JUNE 2025 WILSON HALL



Jackson & Simmons Named Valedictorian & Salutatorian

Josie Jackson '25 was presented with the Valedictorian Medal for having the highest grade point average in the class, and Sara Helen Simmons '25 was presented with the Salutatorian Medal for having the second-highest grade point average. To receive this honor, a student must have attended Wilson Hall for the entire sophomore, junior and senior years. The students were presented their medals at the Senior Awards Program.



Sara Helen Simmons '25 & Josie Jackson '25

Matthews Honored with John S. Wilson Award



Shawn Michael Matthews '25

Shawn Michael Matthews 25 was presented with the 54th John S. Wilson Award at the graduation ceremony. This prestigious award, which is the highest honor a Wilson Hall student may receive, is presented to the graduating senior who possesses the ideal qualities of a Wilson Hall student. The recipient is selected based on his or her academic achievement, leadership abilities, character, and contributions to the school, community, and church. The selection of the recipient is made by the unani-

mous vote of the committee consisting of three faculty members, the head of school, a member of the executive board of the PTO, a member of the board of trustees, and a member of the Wilson family. Given in memory of her father, who was one of the founders of the school, *Mrs. Helen Wilson Taylor '76* presented the award during the graduation ceremony.

TEN AP CAPSTONE DIPLOMAS

The following members of the Class of '25 are Advanced Placement (AP) Capstone Diploma candidates or recipients: Sarah-Jane Bates, Abby Bradley, Annabelle Branham, Frances Mac Elmore, Josie Jackson, Jane McAdams, Diya Patel, Sara

Hayes Ridgeway, Sara Helen Simmons, and Camryn Wilmes.

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, year-long 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. *Mrs. Susan Barfield*, Director of Academics, is the AP coordinator.

Barr, Lee & White Retire

With 105 years of combined service to Wilson Hall, the school bid a fond farewell to three beloved faculty members who retired at the end of the school year: *Mrs. Laura Barr, Mrs. Mary Lou Lee*, and *Mrs. Jean Dunn White '78*. Their dedication, passion, and lasting impact have shaped generations of students and will be remembered as part of the school's proud history.



Mrs. Laura Barr

Mrs. Barr, Director of Development, has been a cornerstone of Wilson Hall for 25 years, leaving an indelible mark on the school's growth and spirit. Her visionary leadership in fundraising led to the expansion of the campus, including the 300 Building, the cafeteria and gym foyer, the practice gym, the Randle Center, and the Moulton Center, the school's largest project to date. She was also instrumental in establishing the Future Fund, Wilson Hall's annual giving program. Beyond her development role, Mrs. Barr enriched campus life by creating cherished

traditions such as the Baron Family Tailgate, Grandfriends Day, Junior Class Retreat, Mission Series, and the Senior Last Day Luncheon. Her influence extended to countless events, from faculty luncheons and breakfasts to special programs, each bearing her thoughtful touch. In earlier years, she shared her passion for literature as a teacher of Honors English III and AP English Language. While stepping away from her full-time position, *Mrs. Barr* will continue to lend her expertise to the Development Office on major projects in the coming year, ensuring her legacy of dedication and excellence endures.



Mrs. Mary Lou Lee

Mrs. Lee, a second-grade teacher, is retiring after an extraordinary 56 years at Wilson Hall, making her the longest serving faculty member in the school's 58-year history. Her remarkable service, which spans nearly the entire existence of the school, leaves a legacy that may never be matched. With over five decades in the classroom, she has taught generations of students, often teaching the children of her former students. A respected and admired educator, Mrs. Lee was honored by her peers as Teacher of the Year and is a recipient of the prestigious Margaret S.

West Excellence in Teaching Award. She also coordinated the Lower School Awards Program for many years. Before teaching second grade, she began her career as a third-grade teacher. *Mrs. Lee's* experience and dedication have shaped countless lives, and her presence will be deeply missed.



Mrs. Jean Dunn White '78

Mrs. White, a kindergarten teacher, is retiring after 24 years of dedicated service at Wilson Hall and an incredible 34-year teaching career. Before joining the kindergarten team, she taught Preschool 4, bringing her passion and expertise to the youngest learners on campus. Mrs. White's commitment to excellence was recognized by her peers when she was voted Teacher of the Year, and she is also a recipient of the prestigious Margaret S. West Excellence in Teaching Award. Her impact on students, colleagues, and the Wilson Hall community is

immeasurable, and while she is stepping away from the class-room, she will still be a presence on campus as her grandchildren attend Wilson Hall.

The following faculty members, each of whom has served Wilson Hall for at least three years, are also leaving, and they will be deeply missed by students and colleagues alike.

Mr. George Carruth '06, who taught 7th grade history and theater for six years, played a pivotal role in reviving the school's theater program. Under his direction, Wilson Hall audiences enjoyed Annie, Shrek the Musical, The Music Man, and Mary Poppins, as well as the plays Just as I Suspected, Miss Nelson is Missing, and Pirates. In addition to his work in the classroom and on the stage, Mr. Carruth also served as an assistant coach for the varsity softball and JV football teams. He is beginning a new job in operations and development with Jones Wastewater Operations, a company based in Sumter and owned by Richard Jones '06. While stepping away from full-time teaching, Mr. Carruth will continue to assist with the theater program.

Mrs. Erin Trueblood, who taught AP Statistics and 6th grade science, is leaving after four years as her family relocates to Las Vegas, where her husband has been stationed. In addition to her teaching, she was an assistant coach for the varsity and JV volleyball teams, assisted with the yearbook, and previously taught AP Physics. We are grateful that Mrs. Trueblood will continue to substitute at Wilson Hall during the first semester, and her children will remain enrolled until the family's move. They hope to return to Sumter and Wilson Hall in the near future, and we look forward to welcoming them back.

Mrs. Hannah Smith, who taught Pre-AP English 9 and Pre-AP World History, is leaving after three years.

Herlong & James Presented West Award





Mrs. Susie Herlong

Mrs. Frances James

Mrs. Susie Herlong and Mrs. Frances James received the Margaret S. West Excellence in Teaching Award. Accompanying a plaque was a check from the West Foundation for \$1,000. This award is presented to one lower school and one upper school faculty member who exhibits excellence in teaching through interest and enthusiasm of the subject matter, and who shows genuine compassion for his or her students. The financial contribution is given to the recipients in honor of their active interest in learning.

Mrs. Herlong, who completed her 14th year at Wilson Hall, teaches 6th grade and 8th grade literature. Mrs. James, who has taught at Wilson Hall for 15 years, teaches 5th grade history and science and serves as the varsity cheerleading advisor.



Duke Receives First Mary Lou Lee Character Award

In honor of *Mrs. Mary Lou Lee's* 56 years of extraordinary service to Wilson Hall, the new Mary Lou Lee Character Award is presented to a second-grade student who reflects her legacy of quiet humility, unwavering dedication, and boundless love. The recipient demonstrates hard work, humor, dependability, good manners, and care for others, qualities that capture the heart and soul of Wilson Hall. *Davis Lee '24, Mrs. Lee's* grandson, presented this year's award to *Andrew Duke '35* at the Lower School Awards Program. Accompanying the award is a \$1,000 scholarship and a plaque.



Mrs. Mary Lou Lee & Andrew Duke '35

Jones & Matthews Athletes of the Year

Molly Jones '25 and Shawn Michael Matthews '25 were honored as the Wilson Hall Athletes of the Year at the Senior Awards Program. Molly earned the recognition for her dedication and success across bowling, cross-country, track & field, and volleyball, while Shawn Michael was celebrated for his contributions to basketball, football, soccer, and speed & strength. Both Molly and Shawn Michael exemplify the commitment, sportsmanship, and teamwork that define Wilson Hall athletics.

Smith Receives Brabham Award; Selects Brown as Honored Teacher

Banks Smith '26 was honored with the John M. Brabham III Award during the Upper School Academic Awards Program, a meaningful recognition awarded to a student who embodies the values of compassion, leadership, and a sincere dedication to the Wilson Hall community. The award was established by the Brabham family in memory of John M. Brabham III, a beloved student who would have graduated with the Class of 2011. The criteria for the award include a sincere love and compassion for classmates, intellectual engagement with faculty, enthusiasm and positivity among peers, and a willingness to contribute meaningfully to life at Wilson Hall. The recipient must also demonstrate an appropriate balance between having fun and being competitive, and serve as a role model, much like a big brother, within the school community. In addition to the honor, the award includes a \$1,000 gift that may be directed toward an academic, artistic, or athletic need at the school, or used for tuition by the recipient or another student. As part of the tradition, the award recipient also selects a faculty



Mrs. Lori Brown & Banks Smith '26

member who has greatly influenced his education. *Banks* chose *Mrs. Lori Brown*, who taught him Advanced Placement U.S. History and 8th Grade History, recognizing her impact on his academic journey. *Banks's* selection as this year's recipient reflects his exemplary character and dedication to uplifting others and enhancing the Wilson Hall experience.

Silas Brown '28 with the Battlebot he created in his Robotics I class taught by Mrs. Leann Tuders. Students in the class participated in a BattleBot competition which encouraged creativity, problem-solving, and teamwork as students applied their classroom knowledge in a fun and competitive



FIVE INDUCTED INTO VERITAS IN UNITATE SOCIETY

During the Senior Awards Program, Abby Bradley, Frances Mac Elmore, Emily Mason, Akshar Patel, and Kadence Tuders were inducted into the Veritas in Unitate Society, a prestigious honor established by the South Carolina Independent School Association (SCISA). The society recognizes senior students who demonstrate exceptional academic achievement and a strong commitment to community service. To be considered for induction, students must be nominated by their school and recommended by their head of school. Eligible students are required to have completed a minimum of 50 documented hours of community service between June of their junior year and October of their senior year and must maintain a minimum 3.0 GPA. In addition to meeting these qualifications, nominees must submit a 500-word essay on the importance of community service and provide three letters of recommendation from school or community leaders who have directly observed their service efforts. The five honorees exemplify the values of leadership, academic excellence, and meaningful service that the Veritas in Unitate Society seeks to recognize.

Patel Named Star Student; Chooses Matthews as Star Teacher



Diya Patel '25 & Mrs. Molly Simpson Matthews '93

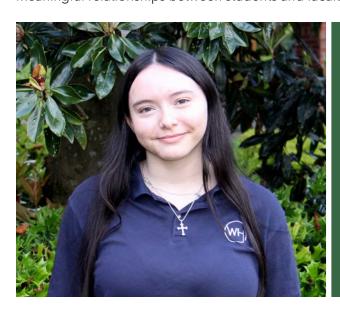
Diya Patel '25 received the prestigious honor of being named Wilson Hall's Star Student for 2025, an annual recognition awarded to the senior who earns the highest SAT score, maintains a minimum GPA of 4.0, and has attended Wilson Hall since at least the 11th grade. This distinction celebrates not only academic excellence but also gives the recipient the opportunity to recognize an educator who has made a significant impact on their academic experience. Diya selected Mrs. Molly Simpson Matthews '93 as her Star Teacher in recognition of her guidance and support in teaching Advanced Placement English Language and Honors English I. Both Diya and Mrs. Matthews delivered heartfelt speeches during the Senior Awards Program, emphasizing the importance of mentorship, encouragement, and a shared commitment to learning. Their recognition highlights the strong academic culture and meaningful relationships between students and faculty at Wilson Hall.

Bartlett Receives DuBose Award

Luke Bartlett '29 was honored with the James M. DuBose Award at the Upper School Academic Awards Program, a distinction presented to the eighth-grade student who exemplifies Christlike character, academic and athletic effort, positivity, encouragement, and compassion for others. Established by the Class of 1998 in memory of Jamie DuBose, the award reflects the values that Jamie embodied during his time at Wilson Hall. A committee of administrators and faculty members selected Luke from a pool of faculty-nominated eighth graders. In addition to the award plaque, Luke received a \$500 check to be applied toward tuition or designated for an academic or athletic need at Wilson Hall.



Luke Bartlett '29



CPR Skills Learned in Class Save a Life

What Lexi Fox '27 learned in the classroom made a real-world impact in a truly heroic way. Lexi put her training into action when she administered CPR to an unconscious 44-year-old man, sustaining life-saving efforts until paramedics arrived. She learned the proper techniques for CPR in her Health & Human Development class taught by Mrs. Allyson Lowder Sanders '96. Lexi's quick thinking and calm response in a critical moment are a powerful example of how classroom lessons can translate into life-saving skills.

Lexi Fox '27



State Champion Girls Track & Field Team

Girls Track & Field Wins State Title

The track & field teams delivered an outstanding performance at the S.C. Independent School Assoc. 4A State Championship Meet, setting two new state records. The girls team captured the state title, winning two events and earning points from 23 top eight finishes. The boys team also impressed, placing third overall and winning two events, with 14 athletes contributing points by finishing in the top eight. Both teams are led by Head Coach *Mr. Rip Ripley*.

The girls won gold medals in two events with *Molly Jones '25* winning the 400 hurdles. The 4x400 relay team of *Molly, Abby Bradley '25, Bailey Flemming '28*, and *Ella Sill '26* won with an incredible state record time of 4:04.93.

The boys captured two state championships as well. The 4x800 relay team won with an impressive state record of 8:12.75: Abel Ayres '27, Jack Gratz '29, Ben Rabon '26, and Caulder Williamson '27. Also winning was the 4x400 relay team of Ben, Caulder, Jack, and Joseph Hiott '27.

With a final record of 85-1, the girls also won the Region Championship and the Sumter County Championship. The following is a complete list of athletes who placed at the state meet to earn points for the team:

McKinley Bath '29
Abby Bradley '252nd - 400 and 6th - high jump
Ashley Carter '29
Bailey Fleming '284th - 400 and 4th - triple jump
<i>Mary Foley '28</i>
Clara Hulshizer '28
Karsen Jones '29 2nd - 400 hurdles and 5th - 100 hurdles
<i>Molly Jones '25 1st - 400 Hurdles, 2nd - 1600, 5th - 800</i>
Kate-Austen Kaneft '30 6th - nole vault



State Track Meet Gold Medalists: Bailey Flemming '28, Molly Jones '25, Abby Bradley '25 & Ella Sill '26.

Logan Mims '25 2nd - javelin, 7th - triple jump and 8th - long jump
Abrielle Naylor '28 5th- 400 hurdles and 9th - triple jump
Christina Osgood '27 3rd - pole vault
Livie Pedersen '27
Isabella Quiroz '29 5th - pole vault
Grace Stewart '295th - high jump
<i>Mary Ellen Thorne '26</i>
Camryn Wilmes '25 2nd - triple jump and 6th - long jump
Bowen Zitzke '25 8th - 100 hurdles
4x100:4th Bailey Flemming '28, Grace McArthur '28, Ella Sill '26, Camryn Wilmes '25
4x400: 1st
4x800: 3rd Ellis Coker '28, Jane Foley '30, Mary Foley '28, Emmie Williamson '29

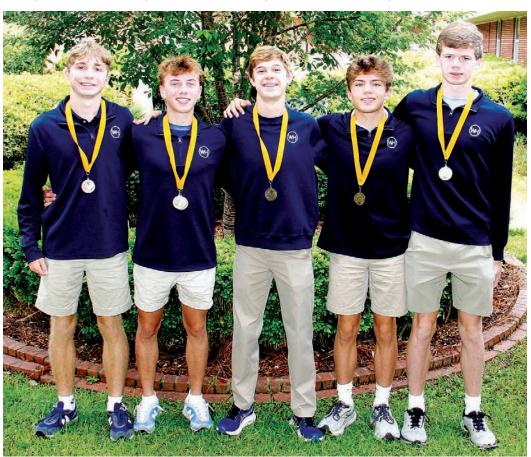
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The Region Championship boys team finished with a record of 81-9. The following is a complete list of athletes who earned points at the state meet:

Knox Buxton '25 Nolan Gooch '28 Jack Gratz '29	8th - 400 hurdles
Hugh Humphries '25	2nd - high jump
Alex Johnson '28	6th - triple jump
Ben Rabon '26	6th - 800
Shep Vincent '28 2n	d - 110 hurdles and 2nd - 400 hurdles
Miguel Wagner '26	6th - discus
Ford Wilder '26	
Caulder Williamson '27	6th - 1600 and 7th - 800
4x100: 7th	Nolan Gooch '28, Alex Johnson '28,
	Shep Vincent 28, Ford Wilder '26
4x800: 1st	Abel Ayres '27, Jack Gratz '29,
	Ben Rabon '26, Caulder Williamson '27
4x400: 1st	Jack Gratz '29, Joseph Hiott '27,
	Ben Rabon '25, Caulder Williamson '27

For the state meet, an impressive 31 girls and 20 boys qualified in at least one event. With 121 athletes, the track & field team is the largest that the school sponsors. Assisting Mr. Ripley with coaching were the following: Mr. Evans Boyle '17, Mr. Dwain Burton, Mrs. Mary Peyton Zilch Clepper '14, Dr. Linda Crabbe, Mrs. Elizabeth Hulshizer, Mr. Brian Jackson, Mrs. Emily Jackson, Mr. Dylan Reese '07, Mr. Devon Rousseau, Mr. Blane Russell '10, Mr. Dustin Smith, Mrs. Kristine Smith, Ms. Shanna Thomas, Mr. Sam Watford '16, and Mr. Kurt Wilson.



State Track Meet Gold Medalists: Ben Rabon '26, Caulder Williamson '27, Abel Ayres '27, Jack Gratz '29 & Joseph Hiott '27.



Ella Sill '26

SILL RECEIVES UNSWORTH AWARD FOR LEADERSHIP AND EXCELLENCE

Ella Sill '26 was named the recipient of the Barbara Moses Unsworth Award during the Upper School Awards Program, an honor presented annually to the most well-rounded member of the junior class. Established by the Class of 1973 in memory of their classmate Barbara Moses Unsworth, the award recognizes a student who exemplifies the ideal qualities of leadership, academic achievement, and strong character. Recipients are selected by a committee composed of an administrator and two faculty members who teach juniors. From a list of faculty-nominated students, the committee carefully considers which individual best represents the balance of scholastic excellence and personal integrity that defined Barbara's legacy. Ella's selection for this meaningful award reflects her leadership in the classroom and beyond, as well as her commitment to excellence and service within the Wilson Hall community.



Campbell Williams '27

Williams Receives Chappell Award for Excellence in U.S. History

Campbell Williams '27 was presented with the John W. Chappell Award during the Upper School Academic Awards Program, an honor that recognizes a student who demonstrates exceptional achievement and a deep appreciation for U.S. History. The award is given annually to a student who maintains at least an A average in the course, exhibits a genuine love for the subject, and upholds the highest standards of moral character and citizenship. Established in memory of Mr. John W. Chappell, who served on the Wilson Hall Board of Trustees and was the father of three graduates (Laura Chappell Bauknight '83, Cile Chappell Wildrick '85, and Molly Chappell McPhail '87) the award reflects his enduring legacy of intellectual curiosity and integrity. Campbell's selection for this meaningful award highlights not only his academic excellence but also his character and enthusiasm for learning about the nation's history.

KINDERGARTEN GRADUATION

With caps on heads and smiles on faces, the Class of 2037 made their grand entrance into the Nash Student Center on May 23 to celebrate a milestone: Kindergarten Graduation! Mr. Eddie Talley, Head of Lower School, welcomed the crowd of proud families and friends before Saige Ford opened the program with an invocation. Ellie Sommerville led the Pledge of Allegiance, and Beau Ripley treated the audience to a spirited rendition of "My Country 'Tis of Thee." Under the direction of Lower School Music Teacher Mrs. Julia Sims-Owens, the graduates sang "Growing," "One Small Voice," "Shalom," and the crowd-favorite, "First Grade, First Grade," a playful parody of "New York, New York." After the musical showcase, Mr. Talley presented diplomas to the students, shared closing remarks, and led everyone in singing the Alma Mater. Following the ceremony, graduates and guests gathered outside the Nash Student Center for refreshments, hugs, and plenty of photo ops, with decorations and treats provided by PTO Hospitality Chair Mrs. Brenley Davis and her committee. The program was coordinated by kindergarten teachers Mrs. Mindy Busch, Mrs. Amy Jones, and Mrs. Jean Dunn White '78, who helped make the day a sweet success.



Mr. Eddie Talley presents Mateo Diaz '37 with his certificate.

Sumter County Council Academic Awards

The Sumter County Council Academic Awards are an annual initiative by the Sumter County Council to recognize and celebrate the outstanding academic achievements of students within the county. These awards aim to honor students who have demonstrated exceptional academic performance, leadership qualities, and contributions to their schools and communities. The following members of the Class of '25 were recognized at the Senior Awards Program in five academic areas: Josie Jackson - mathematics, Eva Patel- foreign language, and Sara Helen Simmons - English, science, and social studies.

Britton Academic Awards

The Dr. and Mrs. John J. Britton Academic Awards are presented to one female and one male athlete who maintain the highest grade point average during an athletic season. The winter recipients were *Diya Patel* '25 (bowling) and *Shawn Michael Matthews* '25 (basketball), and the spring recipients were *Josie Jackson* '25 (equestrian) and *Banks Smith* '26 (tennis). They were presented the medals at the spring sports recognition assembly.

SCISA Honor Graduates

The South Carolina Independent School Association awards Certificates of Honor to students in recognition of excellence in scholarship. Students must earn a 3.5 GPA on a 4.0 scale in academic subjects for each of the first seven semesters. They must score 1100 or above on the SAT or 24 on the ACT. This competitive award is computed using only grades in math, English, science, social studies, and foreign language and is not cumulative; therefore, each semester stands alone.

The following students received certificates at the Senior Awards Program: Sarah-Jane Bates, Abby Bradley, Annabelle Branham, Lottie Bynum, Olivia Cogswell, Thomas Creech, Frances Mac Elmore, Josie Jackson, Molly Jones, Gavin Lamb, Michael Lauzon, Shawn Michael Matthews, Jane McAdams, Alex Mut, Akshar Patel, Diya Patel, Sara Hayes Ridgeway, Sydney Rinkleff, Andrew Segars, Sara Helen Simmons, and Michael Warrick.

CLASS OF '25 SAT SCORES Top Score | 1520 Average score of top 25% of class | 1359 Average score of entire class | 1154



Maria Castro '33

Castro Receives Reynolds Award

Maria Castro '33 was presented the Lynn H. Reynolds Award during the Lower School Awards Program. The award is presented to the fourth-grade student who meets life's challenges with a positive attitude, possesses a never-ending zest for life, has an appreciation for music, and a love for nature. Dr. and Mrs. Phil Brandt established the award in memory of Lynn, who would have graduated with the Class of '92. Accompanying the plaque is a check for \$1,000 that is applied toward the recipient's tuition.

Renaissance Reading Scholar Program Honors Students for Literary Excellence

Angela Agno '28, Gavin Hendren '30, Karisse Robinson '31, and Clara Zimpleman '31 were recognized as Renaissance Readers at the Upper School Awards Program. Gavin received two certificates, one for 2024 and one for this year. The Renaissance Reading Scholar Program, adapted from Norfolk Academy, encourages Wilson Hall students in grades 6-12 to engage with rigorous, intellectually challenging literature, including literary classics, Advanced Placement selections, and award-winning titles. Students who read at least six books and discuss them with a faculty sponsor each year are recognized as Renaissance Readers, with this distinction noted on their transcript. Those who complete the program for multiple years earn additional honors: high school students completing all four years are named Renaissance Scholars and recognized at the Senior Awards Program, while middle school students completing three years are honored at the 8th Grade Academic Awards Program. Students may begin reading in the summer, but meetings must be scheduled during the academic year to demonstrate comprehension. Mrs. Hayes Jones, Librarian, coordinates the program.





The 52 members of the Class of 2025 received their diplomas in a memorable commencement ceremony held the evening of May 29 at Alice Drive Baptist Church. As the 56th class to graduate from Wilson Hall, these students join the proud tradition of over 3,000 alumni who have walked this path before them. In a beloved tradition, the soon-to-be graduates lined the hallway to applaud the faculty as they made their way to the sanctuary. With the instrumental ensemble playing Elgar's Pomp and Circumstance, the junior marshals led the Class of '25 to take their place on the stage. The program featured heartfelt moments, including an invocation by Class President Abby Bradley, inspiring speeches by Salutatorian Sara Helen Simmons and Valedictorian Josie Jackson, and the presentation of the 54th John S. Wilson Award to Shawn Michael Matthews by Mrs. Helen Wilson Taylor '76. The Honorable Murrell Smith '86, Speaker of the South Carolina House of Representatives, delivered the keynote address, and diplomas were presented by Mrs. Lucy Grey McIver, Board Chair. Mr. Brent Kaneft '00, Head of School, offered the final confirmation of the graduates before they moved their tassels from right to left, marking their official transition. The Class of '25 stood together to sing the Alma Mater one last time, followed by the cherished tradition of faculty forming a tunnel of applause as the new graduates exited. In a joyful moment, the Class of '25 gathered in front of the church to toss their caps in the air, celebrating their journey from students to alumni.

The commencement ceremony was coordinated by Mrs. Sarah Smith, College Counselor, and she was assisted by Mrs. Rachel Jones Brown '00, Ms. Heather Eldridge '93, Mr. Sean Hoskins, and Ms. Julia Gee Muldrow '85. Mrs. Molly Simpson Matthews '93 assisted with the student speeches, and Mr. Scott Warren was the music director.







- Alex Mut '25 receives his diploma from Mrs. Lucy Grey McIver, Board of Trustees Chair.
- 2. Jane McAdams '25
- 3. The Honorable Murrell Smith '86 delivers the keynote address.
- 4. Sara Hayes Ridgeway '25 & Sophie Sweatman '25

Academic Awards Celebrate Excellence

Celebrating the outstanding achievements and dedication of high school students, the Upper School Academic Awards Program honored academic excellence across all subjects. Coordinated by Mrs. Susan Barfield, Director of Academics, the ceremony included special awards recognizing exceptional accomplishments. A key feature of the event was the presentation of the Lamp of Knowledge, awarded to the student with the highest grade in each course. Marking a significant milestone, the Class of 2026 processed as the new senior class, stepping into their leadership. The program opened with an invocation by Student Body Vice President Abel Ayres '27, and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Wilkes Burnette '28, Student Body Secretary. Walker Wilson '26, Student Body President, offered a warm welcome to the crowd of students, faculty, and family before Mrs. Stacey Reaves, Head of Upper School, addressed the audience. The program concluded with a heartfelt rendition of the school's Alma Mater, accompanied by the Instrumental Ensemble directed by Mr. Scott Warren. The following students received a Lamp of Knowledge (AP=Advanced Placement, H=Honors):

Wil Alexander '307th Grade Writing	
Abel Ayres '27 AP Seminar, Algebra II-H, Spanish II	
Cecilia Ayres '30 7th Grade History, 7th Grade Literature	
Joslynn Barrick '28 Pre-AP English 9	
Cliff Bath '26 Robotics III	
Makaela Bolton '29 Pre-Algebra II	
Charli Bonser '26	
Parks Brown '316th Grade Writing	
Ava Bukauskas '27Geometry	
Lauren Burchett '27	
Torien Byrd '27 French II	
Emory Clanton '30	
Anna DuBose '27 English 10	
Colton Edmondson '29 Algebra I Plus	
Mary Foley '28	
Madison Grace Hansen '26 Baron Publications	
Edna Lee Harris '26 Ceramics I, Drawing II	
Natalie Hawkey '27 AP Computer Science Principles,	
U.S. History	
Cooper Hill '26 Set Design	
Andrew Howle '26 Economics, Pre-Calculus	
Maecy Hunt '26	
Hannah Jackson '30	
Alex Johnson '27 Physical Science	
Muskaan Judge '26AP Spanish Language & Culture,	
Anatomy, Chemistry I, Government,	
Human Health & Development	
Connor Jurgenson '28 French I	
Aiden Kooistra '30 Pre-Algebra I	
Kira Krueger '28 French I, Graphic Design I	
Lydia Leihsing '26	



Muskaan Judge '26 receives one of several Lamps of Knowledge at the Upper School Awards Program.

Sophia Levi '28 AP Human Geography, Drawing I, Pre-AP
World History & Geography, Spanish I
Amelie Lucas '28 English I
Grace McArthur '28
Abigail McLeod '298th Grade Writing
Heidi Michel '316th Grade Math
Ayden Parrott '28Geometry-H
Livie Pedersen '27 AP U.S. History
Addison Preator '28
Joey Robertson '26 Computer Programming I
lan Robinson '28 Algebra I
Ella Sill '26 English 11
Liz Singkhonket '26 Drawing III, Graphic Design II
Bee Smith '27
Conly Smith '31
Kayla Stanley-Linton '26 AP Music Theory
Grace Stewart '29 8th Grade History, Algebra I-H, Pre-AP
English-H, Pre-AP Writing Lab-H, 8th Grade Science
Mary Ellen Thorne '26 AP Chemistry, AP Research, French III
Anna Van Patten '26
Sanders Warrick '26
Emmie Williamson '298th Grade Literature
Ethan Wilson '27
Bowen Zitzke '26
Henry Zitzke '31 6th Grade Literature, 6th Grade Science

Class of 2025 Decisions

Every member of the Class of '25 gained acceptance to a four-year college or university, and the 52 members of the class received offers of admission to 57 schools in 15 states and Washington, D.C.



Annabelle Branham '25 beams as a new Wilson Hall graduate.



Anna Kate Coker '25 exits Alice Drive Baptist Church to the applause of the faculty after the graduation ceremony.



Adam Baker
Central Carolina Technical College



+** Sarah-Jane Bates Clemson University



Jackson Bonser University of Richmond



Jack Bowman
Francis Marion University



+** Abby Bradley
Clemson University



+** Annabelle Branham University of South Carolina



Knox Buxton
University of South Carolina



Lucy Buxton
Wofford College



* Lottie Bynum Clemson University



Tilan Byrd Augusta University



* Olivia Cogswell
University of South Carolina



Knox Buxton, Cooper Scott, Lucy Buxton & Owen Meyers, Class of '25



*Anna Kate Coker Clemson University



Dalton Coker Clemson University Bridge Program



** Thomas Creech
University of South Carolina



Braedon Curtis
The Citadel



Alexis Dawkins
University of South Carolina
Gamecock Gateway



Bryce Dodson University of South Carolina Beaufort



+* Frances Mac Elmore
Clemson University



* Emma Howle Clemson University



Hugh Humphries
Central CarolinaTechnical College



+**Josie Jackson Georgetown University



* Levi Jiang
Florida Polytechnic University



* Molly Jones
University of South Carolina



Tyler Jordan
University of South Carolina
Lancaster



** Gavin Lamb
University of South Carolina



** Michael Lauzon
Georgia Institute of Technology



** Emily Mason
Clemson University

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100% of the Class of '25 was offered a merit-based scholarship, with the class receiving over \$4.97 million.



** Shawn Michael Matthews
Wofford College



+** Jane McAdams
Wake Forest University



Parker McLeod
University of South Carolina



Owen Meyers The Citadel



McKenzie Gray Mills Wofford College



* Logan Mims University of South Carolina



* Alex Mut Clemson University Bridge Program



Patrick Norton
Florida Polytechnic University



Mikayla Ovrenovits
Winthrop University



** Akshar Patel
University of South Carolina



+** Diya Patel
Duke University



Eva Patel
Clemson University
Bridge Program



+** Sara Hayes Ridgeway
Clemson University



* Sydney Rinkleff
Coastal Carolina University
Honors College



* Logan Schumacher Florida Polytechnic University



Cooper Scott
University of South Carolina



** Andrew Segars
Clemson University



+** Sara Helen Simmons Northwestern University



Sophie Sweatman
University of South Carolina



* Kadence Tuders
University of South Carolina
Sumter



**Michael Warrick
Clemson University



Wilson Warrick
College of Charleston



Wilson Wells University of South Carolina Sumter



+* Camryn Wilmes
University of South Carolina



Carson Wilsey
The Citadel



- ** Distinguished Honor Graduates (4.75 average or above)
- * Honor Graduates (4.25-4.74 average)



Camryn Wilmes '25 smiles as the faculty applauds the new graduates.



Sarah-Jane Bates '25 & Alexis Dawkins '25 wait for the graduation ceremony to begin.



Levi Jiang, Kadence Tudors, Logan Schumacher & Patrick Norton, Class of '25



Frances Mac Elmore '25

Elmore Presented Smith Award for Outstanding Service

Frances Mac Elmore '25 is the recipient of the Charles T. Smith Award, which is presented annually to a student who has provided outstanding service to the school, community, and/or church. The award was established to honor Mr. Smith, who faithfully served as Wilson Hall's athletic director for 30 years and was known for his deep commitment to service and leadership. The recipient is selected based on their consistent dedication to helping others and making a positive impact both on campus and beyond. In addition to the honor, the award includes a \$250 gift. Frances Mac's selection reflects her exemplary character, compassion, and unwavering commitment to serving others.

THE 52 MEMBERS OF
THE CLASS OF '25
COMPLETED 2913 HOURS
OF SERVICE TO
THE SCHOOL AND
COMMUNITY FROM
APRIL 2024-APRIL 2025.

National Honor Society Inducts 15

Wilson Hall's chapter of the National Honor Society, the only honor society the school sponsors, inducted 15 new members at either the Senior Awards Program or the Upper School Awards Program. Inductees must be at least a sophomore and have a minimum grade point average of 4.75 on a 5.00 scale. The new inductees signed their name in the Book of Honor which includes all of the signatures of the society's members dating

to 1970. Founded in 1921, the National Honor Society is one of the nation's premiere organizations established to acknowledge the academic excellence of high school students across the United States. *Mr. Scott Warren* is the society's advisor.

The following students were inducted: (Class of '25) Michael Lauzon, Emily Mason, Shawn Michael Matthews and Michael Warrick; (Class of '26) Edna Lee Harris, Andrew Howle, Logan Pauly, Olivia Russell and Bowen Zitzke; and (Class of '27) Abel Ayres, Andrew Brunk, Torien Byrd, Natalie Hawkey, Livie Pedersen, Claudia Rhodus and Maxwell Smith.



Torien Byrd '27 prepares to sign the Book of Honor as he is inducted into the National Honor Society.



Walker Wilson '26, the newly elected Student Body President, pauses for a photo with Mr. Brent Kaneft '00, Head of School, before the Upper School Awards Program.



Lucy Hayes Mims '26, Grace McArthur '27 & Anna Lynn Skinner '26

SHOTGUN TEAM 2ND IN STATE

Congratulations to *Lucy Hayes Mims '26, Grace McArthur '27*, and *Anna Lynn Skinner '26* for their outstanding performance in the S.C. Independent School Association State Trap Competition, where they earned an impressive second-place finish as members of the Wilson Hall Shotgun Team. Coached by *Mr. Brent Hiott '89*, the team also excelled in the S.C. Department of Natural Resources State Competition, placing second in the Senior Varsity Ladies School Division for both skeet and trap. At the same competition, the team of *Cat Bowman '30, Winnie Caughman '31*, and *Harper Rivers '30* brought home second-place honors in both skeet and trap in the Middle School Ladies School Division. Additionally, this talented middle school trio won first place in the Ladies Intermediate First Year Division at the S.C. Youth Shooting Foundation meet. These remarkable achievements highlight the dedication, focus, and talent of our student-athletes and their coach.



McKenzie Gray Mills '25 and her mother, Kelly Goldstein Mills '94, pause for a photo at the Senior Last Day Luncheon in the Nash Student Center.

Jones & Wilder Receive Spencer Award

Molly Jones '25 and Ford Wilder '26 received the Gaither Spencer Memorial Track Award at the Track & Field Awards Dinner. Given in memory of Mr. Spencer, the award is presented to the team members who show great dedication and determination, and who attend every practice and track meet.



Emily Mason '25

Mason Receives Moersen Service to School Award

Emily Mason '25 was honored with the Lisa Moersen Service to School Award during the Senior Awards Program, a distinction that recognizes a senior who has actively and selflessly served Wilson Hall throughout their school career. The award was presented by Mr. Neal Moersen '06 in memory of his mother, Mrs. Lisa Moersen, whose legacy of volunteerism and dedication to the school continues to inspire the Wilson Hall community. Mrs. Moersen was a devoted parent, friend, and volunteer who began her service to the school shortly after arriving in 1994. She worked in the cafeteria and concession stands, served actively on the PTO Board, and joined the Athletic Association Board in 1995, where she remained for 25 consecutive years, including six as president. Notably, half of her tenure occurred after her own children had graduated, demonstrating her genuine love for and commitment to Wilson Hall. The Lisa Moersen Service to School Award is given to a student who demonstrates a similar spirit of dedication, motivated not by obligation, but by care and consideration. Emily's selection for this meaningful award reflects her deep-rooted commitment to the school and her consistent efforts to contribute positively to the Wilson Hall community.

Bradley Receives Prestigious SCISA Watt Award for Academic Excellence & Service

Abby Bradley '25 received the prestigious Larry K. Watt Award, one of the highest honors presented by the South Carolina Independent School Association (SCISA), in recognition of her outstanding academic achievements and commitment to community service. Among more than 130 SCISA member schools, Abby is the only recipient from a 4A school to earn this distinction. To be considered for the award, a student must be nominated by their school, recommended by the Head of School, maintain a minimum 3.0 GPA, and complete at least 50 hours of documented community service after June of their junior year. Nominees must also submit a 500-word essay on the importance of community service and provide three letters of recommendation from school or community leaders who have directly observed their service efforts. Abby's selection for the Larry K. Watt Award highlights her dedication to making a positive impact both in the classroom and in the broader community.



Abby Bradley '25



The Instrumental Ensemble performs during the Arts Showcase: Andrew Brunk '27, Jose Diaz '27, Maxwell Smith '27, Kayla Stanley-Linton '26, Sydney Rinkleff '25 & Liz Singkhonket '26.

Celebrating
Creativity:
The Arts
Are Alive at
Wilson Hall

The arts are alive and well at Wilson Hall! The 14th Wilson Hall Arts Showcase was a vibrant celebration of creativity and talent, featuring the work of students from preschool through twelfth grade. Every art student proudly had at least one piece on display, contributing to an incredible exhibition of over 1,000 works of art, including ceramics, drawings, paintings, and sculptures.

The event also highlighted outstanding performances by the Instrumental Ensemble, directed by *Mr. Scott Warren*; the Lower School Chorus, directed by *Mrs. Julia Sims-Owens*; and the cast of *Mary Poppins Jr.*, directed by *Mr. George Carruth '06*. Thanks to the dedication and vision of art teachers *Mrs. Rachel Jones Brown '00, Mrs. Renee Norton*, and *Ms. Tara Breslin-Schumacher*, the showcase was a shining example of the thriving arts community at Wilson Hall.



State Runner-up Softball Team

SOFTBALL TEAM STATE RUNNER-UP

Congratulations to the varsity softball team for an outstanding season, finishing as the S.C. Independent School Association 4A state runners-up! With a final record of 17-15, this young team, led by just one senior and one junior, showed impressive growth, determination, and teamwork throughout the season.

Under the guidance of head coach Mrs. Teresa O'Hare Alexander '98, the Barons made a strong showing and demonstrated a promising foundation to build on in the coming years. The assistant coaches were Mrs. Emma Catoe Ayres '13, Ms. Camryn Bateman '21, Mr. Johnny Griffin and Mrs. Haley Ray.



Celebrating a Year of Reading Success

Reading really paid off this year! At WH, the value of reading is celebrated and encouraged beyond the classroom, and students in 1st-5th were rewarded for their dedication to reading outside of school hours. 1st read 2,000 pages, 2nd-4th reached 4,000, and 5th tackled 6,000 pages, all from books they chose themselves and read independently. With *Mr. Eddie Talley*, Head of Lower School, 1st-4th enjoyed a fun-filled day at Chuck E. Cheese in Columbia, while the 5th bounced their way through Altitude Trampoline Park.

Abram Davis, Cooper Lee, Joe McElveen & Conlee Galloway, Class of '36, enjoy Chuck E. Cheese in Columbia.



BONSER SIGNS WITH U. OF RICHMOND

Congratulations to Jackson Bonser on signing his National Letter of Intent to play football at the University of Richmond! This exciting milestone was celebrated with a special signing ceremony, attended by proud students, faculty, coaches, and family. Jackson's dedication, perseverance, and talent have led him to this remarkable achievement, and we look forward to seeing all he will accomplish at the next level.

FIELD DAY FUN ON SPENCER FIELD

Field Day brought non-stop fun to Spencer Field as students in grades 1-5 kicked off the morning with games and laughter. A long-standing tradition for Lower School students to mark the end of the school year, Field Day had students decked out in class t-shirts, tackling sack races, obstacle courses, and more, with the fifth-grade tug-of-war as the grand finale. Kona Ice was the perfect treat to top it all off. Sponsored by the PTO, the event was coordinated by *Mrs. Kelly Carter* with help from *Mrs. Meagan Kuhlman*, dozens of parent volunteers, and members of the Class of '25.



Elias Escatel '34 competes in the water balloon toss.



Variah Alexander '34 hops in the bouncy ball relay.

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Mr. George Carruth '06

Carruth Chosen to Speak at Senior Last Day Luncheon

A cherished tradition, the 21st Last Day Luncheon celebrated the Class of 2025 in a truly meaningful way. The program began with Mr. Brent Kaneft '00, Head of School, introducing the keynote speaker, Mr. George Carruth '06, social studies and theater teacher. Chosen by the seniors to address the class, he delivered a meaningful and heartfelt speech, earning a standing ovation. The Lower School Afternoon Chorus, directed by Mrs. Julia Sims-Owens, presented a touching performance of "The Blessing," bringing tears to many in the audience. Fellowship of Christian Athletes President Shawn Michael Matthews '25 offered the blessing before seniors and their parents enjoyed a delicious Southern Pride Barbeque lunch and captured special moments in photos. Each table featured personalized placemats created by faculty members, adorned with photos, Bible verses, and uplifting messages. The day concluded with senior officers offering parting words to underclassmen over the loudspeaker, followed by the seniors gathering in the hall to sing the Alma Mater, ending the day with pride, tradition, and emotion. The program was coordinated by Mrs. Laura Barr, Mrs. Martha Jo Smith Johnson '99 and Mrs. Caroline Zitzke of the Development Office.



Members of the Class of '30 relax on the beach during the class trip to the Charleston area.

7th Grade Visits Charleston

In conjunction with their history and science classes, the seventh-grade students visited Charleston County from May 6-8. Students and chaperones spent two nights on the historic USS Yorktown, a decommissioned aircraft carrier anchored at Patriots Point Naval & Maritime Museum in Mount Pleasant. While onboard they heard stories of heroism and experienced behind the scenes of the World War II aircraft carrier. The students also toured a retired destroyer and a submarine, as well as the Vietnam Experience Exhibit. The group toured

Magnolia Plantation and Gardens and took a boat ride to Fort Sumter National Historic Park in Charleston Harbor. Spending a day on a boat tour with Barrier Island Eco-Tours, students visited Capers Island to learn about botany, ecology and marine biology. They explored tidal creeks of the salt marsh, a maritime forest, a dune field, and a "bone-yard beach." The trip was coordinated by Mrs. Molly McDuffie and the other chaperones were Mr. George Carruth '06, Mr. Lee Gandy, Mrs. Susie Herlong, Mr. Brent Kaneft '00 and Mr. Kurt Wilson.

Second Grade Brings Books to Life in Annual Storybook Parade

One of the school's most beloved traditions for nearly 40 years, the second grade's annual Storybook Parade is a joyful celebration of reading and creativity. Dressed as their favorite book characters, students took the stage one by one to present a brief introduction of their chosen book and character to an audience of parents, faculty, and classmates. From adventurous heroes to magical creatures, each presentation highlighted the students' enthusiasm for literature and confidence in sharing their stories.



Members of the Class of '35 take a bow after their presentations during the Storybook Parade.

Senior Awards Honor Class of 2025 Achievements

The many accomplishments of the Class of 2025 were celebrated at the Senior Awards Program, a special event that recognized students for their academic excellence, leadership, and service. The program opened with the invocation by Secretary Molly Jones '25, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Vice President Owen Meyers '25. President Abby Bradley '25 delivered the Senior Address, which included both humor and heartfelt reflections that resonated with her classmates and the audience. Department Chairs presented book awards to students who earned the highest grades in each subject, and numerous special awards highlighted outstanding achievements across a variety of disciplines. Honor graduates were recognized for their academic distinction. The program concluded with the singing of the Alma Mater, marking a meaningful tribute to the graduating class. The event was coordinated by Mrs. Sarah Smith, College Counselor. The following members of the Class of '25 were presented with a Book Award (AP=Advanced Placement, H=Honors):

Sarah-Jane Bates AP Statistics, Environmental Science Jack Bowman Set Design
Abby Bradley Engineering I
Annabelle Branham AP 3D Art & Design (Ceramics),
AP English Language
Lottie Bynum Digital Media Technology I
Josie Jackson AP Calculus, AP Psychology
Emily Mason Robotics I
Patrick Norton
Mikayla Ovrenovits AP French Language & Culture,
Artificial Intelligence



Lottie Bynum '25 accepts a Book Award during the Senior Awards Program.

Eva Patel
Sara Hayes Ridgeway Calculus-H, Engineering II
Sydney Rinkleff Computer Programming II
${\it Logan Schumacher} \ldots {\it AP Drawing, Advanced Parametrics-H}$
Andrew Segars AP Biology, Philosophy
Sara Helen SimmonsAP English Literature,
AP U.S. Government & Politics, AP Physics
Kadence Tudors English 12/Senior Seminar, Robotics II.

Lower School Awards Celebrates Learning and Citizenship

The Lower School Awards Program was held in the Nash Student Center to recognize achievement throughout the school year. Benjamin Floyd '32 opened the program with the invocation, and Brayden Trueblood '34 introduced the Pledge of Allegiance, led by Joe McElveen '36 and Savannah Walker '36, and national anthem, which was led by Ezra McLeod, Giuliana Santos, and Emmy Trueblood, Class of '32. Lydia Blalock '32 welcomed the audience to the program.

Certificates were presented for reading, citizenship, and academic honors, and special awards were presented by *Mr. Eddie Talley*, Head of Lower School. At the conclusion of the awards the students and guests sang the Alma Mater led by *Mary Grace Floyd, Molly Montgomery*, and *Kate Kuhlman*, Class of '33. *Ariel James '32* offered the closing remarks. *Mrs. Day Caughman*, School Counselor, coordinated the program and *Mrs. Julia Sims-Owens*, a music teacher, directed the musical portions.

The Citizenship Award is presented to one student in each class who exemplifies the following characteristics: obedience, responsibility, respect and cooperation. The following students were recipients of the award, one of the highest awards a lower school student may receive: Class of '32: George Cogdill,



Brielle Oxendine, Reese Wylie & Lizzie Catherine Pyles, Class of '36, gather in their classroom after the Lower School Awards Program.

Tristan Preator & Claire Tindal; Class of '33: Darby Evenich, Kate Kuhlman & Madelyn Royse; Class of '34: Audrey Mazur, Adelyn Santos & Sadie Thompson; Class of '35: Catherine Hidalgo, Gracie Shook & Reece Wylie; Class of '36: Isla Jane Avant, Charlotte Anne Wells & Marin Yoder.

Lower School Chorus Delivers Inspiring Spring Concert



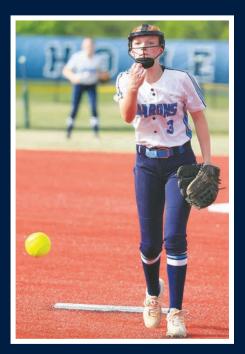
Under the direction of Mrs. Julia Sims-Owens, the Lower School Choir sings in their Spring Concert.

There's nothing better than the sound of young voices in harmony, and the Lower School Chorus delivered just that in their recent concert under the direction of *Mrs. Julia Sims-Owens*. The program featured a beautiful mix of religious, inspirational, and upbeat, affirming songs. The concert opened with the uplifting "We Sing Gloria!" by Wilson, followed by the peaceful "Shalom" by Jennings and the beloved traditional ballad "Danny Boy" by Weatherly. The

performance concluded with a powerful rendition of "The Blessing" by Brown, Carnes, Jobe, and Furtick, which also featured several sixth-grade alumni of the chorus. Composed of auditioned fourth and fifth grade students, the chorus is an extracurricular group that rehearses once a week after school. Mrs. Yvonne Wilkes served as the accompanist, adding a rich musical foundation to the students' heartfelt performances.







Left: Wil Alexander '30 competes in a JV soccer match on Spencer Field. The team, coached by Mr. Jason Bartlett, earned a record of 10-5. **Center:** Andy Cseh '26 returns a serve during a varsity match at Palmetto Tennis Center. Coached by Mr. Luke Whiteside, the team advanced to the state quarterfinals and earned a 6-6 record. **Right:** Parker Sistare '31 pitches in a JV softball game at Patriot Park. Coached by Mr. Dale Sistare, the team earned a record of 7-3.

SPRING ATHLETIC AWARDS

VARSITY BASEBALL Matthew Behmer '26..... Best Defensive Player Cooper Hill '26..... Coaches Award Owen Meyers '25......Baron Award Carson Wilsey '25Best Offensive Player **VARSITY EQUESTRIAN** Joslynn Barrick '28......Most Improved Rider Josie Jackson '25..... Hunt Seat High Point & Leadership Award MIDDLE SCHOOL EOUESTRIAN Addy Burleson '30...... High Point Rider **VARSITY GOLF** Samuel Brown '29 Most Improved Player Silas Brown '28..... Most Valuable Player Austin McLaurin '26..... Coach's Award **JV GOLF** Benny Dinkins '30 Most Valuable Player Triz Smith '30 Team Spirit Award Henry Zitzke '31 Most Improved Player **SHOTGUN** Jack Bowman '25 Varsity Skeet, Sporting Clays & Trap Emory Clanton '30..... Middle School Sporting Clays Winnie Caughman '31 Middle School Young Gun Award Grace McArthur '28......JV Sporting Clays

Abel Ayres '27 Offensive Player of the Year Thomas Creech '25 Defensive Player of the Year Shawn Michael Matthews '25 Most Valuable Player Wilson Wells '25 Coach's Award

VARSITY SOCCER

JV SOCCER

Ethan Bentley '28	Coach's Award
Hunter Merrell '28	Defensive Player of the Year
Cameron Trueblood '29	Most Valuable Player
Dylan Wilmes '30	Offensive Player of the Year

VARSITY SOFTBALL

Abby Bradley '25	Coach's Award
Mary Paisley Geddings '28	Best Offensive Player
Caroline Moorman '27	Impact Player
Lilly Grace Przybyla '28	Best Defensive Player
Marsha Kate Skey '29	Best Defensive Player

VARSITY TENNIS

Andy Cseh '26	Most Valuable Player
Banks Smith '26	. Most Improved Player

MIDDLE SCHOOL TENNIS

Cameron Salzer '29	Most Improved Player
Cole Warrick '29	Player of the Year

Outstanding Middle Cabaal Darfarm

BOYS TRACK & FIELD

GIRLS TRACK & FIELD

McKinley Bath '29	. Outstanding Performance-Field
Bailey Flemming '28 Outsta	anding Performance-Track & Field
Mary Foley '28	. Outstanding Performance-Track
Karsen Jones '29 Outst	anding Middle School Performer
Molly Jones '25	Gaither Spencer Award
Abrielle Naylor '28	Breakthrough Athlete of the Year
Camryn Wilmes '25	Baron Award

Special Athletic Recognition





TOP: Milling Galloway '26 moves the ball down Spencer Field in a soccer match. The Region Championship team, coached by Mr. Jason Bartlett, advanced to the state semifinals and finished with a record of 12-4.

BOTTOM: Matthew Behmer '26 at bat at Tommy Jones Baseball Field during a varsity game. Coached by Mr. Adam Jarecki, the team advanced to the state quarterfinals.

BASEBALL

Benson Elmore '26	All-Star Team, All-Region Team
Carson Wilsey '25	All-Star Team, All-Region Team

SOCCER

Abel Ayres '26	All-Star Team, All-Region Team
Thomas Creech '25	All-Star Team, All-Region Team
Shawn Michael Matthews '25	Region Player of the Year,
	All-Star Team, All-Region Team
Wilson Wells '25	All-Region Team
Mr. Jason Bartlett	All-Star Team Coach,
	Region Coach of the Year

SOFTBALL

Mary Paisley Geddings '28	All-Star Team, All-Region Team
Caroline Moorman '27	All-Star Team, All-Region Team
Lilly Grace Przybyla '28	All-Region Team
Marsha Kate Skev '29	All-Star Team, All-Region Team

TENNIS

Andy Cseh '26	All-Region Team
Ryan Griffin '27	All-Region Team
Cole Warrick '29	All-Region Team

BOYS TRACK

Jack Gratz '29	All-Region leam
Hugh Humphries '25	All-Region Team
Trip Hunt '28	All-Region Team
Owen Meyers '25	All-Region Team
Shep Vincent '28	All-Region Team
Ford Wilder '26	Region Athlete of the Year,
	All-Region Team
Gibb Wilder '28	All-Region Team

GIRLS TRACK

McKinley Bath '29	All-Region Team
Abby Bradley '25	All-Region Team
Bailey Flemming '28	All-Region Team
Clara Hulshizer '30	All-Region Team
Molly Jones '25	Region Athlete of the Year, All-Region Team
Logan Mims '25	All-Region Team
Grace Stewart '29	All-Region Team
Camryn Wilmes '25	All-Region Team
Bowen Zitzke '26	All-Region Team

ALUMNI



Thomas Creech '25 with his parents, Meg Price Creech '86 & Roy Creech '83, at the Senior Last Day Luncheon.

Legacies

The following members of the Class of '25 are second-generation graduates of Wilson Hall, bringing the total number of legacies to 319:

Lottie Bynum - daughter of Ed Bynum '81

Dalton Coker - son of Kathy Smith Coker '98

Thomas Creech - son of Meg Price Creech '86 & Roy Creech '83

Emma Howle - daughter of Jamie Fidler '89

Hugh Humphries - son of Chip Humphries '93

Molly Jones - daughter of Jay Jones '90

Tyler Jordan - son of Dena Sexton Jordan '86

Shawn Michael Matthews - son of Molly Simpson Matthews '93

McKenzie Gray Mills - daughter of Kelly Goldstein Mills '94

Sara Hayes Ridgeway - daughter of Melissa Dunlap Ridgeway '89

Andrew Segars - son of Billy Segars '87

Sophie Sweatman - daughter of Wayne Morris '00

2001

Margaret Harritt Patterson and her husband, Tyler, announce the birth of

their son, Steven Chappell Patterson, on May 2.

2003

Britton Riddle is the owner of Southard Construction Company in Charleston. He graduated from The Citadel with a Bachelor of Science in business administration and Clemson Uni-

versity with a Master of Architecture. *Britton* and his wife, Kim, have a son, Rivers.

2004

Mollie Sharp Cone and her husband, Dallas, announce the birth of their

daughter, Addison Locke Cone, on May 14. They have two other children, Hannah and Sims.

2005



Carrie Martin Blanchard '05

Carrie Martin Blanchard is the Director of the Value Evidence Team for AESARA, a firm that helps biopharma companies demonstrate the value of their therapies and improve patient access through strategic consulting and digital solutions. She graduated from Wake Forest University with a Bachelor of Science in chemistry, the University of North Carolina Gillings School of Public Health with a Master of Public Health in health policy and management, and the UNC Eshelman School of Pharmacy with a Doctor of Pharmacy. Carrie and her husband, Zach, live in Pittsboro, North Carolina, with their sons, Miles and Finn.

Tim Gaymon and his wife, Anna, announce the birth of their son, Timothy Hugh Gaymon III, on May 29.

2008

Kelsey Campolong is pursuing a PhD in modern languages and linguistics at Ulster University in Ireland. She is involved in teaching and research activities at the university, including serving as a graduate demonstrator and dissertation supervisor. Kelsey graduated from Duke University with a Bachelor of Arts in linguistics and North Carolina State University with a Master of Arts in English and linguistics.

Sean Murphy, who is currently pursuing his Juris Doctor as an evening student at Georgetown University Law Center, is a summer associate for the firm of Arnold and Porter in Washington, DC. He is actively involved in the Military Law Society, serving as the evening section Vice President, and participates in the National Security Law Society. Currently stationed at the Pentagon, Sean has over 13 years of experience as a U.S. Air Force intelligence officer, having supported missions ranging from nuclear planning to special operations and diplomatic travel. He earned a Bachelor of Arts in international relations from the University of South Carolina. Sean and his wife, Joanna Ouzounidis Murphy '08, live in Alexandria, Virginia, with their daughter, Eleni.

2011

Walker Blanding is a cardiothoracic surgeon at MUSC Health University Medical Center and Tidelands Waccamaw Community Hospital. He graduated with a Bachelor of Science in biological sciences from Clemson University, and a Doctor of Medicine from the Medical University of South Carolina School of Medicine which is where he completed a residency in integrated cardiothoracic surgery. Walker lives in Charleston.

2012

Holly Avins lives in Charlotte, North Carolina, where she works as a materials engineer for Siemens Energy, an energy technology company. She graduated from Purdue University with a Bachelor of Science in materials science and engineering.

Ansley Ard Crandall and her husband, Tyler, announce the birth of their son, Henry Tyler Crandall, on May 26.

2013

Curtis-Lynne Edens Carraway and her husband, Brent Carraway '16, announce the birth of their daughter, Collins Claire Carraway, on May 23.

Kyle Duffy and Ellison Dew were married on June 14 in Greenville at The Daniel Chapel at Furman University with a reception held at the Hugenot Mill. Spencer Brabham '13 and Will Duffy '11 were among the groomsmen, and the bridal party included Cameron Duffy '19, Courtney Kight Duffy '11 and Katie Duffy Hucks '17. Kyle works as a real estate associate for Johnson Development Associates, a real estate developer of industrial, self-storage, multifamily, and commercial properties. He graduated from Clemson University with a Bachelor of Science in accounting and financial management, and with a Master of Real Estate Development. They live in Greenville.

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Furman Dabbs, who attends Charleston School of Law, is working as a summer associate for the law firm of Barnwell Whaley Patterson and Helms in Charleston. He graduated from the University of South Carolina with a Bachelor of Science in finance.

2015

Holly Scott Barnes and her husband, James, announce the birth of their daughter, Kathryn Scott Barnes, on May 26.

Simmons deHoll, who earned a Bachelor of Science in human and organizational development from Vanderbilt University, graduated from Harvard Business School with a Master of Business Administration.

Catherine Parker graduated from Liberty University with a Master of Arts in clinical mental health counseling. She earned a Bachelor of Science in early childhood education from the College of Charleston and a Master of Arts in applied psychology from Liberty.



Simmons deHoll '15



Chip Humphries '93 with his son, Hugh Humphries '25, after the graduation ceremony.

Audrey Ann Atkinson, who earned a Bachelor of Science in nursing from Clemson Uni-

versity, graduated from the University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus with a Master of Science-Family Nurse Practitioner. She works at Children's Hospital Colorado in Denver.

Delaney Johnson Kelly, who graduated from Clemson University with a Bachelor of Science in marketing, is the Digital and Web Communications Manager for the University of North Carolina School of Education. She and her husband, Emmett, live in Knightdale, North Carolina.

Elliott Kissam and Henry Baird were married on May 31 at First (Scots) Presbyterian Church in Charleston with a reception at Hibernian Hall. Keller Kissam '13 was among the groomsmen. Elliott lives in Charleston and works as a pediatric oncology nurse at the Medical University of South Carolina Jenkins Children's Hospital. She earned a Bachelor of Science in biology from the University of South Carolina and Bachelor of Science in nursing from the Medical University of South Carolina.



Audrey Ann Atkinson '16



Elliott Kissam Baird '16 and her husband, Henry.

Paula Patel is completing a pediatric residency at Emory University School of Medicine in Georgia. She graduated from Wake Forest University with a Bachelor of Science in biochemistry and molecular biology and Wake Forest School of Medicine with a Doctor of Medicine.



Hunter Hendrix '17



Danny Dilts '17 with his sister, Kristin Martin Bell '04, and brother, Nathan Dilts '15.



Drew Reynolds '17

2017

Banks Burns and his wife, Kaylie, announce the birth of their daughter, Emerson Banks Burns, on June 1. They have another daughter, Blakely. Banks is the son of Marian Bruner Burns '80 and Charlie Burns '76.

Danny Dilts, who graduated from the University of South Carolina with a Bachelor of Science in exercise science, earned a Doctor of Physical Therapy from the Medical University of South Carolina.

Hunter Hendrix, who earned a Bachelor of Science

in biological sciences from the University of South Carolina, graduated with a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine from Tuskegee University College of Veterinary Medicine in Alabama. He will work as a veterinarian for Animal Medical Clinic in Sumter.

Drew Reynolds, who graduated from Wofford College with a Bachelor of Science in biology, earned a Doctor of Dental Medicine from the Medical University of South Carolina Edwards College of Dental Medicine. He is completing a general practice residency at the University of Alabama at Birmingham.







Chandler Curtis Wilcox '18

Breland Land '18

Caroline Campbell Hickman '18







Kathryn Sistare '18

Grace Tristan Crosby '18

Ragin Lee '18

Caroline Campbell and Josh Hickman were married on May 31 at Tanglewood Plantation in Lynch-

burg with a reception following. Addy Carraway '18 was the Maid of Honor and the bridesmaids included Kathryn Sistare '18 and Amelia Weston '18. Caroline is the daughter of Johnny Campbell '83.

Grace Tristan Crosby, who earned a Bachelor of Arts in early childhood education from Winthrop University, graduated from The Citadel Graduate School with a Master of Education in literacy. She is a second-grade teacher at Charleston Collegiate School on James Island. Grace and her husband, Jonah, live in Charleston.

Chandler Curtis and Alex Wilcox were married on May 17 at The Millstone at Adams Pond in Columbia with a reception following. Madison Reaves Elmore '18 was the Matron of Honor, Meredith Johnson '18 was a bridesmaid, and Connor Cur-

tis '16 was a groomsman. Chandler, who graduated from the University of South Carolina Honors College with a Bachelor of Science in biological sciences, is pursuing a Doctor of Medicine at the Medical University of South Carolina.

Noah Harvin, who earned a Bachelor of Science in marketing from Clemson University, graduated with a Master of Science in athletic leadership from Clemson.

Breland Land, who earned a Bachelor of Arts in architecture from Clemson University, graduated from the University of Pennsylvania with a Master of Architecture.

Ragin Lee, who earned a Bachelor of Science in anthropology and sociology from Wofford College, graduated from the University of South Carolina Rice School of Law with a Juris Doctor.

Grace Towery McAvoy is entering her third year at the Medical University of South

Carolina Edwards College of Dental Medicine. She graduated from the University of South Carolina with a Bachelor of Science in biological sciences. *Grace* and her husband, Daniel, live in Charleston.

Kathryn Sistare, who graduated with a Bachelor of Science in entrepreneurial studies from the University of South Carolina, earned a Juris Doctor from the Charleston School of Law.

Dean Wrobel and Morgan Burdette were married on April 12 in Highlands, North Carolina. Dean is a regulatory project manager for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in Conway. He earned his Bachelor of Science in marine science and coastal geology from Coastal Carolina University where he is pursuing a Master of Science in coastal marine and wetland studies. His research focuses on marine and coastal geophysics, with a particular interest in salt marsh hydrogeology and barrier island systems.

Tanner Epps and Callie Mudger were married on May 31 at Oakbrook Farm in Ridgeway with a reception following. The groomsmen included *Mills Herlong '19, John Thomas Parker '19, Landon Van Patten '19* and *Chase Ward '19*, and *Ansleigh Epps '22* was a bridesmaid. *Tanner*, who graduated from the University of South Carolina with a Bachelor of Arts in public health, is the chief financial officer and an insurance advisor for the Sumter Insurance Group, Inc.







Gracen Dowling '20

Kyndal Waynick '20

Madison Landstrom '20

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DuBose Alderman works as a commercial lines account manager for Adams Eaddy and Associates, an independent insurance agency for business in Columbia. She graduated from the University of South Carolina with a Bachelor of Science in retail management.

Gracen Dowling graduated from the University of South Carolina with a Bachelor of Arts in psychology.

Sarah Cain, who graduated from the University of South Carolina with a Bachelor of Science in biochemistry and molecular biology, is pursuing a Doctor of Medicine degree at the USC School of Medicine.

Elizabeth Kirby graduated from the College of Charleston with a Bachelor of Science in geology and is completing field studies in New Mexico.

Madison Landstrom, who graduated from Charleston Southern University with a Bachelor of Science in criminology, earned a Master of Arts in humanitarian action and human rights from Liberty University Rawlings School of Divinity.

Waverly McIver, who graduated from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill with







Elizabeth Kirby '20

a Bachelor of Arts in journalism and political science, is entering the Washington and Lee University School of Law.

Emily Moersen, who earned a Bachelor of Science in food science and human nutrition from Clemson University, graduated from Clemson with a Master of Science in food, nutrition and culinary science. She is completing a dietetic internship with Morris Healthcare at the Medical University of South Carolina.

Kyndal Waynick graduated from the University of South Carolina with a bachelor's degree.





- **1.** Madi DesChamps '21 with her brother, Jones DesChamps '24.
- 2. Owings Holler '21
- 3. Gracyn Coker '21.
- 4. Sarah Alexander '21
- **5.** Michael Towery '21 with his sister, Grace Towery McAvoy '18.







Sarah Alexander graduated from the University of South Carolina with a Bachelor of Arts in music with a concentration in musical theater. She was selected to sing the national anthem at the graduation ceremony.

Amp Boonaneksap is an architecture and urban studies major at Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University. She spent a semester with OpenLab Boston studio, a collaborative program hosted by the architectural firm Payette. During this immersive semester, she developed a design proposal for a childcare center, dance school, and student housing complex in Boston, Massachusetts.

Andrew Bratton graduated from Clemson University with a Bachelor of Science in computer science.

Catharine Busch earned a Bachelor of Science in hospitality management from the University of South Carolina.

Gracyn Coker graduated from Wofford College with a Bachelor of Arts in English and history. She is pursuing a Master of Science in management at Wake Forest University.

William Coulter graduated from Clemson University with a Bachelor of Science in architecture. He will pursue a Master of Architecture at the North Carolina State University College of Design. William is working for Craig Gaulden Davis/PBK, an architecture and planning firm in Greenville, for the summer.

Madi DesChamps graduated from Clemson University with a Bachelor of Science in marketing.

Enrick Dickey is working as a summer associate for Bryan Law Firm in Sumter. A graduate of Auburn University with a Bachelor of Science in law and justice, he attends the Washington & Lee University School of Law where he is a member of the Black Law Student Association and the Sports Entertainment and Intellectual Property Society.

Sarah Emily Durham graduated from Charleston Southern University Honors College with a Bachelor of Science in biology and works as a medical laboratory scientist for the Medical University of South Carolina. She continues to volunteer for the Shawn Jenkins Children's Hospital CARES Clinic, a non-profit student-run clinic that provides free medical care to uninsured residents of South Carolina.

Amanda Eastman earned a Bachelor of Science in psychology from the University of South Carolina.

Emily Gray graduated from the University of South Carolina Honors College with a Bachelor of Arts in political science.

Evan Hoffman received a Bachelor of Science in sports and recreation management from Clemson University.

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Owings Holler graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in political science from the University of South Carolina. She will enter the USC Rice School of Law.

Hunter Ives graduated from the University of South Carolina with a Bachelor of Science in entrepreneurial management and marketing.

Warren Jolicoeur graduated from the University of California Los Angeles with a Bachelor of Science in physiology. He works as a scrub technician for University Vascular Associates in the Los Angeles area, and he is a clinical research coordinator for the California Vascular Research Foundation.

Breland Jones, who earned a Bachelor of Science in chemistry from Clemson University Honors College, received the Mark Bernhard Hardin Award presented by the Department of Chemistry for high scholastic achievement and outstanding qualities of character and leadership. She will pursue a Doctor of Medicine degree at the Medical University of South Carolina.

Miller Jones graduated from Clemson University Honors College with a Bachelor of Science in finance. He lives in Greenville where he works as a broker associate for Broadstreet Partners, a commercial real estate firm.

Claire Kirkley graduated from Winthrop University with a Bachelor of Fine Arts in ceramics and sculpture.

Mary Claire Lee received a Bachelor of Science in animal and veterinary sciences from Clemson University.

Mary Ellis Luebbert earned a bachelor's degree from the University of South Carolina.

Connor Martin received a Bachelor of Science in marine biology from the College of Charleston.

Gavyn Mathes graduated from Clemson University Honors College with a Bachelor of Science in electrical engineering.

Storm Owens graduated from Wofford College with a Bachelor of Science in chemistry and a Bachelor of Arts in Spanish.

Brogdon Parimuha graduated from Clemson University with a Bachelor of Science in agribusiness.

Wade Payne graduated from the University of South Carolina with a Bachelor of Science in biological sciences.

EmmaLee Peyton earned a Bachelor of Science in computer information systems from the University of South Carolina.









6. EmmaLee Peyton '21 7. Breland Jones '218. Storm Owens '21 9. Sarah Emily Durham '21

Charles Segars was presented with the Order of the Silver Crescent - South Carolina's most prestigious award - for his admirable act of heroism in September 2023, during which time he and another student saved the lives of two accident victims from fire. The award was presented at the Clemson University Student Affairs Banquet by President Jim Clements and Vice President of Student Affairs Doug Hallenbeck. Charles graduated from Clemson with a Bachelor of Science in forest resource management.

Kaitlyn Smith, who earned a Bachelor of Arts in architecture from Clemson University Honors College, will pursue a Master of Architecture at the North Carolina State University College of Design.

Madi Smith graduated from the University of South Carolina Honors College with a Bachelor of Arts in English. She will enter the Wake Forest University School of Law.

Sam Louis Tisdale earned a Bachelor of Science in forest resource management from Clemson University.

Graham VanPatten graduated from Clemson University with a Bachelor of Science in management.

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10. Kaitlyn Smith '21 **11.** Charles Segars '21 with his parents, Charles Segars '81 & Barbara Gore Segars '86. **12.** Andi Grae Wingate '21

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Parker VanPatten works as an engineer and assistant project manager for Rival Design Build, a design, planning, and construction firm in Sumter. He graduated with a Bachelor of Science in civil engineering from Clemson University.

Heath Watson graduated from the University of South Carolina with a Bachelor of Science in accounting.

Andi Grae Wingate graduated from Southern Wesleyan University with a Bachelor of Science in exercise science. She will attend Charleston Southern University to pursue a Doctor of Physical Therapy.





The Junior Honor Marshals pose for a photo before the start of the graduation ceremony: Bowen Zitzke, Banks Smith, Austin McLaurin, Olivia Russell, Muskaan Judge & Mary Ellen Thorne, Class of '26.

2022

Kate Eichburg is a neuroscience major at Michigan State University where she is a member of the SCUBA Club.

Abby Clanton, a computer science major at Clemson University, is completing a business solutions internship with Farmers Telephone Cooperative in Sumter.

Kieran Cosden, an electrical engineering major at the University of Notre Dame, is completing a project engineering internship with Ryan Companies US, Inc., a commercial real estate design and construction company.

Harris Hanford is completing an internship with the South Carolina Office of the Attorney General in Columbia. He is a criminology and criminal justice major at the University of South Carolina.

Max Keziah, an exercise science major at The Citadel, volunteered for a four-week healthcare-focused service trip in Kenya. On the mission trip organized by the college, he assisted in providing medical, vision, and dental care to patients in underserved areas of Nairobi.

Lucy Matthews, a marketing major at Clemson University, is working as a senior counselor and leadership intern at Pine Cove Ridge, a Christian residential camp for high school students in Columbus, Texas. As a member of Clemson Fellowship of Christian Athletes, she serves on the Prayer and Encouragement Team. Lucy is a member of the Clemson University Guide Association, a select group of undergraduate students who serve as goodwill ambassadors, providing campus tours to prospective students and their families. She serves as the Continuing Education Chair and is on the Recruitment Team.



Annabelle Huffman Evans '23 and her husband, Jake.

Justin Grynkewich is a film/video and photographic arts major at New York University's Tisch School of the Arts, and he is also majoring in psychology at NYU. He co-hosts a podcast, Two Dimwits.

Peyton Gratz, a public health major at the University of South Carolina, is working as a clinical transport assistant at Lexington Medical Center.

Annabelle Huffman and Jake Evans were married on June 7 at Sans Souci Farm in Stateburg with a reception following. Peyton Linginfelter '23 was the Maid of Honor and Harris Huffman '28 was a groomsman. Annabelle attends Clemson University where she is majoring in parks, recreation and tourism management. They live in Clemson.

Shrey Sheth, a biology major at the University of Virginia, serves as the events coordinator for the Genomics Society, A student-led organization dedicated to promoting undergraduate involvement in genomics and scientific research.

2024

Elliott Arscott is working as a counselor at Camp Jubilee, a summer camp operated by the Anglican Diocese of South Carolina held at Valley Christian Retreat in Marietta. He is an English major at Clemson University.

Mary Claire Bearak is working this summer as a social media coordinator for Jet-Vac Equipment Company in Sumter, a leading provider of sewer and environmental equipment solutions throughout the southeast. She is a marketing major at the College of Charleston where she is a member of Kappa Alpha Theta sorority.

Ann Weathers Blankenship is working as a junior counselor at Camp Greystone, a Christian summer camp for girls located in Tuxedo, North Carolina. She is a marketing major at the College of Charleston where she is a member of Delta Gamma sorority.

Sullivan Jarecki, a psychology major at Clemson University, is working in Wilson Hall's main office this summer.

Davis Lee, a finance major at Wofford College, is working this summer for Keenan Suggs, a commercial insurance brokerage firm.

Luke Pedersen is completing an internship at the Steadman Hawkins Clinic of the Carolinas in Greenville, an orthopedic and sports medicine facility affiliated with Prisma Health. He is an exercise science major at the University of South Carolina where he is a member of Kappa Alpha fraternity.



Members of the Class of '25 gather for the traditional tossing of the caps after the graduation ceremony.