



Ford Wilder '26, Caulder Williamson '27, Reese Wilson '27, Andrew Howle '26 & Shep Vincent '28

Speed & Strength Team Wins State Championship

Winning the S.C. Independent School Association State Championship, the Speed & Strength Team turned in an outstanding performance across six events including the 40-yard run, shuttle run, broad jump, vertical leap, bench press, and power clean. *Andrew Howle '26* placed first in his division and swept all six events, while *Reese Wilson '27* also won his division, finishing first in four events. *Shep Vincent '28* earned second place in his division, and *Ford Wilder '26*, who won the 40-yard run and broad jump, along with *Caulder Williamson '27*, each placed third in their divisions.

The following students are also members of the team: *Matthew Behmer '26*, *Eric Brown '27*, *Benson Elmore '26*, *Milling Galloway '26*, *Nolan Gooch '28*, *Michael Hunter '28*, and *Carson Wilsey '28*. The team is led by *Mr. Sam Watford '16*, who directs the year-round fitness program and teaches Brain, Body and Balance, helping promote Wilson Hall's belief that healthy bodies lead to healthy minds and stronger students. Assisting with the program are *Mr. Rip Ripley* and *Mr. Kurt Wilson*. Congratulations to the entire team on an outstanding state championship.

THE ACCOLADE

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Ryann Jones '31

Jones State Dance Champion

Shining on the stage at Patriot Hall, *Ryann Jones '31* earned two trophies at the S.C. Independent School Assoc. State Dance Competition, capturing Middle School Solo Grand Champion and 1st Place Middle School Solo in Contemporary. She competed as part of the school's dance team, advised by *Mrs. Jen Alford Reimer '00*, and trains at Miss Libby's School of Dance and Gymnastics.

Gold at State Music Festival

Demonstrating the strength of the performing arts at Wilson Hall, students earned top honors at the S.C. Independent School Association State Music Festival held at the University of South Carolina. Wilson Hall places great value on the arts as an essential part of a well-rounded education and is proud to support students as they develop their talents and pursue excellence in music, theatre, and visual arts. Students were accompanied by *Mrs. Julia Sims-Owens*,



The gold medal winning Lower School Chorus.

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Singkhonket Wins Blue Ribbon for Art

The arts are alive and well at Wilson Hall as student artists earned top honors at the Pathfinders Art Show at the Sumter County Gallery of Art. **Liz Singkhonket '26** received a blue ribbon and was recognized at a gallery reception at the Sumter County Gallery of Art. The show spotlights outstanding student talent from across Sumter County, and Wilson Hall artists earned three of the six awards presented. **Burns Bateman '26** & **Kayla Stanley-Linton '26** were also honored with honorable mention recognition. They are students of **Ms. Tara Beslin-Schumacher** and **Mrs. Rachel Jones Brown '00**.



Liz Singkhonket '26

GOLD...CONTINUED

lower school music teacher, and **Mr. Scott Warren**, Instrumental Ensemble advisor.

Receiving a rating of Superior and earning gold medals were the Instrumental Ensemble, the Lower School Chorus, **Cliff Bath '26** for bass guitar, **Parks Brown '32** for voice and guitar, **Andrew Brunk '27** for piano, **Carson Burnette '31** for voice, **Lucas DuBose '30** for piano, **Abby Hodge '29** for voice, **Benjamin McIver '30** for voice, **Sims Owens '31** for voice, and **Kayla Stanley-Linton '26** for violin.

Earning a rating of Excellent and bringing home silver medals were **Riley Coker '30** for voice, **José Díaz '27** for guitar, **Mary Grace Floyd '33** for voice, **Lauren Kohl '30** for voice, **Molly Montgomery '33** for voice, **Karisse Robinson '31** for voice, **Liz Singkhonket '26** for cello, **Maxwell Smith '27** for guitar, and **Quentin Smith '29** for drums. Congratulations to these students for representing Wilson Hall with excellence and for continuing the school's strong tradition in the performing arts.

Girls Shooting Sports Team Earns State Honors

The varsity squad of **Grace McArthur '28**, **Lucy Mims '26**, and **Anna Lynn Skinner '26** finished as state runner up in both the S.C Independent School Association (SCISA) State Sporting Clays and State Trap Shooting Championships. The squad also placed second in the S.C. Department of Natural Resources (SCDNR) Varsity Ladies State Trap Championship School Division. In individual competition, **Lucy** placed second and earned a \$2,500 scholarship and **Anna Lynn** placed third and received a \$1,500 scholarship.

The middle school team of **Cat Bowman '30**, **Winnie Caughman '31**, and **Harper Rivers '30** won first place in the SCISA Sporting Clays Championship, with **Cat** earning Highest Overall honors. The same squad won the SCDNR Middle School Ladies Trap State Championship School Division, with **Cat** also earning Middle School HOA. The shooting sports team is advised by Mr. **Brent Hiott '89**.



Cat Bowman '30, Harper Rivers '30, Winnie Caughman '31, Grace McArthur '28, Lucy Mims '26 & Anna Lynn Skinner '26



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Wilson Hall is a private college-preparatory school dedicated to providing a rigorous and well-balanced education in a safe Judeo-Christian environment.

SENIOR PASTRIES WITH PARENTS

As their time at Wilson Hall draws to a close, seniors gathered for two special Pastries with Parents celebrations, one with their moms and special guests and another with their dads and father figures. These meaningful events honored the families who have supported, encouraged, and partnered in their journey, reflecting the strong bond between home and school. Reminiscent of a cherished kindergarten tradition, each gathering served as a full-circle moment celebrating the lasting impact of family. Both events were organized by Class President **Bowen Zitzke '26**.



Benson Elmore '26 with his father, Mr. Russ Elmore.



Cooper Hill '26 with his mother, Mrs. Meg Brogdon Hill '97.

An Evening of Song and Hospitality

Honored to be invited to perform for members of the Drama Club at the home of Mr. & Mrs. Grainger McKoy, several principal cast members shared selections from the Theater Department's production of *Rodgers & Hammerstein's Cinderella*. The students were warmly received by such a gracious and welcoming audience. As an added treat, Mr. McKoy, a nationally renowned sculptor, gave the students a tour of his studio. Wilson Hall is deeply grateful for the encouragement and generosity our students continue to receive from our community.



Sanders Warrick '26, Ella Sill '26, Livie Pedersen '27 & Madison Grace Hansen '26, principal actors in the cast of Rodgers & Hammerstein's Cinderella, perform for the Drama Club.



Lottie Davis, Sadie Gibbs, Evie Hartrich & Sarah Mayes Warr, Class of '40, celebrate Read Across America and Dr. Seuss Week with their teacher, Mrs. Valerie James. Students enjoyed stories, crafts, and hands-on activities that made learning fun. From Cat in the Hat hats and Lorax projects to silly socks, playground clean-up, and Seuss-inspired snacks, the week was filled with creativity, laughter, and a love of reading.

2nd Annual Wilson Hall Invitational - Fore the Future

The second annual Wilson Hall Invitational was held on March 9th at the Quixote Club, bringing together 93 players across 23 teams. The tournament filled up extremely quickly and featured a strong alumni presence, making it a truly special occasion. All proceeds went toward the Future Fund, and the event was a tremendous success by every measure. None of it would have been possible without an incredible group of volunteers. Special recognition goes to *Mrs. Megan Manus* for her wonderful photography, *Mrs. Courtney Moore* for her beautiful floral arrangements, and *Mr. Eric Pedersen* for securing excellent foursome prizes. Thank you as well to all the additional volunteers who helped make the day run seamlessly, and to our generous sponsors for their support. The event was coordinated by *Mrs. Martha Jo Smith Johnson '99* and *Mrs. Caroline Zitzke* of the Development Office. Be sure to keep an eye out for the save the date for next year's tournament; you won't want to miss it. It was a great day "Fore" the Future!



Mr. Allen White, Mr. Beau Kanefit '97, Mr. Wayne Morris '00, Mr. Cooper Wilson '00 & Mr. Brent Kanefit '00 pose for a photo at the WH Invitational Golf Tournament.

Mystery Reader and a Lasting Friendship

Bringing a story and a shared history to the classroom, *Ms. Mary Cothoneau Eldridge '08*, an attorney in Columbia, served as the Mystery Reader for *Easton Burchett's '38* class. She read *I Love You, Stinky Face* by Lisa McCourt, delighting the students with the beloved story. Mary and *Easton's* mother, *Mrs. Whitney Daugherty Burchett '08*, have been friends since their days as students at Wilson Hall. Moments like this reflect the lasting friendships formed here and the meaningful connection our alumni continue to have with the school community.



Ms. Mary Cothoneau Eldridge '08 visits the class of Easton Burchett '38 as the Mystery Reader.

McLaurin Honored for Character & Citizenship



Austin McLaurin '26

Congratulations to *Austin McLaurin '26*, Chapter Award Winner for the Daughters of the American Revolution Good Citizen Program in Sumter. Selected to represent Sumter at the state-level competition, *Austin* was chosen from among senior nominees across Sumter County. The DAR Good Citizens Award and Scholarship Contest, established in 1934, recognizes students who exemplify dependability,

service, leadership, and patriotism in their homes, schools, and communities. Nominees submitted a resume and transcript, wrote an essay on patriotism, and completed an interview with DAR representatives.



Angela Agno '28, Adalin Brown '26, Liz Singkhonket '26, Mary Ellen Thorne '26 & Paige Sanders '26 volunteer with the Sacred Steps Outdoor Club.

SACRED STEPS SERVES SUMTER

Giving a Sunday afternoon to make a difference, members of the Sacred Steps Outdoor Club volunteered for Community Clean-Up Day, sponsored by the City of Sumter as part of its ongoing effort to beautify and improve the local community. Organized by club president *Paige Sanders '26* and advised by *Mr. Lee Gandy*, the project reflected the students' commitment to serving others.



Millie Lynch '40 learns about dental hygiene from Ms. Jenny Thigpen.

Learning About Smiles and Sugar Bugs

Connecting classroom lessons to real world expertise, the Class of '40 welcomed *Ms. Jenny Thigpen*, a registered dental hygienist with Caroline Children's Dentistry, as they explored the letter S and learned how smiles stay healthy. After studying healthy and unhealthy eating habits, students examined a grocery flyer to find foods that make our teeth smile and those that cause sugar bugs. *Ms. Thigpen* taught them about brushing, the many ways we use our teeth, and smart choices for eating and drinking. Each student even had the opportunity to practice brushing and cleaning teeth, making this hands-on visit a meaningful extension of their learning through a valued member of our professional community.



Austin McLaurin '26, Gray Sanders '28, Ben Rabon '26, Paige Sanders '26 & Logan Pauly '26 volunteer with the Key Club.

Key Club Serving the Community

Giving their time in service to others, members of the Wilson Hall Key Club spent a Saturday morning volunteering at the annual Kiwanis Pancake Day. Sponsored by the Kiwanis Club of Sumter, the event supports programs for schools and student organizations throughout the community. Opportunities like this reflect the importance Wilson Hall places on service as a meaningful part of the student experience. *Bowen Zitzke '26* serves as club president, and *Mrs. Stacey Reaves* is the advisor.



The upper school joins in prayer at the conclusion of the Acts of Kindness Pep Rally.

ASSEMBLY CELEBRATES KINDNESS

Filling the gym with laughter, lots of smiles, and uplifting energy, the Acts of Kindness (AOK) Club wrapped up Random Acts of Kindness Week with a high energy assembly for students in grades 6-12 that celebrated kindness in action and strengthened camaraderie across campus. During a spirited relay, students asked a teacher to dance to "YMCA," shook hands with a seventh grader, thanked and hugged a teacher, complimented someone wearing blue, and gave a high five. The AOK Awards

recognized students nominated by faculty for consistently showing kindness, and club members selected **Mrs. Laura Burleson**, a history teacher, and **Mrs. Liza Lowder Meyers '18**, an English teacher, for special recognition. The assembly ended with students gathered in a circle to pray and sing the Alma Mater, a meaningful reminder that kindness unites the entire school community. **Addie Griffin '26** and **Paige Sanders '26** serve as co-presidents of the club which is completely student-led.

The following students were recipients of the inaugural Acts of Kindness Award: Class of '26 - **Luke Banar, Edna Lee Harris & Lydia Leihsing**; Class of '27 - **Mary Todd Champion & Jose Diaz**; Class of '28 - **Ceren Gemici & Mary Foley**; Class of '29 - **Geo Alston & Makaela Bolton**; Class of '30 - **Addy Burleson & Lainey Lee**; Class of '31 - **Addison Hines, Sims Owens & Gracie Popplewell**; and Class of '32 - **Lydia Blalock, Lyla Caughman & Gemma Pinto**.



AOK Club Celebrates Kindness Week

Promoting a culture where kindness is noticed, practiced, and celebrated, the Acts of Kindness (AOK) Club filled Random Acts of Kindness Week with creative banners, daily challenges, sweet treats at break, and cookies at lunch. Senior members visited middle school homerooms to share personal reflections on how kindness has shaped their lives, and the week culminated with a fun assembly that united students in celebrating compassion and community. The club is led by co-presidents **Addie Griffin '26** and **Paige Sanders '26**.

AOK Club members **Ava Bukauskas '27** & **Savannah Wells '27** greet students with a sweet treat.

Muscles in Motion in Anatomy



Izzy Wright '27 & Ethan Wilson '28 receive instructions from Mrs. Ashley Morris during an anatomy lab.

Examining form and function up close, students in Mrs. Ashley Morris's anatomy class brought their study of muscles to life by dissecting chicken wings. This hands-on lab allowed them to observe tendons, ligaments, and muscle groups in action, deepening their understanding of how the human body moves and reinforcing academics in action through real-world application.

FCA Hosts Spencer as Guest Speaker

Encouraging students to live out their faith boldly, the Fellowship of Christian Athletes welcomed Mrs. Adelaide Spencer, Director of Administration, as the speaker for its lunch meeting. Centered on Isaiah 6:8, she challenged students to say "Here I am, send me," reminding them that choosing to live God's Word makes an impact on those around them. While some may follow their example and others may not, she emphasized that faithful actions plant seeds that God will grow in His perfect time. Mrs. Molly Simpson Matthews '93 is the club advisor.



Mrs. Adelaide Spencer

Faith, Courage, and Joy in Middle School Chapel

Grounding students in faith and perspective, Middle School Chapel welcomed Lt. Col. Aaron Meadows, Chaplain & Director of Religious Studies at The Citadel, as guest speaker. Drawing from his experiences serving in conflict zones, he encouraged students to keep their faith in difficult or frightening moments, reminding them of Ephesians 6:10 and the call to put on the full armor of God. He challenged students to choose joy during challenging times, focus on positive experiences, and approach life with a spirit of adventure. Mr. Lee Gandy is the Director of Chapel Programs.



Lt. Col. Aaron Meadows speaks to middle school students in the Founders Chapel.



Owen Norris '35

After the Bell, Learning Comes to Life in Enrichment Program

Extending learning beyond the school day, students in grades 2-5 and their parents enjoyed Springtime on Canvas, one of March's Enrichment Activities led by *Ms. Tara Breslin-Schumacher*. The hands-on experience highlighted the fun and meaningful opportunities available after school. Throughout the month, students also explored calligraphy, dance, LEGO, robotics, and sewing, all parts of a dynamic Enrichment Activities Program designed for Preschool 3 through fifth grade. With four week-long sessions offered each month, students can discover new interests, build skills, and engage in creative, hands-on experiences. The program is coordinated by *Mrs. Brooke Tidwell*, Director of Auxiliary Programs.

Connect: Stronger Together Through Collaboration

Building teamwork and communication skills, students across multiple Connect groups engaged in hands-on collaborative challenges. In one activity, students worked together to untangle themselves without letting go of each other's hands, relying on trust and cooperation. In another, separate group, students teamed up in groups of 3-4 to build the tallest structure possible using only marshmallows and spaghetti noodles in 15 minutes. The challenge required strategic thinking, group decision-making, and adaptability, with two teams tying at just over 33 inches. These activities are part of Connect, a grade-level advisory for students in grades 6-12 led by teachers and coordinated by *Mr. Lee Gandy* as part of the Keystone Program.



Mae Smith '28 and classmates participate in a cooperative activity during Connect.

Bringing music and choreography to the stage, the Wilson Hall theater department presented a preview of Rodgers & Hammerstein's Cinderella in an assembly for students in grades 6-12 and faculty. The cast performed selected moments from the Broadway version of the musical, giving the audience a glimpse of the full production that took place at Patriot Hall. Pictured is Benjamin McIver '30, one of the principal actors, leading "The Prince is Giving a Ball."



Matthews Shares Message at FCA

Encouraging students to reflect on what it truly means to be “good” in God’s eyes, **Mr. Shawn Matthews**, a Wilson Hall parent and parent of alumni, served as the guest speaker at the FCA lunch meeting. Drawing from Jesus’s words in Matthew 7, “Every healthy tree bears good fruit,” he used the image of a tree to explain that a faithful life grows from the right conditions: deep roots, nourishing rain, and the heat of the sun. **Mr. Matthews** reminded students that when their faith is firmly rooted in Christ, the fruit of a life that honors God will grow



Mr. Shawn Matthews

naturally over time. He was introduced by his wife, **Mrs. Molly Simpson Matthews '93**, the club advisor and one of our English teachers. We remain thankful for parents who share their faith with our students and who are an important part of the Wilson Hall community, setting meaningful examples for the next generation.

ARTISTS SELECTED FOR PRESTIGIOUS ARTFIELDS EXHIBITION

Wilson Hall proudly celebrates eight outstanding student artists who have been juried and selected for ArtFields 2026, one of the most prestigious and highly competitive student art showcases in the state. Their acceptance into this selective exhibition reflects exceptional talent, creativity, and dedication to their craft. Representing Wilson Hall at this distinguished event in Lake City, South Carolina, these students will have their work displayed alongside top young artists from across the state from April 10 through May 2. Congratulations to **Angela Agno '28**, **Torien Byrd '27**, **Addison Carpenter '27**, **Mary Grace Floyd '33**, **Ceren Gemici '28**, **James Schortmann '34**, **Liz Singhonket '26**, and **Ford Wilder '26** for this remarkable achievement. They are students of **Ms. Tara Breslin-Schumacher**, **Mrs. Rachel Jones Brown '00**, and **Mrs. Renee Norton**.



Amid the hustle backstage before the curtain rises at Patriot Hall, the cast and crew of Rodgers & Hammerstein’s Cinderella pause for prayer. Before every performance, we are reminded that the gifts our students share on stage are meant to shine beyond the spotlight. As Matthew 5:16 says, “Let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.”



OUR VISION:

Every student will be known, loved, challenged, and safe.



Reese Wilson '27 introduces his group's iMovie project.



Torien Byrd '27 & Jose Diaz '27 collaborate on the Autograph Hunt.



Griffin Jones '27 & Landon Young '27 in a team-building activity with their group.

JUNIOR CLASS RETREAT

As part of Wilson Hall's curriculum, members of the Class of 2027 experienced a defining moment in their high school journey during the 20th Junior Class Retreat, held March 22-24 at the scenic Kanuga Conference Center in the mountains near Hendersonville, North Carolina. With its breathtaking views and peaceful atmosphere, Kanuga provided the perfect backdrop for a weekend focused on leadership, loyalty, and legacy. Coordinated by **Mrs. Laura Barr**, **Mrs. Martha Jo Smith Johnson '99**, and **Mr. Glen Rector**, the retreat offered students a unique opportunity to step outside classroom walls and into a space designed for reflection, growth, and connection.

From the moment the retreat began, students were challenged to consider the type of legacy they will leave as rising seniors. **Mr. Rector** opened the retreat with a powerful message about servant leadership, setting the tone for the weekend. **Mr. Brent Kaneft '00**, Head of School, followed with a presentation that looked back at Wilson Hall's history through nostalgic photos and stories, while also prompting students to reflect on the school's future and their place in it.

Leadership continued as a central theme with a talk by **Mr. Eddie Talley**, Assistant Head of School, who

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used a poignant scene from *Remember the Titans* to underscore the power of influence and unity. The keynote address, "Defining Success," was delivered by **Dr. Milt Lowder '90**, a licensed counseling psychologist from Greenville, who encouraged students to look inward and embrace their individual paths to meaningful success. The retreat concluded with a thoughtful presentation on legacy from **Mr. Chuck McCord** in the cozy fireplace lounge of the inn. Throughout the weekend, students engaged in a variety of structured and recreational activities. Each morning began with a devotion and prayer led by **Mr. Lee Gandy**, and students took turns offering blessings before meals. Outdoor adventures included a mountain hike with **Mr. McCord** and a night hike around Kanuga Lake with **Mr. Gandy**.

Team-building games led by the Mountain Outdoor Trail School encouraged collaboration and trust. One of the retreat's hallmark elements was the iMovie project, organized by **Mrs. Liza Lowder Meyers '18**. Students were divided into five faculty-led groups and tasked with identifying values they admired and wished to emulate. Their creative short films, each three to five minutes long, were the product of thoughtful discussion, teamwork, and reflection. Laughter and connection filled the days and evenings with lighthearted activities such as an autograph search, improvisational games led by **Mrs. Meyers**, and a "Got Your Back" exercise in which students penned affirming messages taped to the backs of classmates.

Social hours at the lodge featured comforting favorites like McDonald's Happy Meals and Zaxby's. With no phones allowed, students embraced the chance to unplug and truly connect, whether through playing



Savannah Wells, Land Stevens, Bee Smith, Peyton Naylor & Beaty Zeigler, Class of '27, enjoy socializing in the Fireplace Lounge.

pickleball and basketball with faculty, running trails, enjoying board games, or simply relaxing in nature. Students were housed in Kanuga's historic cottages, each supervised by a faculty chaperone. In addition to the retreat's coordinators, other faculty participants included **Mr. Sean Hoskins**, **Mrs. Molly Simpson Matthews '93**, **Mrs. Sarah Smith**, and **Mr. Sam Watford '16**. The 21st Junior Class Retreat was more than a milestone, it was a meaningful investment in the personal growth and unity of the Class of 2027.

With lessons in leadership, strengthened friendships, and memories that will last a lifetime, the retreat helped prepare these students not only for their senior year but for life beyond Wilson Hall.



Baron Ambassadors assist with the WH Golf Invitational at Quixote Club: Bowen Zitzke, Madison Grace Hansen, Olivia Russell, Mary Carter Smith, Walker Wilson (Blue the Baron), Ben McLaurin, Austin McLaurin, Ford Wilder & Banks Smith, Class of '26.



SPRING MUSICAL: RODGERS & HAMMERSTEIN'S

Cinderella

Incredible vocals, beautiful costumes, dazzling sets, and captivating acting transported Sumter to Broadway as the theater department presented the two-act Broadway version of Rodgers & Hammerstein's *Cinderella* March 19-21 at Patriot Hall, featuring a cast of 44 students in one of the school's most ambitious productions to date. The production was directed by *Mrs. Lori Brown*, produced by *Mr. Sean Hoskins*, and choreographed by *Mrs. Jen Alford Reimer '00*. The show highlighted the strong tradition of the performing arts and the dedication of students, faculty, and volunteers who worked together to make the production a success.

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1. Madison Grace Hansen '26, playing Madame, the step-mother, rips the coat of Cinderella's father.

2. Benjamin McIver '30, as Lord Pinkleton, announces "The Prince is Giving a Ball."

3. Abby Hodge '29 reminds Cinderella that "There is Music in You."

4. Ella Sill '26 & Harris Naylor '26 sing "Do I Love You Because You're Beautiful."

5. Ella Sill '26 listens as Wyatt Meyers '27, playing Jean-Michel, shares his hopeful plans to make the kingdom a better place.

CINDERELLA...CONTINUED

From auditions in September to the final curtain, the cast devoted countless hours to music rehearsals, choreography, costume fittings, and set construction. Every song, dance, and line was learned after school, and many cast members balanced rehearsals while also participating in athletics, working part-time jobs, or performing in other productions. *Mrs. Brown* and *Mr. Hoskins* led a team of volunteers who helped bring the production together, making it even more remarkable that the entire cast had only one full-dress rehearsal together before opening night.

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6. The royal knights perform "Me, Who am I?": Samuel Brown '29, Silas Brown '28, Nehemiah Dinkins '28, Stirling Tindal '26, Henry Jones '26, Harris Huffman '28, Ben Rabon '26, Mateo Wagner '26, Keighan Norton '28 & Markos Wagner '30

7. Stepsisters Livie Pedersen '27 & Sanders Warrick '26 return to the cottage after shopping in the village.

8. Ella Sill '26 leads the featured dancers in "The Prince is Giving a Ball," cherishing the invitations they received: Elizabeth Rabon

'30, Bowen Zitzke '26, Morgan Chewning '29, Morgan Aycock '26, Anna Kate Aronson '29 & Kinslee Reimer '30.

9. Banks Smith '26, as Sebastian, smiles deviously as he plots to retain control of the kingdom as Wyatt Jones '28 & Joey Robertson '26 look on with suspicion.

10. Featured dancers Bowen Zitzke '26, Harris Huffman '28, Morgan Chewning '29, Mateo Wagner '26, Morgan Aycock '26 & Henry Jones '26 dance "The Gavotte."



CINDERELLA...CONTINUED

Leading the cast were *Ella Sill '26* as the title character *Ella*, nicknamed Cinderella, and *Harris Naylor '26* as Topher, the prince. Other principal roles included *Madison Grace Hansen '26* as Madame, the stepmother, *Livie Pedersen '27* as Gabrielle, and *Sanders Warrick '26* as Charlotte, the stepsisters. *Banks Smith '26* portrayed Sebastian, the Lord Protectorate, *Wyatt Meyers '27* was Jean-Michel, the idealistic revolutionary, and *Benjamin Mclver '30* appeared as Lord Pinkleton, the royal herald. The production assistants were *Kira Krueger '28* and *Ethan Wilson '28* who attended nearly every rehearsal.

Preparation for the show included long hours of graceful and high-energy choreography at Miss Libby's dance studio, fittings for elaborate costumes including 23 ball gowns, and rehearsals on the multipurpose room stage, the Nash Center Stage, and at Patriot Hall. The large-scale scenery for the production was designed and built by students in the Set Design & Construction class taught by *Ms. Tara Breslin-Schumacher* and *Mr. Steve Hudson*. Additional consultation was provided at various points during the production by *Mrs. Rainey Barrineau* and *Mr. George Carruth '06*. The

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11. After being ignored by the prince at the Royal Ball, Sanders Warrick '26 leads the rest of the women in "Stepsister's Lament."

12. Sanders Warrick '26, Livie Pedersen '27 & Madison Grace Hansen '26 prepare for the Royal Ball.

13. Wyatt Meyers '27 encourages the villagers to ignore the Royal Ball in "The Prince is Giving a Ball."

14. Featured dancers Ben Rabon '26, Elizabeth Rabon '30, Stirling Tindal '26, Anna Kate Aronson '29, Nehemiah Dinkins '28 & Kinslee Reimer '31 dance to "Cinderella's Waltz."





CINDERELLA...CONTINUED

result was a production filled with beautiful music, energetic dancing, and memorable performances that reflected the strong tradition of the performing arts.

As the stage went dark after the final performance and the last set piece was loaded away, the cast closed a journey that began months earlier with the simple belief

that, as the show's music reminds us, "It's Possible." Through teamwork, perseverance, and a spirit of kindness and encouragement, these students proved that belief was true, leaving behind a production that will be remembered as one of the highlights of the year.



15. The slipper fits! Harris Naylor '26 places the glass slipper on Ella Sill's foot as Banks Smith '26, Joey Robertson '26 & Benjamin McIver '29 incredulously observe.

16. Ella Sill '26 & Harris Naylor '26, as Cinderella & Prince Topher, are wed in the show's finale.

17 Ella Sill '26 & Harris Naylor '26 dance to "10 Minutes Ago" at the Royal Ball.

18. Abby Hodge '29, as the fairy godmother Marie, sings "It's Possible" as the pumpkin transforms into a carriage.



SPECIAL WINTER ATHLETIC RECOGNITION



Ford Wilder '26

BOYS BASKETBALL

Ford Wilder '26

All-Star Team, Region Player of the Year,
All-Region Team, All-Region Tournament Team

Caulder Williamson '26

All-Star Team, All-Region Team

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Grace McArthur '28

All-Star Team, All-Region Team

Caroline Moorman '27

All-Star Team, All-Region Team

Lilly Grace Przybyla '28

All-Star Team, All-Region Team,
All-Region Tournament Team

Ella Sill '26

All-Region Tournament Team

Emmie Williamson '29

All-Star Team, All-Region Tournament Team



Emmie Williamson '29

Winter Athletic Awards

Varsity Boys Basketball

Eric Brown '27 Most Dedicated
Bryce Hanson '26 Baron Award
Ford Wilder '26 Pitts Harris Award

JV Boys Basketball

Silas Brown '28 Most Valuable Player
Harris Huffman '28 Most Improved Player

Varsity Girls Basketball

Ellis Coker '28 Most Improved Player
Grace McArthur '28 As Iron Sharpens Iron
Caroline Moorman '27 Lady Baron Award
Lilly Grace Przybyla '28 Best Offensive Player
Emmie Williamson '29 Best Defensive Player

JV Girls Basketball

Caroline Andrews '30 Best Offensive Player
Jane Foley '30 Best Defensive Player
Bella Quiroz '29 Most Improved Player

Boys Bowling

Carson Geddings '26 Most Valuable Bowler
Sam Jones '31 Most Improved Bowler

Girls Bowling

Addie Geddings '31 Most Valuable Bowler
Claudia Rhodus '27 Most Improved Bowler



At Wilson Hall, it's common to see lunch tables filled well over capacity even though there is plenty of seating nearby, proving there is always room at the table for one more friend. Sharing lunch outside in the fresh air, moments like these reflect the friendship and close-knit community that are part of everyday life at school. Pictured: Livie Pedersen, Anne McCrae Williams, Savannah Wells, Ava Bukauskus, Lillyanna Reynolds, Christina Osgood, Anna DuBose, Dapanga Furnish, Mary Katherine Dutcher & Peyton Naylor, Class of '27.

ALUMNI

1985

Tripp Ballard is the Vice President of Development, Strategy, and Acquisitions for Terra-Gen, a renewable energy company. He graduated from Clemson University with a Bachelor of Science in ceramics engineering. *Tripp* lives in Houston, Texas, with his wife, Laura, and they have three children: *Ken '14*, John, and Maggie.

1986

Murrell Smith was named Humanitarian of the Year by the Sumter Family YMCA in recognition of his long-standing commitment to community leadership and his support in securing funding for local initiatives, including the new Senior Center. He has represented District 67 in the South Carolina House of Representatives since 2001 and serves as the Speaker of the House, the presiding officer of the body. He is also a co-founding partner of Smith Robinson law firm. *Murrell* 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*.

2001

Callie McFaddin Black works as a global events manager for Ascot Group, a global specialty insurance and reinsurance group. She graduated from the University of Georgia with a Bachelor of Arts in English. *Callie* and her husband, Alan, live in Wayne, New Jersey, with their son, Henry.

2004

Derek Liuzzo is an associate professor of physical therapy at the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga where he earned a Master of Business Administration. He graduated from the University of South Carolina with a Bachelor of Science in exercise science, a Doctor of Physical Therapy, and a Ph.D. in exercise science and rehabilitation. *Derek* and his wife, Jennifer, live in Chattanooga with their children, Brooklyn and Ruby.

2005

Charles Rhodes is the Plant Controller for Hood Container Corporation, a national packaging solutions company. He graduated from Clemson University with a Bachelor of Arts in accounting. Charles and his wife, Kaley, live in Sumter and have two children, *Polly '38* and Charles.



1999

Page Blanding Palmer and *Chris Palmer '99* announce the birth of their son, William Blanding Palmer, on March 4. They have another son, Christopher.

A little visit brought big excitement to the Lower School. Cinderella (Ella Sill '26) and two of the prince's knights (Stirling Tindal '26 & Henry Jones '26) stopped by to invite our younger Barons to see Rodgers & Hammerstein's Cinderella, and the smiles said it all. Our Lower School students love it when the older students come to visit, and the excitement was evident in every classroom. Wilson Hall is special because students of different ages learn and grow together, and our younger Barons truly look up to the older ones who set such a great example.

2006

Brendan Kight is the President of Kight Construction Group, a federally focused construction general contractor. He graduated from The Citadel with a Bachelor of Science in civil and environmental engineering. **Brendan** and his wife, Lauren, live in Greenville with their daughters: Harper, Rowan, and Haven.

Katherine Stanley Sowders and her husband, Micah, announce the birth of their son, Noah Benjamin Sowders, on March 18. They have two other children, Tripp and Emelia. **Katherine** is the daughter of the late **Tripp Stanley '78**.

2007

Jason Tristan works for Citizens Bank as a Business Insights Senior Analyst and Vice President for Underwriting and Portfolio Management Strategy and Operations. He graduated from the University of South Carolina with a Bachelor of Arts in psychology. Jason and his wife, Bri, live in Atlanta, Georgia.

2012

Morgan Richburg and her wife, Hailey, announce the arrival of their daughter, Emily Blake Richburg, on March 14. **Morgan** is the daughter of **Lisa Phillips Smoak '88**.

2013

Will Young works as an outside sales representative for Atlantic Spray Foam, a construction services company. He graduated from The Citadel with a Bachelor of Science in financial planning and services. **Will** and his wife, Jennifer, live in Sumter.

2014

Kate McGrath Barbee and her husband, Steve, announce the birth of their daughter, Charlotte Ann Barbee, on March 1. They have a son, Jack.

2015

Talmadge Johnson has been promoted to the rank of captain in the U.S. Army while serving with the South Carolina National Guard. The promotion was recognized by the 263rd Army Air and Missile Defense Command during a ceremony in Anderson. **Talmadge** is a graduate of The Citadel, where he earned a Bachelor of Science in business administration, and he works as a loan assistant for ArborOne Farm Credit in Florence. He and his wife, Elizabeth-Jane, have a son, Alsey.



Celebrating an unforgettable run, the cast and crew of Rodgers & Hammerstein's Cinderella gathered for a joyful cast party filled with laughter, fun, and reflection. Held at First Baptist Sumter and organized by Mrs. Rachel Jones Brown '00, the evening included a final round of the always entertaining "Pass the Face" and special moments to reflect on a show six months in the making. With smiles, a few tears, and deep appreciation for one another, it was meaningful close to an incredible journey. Pictured: Nehemiah Dinkins '28, Samuel Brown '29, Henry Jones '26 & Harris Naylor '26.

2017

Mary Daniel Stokes Griffith and her husband, Austin, announce the birth of their daughter, Emily Claire Griffith, on February 23. *Mary Daniel* is the daughter of *Paige Lyles Stokes '86*.

Tripp Herlong works as an electrical test engineer for American Honda Motor Co. in Melbourne, Florida. He graduated from Clemson University with a Bachelor of Science in computer engineering and a Master of Science in computer engineering with a focus on computer systems architecture.

Lane Herlong Hilferty and her husband, *Sam Hilferty '17*, announce the birth of their son, Jones.

Bethany Jennings Howard and her husband, Jeff, announce the birth of their son, William Adam Howard. They have another son, Jace.



Sam Hilferty '17 & Lane Herlong Hilferty '17 with their son, Jones.



Madeleine Maury Shuler Gaines '17 and her husband, Griffin.

Madeleine Maury Shuler and Griffin Gaines were married on March 21 at Gibbes Museum of Art in Charleston with a reception following. *Anna Kate Shuler Sherrill '11* and *Carin Shuler Warren '06* were the Matrons of Honor, *Caroline Kimbrell Ward '17* was a bridesmaid, and *Zach Sherrill '11* was a groomsman.

Greyson Young, who served for four years in the U.S. Army, works as an account manager for Amcor, an international packaging and container manufacturing company. He graduated from The Citadel with a Bachelor of Science in business administration and management. *Greyson* and his wife, Baylin, live in Charleston.

Gathering for fellowship and reflection, members of the Sacred Steps Outdoors Club hosted a Picnic with a Purpose during lunch in the end zone of the football field. Students shared a meal together while taking time for devotion and prayer, enjoying an opportunity to strengthen friendships and practice their faith as part of daily life on campus. Paige Sanders '26 is the club's president.



2018

Emily Barnes will complete a summer legal internship with the International Rescue Committee (IRC). The IRC in Denver provides opportunities for refugees, asylees, victims of human trafficking, survivors of torture and immigrants seeking citizenship to thrive in Colorado. *Emily*, who graduated from Auburn University with a Bachelor of Arts in international and global studies, attends the University of Denver Sturm College of Law.

Betsy Noyes is the adult services librarian for William Fogg Library in Eliot, Maine. She graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in Biblical studies from Gordon College in Massachusetts and is remotely pursuing a Master of Library and Information Sciences from Louisiana State University.

Megan Piasecki, who attends the University of South Carolina School of Law, volunteers as a Guardian Ad Litem for Richland County, serving as a court appointed special advocate for children. She graduated from St. Joseph's University in Pennsylvania with a Bachelor of Arts in international political relations and French and spent a year teaching high school English in Creteil, France.

Chandler Curtis Wilcox, who graduated from the University of South Carolina Honors College with a Bachelor of Science in biological sciences, will earn a Doctor of Medicine from the Medical University of South Carolina in May. She will complete a residency in otolaryngology at the Mayo Clinic in Jacksonville, Florida.

2020

Emily Anne Beasley and Jordan Barkley were married on March 28 at Rock Bottom Pond in Ridgeway with a reception following. The bridal party included *Zan Beasley '18* and *Molly Moss Reaves '20*. *Emily Anne* is the coach for Wilson Hall's equestrian team.

Bynum Kelley and *Peyton Arrants* were married on March 7 at First Church of God in Sumter with a reception held at Wagon Trail. The groomsmen included *Alex McLeod '22*, *Will McLeod '22*, *Grier Schwartz '16* and *Charles Segars '20*, and *Catherine Kelley Schwartz '16* was among the bridal party. *Bynum* is the son of *Grace Bynum Kelley '86*. A territory sales manager for Jet-Vac Equipment Company in Sumter, *Bynum* graduated from the University of South Carolina with a Bachelor of Science in marketing.

Madison Landstrom is the Kidcoast Ministry Leader at Seacoast Church in Greenville. She graduated from Charleston Southern University with a Bachelor of Science in criminology and Liberty University with a Master of Arts in humanitarian action and human rights.

Kyndal Waynick and Tommy Pillsbury were married on March 7 at First Baptist Church with a reception held at LaPiazza in Sumter. *Lizzy Davis Ard '20* was the Matron of Honor and *Mary Ellis Waynick '22* was the Maid of Honor. The bridal party included *Liza Lowder Meyers '18*, *Becca Cromer Noonan '21*, *Kate Thigpen '21* and *Kinsley Waynick '19*, and *Daniel Reynolds '18* was among the groomsmen. *Kyndal* is the daughter of *Tripp Waynick '89*.



Emily Anne Beasley Barkley '20



Kyndal Waynick Pillsbury '20

2022

William Reese is completing an internship as a dental assistant with North Charleston Dental Outreach, which provides dental services for underprivileged communities. He is a chemistry major at The Citadel.

2023

Wilson Frerichs, a government major at Wofford College, is the Vice President of the Campus Union, the college's student government.

Dani Hanley was inducted into the Winthrop University chapter of Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society, the nation's oldest, most selective, and most prestigious all-discipline honor society.

2024

Ben Reynolds, a construction science and management major at Clemson University, received the Associated Builders and Contractors Roger Liska Scholarship. He serves as the President of the Constructor's Guild.