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Advanced Placement Scholars

Because of their exceptional achievement on the college-level Advanced Placement (AP) Exams, 42 students received recognition from the College Board. About 20 percent of the 2.2 million students worldwide who took AP Exams performed at a sufficiently high level to earn an AP Scholar Award. In May 101 Wilson Hall students became eligible to receive college credit by earning a score of 3 or higher on at least one exam. Wilson Hall's average passing rate is 88%, above the global average passing rate of 60%. There were 115 Wilson Hall students who took a total of 238 exams.

The AP is a global academic program in more than 100 countries. AP Exams, which students take after completing challenging college-level courses taught at their high school, are graded on a five-point scale (5 being the highest). Most of the nation's colleges and universities award credit, advanced placement, or both for grades of 3 or higher. To qualify to teach an AP course, teachers must attend an intensive AP workshop held during the summer. Wilson Hall offers 22 AP courses, more than any school in Sumter, Clarendon and Lee counties.

Jennings Frerichs, Jeremiah Jones and Mary Parish Williams, Class of '24, received the AP Scholar with Distinction Award, the highest offered, for earning an average grade



Jennings Frerichs, Mary Parish Williams & Jeremiah Jones, Class of '24

of at least 3.5 on all exams taken, and grades of 3 or higher on five or more exams. Also receiving this honor were the following members of the Class of '23: Sumter Cooper, Maddie Crawshaw, Sam Fisher, Sophie Greene, Justin Grynkeiwich, Jada

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Addie Griffin '26, Sullivan Jarecki '24, Marybeth VanPatten '24, Aubrey Payne '24, Amberly Way '23, Sophie Greene '23 & Dani Hanley '23, members of the 2023 state champion softball team, accept the team's Bobby Award.

Baron Athletes Recognized at The Bobbys

Wilson Hall won six awards at the inaugural Bobby Awards held at a red-carpet gala at the Sumter Opera House on June 15. The program, inspired by ESPN's The Espy Awards, celebrates the best in Sumter-area sports. The Bobby is named for Sumter sports legend Bobby Richardson, the former World Series MVP for the New York Yankees.

Wilson Hall had 13 nominations, the most of any of the 12 schools in Clarendon, Lee and Sumter counties. The recipients were voted for by the

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Barons Travel to Italy

Led by Mrs. Sarah Smith, College Counselor, students, faculty and parents enjoyed a 12-day grand tour of Italy with EF Educational Tours in June. After landing in Milan the group traveled to Venice for a guided tour that included St. Mark's Square, a gondola ride on the Grand Canal, and a water taxi to the island of Murano for a glass-blowing demonstration. The tour of Florence included the Piazza della Signoria, Ponte Vecchio, and Basilica of Sante Croce. The group visited the Basilica of St. Francis in Assisi, the ruins of Pompeii, and the seaside of Sorrento. A three-day visit in Rome included the Sistine Chapel and St. Peter's Basilica in Vatican City, as well as the Trevi Fountain, Pantheon and Spanish Steps. Other highlights of Rome included the Catacombs, Trastevere, Theatre Marcellus, and Tiberino Island.



Mrs. Sarah Smith, and her son, Banks Smith '26, pause for a photo during the school trip to Italy.

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Hall, Annabelle Huffman, Bailey McNerney, Rebekha Patel, Cody Peyton, Caitlyn Schumacher and Sarah Sonntag.

Jacob Bostic and Helen Fitzpatrick, Class of '24, and Josie Jackson and Jane McAdams, Class of '25, received the AP Scholar with Honor Award for earning an average grade of at least 3.25 on all AP Exams taken, and grades of 3 or higher on four or more exams. Also receiving this honor were Cameron Coulter, Steve Scholz and Hampton Watson, Class of '23.

The following students received the AP Scholar Award for earning a 3 or higher on at least three exams: (Class of '25) Sarah-Jane Bates, Annabelle Branham, Andrew Segars and Sara Helen Simmons; (Class of '24) Olivia Beasley, Bella Grudzinski, Clark Kinney, Davis Lee and Rhayne Owens; and (Class of '23) Emma Bradley, Jerry Brown, Sudie Grace Cromer, Conner Galloway, Sean Galloway, Noah Kennedy, Zoe Miller, Vruj Patel, Shrey Sheth, Jordan Thornton and Caroline Warr.

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readers of The Sumter Item. Sarah Sonntag '23 won the award for Best Female Athlete, and winning awards for their individual sports were Bailey McNerney '23 (girls cross-country), Connor Smith '23 (boys cross-country), and Amberly Way '23 (softball). The state-champion softball team won the award for Best Team, and Mrs. Teresa O'Hare Alexander '98, the softball team head coach, won the award for Best Coach.

The following were among the nominees: Sumter Cooper '23 (boys track & field), Lori Flemming '23 (girls track & field), Clark Kinney '24 (baseball), Aubrey Payne '24 (volleyball), Mr. Rip Ripley (coach), Connor Smith '23 (male athlete), and volleyball (team).

Barons Tour France

Mr. Scott Warren, French teacher, escorted a group of students, parents and alumni on a nine-day tour of France. The group spent three days in Paris doing walking and bus tours, visiting highlights such as the Louvre, the world's largest museum, and the Catacombs which contains the remains of over six million people located below the city. They visited neighborhoods like The Latin Quarter at the University of Paris, viewed numerous churches such as the Cathedral at Notre Dame, and enjoyed photo opportunities at famous landmarks like the Eiffel Tower and Arc de Triomphe. The tour included a cruise on the Seine River and a trip to Versailles. From Paris, the group traveled by high-speed train to Provence in the south of France to visit Avignon, Arles, le Pont du Gard, and the Saint Paul de Mausole Monastery. While in the area they visited a family-run olive oil production facility for a tour and an olive oil tasting. The group proceeded to Cannes on the French Riviera. While there, they went to Cassis for a boat tour and swam in the Mediterranean Sea, visited Monaco, and shopped in Nice.



Mr. Scott Warren and Elliott Arscott '24 pose for a photo during the school trip to France.

Wilson Hall Hosts Learning Conference



Mr. Lee Gandy, Mrs. Kristall Hanson, Mrs. Teresa O'Hare Alexander '98 & Mr. Eddie Talley take a break during the conference for professional learning and pedagogical development held on campus.

Wilson Hall served as a host site for the Science of Teaching and School Leadership Academy for four days in July. In addition to the 23 faculty members from our school, 21 teachers from Hammond School and Spartanburg Day School also attended. The academy is the Center for Transformative Teaching and Learning's flagship Mind, Brain, and Education (MBE)

conference for professional learning and pedagogical development. MBE is a young science started at Harvard University 25 years ago by uniting the fields of neuroscience, psychology, and education. The educators and school leaders who attended received valuable science of teaching and learning resources created by teachers for teachers. They

learned from a select group of thought leaders and veteran educators, joined a network of teachers dedicated to research-informed practices, and studied tools that can help them elevate their students' academic achievement and social and emotional development. The conference was organized by Mr. Brent Kaneft '00, Head of School.



Ann Weathers Blankenship, Mary Claire Bearak & Maggie Norris, Class of '24, enjoy their last first day at Wilson Hall.

Palmetto Boys/Girls State Conventions

The following members of the Class of '24 were chosen by the American Legion or American Legion Auxiliary to attend the Palmetto Boys State and Girls State Conventions: *Ann Weathers Blankenship, Tucker Burnette, Slade Custer, Jones DesChamps, Eddie Donald, Alli Reagan Fidler, Jennings Frerichs, Landon Gilley, Mary Margaret Griffin, Talan Griffin, Bella Grudzinski, Jeremiah Jones, Davis Lee, Ben Reynolds, Zach Scholz, Maury Shuler and Mary Parish Williams.*

Students, who submitted an application and were interviewed by the organizations, were selected based on the following criteria: demonstrated interest in government, leadership, character, scholarship, and loyalty and service to their schools.

The boys convention was held at Anderson University and the girls at Presbyterian College from June 11-17. The conventions were unique ways for rising high school seniors to learn about the American system of government and politics by participating in a mock governmental system. Delegates also had the opportunity to explore potential career paths through the different programs including the Performing Arts School, Criminal Justice Academy, and Law School.



Rory Brown '33 gets a piggy-back ride from Shawn Michael Matthews '25 during Soccer Camp on Spencer Field.



Renaissance Reading Scholar Program

In the pursuit to build signature programs aligned with the school's mission, the Renaissance Reading Scholar Program was introduced for the 2023-24 school year. This voluntary program for grades 6th-12th encourages students to read rigorous, intellectually challenging literature, often, but not limited to, literary classics. The books selected are those that our faculty feels are important for students to have read before high school or college. This selection is also informed by the Advanced Placement reading list and past Pulitzer Prize and National Book Award winners.

The Renaissance Reading Scholar Program began at Norfolk Academy, under the guidance of then Head of School, Dennis Manning. At Wilson Hall, we have slightly altered the program to fit our community and school mission. *Mrs. Hayes Jones*, librarian, is the coordinator of the program.

Students may choose six or more titles and discuss them with the faculty or staff sponsor. The meeting with the sponsor should reveal that the student understands the reading and can engage in an intellectual discussion. Students will not receive credit for the book until the sponsor confirms they have an adequate understanding of the selection. Students may begin reading in the summer, but the faculty meetings should be scheduled throughout the academic year.

High school students who complete at least six books will be recognized each year as Renaissance Readers (added to transcript). Students completing all four years of the program will be recognized as Renaissance Scholars (added to transcript) and during the Senior Awards Program. Middle school students who complete at least six books will also be recognized each year as Renaissance Readers. Students that complete three years in middle school will be honored and recognized as Renaissance Scholars during the Academic Awards Program of their 8th-grade year.

New Faculty Welcomed

Wilson Hall welcomed 11 new faculty members for the 2023-24 school year; they are among the 110 employees of the school.

MRS. SARAH SEGARS BARNES



teacher certification from the University of South Carolina Upstate.

Mrs. Sarah Segars Barnes '83 teaches 8th Grade Composition, Geometry Honors, and Geometry Plus. She has 16 years of teaching experience, most recently at Cherryvale Elementary School in Sumter School District. Mrs. Barnes graduated from Clemson University with a Bachelor of Arts in architecture design and earned

MRS. ANNE GRATZ



holds a South Carolina teaching certificate.

Mrs. Anne Gratz is a third grade teacher. She has eight years of teaching experience, most recently at Alice Drive Elementary School in Sumter School District. She earned a Bachelor of Arts in elementary education from the University of South Carolina and a Master of Education from the University of Maryland, and she

MRS. NICOLE BERARD



middle and high school math and holds an endorsement to teach gifted and talented students.

Mrs. Nicole Berard teaches 8th grade Algebra I Honors, 7th grade Pre-Algebra I, and Geometry. She has 11 years of teaching experience, most recently as a private math tutor. Mrs. Berard earned a Bachelor of Arts in mathematics and a Master of Education from Truman State University. She is certified to teach

MR. SAM HARRELSON



Divinity School, and a Master of Divinity Studies from Gardner-Webb Divinity School. He also completed the College Board's Advanced Placement teacher training in environmental science and physics.

Mr. Sam Harrelson teaches Advanced Placement Physics, Environmental Science & Ecology, Physics I, and 7th Grade Science. He has 12 years of teaching experience, most recently at Thomas Sumter Academy. Mr. Harrelson earned a Bachelor of Arts in religion from Wofford College, where he also studied science, a Master of Arts in religion from Yale

MRS. BROOKE BLALOCK



Mrs. Brooke Blalock, who joined the faculty in March, is the Assistant Finance Director. She has eight years of experience, most recently as a procurement analyst for a software company. Mrs. Blalock graduated from North Carolina State University with a Bachelor of Science in business administration.

MRS. MELISSA HOLDEN



Mrs. Melissa Holden, who joined the faculty in March, is the Director of Finance. She has 15 years of experience as a financial analyst and consultant in the healthcare industry. Mrs. Holden graduated from the University of South Carolina with a Bachelor of Science in business administration and a Master of Business Administration.

MRS. BRANDY GEDDINGS



Mrs. Brandy Geddings is a three-year-old preschool teacher. She has three years of teaching experience, most recently at Westside Christian Academy. Mrs. Geddings earned a Bachelor of Arts in business administration from Charleston Southern University and a Master of Education in teaching and learning from Bob Jones University.

MRS. ASHLEY MELTON



Mrs. Ashley Melton is the Lower School Administrative Assistant. She has 18 years of work experience, most recently as a substitute at Wilson Hall. Mrs. Melton graduated from Lander University with a Bachelor of Science in business.

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DR. TERRI SMITH



Dr. Terri Smith teaches Graphic Design I, 8th Grade Computer Science Concepts, and 7th Grade Computer Science Foundations, and she is a member of the technology support faculty. She has 23 years of experience, most recently as a professor at Western Governors University. She graduated from Fort Valley State University with a Bachelor of Science in criminal Justice, from Western Governors University with a Master of Business Administration and a Master of Arts in teaching, and Regent University with a Doctor of Education.

MRS. KATIE TUNSTALL



Mrs. Katie Tunstall teaches Algebra II Honors, Algebra II Plus, Algebra II, and Pre-Calculus I. She has eight years of teaching experience, most recently at Sumter High School in Sumter School District. *Mrs. Tunstall* graduated from the University of South Carolina with a Bachelor of Science in mathematics and Villanova University with a Master of Arts in education, and she holds a S.C. teaching certificate.

MRS. MEGAN ZIMMERMAN



Mrs. Megan Zimmerman is a fourth grade teacher. She has five years of teaching experience, most recently at Wilder Elementary School in Sumter School District. *Mrs. Zimmerman* graduated from Western Governors University with a Bachelor of Arts in elementary education and the University of North Dakota with a Master of Science in early childhood education, and she holds a S.C. teaching certificate.

KEYSTONE PROGRAM: CHAPEL & CONNECT

Through the Keystone program, the school offers two programs for students, Chapel and Connect. Students in 1st-12th regularly attend chapel services in the Founders Chapel, focusing on developing positive character traits with a faith-based perspective. Qualities such as gratitude, integrity, kindness, love, perseverance, bravery, and humility are explored. For Chapel the school often welcomes guest speakers such as published authors, local youth ministers, and veterans.

Middle and high school alternate weeks in Chapel. On weeks that one set of students is not in Chapel, that group engages in Connect, which is small group programming. Led by faculty members in homerooms, Connect is tailored to each grade level.

The Connect program for the middle school features an extension of the tenants of the Chapel program and focuses on developing positive character traits. Middle school students also participate in The Social Institute. The goal of this program is to empower students to navigate social-emotional health, social media, and technology positively through comprehensive, gamified lessons. The program reinforces character strengths like empathy, integrity, and teamwork.

The Connect program for the high school varies by grade level. Seniors participate in a financial literacy program that covers such topics as budgeting, credit issues, home buyer education, insurance, and investing. Juniors have community leaders visit campus to speak about leadership and service for the first semester and spend the second semester on college counseling.

Sophomores discuss current events and have a quarter of the year devoted to college counseling. Freshmen focus on Mind Brain Education (MBE), also known as the science of learning. MBE is the intersection of neuroscience, psychology, and education to identify research-informed practices that can be used to promote student achievement. Freshmen also have a quarter of the year devoted to college counseling.

Mr. Lee Gandy, Head of Middle School, coordinates the Chapel program. Mrs. Day Caughman, School Counselor, and Mrs. Sarah Smith, College Counselor, coordinate the Connect program.

Mrs. Laura Brogdon welcomes Adelaide McElveen '32 at the start of the school year.



VOLLEYBALL TEAM EARNS NATIONAL RECOGNITION

The 2022 varsity volleyball team was selected as an American Volleyball Coaches Association (AVCA) Academic All-American Team for the eighth consecutive year. The Barons were one of just five South Carolina programs to earn the recognition and the only program from the South Carolina Independent School Association (SCISA). The AVCA, in partnership with the United States Marine Corps, recognizes volleyball programs across the country in high school and college that excel in academics as well as on the court.

As a team, Wilson Hall compiled a 4.5 GPA while team members were enrolled in 28 Advanced Placement courses and 18 honors courses. On the court the Barons earned a

33-7 record, advanced to the state semifinals, and won the region. The team had five players selected for the SCISA All-Star Team, six players for the All-Region Team, players selected as an AVCA Player of the Week and SCISA Athlete of the Week, and the Region Player of the Year and Region Coach of the Year.

The following were team members: *Campbell Bauman, Emma Bradley, Maddie Crawshaw, Sophie Greene, Amberly Way* and *Sarah Sonntag* (Class of '23); *Rylee Bath, Sullivan Jarecki, Maggie Norris* and *Aubrey Payne* (Class of '24); and *Olivia Cogswell* and *McKenzie Gray Mills* (Class of '25). *Mr. Rip Ripley* is the head coach who was assisted by *Mrs. Mary Peyton Zilch Clepper '24, Ms. Sierra Meiers* and *Mrs. Erin Trueblood*.



Baron Care Summer

Over 130 students in preschool through sixth grade participated in the Baron Care Summer program. The program, which operated each day of the week from 7:45 AM-5:45 PM, was coordinated by *Mrs. Brooke Tidwell*, Director of Auxiliary Programs. The summer staff worked with each student to ensure that they did not forget the fundamental skills they had learned during the school year with fun, interactive activities and crafts. There were weekly themes and on-campus activities included a visit from Toby the therapy dog, a yoga instructor, and the Sumter County Sheriff's Office. Students also participated in team-building activities, STEAM projects, and craft projects, and kept cool by playing in the sprinklers on the football field and enjoying a slip 'n slide and inflatable water slide. At least two days each week the students traveled off-campus to the skating rink, movie theater, bowling alley, swimming pool or Ninja Warriors Gym.



Top: During Baron Care Summer, Jackie Lynch '31, Kate-Austen Kaneft '30 & Parker Chewning '31 welcome a visit from Toby the therapy dog. **Bottom Left:** Benson Brown '32, Jack Ripley '32, Drew Carter '33 & Ryggs Wilson '32 collaborate on a team-building activity during Baron Care Summer. **Bottom Right:** Kelsey Chismar '35 & Alina Waddell '35 enjoy a visit to the skating rink during a Baron Care Summer outing.

ABOVE & BEYOND SUMMER CAMPS

Over 500 campers participated in at least one of the 35 week-long camps offered through the Above & Beyond Summer Program. Coordinated by Mrs. Brooke Wilder, the camps were led by parents, faculty, alumni and students. The athletic-themed camps included all-sports, baseball, cheerleading, equestrian, tumbling and volleyball. There were creative camps for scrapbooking and 3-D printing as well as STEAM reading and math camps, camps for mini-medics and babysitting/CPR certification, and a college application camp, to name just a few that were offered.



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1. Liam Gibson, Emma Oxendine, Ellie Brown & Tolley Richardson '36 make forms with Play-Doh during Camp Kindergarten led by Mrs. Amy Jones. **2.** Daniel Whittington '35 proudly displays his creation he made during one of the three Lego Camps led by Mrs. Jeanna Mahr. **3.** Kadence Newman '25 assists Jackson Bowen '30 in the Robotics Camp taught by Mrs. LeannTuders. **4.** In the Mommy & Me Art Camp taught by Mrs. Rachel Jones Brown '00, Carmen Thomas '34 & Sarah Rumph Thomas '98 work on their ceramics project. **5.** George Shaw '37 enjoys the Storybook Camp led by Mrs. Angie Reid Sistare '92. **6.** Morgan Brunson '32 works on a project in one of the three Art Camps led by Mrs. Renee Norton & Mrs. Tara Breslin-Schumacher. **7.** Sienna LaDeatte '29 hones her skills in the Basketball Camp led by Mr. Glen Rector. **8.** John Deakin, Gracie Shook, Owens Ripley & Mary Pearl Aronson, Class of '35, get acquainted during the Jump Start to First Grade Camp led by Mrs. Courtney Moore. **9.** Hall Owens '32 passes the ball during Football Camp led by Mr. Sam Watford '16.

Smith Joins Board of Trustees

We welcome *Mrs. Macaulay White Smith* '96 as she joins the Wilson Hall Board of Trustees at the start of the 2023-24 school year. *Mrs. Smith*, who graduated from Wofford College with a Bachelor of Arts in history and the University of South Carolina School of Law with a Juris Doctor, worked as in-house counsel for the Tuomey Healthcare System for 19 years. She served as the chair for a South Carolina hospital based attorneys

committee, and she was a member of the the South Carolina Hospital Association committee that rewrote state hospital regulations. *Mrs. Smith* is a member of the ETV Endowment Board of Directors and she is a member of the Palmetto Cabinet. She is a past member of the Sumter County Gallery of Art Board of Directors, the Medical University of South Carolina Board of Visitors, and the Ann Tunky Riley Pink

Tea Planning Committee. An active volunteer at Wilson Hall, *Mrs. Smith* is a former member of the PTO Board of Directors, serving as the Vice President of Membership and the Lower School Representative. As a member of First Presbyterian Church, she has served as a deacon and as a Bible school volunteer. She and her husband, *Murrell* '86, have two children who attend Wilson Hall, *Bee* '27 and *Murrell* '31.

McCord American Legion Teacher of the Year

Mr. Chuck McCord was recognized as a Teacher of the Year by the American Legion Post 15 in Sumter. He is in his 42nd year of teaching at Wilson Hall. *Mr. McCord* teaches Advanced Placement Chemistry, Chemistry I, and philosophy, and he serves as an assistant coach for the varsity football, varsity girls basketball, and boys tennis teams.



Mr. Chuck McCord

Cooper & Fisher School's First Capstone Diploma Recipients

Sumter Cooper '23 and *Sam Fisher* '23 are Wilson Hall's first Advanced Placement (AP) Capstone Diploma recipients. Wilson Hall is the only school in the area approved by the College Board to offer the AP Capstone Diploma Program, which is based on two, yearlong AP courses: AP Seminar and AP Research. The AP Capstone Diploma is granted to students who earn scores of 3 or higher in AP Seminar and AP Research and on four additional AP Exams of their choosing.

Rather than teaching subject-specific content, the AP Research and Seminar courses develop students' skills in research, analysis, evidence-based arguments, collaboration, writing, and presenting. Both courses guide students through completing a research project, writing an academic paper, and making a presentation on their project. Students who complete the two-year program can earn one of two different AP Capstone awards (diploma or certificate) which are valued by colleges across the United States and around the world.

The College Board developed the AP Capstone Diploma program at the request of higher education professionals who saw a need for a systematic way for high school students to begin mastering these skills before college. Only 38 schools in South Carolina offer the program and Wilson Hall is one of only five private schools in the state to offer it.

Olivia Beasley, Jennings Frerichs, Mary Margaret Griffin, Rhayne Owens, Ben ReynoldsMaury Shuler, Addy Thornton and Mary Parish Williams, Class of '24, received the AP Seminar and Research Certificate which is granted to students who earn scores of 3 or higher in both AP Research and AP Seminar.



Mrs. Molly Simpson Matthews '93, an English teacher, and her son, *Sims Matthews* '30, pose for a photo on their way to their homerooms.

ALUMNI

REUNIONS

Classes who are organizing a reunion are encouraged to contact the school for assistance with reunion events on campus. Please contact *Leigh Edmunds McLaurin '92* at leighmclaurin@wilsonhall.org.

The 2013 State Championship football team will be recognized during halftime of the football game on October 27. For more information, contact *Mr. Glen Rector*, Athletic Director, at glenrector@wilsonhall.org.

CLASS OF '83: September 29-30. To reserve your, and your guest's spot, please send a check for \$40.00 per person to Laura Chappell Bauknight at 202 Beltway Lane, Spartanburg, SC 29302 by September 15. For more information, please contact Laura at ljbauknight@gmail.com.

CLASS OF '02: September 29-30. For more information, please contact **Brittany Barrett Tindal** at bab2brittany@hotmail.com.

CLASS OF '08: October 13. Please contact *Caroline Crabbe Barr* at crabbec@gmail.com for more information.

CLASS OF '18: October 13. Please contact *Liza Lowder Meyers* at lizalowder@yahoo.com for more information.

CLASS OF '73: October 21. Please contact *Mary Garland Dunn Roddey* at maryroddey55@gmail.com.

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Mary Parish Williams, Maury Shuler, Mary Margaret Griffin, Katie Croft, Caroline McElveen & Olivia Beasley, Class of '24, enjoy the Senior Pool Party held at the home of Jennings Frerichs on August 20.





Clay Lowder '85

1985

Clay Lowder is a member of the corporate board of directors for Prisma Health, the health care system which owns and operates Tuomey Hospital. A family physician, he is the founder, president and manager partner of Colonial Healthcare, one of the largest primary care groups in the state. Clay is the author of two books and he is the founder of the Winners Travel Foundation which awards all-expense-paid trips to caregivers of veterans and children with special needs. He graduated from Clemson University with a Bachelor of Science in biology and the University of South Carolina School of Medicine with a Doctor of Medicine, and he completed his family practice residency at Carolinas Medical Center in Charlotte, North Carolina. Clay lives in Mayesville and he and his wife, Kelliagh Waynick Lowder '86, have three children: Clayton Lowder '15, Coker Lowder '16, and Liza Lowder Meyers '18.



Grayson Alexander '24 & Andrew Howle '26, members of the varsity football team, participate in one of the many summer workouts on Spencer Field



Murrell Smith '86

1986

Murrell Smith was elected to serve a four-year term on the Wofford College Board of Trustees. Representing District 67 in the South Carolina House of Representatives since 2001, he serves as the Speaker of the House, the presiding officer of the body. Murrell is also a co-founding partner of Smith Robinson law firm. He graduated from Wofford College with a Bachelor of Arts in government and history and from the University of South Carolina School of Law with a Juris Doctor. He and his wife, Macaulay White Smith '96, live in Sumter and have two children who attend Wilson Hall, Bee '27 and Murrell '32.

1998

John Bigbie, a Lieutenant Colonel in the United States Air Force, is the Chief Operations Officer of the Risk Management Executive Division (Cybersecurity) of the Defense Health Agency. He graduated from Clemson University with a Bachelor of Science in financial management and The Citadel Graduate School with a Master of Business Administration. John and his wife, Katie, have two children, Wade and McLendon, and live in Fairfax, Virginia.

Bess DuRant was selected for the 2023 edition of The Best Lawyers in America in the practice of commercial litigation and litigation - trust and estates. She is a member of Sowell & DuRant in Columbia. Bess graduated from Washington and Lee University with a Bachelor of Arts in politics and the University of South Carolina School of Law with a Juris Doctor.

1999

Joy Harley Kinney, a speech-language pathologist, is the owner of Speech-Language Pathology Associates of South Carolina, LLC, an adult focused speech therapy clinic in Columbia. She graduated from Columbia College with a Bachelor of Arts in speech-language pathology and from the Medical University of South Carolina with a Master of Science in communication sciences and disorders. Joy and her husband, Tim, live in Lexington.

2000

Cooper Wilson, a managing partner of the McLeod Law Group, was named by Columbia Business Monthly, Charleston Business Magazine, and Greenville Business Magazine as a 2023 Legal Elite of the Lowcountry in Personal Injury - Plaintiff. The distinction is voted by attorneys and peers in the legal community. He graduated from the University of South Carolina with a Bachelor of Arts in history and from the University of South Carolina School of Law with a Juris Doctor. *Cooper* and his wife, *Mary Mac*, live in Charleston with their children: *Harry*, *Mary Oliver* and *Barnes*.

2002

Elizabeth Mayes Hyatt and her husband, *John*, announce the birth of their daughter, *Margaret Mayes Hyatt*, on June 17. They have two sons, *William* and *Jack*. *Elizabeth* is the daughter of *Jim Mayes '71*.



Brianna Spann Tucker '03

2003

Alvin Butler is the Managing Director and General Partner of Financing Solutions at Hunter Point Capital, an investment firm in New York City. He graduated from the University of Florida with a Bachelor of Science in business administration and finance and a Master of Science in entrepreneurship. *Alvin* also studied at New York University's Stern School of Business and London Business School, earning a dual Master of Business Administration degree. *Alvin* and his wife, *Michelle*, live in Short Hills, New Jersey, with their children, *Dominic* and *Lily*.

Brianna Spann Tucker was selected for "Ones to Watch" for the 2024 edition of The Best Lawyers in America. She is a litigation associate with Swift, Currie, McGhee and Hiers. *Brianna* graduated from Emory University with a Bachelor of Arts in English and history, the University of South Carolina with a Master of Arts in English, and Georgia State University School of Law with a Juris Doctor. She and her husband, *Jason*, live in Atlanta, Georgia, with their daughters, *Amelia* and *Esmé*.

2004

Brett Eaves and his wife, *Sara*, announce the birth of their son, *Wesley Christopher Eaves*, on July 13. They have two other sons, *Brayden* and *Calder*.

2005

Belton White lives in Charleston where he is an Assistant Vice President of Benefits Advocacy for Businessolver, an information technology services and consulting company specializing in benefits administration technology. He is also a Realtor with Carolina One Real Estate on the Isle of Palms. *Belton* graduated from the University of South Carolina with a Bachelor of Arts in journalism.



Class President Davis Lee '24, Student Body President Slade Custer '24 & Student Body Vice President Jane McAdams '25 serve a pancake breakfast for new faculty members before the New Faculty Orientation.

Ben Harrelson '34 is welcomed by his teacher, Mrs. Carla Talley, on his first day of school at Wilson Hall.



2006

Brendan Kight is the principal and co-founder of Illuminate Capital, a real estate investment company. He is also the Chief of Construction for the Omaha District of the United States Army Corps of Engineers, in charge of projects covering eight states. He graduated from The Citadel with a Bachelor of Science in civil and environmental engineering. Brendan and his wife, Lauren, have three daughters (Harper, Rowan and Haven) and make their home in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

2006

Erin Pratt Stuck is a therapist at Palmetto Counseling and Consulting Services and is an adjunct psychology instructor at York Technical College. She graduated from Winthrop University with a Bachelor of Science in psychology and sociology and the University of South Carolina Aiken with a Master of Science in applied clinical psychology. Erin and her husband, Tyler, live in Rock Hill and have two children, Henley and Simon.

Phil Vorpahl and Sarah Carolina Azuela were married on June 23 in New York City.

2011

Joseph Barnes and his wife, Ashlyn, announce the birth of their sons, Colson Marion Barnes and Gibson Alton Barnes, on August 4.

Cody Miller lives in Christiansburg, Virginia, where he is a pastor at Blue Ridge Church. He graduated from the University of South Carolina with a Bachelor of Arts in music and from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Texas with a Master of Divinity. He and his wife, Chelsea, have two children, Clay and Cooper.

Will Richardson works for the Bank of America as an assistant vice president and treasury product associate. He graduated from the University of South Carolina Honors College with a Bachelor of Arts in philosophy and a Bachelor of Science in biological sciences, the University of Oxford in England with a Master of Studies in theology (science and religion), and the University of South Carolina Darla Moore School of Business with an International Master of Business Administration. Will and his wife, Madison, live in Charlotte, North Carolina.

Mary Catherine Patton Stoney works as a school psychologist for Charleston County School District. She earned a Bachelor of Science in psychology from Clemson University and she graduated from The Citadel Graduate College with a Specialist in Education in school psychology. Mary Catherine and her husband, Laurence, live in Mount Pleasant.

2007

Emily Campolong Culler and her husband, Josh, announce the birth of their daughter, Avery Frances Culler, on June 17. They have a son, Hayes.

Preston McCloud works as a senior engineer for Duke Energy Corporation in Charlotte, North Carolina. He graduated from The Citadel with a Bachelor of Science in civil engineering and from North Carolina State University with a Master of Civil Engineering. Preston and his wife, Courtney, have a daughter, Hadley.

Jason Tristan is a risk analytics senior manager and vice president for Citizens, one of the nation's largest financial institutions. He graduated from the University of South Carolina with a Bachelor of Science in psychology. Jason and his wife, Bri Tarpey, live in Denver, Colorado.

2012

Mary Grace Dallery Brinson and her husband, Logan, announce the birth of their son, Logan Giles Brinson, on June 5. They have two other sons, Baylor and Bohannon. *Mary Grace* is the daughter of *Robert Dallery '83*.

Turner Brogdon and his wife, Christine, announce the birth of their son, William Turner Brogdon V, on July 7. They have a daughter, Brinson. *Turner* is the son of *WT Brogdon '87*.

Julian Dixon and his wife, Keri, announce the birth of their daughter, Rollins Elizabeth Dixon, on August 22. *Julian* is the son of *Louise Shaw Dixon '78* and *Rafe Dixon '78*.

Taylor Goodson Green and her husband, Shane, announce the birth of their daughter, Everett Taylor Green, on June 13. They have three other children: *Gunner '36*, *Callen '38* and *Laurel*.

Kayden Reilly, who graduated from Columbia College with a Bachelor of Science in biology, earned a Master of Science in physician assistant studies at the College of Saint Mary. She and her husband, Alan Browder, live in Omaha, Nebraska.

Chappell Moseley Verdouw works as a human resource advisor for Auto and General Australia, an international insurance company. She



Chappell Moseley Verdouw '12



Julian Dixon '12 with his wife, Keri, and daughter, Rollins.

graduated from Winthrop University with a Bachelor of Science in human resource management. *Chappell* and her husband, Reuben, live in Brisbane, Australia.

Dayton Ward lives in Charleston where he is the Project Coordinator for Charleston County Economic Development. He graduated from the University of South Carolina with a Bachelor of Arts in government and political science.

2013

Jared Cotton works as a business analyst and consultant for CGI, an information technology services and consulting firm in Charleston. He graduated from Clemson University with a Bachelor of Science in business management.

Curtis-Lynne Edens and *Brent Carraway '16* were married on June 17 at Trinity United Methodist Church in Sumter with a reception following at Quixote Club. *Brienne Edens Oliver '97* was the Matron of Honor and the bridesmaids included *Elizabeth Munn Krouse '13*, *Maggie Lowery '13* and *Savannah Palm '13*. The groomsmen included *Brandon Carraway '18*, *Chad Edens '01*, *Robert James '16*, *Edward McMillan '16*, *Grier Schwartz '16* and *Chandler Stone '16*.

Anne-Davis Shaw and *Robert Grafe* were married on July 22 at the Shaw residence in Hendersonville, North Carolina, with a reception following. *Anne-Davis* works as a registered nurse at the Medical University of South Carolina Children's Hospital in Charleston. She earned a Bachelor of Arts in graphic communications from Clemson University and a Bachelor of Science in nursing from the Medical University of South Carolina.

Alex Wells lives in Spartanburg where she works as a behavioral therapist for Project Hope Foundation which provides services for children and adults with autism. She graduated from the University of South Carolina Upstate with a Bachelor of Science in applied behavioral analysis.

Will Young, who graduated from The Citadel with a Bachelor of Science in finance, works as an outside sales representative for Herald Office Solutions in Sumter.



Curtis-Lynne Edens Carraway '13 & Brent Carraway '16

Kate McGrath Barbee and her husband, Steve, announce the birth of their son, Jack William Barbee, on August 4.

Blake Bochette is a senior project manager for BL Harbert International, a construction company. He graduated from the University of Alabama with a Bachelor of Science in architectural engineering. Blake and his wife, Laina, live in Tuscaloosa, Alabama.

Furman Dabbs, who graduated from the University of South Carolina with a Bachelor of Science in finance, attends the Charleston School of Law.

Claire Estep and Monica McGraw were married on July 15 at Highland Brewing Company in Asheville, North Carolina, with a reception following. She is the daughter of Michelle Bibeau Estep '84. Claire is pursuing a Doctor of Medicine degree at the Edward Via College of Osteopathic Medicine-Carolinas. She graduated from the University of Alabama with a Bachelor of Science in biological sciences and from the University of Alabama Birmingham with a Master of Arts in developmental psychology.

Preston McClun, a city-county planner, works as a development administrator for the County of Lexington. He graduated from Clemson University with a Bachelor of Arts in political science and he is a certified planner by the American Planning Association. Preston and his wife, Emma, live in Sumter.

2015

Simmons deHoll is pursuing a Master of Business Administration at Harvard Business School. She graduated from Vanderbilt University with a Bachelor of Arts in human and organization development.

Thomas McGinnis lives in Columbia and works as an assistant sales manager for Sumter Packaging Corporation in Sumter. He graduated from Clemson University with a Bachelor of Science in packaging science.

Anna Louise Segars is a fourth grade teacher for the Charleston County School District at Stiles Point Elementary School on James Island. She graduated from Clemson University with a Bachelor of Science in agricultural education.



Anna Louise Segars '15



To end the first day of school students in grades 6-12 attended an opening day assembly that featured a spotlight fashion show led by Student Council highlighting the dress code "dos and don'ts," a relay race coordinated by the varsity cheerleaders, welcoming comments by Mr. Brent Kanefelt '00, Head of School, and the singing of the fight song & Alma Mater. All students in 1st-12th were treated to SweetFrog Frozen Yogurt & Pelican Ice after school was dismissed.

2016

Jay Barnes and Liza Wilson were married on June 10 at Zion Presbyterian Church in Chester with a reception held at the Wilson home. Joseph Barnes '11 was the Best Man and Jake Reaves '16 was among the groomsmen. Jay, who graduated from Clemson University with a Bachelor of Science in agricultural mechanization and business, works for Barnes Farm Partnership in Bishopville.

Rhett Howell lives in Sumter where he is an account executive for Adams Outdoor Advertising. He graduated from Clemson University with a Bachelor of Science in business administration.

Delaney Johnson and Emmett Kelly were married on June 24 at The Cookery in Durham, North Carolina, with a reception following. Audrey Ann Atkinson '16 was the Maid of Honor. Delaney is the social media account coordinator for Chair 8, a marketing firm in Raleigh where she lives. She graduated from Clemson University with a Bachelor of Science in marketing.

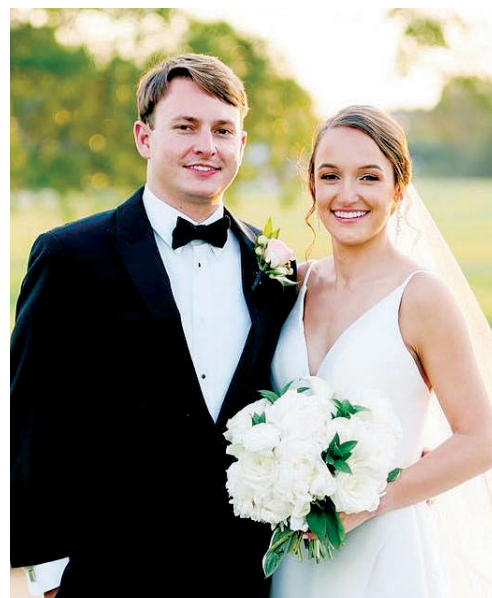
Anna Lyles and Walker Gibbs were married on August 5 at Southern Oaks in Gilbert with a reception following. Emma Wynn Brown Betchman '12 was the Matron of Honor, the bridal party included Nicolette Fisher '16, Mary Daniel Stokes Griffith '17 and Caroline Jackson '16, and Leni Brown '38 was the flower girl. Brayden Fidler '16 and Bryce Lyles '19 were among the groomsmen. Anna graduated from Wofford College with a Bachelor of Science in biology and the University of South Carolina Arnold School of Public Health with a Doctor of Physical Therapy.

Matthew McCloud works in Columbia as a warehouse manager for Sundt Construction, one of the nation's largest full-service building contracting companies. He graduated from the University of South Carolina with a Bachelor of Science in civil engineering.

Mary Margaret Munn and Jackson Thomas were married on June 3 at Trinity United Methodist Church in Sumter with a reception held at Quixote Club. Elizabeth Munn Krouse '13 and Taylor Munn White '10 were the Matrons of Honor, and Mary Margaret was escorted by her father, Rhett Munn '81. The bridesmaids included Mary Paisley Belk '16, Hannah Grace Calvert '16, Caroline Clark '16, Catherine Kelley Schwartz '16, and Halle Stone '22, and Grier Schwartz '16 and Thomas White '09 were among the groomsmen. Mary Margaret, who graduated from the University of South Carolina with a Bachelor of Arts in elementary education, works as a kindergarten teacher at Hammond School. She and Jackson live in Columbia.

Katie Scannella, who earned a Bachelor of Science in exercise science from Queens University of Charlotte, graduated from the Belmont University School of Physical Therapy with a Doctor of Physical Therapy.

Nick Sersun works as a financial advisor for Northwestern Mutual in Orlando, Florida. He graduated from Clemson University with a Bachelor of Science in financial management.



Mary Margaret Munn Thomas '16 and her husband, Jackson.

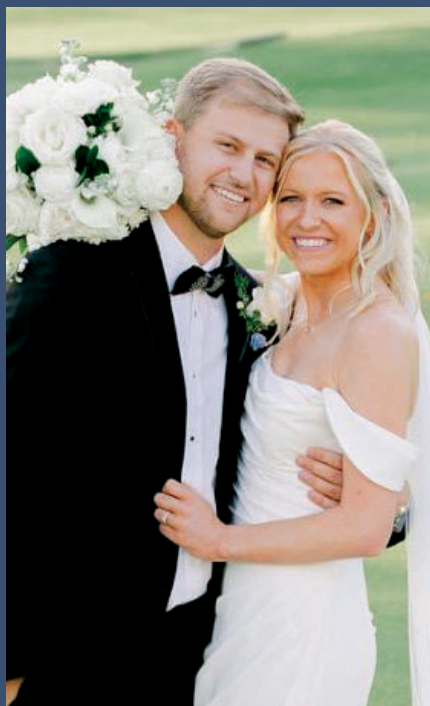


Anna Lyles Gibbs '16 and her husband, Walker.

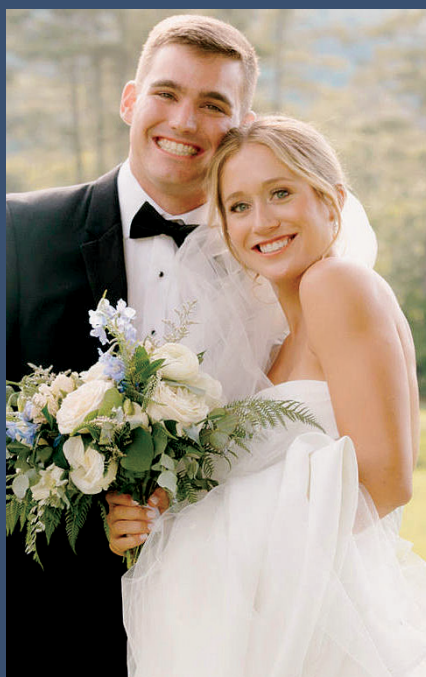


Austin McLaurin '26 & Burns Bateman '26 make their way into the building on the first day.

2017



*Katie Duffy Hucks '17
and her husband, Cal.*



*Greyson Young '17
and his wife, Baylin.*



*Mary Daniel Stokes Griffith '17
and her husband, Austin.*

Danny Dilts is pursuing a Doctor of Physical Therapy degree at the Medical University of South Carolina. He graduated from the University of South Carolina with a Bachelor of Science in exercise science.

Katie Duffy and *Cal Hucks* were married on June 24 at Trinity United Methodist Church in Sumter with a reception held at Quixote Club. *Cameron Duffy '19* was the Maid of Honor and the bridesmaids included *Hannah Grace Calvert '16*, *Courtney Kight Duffy '11*, *Mills Harvin '17*, *Sallie Spencer '17* and *Maggie Segars '17*. *Kyle Duffy '13* and *Will Duffy '11* were among the groomsmen. *Katie*, who earned a Bachelor of Science in business administration from Clemson University and a Master of Health Administration from the Medical University of South Carolina, works as a grants and donor communications associate for the Beaufort Memorial Hospital Endowment Foundation.

Mills Harvin lives in Columbia where she works for the United States Department of Justice as an electronic surveillance technician for the Federal Bureau of Investigation. She graduated from Clemson University with a Bachelor of Science in criminal justice.

Taylor Heath lives in Charleston where he works as an outside sales specialist for Roofing USA, a contractor specializing in commercial and residential roofing. He graduated from Clemson University with a Bachelor of Science in business management.

Davis Kellogg lives in Mount Pleasant where he is a financial representative for Empower, a financial services company. He graduated from the University of Alabama with a Bachelor of Science in finance.

Mary Daniel Stokes and *Austin Griffith* were married on June 10 at First Baptist Church in Sumter with a reception held at The O'Donnell House. *Caroline Jackson '16* was the Maid of Honor and *Morgan Mociun Pack '17* was the Matron of Honor. The bridal party included *Hunter Hawkins Corbett '16*, *Peyton Geddings '19* and *Anna Lyles Gibbs '16*, and *Hunter Hendrix '17* was a groomsman. *Mary Daniel* is the daughter of *Paige Lyles Stokes '86*. *Mary Daniel*, who graduated from Central Carolina Technical College with an Associate Degree in nursing, works as an oncology nurse for Prisma Health Tuomey Hospital. She and *Austin* live in Sumter.

Greyson Young and *Baylin Mann* were married on June 24 at the Country Club of Sapphire Valley in Cashiers, North Carolina, with a reception following. His father, *Jeff Young '73*, was the Best Man, and the groomsmen included *Patrick Muldrow '17*, *Drew Talley '17*, *Robert Young '15* and *Will Young '13*. *Greyson*, who graduated from The Citadel with a Bachelor of Science in business administration, is a Second Lieutenant in the United States Army. He is posted at Fort Wainwright in Fairbanks, Alaska, where he is with the 11th Airborne Division which executes expeditionary operations within the Indo-Pacific Theater.

2018

Patrick Fidler works in Greenville as an industrial engineer for Lockheed Martin, an international defense and space manufacturing company. He graduated from Clemson University with a Bachelor of Science in industrial engineering.

Jarett King is a special agent with the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division, assigned to a threat analysis cell within the South Carolina Information and Intelligence Center. He graduated from The Citadel with a Bachelor of Arts in intelligence and security.

Crystal Moore, a computer science major at Winthrop University, completed a geographic information systems internship with the South Carolina Department of Transportation.

Betsy Noyes lives in Beverly, Massachusetts, where she is the Parish Administrator for Anchor Bay Church. She graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in Biblical studies and theology from Gordon College in Massachusetts.

Katie Overby lives in Miami, Florida, where she works for time:matters, a global company that provides emergency and supply-chain logistics, and the Lufthansa Group, a global aviation company. She graduated from Louisiana State University with a Bachelor of Arts in global and international studies, and she studied history and political science in Germany at the Philipps-Universität Marburg International University and at Goethe University.

Greyson Sonntag lives in Columbia where he works for the South Carolina Chamber of Commerce as a membership sales representative. He graduated from Davidson College with a Bachelor of Arts in political science and government.

Abby Thigpen, who graduated from Clemson University with a Bachelor of Science in psychology, attends the Dental College of Georgia where she is pursuing a Doctor of Dental Medicine degree.

Grace Tristan is a second grade teacher at Charleston Collegiate School, a private school for preschool-12th located on James Island. She graduated from Winthrop University with a Bachelor of Arts in early childhood education and is pursuing a Master of Education in literacy at The Citadel Graduate School.

Abby Zilch lives in Columbia where she is the Director of Communications for the South Carolina Republican Party. She graduated from the University of South Carolina with a Bachelor of Arts in broadcast journalism.



John Austin Smith '33 pauses for a photo on the first day of school.

2019

Katie Cornelison works as a digital marketing associate for ThriveMore Brands, a wellness and fitness service company based in Huntersville, North Carolina. She graduated from the University of South Carolina with a Bachelor of Arts in advertising.

Tanner Epps, who graduated with a Bachelor of Science in public health from the University of South Carolina, works as an account representative for Sumter Insurance Group Inc.

Sydney Jarecki, who graduated from the Clemson University Honors College with a Bachelor of Science in biological sciences, works as a medical assistant for Dermatology and Skin Surgery in Sumter.

Callie McAdams completed a communications and public affairs summer internship with Invariant, a government relations and public affairs firm in Washington, D.C. She is a double-major in communications and political science at the University of Southern California and will graduate in December.

Kenzie Naylor, who graduated from the University of South Carolina with a Bachelor of Science in biological sciences, attends the Medical University of South Carolina College of Nursing.

John Parker is a real estate agent for Coldwell Banker Commercial Cornerstone in Sumter. He graduated from the University of South Carolina with a Bachelor of Science in business management and real estate.

Chandler Patrick, who graduated from Clemson University with a Bachelor of Science in marketing, attends the University of South Carolina School of Law.

Holly Poag is the Strategic Communications Manager for Coker University in Hartsville. She graduated from the University of South Carolina with a Bachelor of Arts in journalism and mass communications.

Liza Segars, who graduated from the Clemson University Honors College with a Bachelor of Science in political science, attends the University of South Carolina School of Law.

2020

Bristol Barnes, a theater major (performance and scenic design) with a minor in film studies at the College of Charleston Honors College, is a member of the college's student-run theater company, Center Stage. She was the sound designer and performed the featured role of Tiresias in *The Bacchae* by Euripides for the first show of the season in August.

Sarah Cain, a biochemistry and molecular biology major at the University of South Carolina, works as a conservation engagement instructor at Riverbanks Zoo and Garden in Columbia. She is a member of Pi Beta Phi sorority.

Madison Landstrom works as a housing assistant for World Relief, a global Christian humanitarian organization whose mission is to empower the local church to serve the most vulnerable. She is a criminal justice major at Charleston Southern University.

Dylan Love works as a quality assurance automation engineer for Webstaurant Store, an online restaurant supply company. He is a cybersecurity major at the University of South Florida where he is a member of Zeta Beta Tau fraternity.

Haile McElveen completed an internship with Moran Charleston, one of the nation's largest marine transportation companies, working with the tugboats in Charleston Harbor. A supply chain management major at The Citadel, he spent the Maymester studying the Panama Canal in Panama.

Emory Moore completed a risk management summer internship at Atlantic Casualty Insurance Company in Goldsboro, North Carolina. He is an accounting and financial management major at Clemson University where he serves as president of Beta Upsilon Chi, a Christian fraternity.



Mallory Hobday '20 (3rd from left front) returns to campus to lead a dance workshop for members of the varsity cheerleading squad. Mallory is a member of the University of South Carolina's dance team, *Carolina Girls*, which won the national championship for team performance at the National Dance Association competition for three consecutive years.



Michael Towery '21

2021

Gracyn Coker, an English and psychology major at Wofford College, is a Junior Delegate to the Campus Union, the college's student government association. She is a member of Kappa Delta sorority.

Madi DesChamps, a business marketing major at Clemson University, completed a summer marketing internship for Sumter Economic Development. She is a campus brand manager for Kendra Scott, a national jewelry company. *Madi* volunteered as a counselor for The Hills Retreat, a 3-day event for incoming Clemson students that provides Christian fellowship and connects students to ministries and local churches in Clemson. She is a member of Alpha Delta Pi sorority.

Storm Owens is a chemistry and Spanish double-major at Wofford College. She is serving as the Wofford Women of Color Secretary and she is a member of the college's track and field team.

Michael Towery, a civil engineering major at Clemson University, is a member of the South Carolina Army National Guard. He spent the summer completing basic training, as well as Advanced Individual Training in combat engineering as part of the 31st Engineering Battalion, at Fort Leonard Wood in Missouri. He is the son of Lance ('88) and Colleen Towery and Vicki Towery.

2022

Carlie Fort is a member of Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority at Clemson University where she is majoring in art.

Ashlyn Goode is a member of Delta Phi Epsilon sorority at the University of Georgia Honors College where she is majoring in economics and political science.

Mary Claire Graves is a member of Kappa Delta sorority at Clemson University where she is a political science major.

Annie Lauzon, a finance major at Villanova University, completed a summer marketing internship for Sumter Economic Development. She is a member of Delta Delta Delta sorority.

Anna Lee is a member of Alpha Delta Pi sorority at the University of South Carolina.

Lucy Matthews, a marketing major at Clemson University, volunteered as a counselor for The Hills Retreat, a 3-day event for incoming Clemson students that provides Christian fellowship and connects students to ministries and local churches in Clemson. She is a member of Alpha Delta Pi sorority.

Hugh McLaurin, an engineering major at Clemson University, completed a summer sales internship in Sumter with Palmetto State Exterior, a commercial and residential exterior maintenance and restoration company. He is a member of Beta Theta Pi fraternity.

Anne-Marie Torchia is a member of Alpha Xi Delta sorority at the University of South Carolina.



Bailey McNerney '23, a cadet at the United States Military Academy at West Point, was chosen to represent South Carolina by carrying the state flag at the annual West Point 4th of July concert and fireworks show.

2023

John Morgan Bates, an engineering major at Clemson University, volunteered as a junior counselor at the Palmetto Boys State Convention held at Anderson University. At the convention he was awarded the Tucker W. Hipps Memorial Foundation Scholarship which is presented to a junior counselor for outstanding leadership and academic achievement.

Emma Bradley is a member of Alpha Delta Pi sorority at Clemson University where she is majoring in food science and nutrition.

Coker Cutler is a member of Pi Beta Phi sorority at the University of Mississippi.

Annabelle Huffman is a member of Alpha Delta Pi sorority at Clemson University where she is majoring in parks, recreation and tourism management.

Jack Poag finished 15th in the 50-meter breaststroke at the YMCA National Long Course Championship held in Goldsboro, North Carolina, in July. He was selected to serve as the sign bearer for South Carolina during the closing ceremonies of the event. He is an engineering major at Drexel University in Pennsylvania.