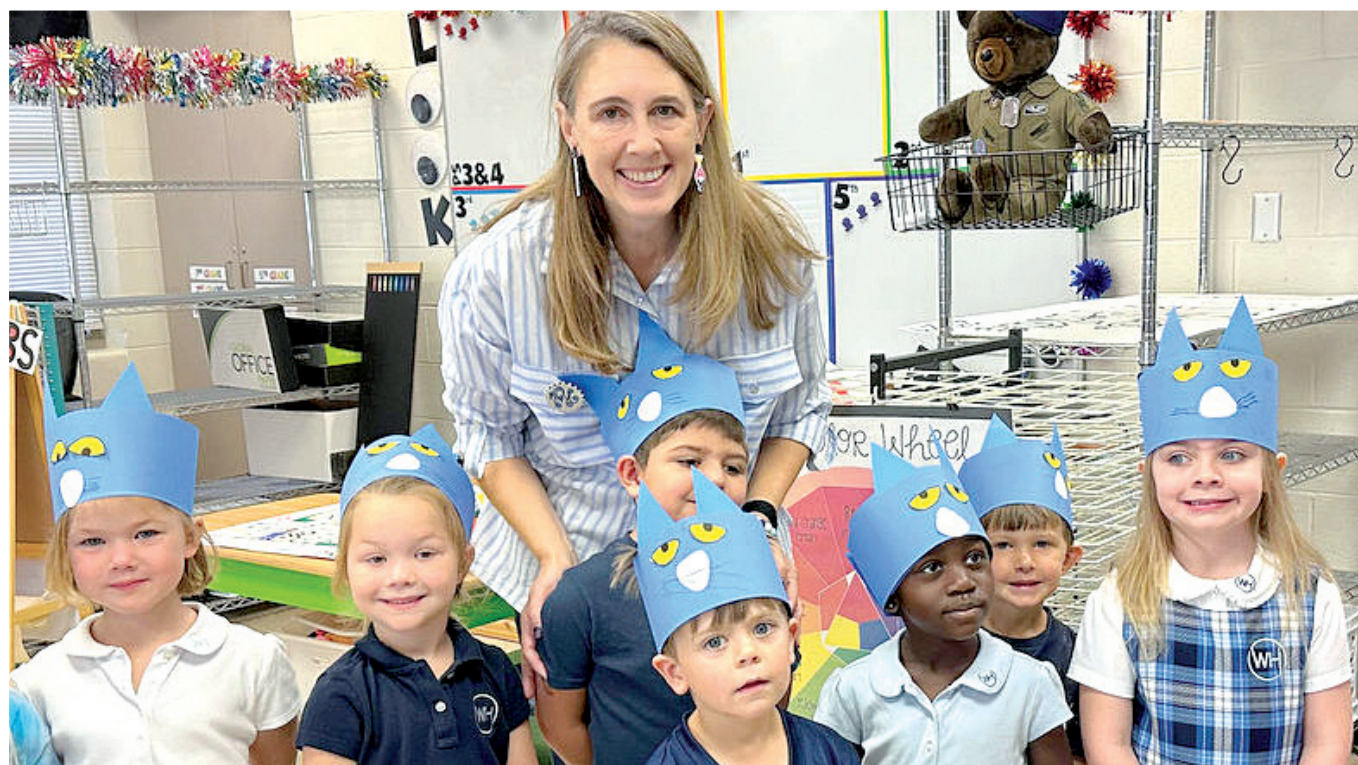


Frances Mac Elmore '25 & Lottie Bynum '25 at the Baron Family Tailgate Party.

2015

Jim Mayes and Sydney Jordan were married on August 12 at Mayesville Presbyterian Church with a reception held at the home of Jim's parents, also in Mayesville. Talmadge Johnson '15, Thomas McGinnis '15 and Heath Watson '21 were among the groomsmen. Jim is the son of Jim Mayes '71. Jim, who graduated from Clemson University with a Bachelor of Science in political science and government, works as a sales and marketing specialist for Alison South Marketing Group. He and Sydney live in Mayesville.

John Eagle Miles is a Justice Fellow at the Georgetown Law Institute for Technology and Law Policy. He graduated from the University of South Carolina with a Bachelor of Arts in international studies and French, the Georgetown University Law Center with a Juris Doctor, and he studied history and linguistics at the University of Artois in France. John Eagle and his wife, Mary Kennon Arscott Miles '13, live in Washington, D.C.



Members of the Class of '37 visit Mrs. Renee Norton, lower school art teacher, during their Pete the Cat adventure. Students went on the adventure searching the campus for Pete the Cat, the popular cartoon cat from the series of books by Dean & Litwin during the first week of school. The search gave the students the opportunity to tour the campus, meet their co-curricular class teachers in their classrooms (art, computer science, library, music and P.E.), and members of the administration. The students, who wore hats they made for the adventure, eventually found Pete waiting for them in a tree on their playground.

2017

Patrick Bell is an assistant preconstruction manager for Brasfield & Gorrie, one of the nation's largest privately held construction firms, in Atlanta, Georgia. He graduated from Clemson University with a Bachelor of Science in construction science and management.

Banks Burns works as a respiratory business specialist at Boehringer Ingelheim, an international pharmaceutical company. He graduated from Clemson University with a Bachelor of Science in biological sciences. *Banks* and his wife, *Kaylie*, have a daughter, *Blakely*, and live in Greenville.

2019

Grant DeVarona, a communications major at the College of Charleston, was selected as a Martin Scholar. The program recognizes a select group of senior communication majors who have an interest in and aptitude for leading and mentoring others and excelling in the communications profession.

Callie McAdams is completing an internship with United States Representative Jimmy Gomez of California's 34th Congressional District. She is a double-major in communications and political science at the University of Southern California and will graduate in December.

Brown Osteen works as a public affairs officer for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration at the Johnson Space Center in Houston, Texas. He graduated from Syracuse University with a Bachelor of Fine Arts in multimedia production with a minor in information management and technology.



Baron Ambassadors Jennings Frerichs '24 & Elizabeth Busch '24 volunteer at the Baron Family Tailgate

2020

Waverly McIver, a journalism and political science double-major at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, is completing a research internship for the Advisory Voting Initiative. For the research she is interviewing mayors of small towns and cities, as well as corresponding public administrators, local civic leaders and journalists.



Diya Patel '25 pauses for a photo during the after-game dance held in the Nash Student Center.

2021

Madi DesChamps, a marketing major at Clemson University, has been selected to participate in the Clemson Sales Innovation Program which offers a sales certificate to students who partake in real-world challenges, foundational role-play exercises, and leadership opportunities.

Logan Kennedy is a communications major at Coastal Carolina University where he is a member of the rugby club and Kappa Alpha fraternity.

Graham VanPatten, a business management major at Clemson University, has been selected to participate in the Clemson Sales Innovation Program which offers a sales certificate to students who partake in real-world challenges, foundational role-play exercises, and leadership opportunities.

Heath Watson, an accounting major at the University of South Carolina, is completing an internship with The Brittingham Group, a certified public accounting firm in West Columbia.

2022

Chanson Bullard is a member of the rifle team at Wofford College where she is majoring in biology and psychology.

Lucy Matthews, who is a marketing major at Clemson University, works as a social media specialist for Clemson Insurance. She volunteers at LifePoint Church in Seneca and she is a member of Alpha Delta Pi sorority.

Ellie Spencer attends Clemson University where she is majoring in food science and human nutrition. She is a member of Delta Delta Delta sorority, the Clemson University Guide Association, and the Nutrition Club for which she serves as the community outreach chair.

LET'S GO BARONS



Andrew Segars, Anna Kate Coker & Parker McLeod, Class of '25, participate in the Football Hike event during The Baron Games.



The varsity cheerleaders lead the student section in a cheer at Spencer Field.



Luke Pedersen '24, a member of the varsity football team, visits the classroom of Leo Welch '34 & Thomas Jones '34 on Baron Media Day. To promote school spirit and provide positive interaction between the older and younger students on campus, senior fall athletes visited students in first through fifth grades during lunch, posing for photos with them and distributing autographed photographs. Mr. Rip Ripley, Assistant Athletic Director, coordinated the event.