



Mary Ellen Thorne, Austin McLaurin & Muskaan Judge, Class of '26

Judge, Thorne & McLaurin Named Valedictorians & Salutatorian

Muskaan Judge '26 and *Mary Ellen Thorne '26* were presented with the Valedictorian Medal for having the highest grade point average in the class, and *Austin McLaurin '26* 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.

Wilder Named WLTX News19 Player of the Year

Congratulations to *Ford Wilder '26* on being named the WLTX News19 Player of the Year, one of the Midlands' most prestigious honors for high school student-athletes. Selected from among the year's News19 "Player of the Week" recipients from across the Midlands region, *Ford* was recognized not only for his outstanding athletic achievement, but also for his excellence in academics, leadership, character, and service to his school and community. The annual WLTX Player of the Year program celebrates the "complete" student-athlete, honoring individuals who make a lasting impact on their teams, schools, and communities, making this recognition an especially meaningful accomplishment. A \$1,000 scholarship accompanies the award.

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Banks Smith '26

Smith Honored with John S. Wilson Award

Banks Smith '26 was presented with the 55th 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 unanimous vote of the committee consisting of three faculty members, the head of school, a

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The state finalist soccer team.

SOCCER STATE RUNNER-UP

Powering through the postseason with teamwork and determination the soccer team finished as state runner-up. Making its first championship appearance since the early 1970s, the team earned dominant wins in the quarter-finals, 7-1, and semifinals, 3-0, before

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falling in a hard-fought 2-0 title match. Led by **Mr. Jason Bartlett**, the team's unity and effort defined an outstanding season with a record of 8-5-1. The assistant coaches were **Mr. Ashton Bartlett '22**, **Mr. Bryan Tash**, **Mr. Danny Trueblood**, and **Mr. Ryan Wells**.

SMITH...CONTINUED

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.

Thorne Earns SCISA's Highest Scholar-Athlete Honor

Excelling in the classroom, in athletics, and in service to others, **Mary Ellen Thorne '26** was awarded the Bill Simpson Award, the highest honor the South Carolina Independent School Association bestows upon a student-athlete. Chosen from nominees representing more than 130 SCISA member schools, **Mary Ellen** was selected as SCISA's top female scholar-athlete, an honor awarded to only one female student-athlete each year. She was recognized for her exceptional academic achievement, athletic success, leadership, extracurricular involvement, and community service. **Mary Ellen** becomes the 14th Wilson Hall student to receive the prestigious award, and Wilson Hall has now produced more Bill Simpson Award recipients than any other school in SCISA, reflecting the school's strong tradition of developing scholar-athletes of excellence, character, and leadership.



Mary Ellen Thorne '26

Sanders Honored for Service with Watt Award

Demonstrating a strong commitment to scholarship, leadership, and serving others, **Paige Sanders '26** received the prestigious Larry K. Watt Award, one of the highest honors presented by the South Carolina Independent School Association, in recognition of her outstanding academic achievements and dedication to community service. Among more than 130 SCISA member schools, **Paige** 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. **Paige's** selection highlights her dedication to making a positive impact both in the classroom and in the broader community.



Paige Sanders '26



Mr. Eddie Talley, Lower School Head, presents a diploma to his granddaughter, Anne Thomas Talley '38.

Kindergarten Graduation

With caps on heads and smiles on faces, the Class of 2038 made their grand entrance into the Nash Student Center to celebrate a milestone. **Mr. Eddie Talley**, Head of Lower School, welcomed the crowd of proud families and friends before **Harper Skinner** opened the program with an invocation. **Maria Cardoso** led the Pledge of Allegiance, and Cole **Yarborough** treated the audience to a spirited rendition of "My Country 'Tis of Thee." Under the direction of **Mrs. Julia Sims-Owens**, music teacher, 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 **Mrs. Liz Gaughf**, PTO Hospitality Chair, and her committee. The program was coordinated by kindergarten teachers **Mrs. Hope Alexander**, **Mrs. Amy Jones**, and **Mrs. Sarah Scott**.

Boys & Girls Track Teams Finish Second with Multiple Gold Medal Performances

Charging into the state meet with determination and pride, both the boys (70-1) and girls (61-2) track teams delivered outstanding performances, each earning a second-place finish. The boys captured four gold medals, led by **Shep Vincent '28** in the 110 hurdles and **Ford Wilder '26** in the long jump, along with first-place finishes from the 4x400 relay team of **Jack Gratz '29**, **Joseph Hiott '27**, **Trip Hunt '28**, and **Caulder Williamson '27**, and the 4x800 relay team of **Abel Ayres '27**, **Jack**, **Joseph**, and **Ben Rabon '26**.

The girls earned three gold medals, with **Karsen Jones '29** sweeping both the 100 and 400 hurdles and **McKinley Bath '29** claiming the javelin title. Building on that success, numerous athletes delivered podium finishes across events. Second-place honors went to **Ashley Carter '29** in discus and shot put, **Christina Osgood '27** in pole vault, **Grace Stewart '29** in high jump, **Shep Vincent '28** in the 400 hurdles, **Gibb Wilder '28** in pole vault, and the 4x800 relay team of **Ellis Coker '28**, **Riley Coker '30**, **Jane Foley '30**, and **Mary Foley '28**. Third-place finishes were earned by **Elisa Getz '30** in the triple jump, **Jack Gratz '29** in the 400 and 800, **Joseph Hiott '27** in the high jump, and **Shep Vincent '28** in the triple jump. In total, 31 athletes contributed points with top-eight finishes, highlighting the depth, teamwork, and excellence that defined this remarkable season.

The following 31 athletes earned points for the team by placing in the top eight in their respective events:

Abel Ayres '27	1st-4x800 relay	Grace McArthur '28	4th-4x100 relay & 4th-javelin
McKinley Bath '29	1st-javelin, 4th-discus & 7th-triple jump	Abrielle Naylor '28	8th-triple jump
Craig Busch '28	7th-javelin	Christina Osgood '27	2nd-pole vault
Ashley Carter '29	2nd-discus & 2nd-shot put	Isabella Quiroz '29	4th-4x100 relay & 6th-pole vault
Morgan Chewning '29	4th-4x100 relay	Ben Rabon '26	1st-4x800 relay
Ellis Coker '28	2nd-4x800 relay & 4th-4x400 relay	Grace Stewart '29	2nd-high jump
Riley Coker '30	2nd-4x800 relay	Mary Ellent Thorne '26	7th-3200
Bailey Flemming '28	4th-400, 4th-triple jump & 7th-200	Shep Vincent '28	1st-110 hurdles, 2nd-400 hurdles & 3rd-triple jump
Jane Foley '30	2nd-4x800 relay, 4th-400 hurdles & 4th-4x400 relay	Ford Wilder '26	1st-long jump & 2nd-triple jump
Mary Foley '28	2nd-4x800 relay & 4th-4x400 relay	Gibb Wilder '28	2nd-pole vault
Elisa Getz '30	3rd-triple jump, 4th-100 hurdles & 5th-long jump	Caulder Williamson '27	1st-4x400 relay, 1st-4x800 relay & 4th-1600
Nolan Gooch '28	6th-triple jump & 7th-long jump	Bowen Zitzke '26	4th-4x100 relay
Jack Gratz '29	1st-4x400 relay & 1st-4x800 relay, 3rd-400 & 3rd-800		
Joseph Hiott '27	1st-4x400 relay, 3rd-High Jump & 5th-400		
Andrew Howle '26	7th-shot put & 8th-discus		
Harris Huffman '28	7th-400 hurdles		
Trip Hunt '28	1st- 4x400 relay, 4th-3200 & 6th-1600		
Karsen Jones '29	1st-100 hurdles, 1st-400 hurdles, 4th-4x400 relay		
Leland Jones '29	6th-triple jump		
Kate Austen Kaneft '30	4th-pole vault		



State track meet gold medalists
Ben Rabon '26 & Ford Wilder '26.

With over 100 athletes, track and field is the largest team the school sponsors.

The following assisted **Mr. Rip Ripley** in coaching: **Ms. Leah Barwick '16**, **Mr. Evans Boyle '17**, **Mr. Dwain Burton**, **Ms. Chadiola Chumney**, **Dr. Linda Crabbe**, **Mrs. Katie Getz**, **Mr. Brian Jackson**, **Mrs. Emily Jackson**, **Mr. Chris Osgood**, **Mr. Dylan Reese '07**, **Mr. Blane Russell '10**, **Mr. Brandon Singletary**, **Mr. Dustin Smith**, **Mrs. Kristine Smith**, **Ms. Shanna Thomas**, **Mr. Sam Watford '16**, and **Mr. Kurt Wilson**.



State track meet gold medalists:
Trip Hunt '28, Jack Gratz '29, Caulder Williamson '27, Karsen Jones '29, McKinley Bath '29, Abel Ayres '27, Shep Vincent '28 & Joseph Hiott '27.



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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.

Fourteen AP Capstone Diplomas

The following members of the Class of '26 are Advanced Placement (AP) Capstone Diploma candidates or recipients: **Andy Cseh, Ella Dixon, Andrew Howle, Muskaan Judge, Austin McLaurin, Sophie Miller, Logan Pauly, Olivia Russell, McClain Segars, Banks Smith, Mary Ellen Thorne, Michael Thorne, Sanders Warrick, and Bowen Zitzke.**

Wilson Hall is the only school in the area approved by the College Board to offer the AP Capstone Diploma Program, which is based on two, yearlong AP courses: AP Seminar and AP Research. The AP Capstone Diploma is granted to students who earn scores of 3 or higher in AP Seminar and AP Research and on four additional AP Exams of their choosing.

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

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

Brown & Pedersen Receive Brabham Award

Livie Pedersen '27 received the John M. Brabham III Award at the Upper School Academic Awards Program and selected **Mrs. Lori Brown** as the faculty member to share in the honor. **Mrs. Brown**, completing her fifth year at Wilson Hall, teaches 6th and 7th Grade Theater, AP U.S. History, and U.S. History. She serves as the Social Studies Department Chair and she is the Spring Musical Director.



Mrs. Lori Brown & Livie Pedersen '27

The criteria for this award are as follows: A sincere love and compassion for his classmates; confidence in his intellectual proficiency and to be intellectually engaged with members of the faculty; enthusiasm among class members in order to bring positive support to the whole; an eager

willingness to work in and around the school in order to improve or promote the Wilson Hall experience; an appropriate sense of balance between having fun and being competitive; and living as an example of being a big brother at Wilson Hall.

A \$1,000.00 gift accompanies the award which is to be designated to an academic, artistic or athletic need at the school, or to the tuition of the recipient or to another student's tuition. The Brabham family established the award in memory of John who would have graduated with the Class of 2011.



Land Stevens, Bee Smith & Cameron Kohl, Class of '27, perform a task in the AP Language Combine.

AP COMBINE: TRAINING BEYOND THE CLASSROOM

Blending academics with movement, students in the AP English Language class taught by **Mrs. Molly Simpson Matthews '93** took part in the AP Combine, a dynamic experience designed to prepare them for the College Board AP Exam. Modeled after the NFL Combine, the activity challenged students to shift quickly between writing tasks while practicing the skills needed for three timed essays. Between sessions, students recharged with fun physical challenges across campus, from skipping and doing jumping jacks to running steps and ballet moves, making the experience both engaging and effective.

JUDGE & MORRIS NAMED STAR STUDENT/TEACHER



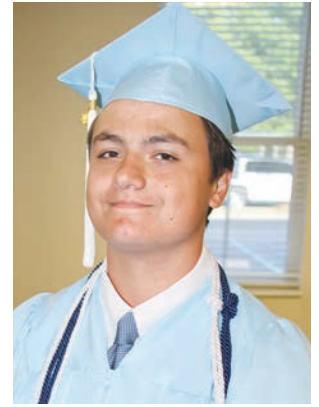
Mrs. Ashley Morris & Muskaan Judge '26

Muskaan Judge '26 received the prestigious honor of being named Wilson Hall's Star Student and selected **Mrs. Ashley Morris** as the educator who made the greatest impact on her academic experience. **Mrs. Morris**, who has been teaching at Wilson Hall for nine years, serves as the Science Department Chair and teaches Anatomy, Biology, and Introduction to Physical Science. This annual recognition is 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. Both delivered speeches during the Senior Awards Program.

THORNE NAMED LYCEUM SCHOLAR

Michael Thorne was selected for Clemson University's prestigious Lyceum Scholars Program, an elite academic and leadership program that explores the moral, political, and economic foundations of a free society through a "great books" curriculum.

Students complete a series of eight courses in political theory and American politics, meet bi-weekly with a faculty mentor, and receive invitations to special events while developing leadership, communication, and critical thinking skills. A generous scholarship accompanies the honor. The program is highly selective, with only 19 students chosen from more than 1,100 applicants.



Michael Thorne '26

Top Scholarship and Elite Medical Program for Judge

Muskaan Judge '26 was selected as a Carolina Scholar at the University of South Carolina, one of the university's most prestigious honors for in-state students in the South Carolina Honors College. As part of USC's distinguished Top Scholars program, the scholarship provides not only funding for attendance, but also enrichment opportunities such as study abroad, internships, leadership projects, and undergraduate research.

The program is designed to develop exceptional students as scholars, leaders, researchers, and global citizens through personalized advising, academic support, and a strong community of high-achieving students.

In addition, **Muskaan** was selected for the USC's Accelerated Undergraduate to M.D. program, offered through the South Carolina Honors College and USC School of Medicine-Columbia. This highly selective and rigorous "fast track" program allows exceptional students to earn both their undergraduate and medical degrees in seven years.

Students complete all pre-med, Honors College, research, and thesis requirements in just three years before beginning medical school in their fourth year. With fewer than 10 students selected for each cohort, the program is considered one of the most competitive and prestigious opportunities offered through the South Carolina Honors College.

Key Club Members Share the Joy of Reading with Young Students

Bringing stories to life and building meaningful connections, Key Club members recently spent several weeks reading to our youngest students as part of a heartwarming service project, creating joyful moments across age groups and setting a powerful example of service leadership. Key Club is a student-led school and community service organization sponsored by Kiwanis International, encouraging high schoolers to lead by serving others. Under the guidance of advisor **Mrs. Stacey Reaves**, our members continue to make a positive impact one act of kindness at a time.



Aviana Hicks '29 reads to a preschool class as part of a Key Club service project.

SHERIDAN & SINGLETON RETIRE

As the school year comes to a close, Wilson Hall recognizes several valued faculty members who are retiring or departing after years of faithful service to the school and its students. Through their dedication in the classroom, leadership in extracurricular programs, and lasting investment in young people, each has made a meaningful impact on the Wilson Hall community.

Following 42 years in education, including the last 26 at Wilson Hall, **Mr. Hunter Sheridan** is retiring from full-time teaching, leaving behind a remarkable legacy in both academics and athletics. **Mr. Sheridan** was instrumental in developing Wilson Hall's computer science program and technology department from the ground floor and, for many years, served as the school's sole IT professional. Throughout his career at Wilson Hall, he taught a wide range of computer science and technology courses, including AP Computer Science A, Computer Concepts and Applications, middle school computer science, Programming I, and Programming II. Beyond the classroom, **Mr. Sheridan** made a lasting impact through his involvement in athletics, most notably with JV boys basketball, where he compiled 404 wins and led teams to 12 region championships. He also coached JV boys baseball and JV football, contributing to eight undefeated JV football seasons, while serving as an assistant coach for varsity football and track and field state championship teams. Though retiring from teaching, **Mr. Sheridan** will continue serving Wilson Hall through his involvement with technology and coaching.

Concluding a 22-year career in education, including the last 14 at Wilson Hall, **Mrs. Sheri Singleton** is retiring to focus on her family's farm and business. Widely respected by both students and faculty for her intelligence, depth of knowledge, and passion for learning, **Mrs. Singleton** inspired generations of students through her engaging and challenging science instruction. Over the years, she taught a wide variety of middle and high school science courses, most recently AP Biology and AP Human Geography, and also served as Science Department Chair. Beyond the classroom, she led the High School Quiz Bowl team and previously advised the Middle School Quiz Bowl team, guiding both programs to numerous region championships. Her excellence in education was recognized through many honors, including being selected as both Middle School and High School Teacher of the Year by her peers, chosen as

a Star Teacher by a student, and receiving the prestigious Margaret S. West Award for Excellence in Teaching.

For the past 20 years, including the last six at Wilson Hall, **Mrs. Emily Jackson** has invested in students through both academics and athletics while teaching Spanish I, II, III, and AP Spanish Language. Known for her energy, encouragement, and versatility, **Mrs. Jackson** has also played an active role across the athletic program, assisting with the equestrian team, JV girls basketball, track and field, and varsity cheerleading, while leading strength, conditioning, stretching, and Pilates training for multiple sports programs. She recently completed her ninth year assisting with track and field and will continue serving Wilson Hall in a coaching role with girls basketball, track and field, and strength and conditioning programs.

Returning to higher education after three years at Wilson Hall, **Dr. Terri Smith** helped lead the school's growth in technology and innovation. She taught Artificial Intelligence, Graphic Design, and middle school Computer Science while also serving as Wilson Hall's first Director of Research, the founding chair and creator of the AI Oversight Committee, a Deep Dive Facilitator, and a technology facilitator and support leader for faculty and students. Her forward-thinking leadership and passion for emerging technologies helped position Wilson Hall at the forefront of educational innovation.

Dedicated to helping students grow academically and personally, **Mrs. Megan Zimmerman** spent the past three years serving as a fourth grade teacher at Wilson Hall before relocating out of state with her family. Known for her care, encouragement, and commitment to her students, **Mrs. Zimmerman** created a positive and engaging classroom environment where children were challenged to reach their full potential.

Serving as Wilson Hall's first reading specialist, **Mrs. Holly Williamson** made a lasting impact during her two years at the school by helping students in kindergarten through second grade become even stronger, more confident readers. Through targeted small-group instruction in the Reading Den, she enriched and strengthened the school's reading curriculum while encouraging students to grow in both skill and confidence. Her dedication and expertise contributed to gains in standardized reading scores during her tenure.



MINDFULNESS IN ACTION IN HEALTH & HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

Finding calm before exam week, students in Health & Human Development stepped outside the traditional classroom to experience hands-on wellness strategies with instructors from Southern Bliss Yoga. Through meditation, music therapy, and yoga, students learned practical techniques to manage stress, improve focus, and support overall well-being. Taught by **Mrs. Allyson Lowder Sanders '96**, the class emphasizes active learning and real-world skills that encourage healthy habits both in and out of the classroom.

Ella Hodge '28, Angela Agno '28 & Land Stevens '27 practice a yoga pose in their Health & Human Development class.

Tuders Honored with Moersen Service Award

Kyrston Tuders '26 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 her 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.



Kyrston Tuders '26

Chalking the Future



Anna VanPatten, Lucy Mims, Mattalyn Shirey and other members of the Class of '26 create their banners representing

Celebrating National Decision Day in colorful style, the Class of '26 filled the halls with school spirit as they "Chalked Their Choice" on vibrant banners. Dressed in t-shirts representing their future colleges, seniors marked the milestone with music, donuts, laughter, and plenty of chalk-filled creativity. Thanks to College Counselor **Mrs. Sarah Smith**, college pennants featuring the names of accepted students will line the hallway, creating a festive tribute to an exciting and successful admissions season.



Kira Stelle '28

Stelle Presented Chappell History Award

Kira Stelle '28 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.

Five Inducted into Veritas in Unitate Society

Benson Elmore, Paige Sanders, Ella Sill, Banks Smith, and Kyrston Tuders, Class of '26, were inducted into the Veritas in Unitate Society, a prestigious honor established by the SC Independent School Association. 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



Benson Elmore, Paige Sanders, Ella Sill, Banks Smith & Kyrston Tuders, Class of '26

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.

Ayres Presented Unsworth Award

Abel Ayres '27 was named the recipient of the Barbara Moses Unsworth Award, 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.



Abel Ayres '27



Christina Osgood, Caroline Moorman, Anne Rhett Harris & Mary Katherine Dutcher, Class of '27, enjoy pizza on the Bynum Rooftop Garden during the Senior Sunset Sendoff.

SENIOR SUNSET SENDOFF: *A Night of Faith and Fellowship*

Gathering in a spirit of faith and fellowship, the Fellowship of Christian Athletes and Sacred Steps Outdoor Club co-sponsored a meaningful Senior Sunset Sendoff. Students met in Founders Chapel for a time of prayer and worship, with music led by Ms. Becki McLeod. **Mrs. Liza Lowder Meyers '18**, English teacher, shared a powerful message, encouraging seniors to step boldly into the world as disciples and to live out their calling by sharing Jesus and making an impact wherever they go. She reminded students that prayer is not passive but transformative, equipping them to bring about real change, and challenged them to pass along prayer cards as a way to spread the message of Christ.

The evening continued with fellowship as students gathered on the Bynum Rooftop Garden to enjoy pizza, sing worship songs, and close the night with "Amazing Grace" as the sun set, marking a memorable and faith-filled sendoff. **Paige Sanders '26** is the president of the FCA and Sacred Steps.



Harper Burke '28 signs the Book of Honor as she is inducted into the National Honor Society.

National Honor Society Inducts Eleven

Wilson Hall's chapter of the National Honor Society, the only honor society the school sponsors, inducted 11 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. Congratulations to the following inductees: (Class of '26) **Joey Robertson, Ella Sill, and Sanders Warrick**; (Class of '28) **Joslynn Barrick, Harper Burke, Kira Krueger, Sophia Levi, Ayden Parrott, Lilly Grace Przybyla, Kira Stelle, and Ethan Wilson.**

LEE PRESENTED DUBOSE AWARD

Lainey Lee '30 was honored with the James M. DuBose Award, a distinction presented to the eighth-grade student who exemplifies Christ-like 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



Lainey Lee '30

members selected **Lainey** from a pool of faculty-nominated eighth graders. In addition to the award plaque, Lainey received a \$500 check to be applied toward tuition or designated for an academic or athletic need at Wilson Hall.

Thorne & Wilder Athletes of the Year

Mary Ellen Thorne '26 and *Ford Wilder '26* were honored as the Wilson Hall Athletes of the Year at the Senior Awards Program. Both exemplify the commitment, sportsmanship, and teamwork that define Wilson Hall athletics. *Mary Ellen* was a member of the cross-country, swimming, and track and field teams, while *Ford* was a member of the basketball, football, speed and strength, and track and field teams.



Mary Ellen Thorne '26 & Ford Wilder '26

James & Owens Retire from Board; Kohl & Mims Welcomed



Mr. Justin Kohl



Mr. Kenneth Mims

Wilson Hall extends sincere appreciation to The Honorable *Buck James '78* and *Dr. Michelle Logan-Owens* for their dedicated service as trustees since 2016. Both highly accomplished in their professions, they helped guide the school through numerous challenges and significant milestones during their tenure. We are deeply grateful for the time, wisdom, and leadership they have generously given to Wilson Hall.

Joining the Board of Trustees this fall are *Mr. Justin Kohl* and *Mr. Kenneth Mims*. *Mr. Kohl*, President of Jet-Vac Equipment Company in Sumter, earned a Bachelor of Science in finance from Clemson University. He and his wife, *Christine*, are the parents of *Cameron '27* and *Lauren '30*. *Mr. Mims* serves as Agency President at Assured Partners, now Gallagher Insurance Co., and earned a Bachelor of Science in finance from the University of South Carolina. He and his wife, *Mary Beth*, are the parents of *Logan '25*, *Wilson '28*, and *Mary Evans '32*.

Russell Receives Nash Scholar Award

Olivia Russell '26 received the Shephard K. Nash Scholar Award, an award presented to seniors who were named either a National Merit Finalist, Semifinalist or Commended Student by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation. She was presented the award, a specially minted U.S. silver dollar with Mr. Nash's likeness, at the Senior Awards Program. Mr. Nash, who was the father of Mrs. John S. Wilson, played an integral part in the planning and formation of our school. The award is given in recognition of Mr. Nash's dedication to our school, his passion for academic excellence, his prudent fiscal acumen, and his overwhelming generosity which ensured the school's success in its earliest days.



Olivia Russell '26



Griffin Timmons '36 describes his book, The Road Runner: A Very Scary Story, during the Storybook Parade.

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.

Class Parties Celebrate a Year of Memories

Laughing, celebrating, and making memories together, students enjoyed fun-filled end-of-year parties both on and off campus. Smiles and excitement filled the days as classmates and teachers celebrated a successful year together and looked ahead to the final days of school.

Mrs. Laura Brogdon, a 4th grade teacher, and Coty Tran '34 roller skate at the end-of-the-year party



SANDERS EARNS SMITH AWARD FOR SERVICE

Paige Sanders '26 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. **Paige's** selection reflects her exemplary character, compassion, and unwavering commitment to serving others.

Hines, Osgood & Wilsey Receive Young Academic Award



Addison Hines '31



Grayce Osgood '26



Cameron Wilsey '28

Addison Hines '31, Grayce Osgood '26, and Cameron Wilsey '28 received the William F. Young Academic Achievement Award. Presented to students who consistently demonstrate motivation to strive for excellence in their classes while also being good citizens in the classroom, the award recognizes both academic achievement and a commitment to learning. Established by Dr. and Mrs. William F. Young in honor of their children, **Lynn Young Anthony '81, Rick Young '83, and Sarah Young Gessner '87**, the award also honors the faculty and administration who guide, nurture, educate, and motivate students.

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 **Abel Ayres '27** (basketball) and **Ella Sill '26** (basketball and cheerleading), and the spring recipients were **Austin McLaurin '26** (golf) and **Mary Ellen Thorne '26** (track and field).

Hendren Named Renaissance Reading Scholar

Honoring literary excellence and a commitment to challenging reading, **Gavin Hendren '30** was named Wilson Hall's first Renaissance Reading Scholar after earning recognition in the program during each year of middle school.

Receiving certificates for a second year were **Karisse Robinson '31** and **Clara Zimpleman '31**, while **Brad Jones '29** and **Troy Jones '29** were recognized as first-year recipients. Adapted from Norfolk Academy, the Renaissance Reading Scholar Program encourages 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 the distinction noted on their transcript. Additional honors are awarded to students who complete the program for multiple years, including the title of Renaissance Scholar for middle school students who complete all three years.

Students may begin reading during the summer, but meetings to demonstrate comprehension must take place during the academic year. **Mrs. Hayes Jones**, Librarian, coordinates the program.

SAT SCORES

Top score is 1510
Top 25% is 1348
Class average is 1160

Celebrating a Year of Reading

Reading really paid off this year! At Wilson Hall, 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.



Mateo Diaz '37 & Whitley Hanniford '37 have fun at Chuck E. Cheese during the reading recognition field trip.

Peyton & Sims-Owens Receive West Teaching Award



Mrs. Lauri Peyton



Mrs. Julia Sims-Owens

Mrs. Lauri Peyton and **Mrs. Julia Sims-Owens** 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. Peyton**, who has been at Wilson Hall for seven years, teaches 6th Grade Math and Pre-Algebra II. **Mrs. Sims-Owens**, completing her sixth year, teaches lower school music, and she is the director of the Lower School Chorus as well as the Grandfriends Day, Christmas, and Spring Concert programs.

LOWER SCHOOL CHORUS INSPIRES AT MAYOR'S PRAYER BREAKFAST



The Lower School Chorus performs at the Sumter Mayor's Prayer Breakfast.

Lifting their voices in joyful praise, the Lower School Chorus filled the room with a powerful and inspiring sound at the Sumter Mayor's Prayer Breakfast held at Alice Drive Baptist Church. Directed by **Mrs. Julia Sims-Owens**, the students performed "This Little Light of Mine" and "The Blessing," moving the audience to a standing ovation and reminding all in attendance that there is nothing more uplifting than hearing young voices sing with sincerity and joy.



Bowen Zitzke '26 delivers the Senior Address during the Senior Awards Program.

Senior Awards Honor Class of 2026 Achievements

The many accomplishments of the Class of 2026 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 Treasurer **Paige Sanders '26**, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Secretary **Stirling Tindal '26**. President **Bowen Zitzke '26** 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 Vice President **Harris Naylor '26** leading 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 '26 received a Senior Book Award (AP = Advanced Placement):

Carson Geddings	Drawing IV
Madison Grace Hansen	Baron Publications
Cooper Hill	Digital Media Technology I
Maecy Hunt	Algebra III
Muskaan Judge	AP Biology, AP English Literature, AP Psychology, AP Statistics, Honors Calculus
Lydia Leihsing	AP Art (Sculpture), Ceramics I
Austin McLaurin	AP U.S. Government & Politics, Philosophy
Liz Singkhonket	AP Art (Drawing), Ceramics II
Kayla Stanley-Linton	Pre-Calculus I
Mary Ellen Thorne	AP Calculus, AP Physics
Tri Tran	AP Computer Science A (Java)
Kyrston Tuders	Honors Advanced Parametrics
Anna VanPatten	AP Art (Ceramics)
Ford Wilder	Digital Media Technology II, English 12

Coker Receives Lee Character Award

William Coker '36 received the Mary Lou Lee Character Award, presented in honor of Mrs. Lee's 56 years of extraordinary service to Wilson Hall. The award recognizes a second-grade student who reflects her legacy of quiet humility, unwavering dedication, and boundless love. Recipients demonstrate hard work, humor, dependability, good manners, humility, and care for others, qualities that capture the heart and soul of Wilson Hall. Accompanying the award is a \$1,000 scholarship and a plaque.



William Coker '36

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 members of the Class of '26 received certificates at the Senior Awards Program: **Luke Banar, Cliff Bath, Matthew Behmer, Charli Bonser, Andy Cseh, Ella Dixon, Edna Lee Harris, Muskaan Judge, Sam Leard, Lydia Leihsing, Austin McLaurin, Sophie Miller, Logan Pauly, Ben Rabon, Joey Robertson, Olivia Russell, Paige Sanders, Carlisle Segars, McClain Segars, Mattalyn Shirey, Ella Sill, Liz Singkhonket, Banks Smith, Mary Ellen Thorne, Michael Thorne, Stirling Tindal, Sanders Warrick, Ford Wilder, and Bowen Zitzke.**

BROWN PRESENTED REYNOLDS AWARD



Sarah Burns Brown '34

Sarah Burns Brown '34 was presented the Lynn H. Reynolds Award, given 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.

CLASS OF '26

Graduation Ceremony

CELEBRATES TRADITION & ACHIEVEMENT



Sanders Warrick '26 receives a hug from her aunt, Mrs. Lucy Grey McIver, after she is presented her diploma



Ben McLaurin '26 receives his diploma.

The 61 members of the Class of 2026 received their diplomas in a memorable commencement ceremony held at Alice Drive Baptist Church. As the 57th class to graduate from Wilson Hall, these students join the proud tradition of over 3,200 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 '26 to take their place on the stage.

The program featured heartfelt moments, including an invocation by Class President **Bowen Zitzke**, inspiring speeches by Salutatorian **Austin McLaurin** and Valedictorians **Muskaan Judge** and **Mary Ellen Thorne**, and the presentation of the 55th John S. Wilson Award to **Banks Smith** by **Mrs. Helen Wilson Taylor '76**.

Dr. Jay Erter '95, a hematologist/oncologist, 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 '26 stood together to sing the Alma Mater one last time, followed by the cherished

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Madison Grace Hansen '26 joyfully walks through the applauding faculty at the conclusion of the ceremony.

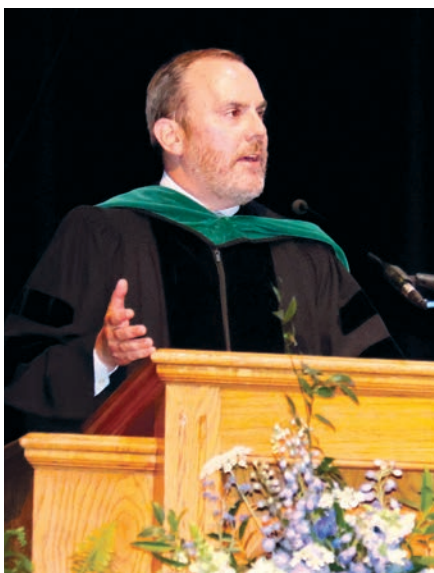
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tradition of faculty forming a tunnel of applause as the new graduates exited. In a joyful moment, the Class of '26 gathered in front of the church to toss their caps in the air, celebrating their journey from students to alumni.

The commencement ceremony was coordinated by *Mrs. Sarah Smith*, College Counselor, and she was assisted by *Mrs. Sarah Segars Barnes '83*, *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, *Mr. Scott Warren* was the music director, and *Mrs. Caroline Shook* provided the floral arrangements on behalf of the PTO.



Mary Carter Smith '26 & Kayla Stanley-Linton '26 are all smiles after exiting the graduation program



Dr. Jay Erter '95

Erter Speaks at Graduation

Returning to campus to inspire the next generation of Barons, *Dr. Jay Erter '95* delivered the Commencement Address for the Class of 2026 graduation ceremony, encouraging graduates to think beyond traditional definitions of success and instead live their lives as an "epic," marked by purpose, perseverance, and meaningful impact on others. A board-certified medical oncologist and hematologist with Tennessee Oncology in Nashville, *Dr. Erter* serves on the practice's Board of Directors and has built an outstanding career in medicine and healthcare leadership.

He received a Bachelor of Science in chemistry from Davidson College, and he earned his Doctor of Medicine from the Medical University of South Carolina. *Dr. Erter* completed his residency at Vanderbilt University and fellowship at The Ohio State University, and later received a Master in Management of Health Care from Vanderbilt. A respected leader in his field, *Dr. Erter* has served as president of the Tennessee Oncology Practice Society, contributed to national oncology committees, published medical research, and frequently lectures on advances in cancer treatment.

Anchored & Steadfast: Yearbook Celebration

Celebrating a year of memories, high school students gathered in the Nash Center for the distribution of the 2026 edition of the yearbook, *Idylls*. As music played, students flipped through the pages for a first look, reliving moments from the year with laughter and excitement while signing one another's books. The publication, with the theme of Steadfast & Anchored, was led by editor **Madison Grace Hansen '26** under the guidance of advisor **Ms. Heather Eldridge '93**.



*Ady Bradford '29 & Aleca Dimitriadis '29
enjoy a first look at the yearbook.*

CLASS OF '26 DECISIONS

This remarkable class achieved a milestone with every senior accepted to a four-year college, earning an impressive 294 offers of admission from 84 colleges across 24 states. Their hard work and dedication were further recognized through merit-based scholarships for every student, totaling more than \$7.9 million in offers. We celebrate not only where they are going, but all they have accomplished and the legacy they leave at Wilson Hall.

Morgan Aycock University of South Carolina
***Luke Banar** Clemson University - Bridge Program
Burns Bateman Francis Marion University
***Cliff Bath** Clemson University
Joseph Bauman University of South Carolina Sumter
***Matthew Behmer** Auburn University
***Charli Bonser** University of South Carolina
Adalin Brown College of Charleston
Emma Corrigan University of Alabama - Honors College
Campbell Cromer Trident Technical College
***Andy Cseh** Clemson University
***Ella Dixon** College of Charleston
Benson Elmore University of South Carolina
Milling Galloway Bridgton Academy
***Carson Geddings** University of South Carolina Sumter
Addie Griffin Wofford College
***Madison Grace Hansen** University of South Carolina
Bryce Hanson University of South Carolina
****Edna Lee Harris** Charleston Southern University
Cooper Hill University of South Carolina
****Andrew Howle** University of South Carolina
Maecy Hunt Furman University
Henry Jones University of South Carolina
****Muskaan Judge** University of South Carolina - Honors College
Marymae Lampron University of South Carolina
***Sam Leard** University of South Carolina
***Lydia Leihsing** Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University
****Austin McLaurin** Clemson University - Honors College
Ben McLaurin Clemson University
***Sophie Miller** Clemson University
Lucy Mims Clemson University - Bridge Program

Harris Naylor University of South Carolina
***Grayce Osgood** College of Charleston
****Logan Pauly** Clemson University
***Ben Rabon** Clemson University
***Joey Robertson** Carthage College
John Robinson Clemson University - Bridge Program
Josh Roodman Central Carolina Technical College
****Olivia Russell** University of South Carolina
***Paige Sanders** Clemson University
****Carlisle Segars** Clemson University
***McClain Segars** Clemson University
****Mattalyn Shirey** Clemson University
****Ella Sill** Clemson University
***Liz Singkhonket** Clemson University
Anna Lynn Skinner Wofford College
****Banks Smith** Clemson University - Honors College
Mary Carter Smith Wofford College
***Kayla Stanley-Linton** Coastal Carolina University
****Mary Ellen Thorne** Clemson University - Honors College
***Michael Thorne** Clemson University
***Stirling Tindal** Clemson University
Kyrston Tuders Charleston Southern University
***Tri Tran** Tarrant County College
Anna VanPatten Clemson University - Bridge Program
Mateo Wagner The Citadel
Miguel Wagner The Citadel
****Sanders Warrick** Clemson University
***Ford Wilder** Wofford College
Walker Wilson University of South Carolina
****Bowen Zitzke** University of South Carolina

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 '26 were recognized at the Senior Awards Program in five academic areas: **Muskaan Judge** - English, **Austin McLaurin** - Social Studies, **Mary Ellen Thorne** - Mathematics and Science, and **Ford Wilder** - Foreign Language.

RABON & THORNE RECEIVE SPENCER AWARD

Ben Rabon '26 and **Mary Ellen Thorne '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.

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 2027 processed as the new senior class, stepping into their leadership.

The program opened with an invocation by Student Body Vice President **Wilkes Burnette '28**, and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by **Samuel Brown '29**, Student Body Secretary. **Abel Ayres '27**, Student Body President, offered a warm welcome to the crowd of students, faculty, and family before **Mrs. Stacey Reeves**, 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**.



Emmalyn Franks '32 receives a Lamp of Knowledge from **Mr. Brent Kaneft '00**.

The following students received a Lamp of Knowledge (AP=Advanced Placement, H=Honors):

Angela Agno '28	Drawing II	Aiden Kooistra '32	8th Science
Abel Ayres '27	AP Chemistry, AP Research, Robotics III	Kira Krueger '28	French II Saison, Robotics II
Cecelia Ayres '32	Pre-AP Writing H, Spanish I	Johnny Lauzon '27	AP English Language & Composition
Kenleigh Barnette '32	Algebra I Plus	Amelie Lucas '28	Pre-AP English II
McKinley Bath '29	Drawing I	Ryland McLeod '28	US History
Anna Beck '32	Pre-Algebra II	Heidi Michel '31	7th Writing
Cat Bowman '32	8th Literature, 8th Writing	Wyatt Moore '31	7th Science
Andrew Brunk '27	Engineering III	Jenish Patel '28	Geometry
Lauren Burchett '27	Ceramics III	Livie Pedersen '27	Drawing III, Spanish III
Torien Byrd '27	Engineering II, French III	Emmaline Przybyla '31	Pre-Algebra I
Bella Cavanagh-Tozer '28	French I, Geometry Plus	Lilly Grace Przybyla '28	Human Health & Development
Mary Todd Champion '27	Algebra II, Sculpture II	Daniel Reis '29	Physical Science
Emory Clanton '32	Pre-AP English H	Claudia Rhodus '27	AP Human Geography
Jose Diaz '27	AP Pre-Calculus, AP Spanish	Walker Rivers '32	8th History
Brooke Dyson '32	Algebra I H	Kira Stelle '28	AP Seminar, AP US History, Algebra II H, Chemistry I
Colton Edmondson '29	Pre-AP English I	Grace Stewart '29	AP Computer Science Principles, Biology I, Pre-AP English II H, Pre-AP World History & Geography, Spanish II
Emmalyn Franks '30	6th History, 6th Literature, 6th Math, 6th Science, 6th Writing	Nathaniel Wabnitz Moch '29	Algebra I
Jenna Green '27	Economics	Paul Wabnitz Moch '27	Environmental Science
Natalie Hawkey '27	Government, Sculpture I	Aiden Webb '28	Algebra II Plus
Trip Hunt '28	AP Music Theory	Emmie Williamson '29	Graphic Design
Brad Jones '29	Robotics I	Ethan Wilson '28	Anatomy
Karsen Jones '29	French II Odyssey	Henry Zitzke '31	7th History, 7th Literature, Pre-Algebra Plus
Leland Jones '29	2-D Design		
Troy Jones '29	Engineering I, Geometry H		

Faculty Celebrate Learning Through Capstone Project Showcase

Wilson Hall faculty members recently completed "The Spirit of the Capstone," a year-end professional growth project centered on Mind-Brain Education (MBE) principles and coordinated by **Mrs. Stacey Reaves**, Head of Upper School and Director of Professional Development. Designed as both a celebration of teaching and an opportunity for meaningful reflection, the capstone encouraged teachers to intentionally redesign and teach a classroom unit through the lens of brain-researched instructional practices.

Faculty members selected units they were already planning to teach and incorporated purposeful MBE strategies such as hands-on learning, cognitive engagement, reflection, feedback, metacognition, student choice, and effective lesson flow. Teachers then collected classroom artifacts, reflected on student learning, and analyzed how instructional decisions impacted engagement and achievement. The project emphasized authentic teaching practice, encouraging faculty to grow from work already happening in their classrooms rather than creating entirely new material.

Throughout the semester, teachers were provided dedicated professional development time to collaborate, brainstorm, and refine their units. The experience culminated in a celebratory Gallery Walk showcase where faculty members shared lesson materials, student work samples, assessments, reflections, and creative classroom strategies with colleagues. The event highlighted the expertise, innovation, and collaborative spirit of the Wilson Hall faculty while reinforcing the school's strong commitment to excellence in teaching and learning.



Members of the Science Dept. review their Capstone Projects: Mrs. Allyson Lowder Sanders '96, Mrs. Ashley Morris, Mr. Chuck McCord, Mrs. Cecelia Edmunds Ormond '11 & Mrs. Jessica Duke.

Brown and Hewetts Named to All-State Swim Team

Demonstrating outstanding dedication and achievement in the pool, **Ryan Brown '29**, **Anna Hewett '33**, and **Jacob Hewett '29** were named to the USA Swimming South Carolina All-State Team.

To earn this honor, swimmers must achieve at least two AAA time standards during the short course season, a recognition that reflects exceptional performance, consistency, and commitment in competitive swimming. Their accomplishment places them among the top age-group swimmers in South Carolina.



Adeline Lynch-Cay '38 & Sally Mac Shaw '38 enjoy Kona Ice at the reading picnic.

A PICNIC TO CELEBRATE READING SUCCESS

Celebrating a big reading milestone, the Class of '38 enjoyed a special Book Club Picnic at Palmetto Park after reaching their goal of reading 20 books. The day was filled with smiles as students shared lunch from Chick-fil-A, cooled off with Kona Ice, and spent time playing together on the playground. It was a joyful way to recognize their hard work and foster a love of reading.



WATCH D.O.G.S. Make Big Impact

Wilson Hall recently launched its WATCH D.O.G.S. (Dads Of Great Students) program, a nationally recognized initiative designed to bring positive male role models into schools and strengthen community engagement. The response from the community was overwhelmingly positive, with all volunteer slots for the spring pilot program filling quickly.

Wearing bright yellow shirts and quickly becoming familiar faces across campus, fathers, grandfathers, uncles, alumni, and other father figures enthusiastically jumped into school life. From reading to preschool students to playing dodgeball in P.E., volunteers interacted with students throughout the campus while also helping with traffic flow, lunches, playground supervision, and classroom support. The program is coordinated by **Mr. Chris Stelle**, Director of Security.

Moersen Chosen to Speak at Senior Last Day Luncheon

A cherished tradition, the 22nd Last Day Luncheon celebrated the Class of 2026 in a truly meaningful way. The program began with **Mr. Brent Kaneft '00**, Head of School, introducing the keynote speaker, **Mr. Neal Moersen '06**, a coach, computer science teacher, and a member of the IT Department. 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 **Paige Sanders '26** 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. Martha Jo Smith Johnson '99** and **Mrs. Caroline Zitzke** of the Development Office, with the help of **Mrs. Laura Barr**.



Mr. Neal Moersen '06 speaks at the Senior Last Day Luncheon.



Milling Galloway '26 with his parents, Lynn James Galloway '96 & Clint Galloway at the Senior Last Day Luncheon.



Cooper Lee '35 receives an award from Mr. Eddie Talley.

Lower School Awards Celebrates Learning and Citizenship

The Lower School Awards Program recognized achievement throughout the school year. **Rylee Whisler '33** opened the program with a welcome, **Darby Evenich '33** offered the invocation, and **Ellie McCann '35** introduced the Pledge of Allegiance, led by **Alana Baca '37** and **Jarrett Hawkins '37**. The national anthem was led by **Mary Grace Floyd**, **Molly Montgomery**, and **Sly Steele**, Class of '33.

Certificates were presented for reading, citizenship, and academic honors, and special awards were presented by **Mr. Eddie Talley**, Head of Lower School Head. At the conclusion of the awards the students and guests sang the Alma Mater led by **Annsley Getz**, **Anna-Jane Owens**, and **Sadie Thompson**, Class of '34, and **Will Gooch '33** 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 most 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 '33: **Carly Fetter**, **Mary Taylor Moorman** & **Charlie Sanders** Class of '34: **Variah Alexander**, **Adyden Burleson** & **Coty Tran** Class of '35: **Abram Davis**, **Tessa Hoeltje** & **Owens Ripley** Class of '36: **Mary Frances Eaddy**, **Reese Galloway** & **Savannah Walker** Class of '37: **Charlotte Couch**, **Brenna Fortin** & **Ruth Kinney**

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. Megan Kuhlman** with help from **Mr. Gill Bell '04**, dozens of parent volunteers, and members of the Class of '26. **Mrs. Mary Katherine Bledsoe Aronson '98** is the PTO President.



Hadley Kaneft '36 participates in the slip 'n slide relay.



Henry DuBose '35 navigates the obstacle course.



Joseph Foley, Sims Owens & Cade Gehrman, Class of '31, pose by a Howitzer at the Vietnam Experience Exhibition.

SEVENTH GRADE CHARLESTON TRIP:

LEARNING BEYOND THE CLASSROOM

Bringing history and science to life beyond the classroom, seventh grade students traveled to Charleston County for a three-day experience filled with hands-on learning and time to bond with classmates. Students spent two nights aboard the historic USS Yorktown at Patriots Point Naval & Maritime Museum, where they toured the aircraft carrier, a destroyer, and a submarine, explored the Vietnam Experience Exhibit, and watched the Blue Angels fly overhead during a practice run for an upcoming air show. They also spent a day with Barrier Island Eco-Tours, visiting Capers Island to study botany, ecology, and marine biology while exploring salt marshes, a maritime forest, dune fields, and a "bone-yard beach," followed by a beach cookout. Additional visits to Magnolia Plantation and Charles Towne Historic Site provided meaningful historical connections. The trip was coordinated by **Mrs. Molly McDuffie**, with chaperones **Mrs. Ashley Cook**, **Mr. Lee Gandy**, **Mrs. Susie Herlong**, **Dr. Whitney Przybyla**, **Mr. James Wilson**, and **Mr. Kurt Wilson**, making for a memorable experience of learning and fellowship.



Carson Burnette '31 learns about marine biology during the 7th grade Barrier Island Eco-Tour

SPRING ATHLETIC AWARDS

VARSITY BASEBALL

Owen Barkley '27 Best Offensive Player
Matthew Behmer '26 Best Defensive Player
Benson Elmore '26 Best Pitcher Award
Cooper Hill '26 Coaches' Award

VARSITY EQUESTRIAN

Campbell Cromer '26 Leadership Award
Sofia Dall'Erta '27 Hunt Seat High Point
Peyton Naylor '27 Most Improved

JV EQUESTRIAN

Darby Evenich '33 Most Improved
Campbell Wylie '32 High Point

JV GOLF

Charlie Coulter '30 Coaches Award
Benny Dinkins '30 Most Valuable Player
Chappell Vincent '30 Most Improved Player

VARSITY SOCCER

Abel Ayres '27 Most Valuable Player
Cordin Finley '28 Coach's Award
Aiden Webb '28 Defensive Player of the Year
RJ Wilmes '27 Offensive Player of the Year

JV SOCCER

Wil Alexander '30 Offensive Player of the Year
Cecelia Ayres '30 Coach's Award
Joseph Foley '31 Defensive Player of the Year
Dylan Wilmes '30 Most Valuable Player

SHOTGUN

Cat Bowman '30 Skeet Award
Emory Clanton '30 Trap Award
Clare McArthur '32 .. JV Sporting Clays Award, Young Gun Award
Lucy Mims '26 Sporting Clays Award
Walker Rivers '30 Middle School Shotgun Award

VARSITY SOFTBALL

Mary Paisley Geddings '28 Best Defensive Player
Addie Griffin '26 Impact Player
Marymae Lampron '26 Hustle Award
Anna Meldrim '29 Best Offensive Player
Marsha Kate Skey '29 Most Valuable Player
Emmie Williamson '29 Coach's Award

VARSITY TENNIS

Shreyas Bijjala '30 Most Improved Player
Andy Cseh '26 Most Valuable Player
Ryan Griffin '27 Coaches Award

BOYS TRACK

Jack Gratz '29 Anchor Award
Joseph Hiott '27 Baron Award
Trip Hunt '28 High Point Track
Ben Rabon '26 Gaither Spencer Award
Chase Richburg '30 Middle School Outstanding Performer
Shep Vincent '28 High Point Track & Field
Ford Wilder '26 High Point Field

GIRLS TRACK

McKinley Bath '29 High Point Field
Ashley Carter '29 Breakthrough Athlete
Bailey Flemming '28 High Point Track & Field
Edna Lee Harris '26 Baron Award
Karsen Jones '29 High Point Track
Mary Ellen Thorne '26 Gaither Spencer Award

SPECIAL ATHLETIC RECOGNITION

BASEBALL

Owen Barkley '27 All-Region Team
Benson Elmore '26 All-Star Team, All-Region Team

SOCCER

Abel Ayres '27 All-Region Team
Paul Wabnitz Moch '27 All-Region Team
Aiden Webb '28 All-Region Team

SOFTBALL

Mary Paisley Geddings '28 All-Star Team, All-Region Team
Addie Griffin '26 All-Star Team, All-Region Team
Caroline Moorman '27 All-Region Team
Marsha Kate Skey All-Star Team, All-Region Team,
The Sumter Item Hines Furniture Athlete of the Week

Mrs. Teresa O'Hare Alexander '98 All-Star Team Coach

TENNIS

Andy Cseh '26 All-Region Team
Ryan Griffin '27 All-Region Team
Cameron Salzer '29 All-Region Team

BOYS TRACK

Shep Vincent '28 Region Athlete of the Year
Ford Wilder '26 WLTX TV19 Player of the Year

GIRLS TRACK

Bailey Flemming '28 Region Athlete of the Year
Karsen Jones '29 The Sumter Item Hines Furniture
Athlete of the Week

ALUMNI



Jeff Jones '98 poses with his son, Henry Jones '26, after the Senior Awards Program.

Legacies Continue the Wilson Hall Tradition

Continuing a tradition that spans generations, several members of the Class of 2026 followed in the footsteps of their parents as Wilson Hall graduates, bringing the school's total number of legacy graduates to 335. Their connection to Wilson Hall reflects more than family history. It speaks to the strong sense of community, lasting relationships, and meaningful educational experience that continue to draw families back generation after generation.

Morgan Aycock, daughter of **Brittany Beasley Aycock '95**
Burns Bateman, son of **Ashley Lowder Bateman '92**
Joseph Bauman, son of **Jennifer Patrick Bauman '82**
Campbell Cromer, daughter of **Ben Cromer '90**
Milling Galloway, son of **Lynn James Galloway '96**
Cooper Hill, son of **Meg Brogdon Hill '97**
Andrew Howle, son of **Jamie Fidler '89**
Henry Jones, son of **Jeff Jones '98**
Sam Leard, son of **Allison Stover Leard '86**
Austin McLaurin, son of **Leigh Edmunds McLaurin '92**
Ben McLaurin, son of **Leigh Edmunds McLaurin '92**
Paige Sanders, daughter of **Allyson Lowder Sanders '96**
Carlisle Segars, daughter of **George Segars '85**
McClain Segars, daughter of **George Segars '85**
Mary Carter Smith, daughter of **Triz Smith '94**

1997

Joey Thames is the recruitment manager for Poly-Med, Inc., a medical device company in Anderson. He graduated from Clemson University with a Bachelor of Science in biological sciences and science teaching and from Furman University with a Master of Arts in school leadership. **Joey** and his wife, **Britney**, have four daughters: **Cely Kay**, **Lillian**, **Ma-bel Claire** and **Margaret**.

2004

Smith Gardner and his husband, **Brian Jenks**, announce the birth of their son, **Henry Orval Jenks-Gardner**, on May 15.

Wesley Shaw Mann and her husband, **Brian**, announce the birth of their daughter, **Eliza Langston Mann**, on May 18. They have another daughter, **Carter**. **Wesley** is the daughter of **Gifford Shaw '73**.



Wesley Shaw Mann '04 and family.

2005



Laughton Jones '05 and family.

Laughton Jones and his wife, **Erika**, announce the birth of their son, **James Laughton Jones III**, on May 7. **Laughton** is the son of **Jim Jones '72**.

2006

Hamilton Betchman and **Dori Williams** were married on April 25 in Sumter.

2008

Kelsy Campolong earned a Ph.D. in linguistics with a focus on critical discourse analysis from Ulster University in Belfast, Ireland. She also earned a Master of Arts in modern languages and linguistics from Ulster for which she spent two years studying in Budapest, Hungary. Through a Fulbright English Teaching Assistant Grant, she spent a year teaching English and studying multilingualism and linguistic landscapes at Bogazici University in Istanbul, Turkey. **Kelsey** earned a Bachelor of Arts in English and public policy studies from Duke University.

Sean Murphy, who earned a Bachelor of Arts in political science from the University of South Carolina, graduated from Georgetown University Law Center with a Juris Doctor.

2009



Rickie Crum '09

Rickie Crum, who graduated from the University of South Carolina with a Bachelor of Arts in criminal justice, earned a Master of Science in cyber security from Capitol Technology University. He lives in Orlando, Florida, where he works as an information systems security officer for Leidos, a defense, engineering, and technology company that works heavily with the U.S. government.

Jessica DuBose Goenen and her husband, Patrick, announce the birth of their daughters, Elizabeth Gail Goenen and Olivia Michelle Goenen, on May 19. They have a son, Whit. **Jessica** is the daughter of **Libby Campbell DuBose '81**.



Anna Lynn Skinner '26 & Liz Singkhonket '26 exit the graduation ceremony to the applause of the faculty.

2010

Tyler Sutton and his wife, Allison, announce the birth of their son, Reid Turner Sutton, on May 10. They have another son, Swisher. **Tyler** is the son of **John Sutton '72**.

2011

Megan Shuler lives in Sumter and works as a sales manager for Reyes Beverage Group, a family-owned total beverage distributor that operates as the largest beer distributor in the United States. She graduated from Clemson University with a Bachelor of Science in marketing.

2012

Cody Clark is the Director of Communications for Auburn University at Montgomery, Alabama. He graduated from Waldorf College in Iowa with a Bachelor of Arts in communications, and from Delta State University in Mississippi with a Master of Science in sport and human performance. **Cody** and his wife, Katherine, have two children, Cove and Wren.

Claude Lathan lives in Tampa, Florida, where he works for Wilson, a human resources firm. He is an associate recruitment operations manager for the Eli Lilly account. **Claude** graduated from the University of South Carolina with a Bachelor of Science in retail management.

2013

Matthew High and his wife, Lauren, announce the birth of their daughter, Eliza Ray High, on May 23.

Savannah Matthews Lentz, who received a Bachelor of Arts in communications and media studies from Clemson University, graduated from the University of Iowa Tippie College of Business with a Master of Business Administration.

Anna Crew Kinney Psomas and her husband, John, announce the birth of their daughter, Elisabeth Reed Psomas, on May 8. They have three other children: Nellie, Lottie, and George.

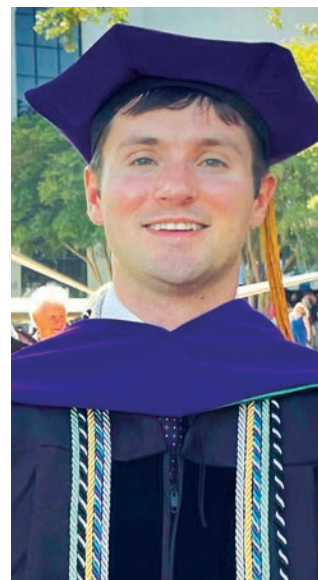
2014

Furman Dabbs, who earned a Bachelor of Science in business administration from the University of South Carolina, graduated from Charleston School of Law with a Juris Doctor. He is pursuing a Master of Laws in taxation at Georgetown University Law Center.

Scott Harvin is an account director for Nike Communications, a public relations and communications firm in New York City. He graduated from the College of Charleston with a Bachelor of Arts in communications.

Bailey Hunt Long and her husband, Adam, announce the birth of their son, Joseph Psalter Long, on May 11. They have another son, Jude.

Emily Hendrix Robinson and her husband, Mackenzie, announce the birth of their daughter, Mildred Francis Robinson, on April 23. They have another daughter, **Nora Ann '41**.



Furman Dabbs '14

2015



Hannah Jordan Scott '15

Hannah Jordan and **Chandler Scott '19** were married on May 9 at the Jordan family home in Sumter with a reception following. **Holly Scott Barnes '15** was the Matron of Honor and **Catherine Clark '17** was the Maid of Honor, and **Anna Louise Segars Hentz '15** was a bridesmaid. Chandler's father, **Brian Scott '92**, was the Best Man, and the groomsmen included **William Kimbrell '18**, **Bryce Lyles '18**, **Daniel Reynolds '18**, **Lake Scott '17**, and **Chase Ward '19**. **Hannah** has her own dental practice, Lowcountry Family Dentistry, in Kingstree. She graduated from Clemson University with a Bachelor of Science in biological sciences and the Medical University of South Carolina College of Dental Medicine with a Doctor of Dental Medicine. **Chandler** works for Thompson Turner Construction in Sumter.

Breanna Kimbrell, who earned a Bachelor of Science in animal and veterinary sciences from Clemson University, graduated from Mississippi State University College of Veterinary Medicine with a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine. **Breanna** works at Magley Clemson Animal Hospital.

2016

Audrey Ann Atkinson, who lives in New Haven, Connecticut, is an advanced practice registered nurse and board-certified pediatric nurse practitioner associated with Yale School of Medicine and Yale New Haven Hospital. She practices with Yale Pediatric Orthopaedics and is a staff affiliate of Yale New Haven Hospital. **Audrey Ann** earned a Bachelor of Science in nursing from Clemson University and graduated from the University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus with a Master of Science-Family Nurse Practitioner.

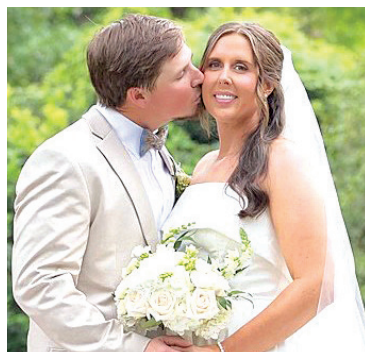
Olivia Maklary and **Brenden Clark** were married on May 2 at Atalaya Castle at Huntington Beach State Park in Murrells Inlet with a reception following. She is an attorney specializing in workers' compensation defense with the firm of Willson Jones Carter & Baxley in Greenville. **Olivia** graduated from Clemson University with a Bachelor of Science in biology and the University of South Carolina Rice School of Law with a Juris Doctor.

2017

Sean Jackson, who earned a Bachelor of Arts in political science from Clemson University, graduated from the University of South Carolina Rice School of Law with a Juris Doctor.

Campbell Mims works as a consultant for Tompkins, Thompson, and Brown, a government affairs and lobbying firm in Columbia. He was appointed by Lexington County Council as the Vice Chair of the Lexington County Capital Project Sales Tax Commission, and he graduated from the S.C. Ports Authority 2025-26 Port Ambassador class. **Campbell** earned a Bachelor of Arts in journalism and mass communications and a Master of Mass Communications from the University of South Carolina. He and his wife, **Abbott**, live

2018



Addy Carraway Browder '18 and her husband, **Dylan**.



Chandler Curtis Wilcox '18



Jake Meyers '18 & **Liza Lowder Meyers '18** welcome their son, **Tate**.

Addy Carraway and **Dylan Browder** were married on May 9 at The Terraces in Rembert with a reception following. **Caroline Campbell Hickman '18** was in the bridal party and **Tanner Carraway '14** was among the groomsmen. **Addy** is the daughter of **Leigh Simpson Carraway '87**.

Trent Elmore, who attends the University of Florida Levin College of Law, is working as a summer associate for the firm of Adams and Reese in Jacksonville. He is a U.S. Army veteran and a graduate of Clemson University with a Bachelor of Science in political science. **Trent** and his wife, **Madison Reaves Elmore '18**, live in Gainesville.

Hailey Ford is a pediatric speech language pathologist at Coastal Therapy Services in Mount Pleasant. She graduated from the University of South Carolina with a Bachelor of Arts in public health and the Medical University of South Carolina with a Master of Science in speech-language pathology.

Liza Lowder Meyers and **Jake Meyers '18**

announce the birth of their son, **Jacob Tate Meyers**, on May 13. **Liza** is the daughter of **Kelliegh Waynick Lowder '86** and **Clay Lowder '85**.

Pitch Sinlapanuntakul will present two of his accepted papers from his dissertation work at the Association for Computing Machinery's Designing Interactive Systems Conference in Singapore. He is pursuing a Ph.D. in human centered design and engineering from the University of Washington where he received a Master of Science in the same field. **Pitch** graduated from Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University with a Bachelor of Science in human factors psychology.

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



Ann Elizabeth McCreight '14, Sarah McCreight '19 & Cate McCreight Glass '17



Liza Segars '19 & Chandler Patrick '19

2019

Bridget Anderson, who received a Bachelor of Arts in English language and political science from Baylor University, graduated from Seton Hall University with a Master of Arts in English language and literature.

Judah Cohee, who graduated with a Bachelor of Science in business administration from Christopher Newport University in Virginia, earned a Master of Business Administration from the College of William and Mary Raymond School of Business.

Peyton Geddings Farley, a registered nurse at Prisma Health Tuomey Hospital, was named the Intermediate Intensive Care Unit Nurse of the Year. She graduated from Central Carolina Technical College with an Associate Degree in nursing. **Peyton** and her husband, Max, live in Sumter.

Mills Herlong, who earned a Bachelor of Science in nutrition science from Clemson University, graduated with a Doctor of Physical Therapy from Anderson University.

Sarah McCreight, who earned a Bachelor of Science in psychology from Covenant College in Georgia, graduated from Columbia International University with a Master of Arts in counseling.

John Thomas Parker and Mary Ellis O'Cain were married on April 25 at The Calhoun Reserve in Saint Matthews with a reception following.

Chandler Patrick, who earned a Bachelor of Science in marketing from Clemson University, graduated from the University of South Carolina Rice School of Law with a Juris Doctor. She lives in Georgetown and works as a judicial law clerk for the 15th Judicial Circuit.

Liza Segars, who graduated from Clemson University with a Bachelor of Arts in political science, earned a Juris Doctor from the University of South Carolina Rice School of Law. She is pursuing a Master of Laws in taxation from the University of Florida Levin College of Law and will work for the firm of Donimick Feld Hyde in Birmingham, Alabama, upon graduation.

Anne Land Welch, who earned a Bachelor of Science in finance from Wofford College, graduated from the University of South Carolina Darla Moore School of Business with a Master of Science in business analytics.



Owen Barkley '27 on the pitcher's mound during a varsity baseball game. Coached by Mr. Adam Jarecki, the team earned a record of 11-8 and advanced to the second round of the state tournament.

Lilly Grace Przybyla '28 keeps her eye on the ball during a varsity softball game. The team, coached by Mrs. Teresa O'Hare Alexander '98, advanced to the second round of the state tournament and earned a record of 19-7.



Andy Cseh '26 returns a serve in a varsity tennis match. The team, coached by Mr. Luke Whiteside, advanced to the State Semifinal and earned a record of 9-3.

2020

Naomi Yoder lives in London, England, where she works for SPEAR, a charity that helps people overcome homelessness through outreach, housing, and long-term support. She earned a Bachelor of Arts in international relations from Pepperdine University in California, studied at Maison du Lac in Lausanne, Switzerland, and graduated from the School of Oriental and African Studies in London with a Master of Science in humanitarianism, aid and conflict.

2021



Hayley Champion '21

Sarah Alexander attends the New York University Steinhardt School of Culture, Education, and Human Development where she is pursuing a Master of Music in Vocal Performance: Music Theater, as well as an Advanced Certificate in vocal pedagogy. Her paper, "Voices of Influence," appeared in the academic publication *Voice and Speech Review*. **Sarah** graduated from the University of South Carolina with a Bachelor of Arts in music with a concentration in musical theater.

Hayley Champion graduated from Clemson University with a Bachelor of Science in middle level education.

Gracyn Coker, who earned a Bachelor of Arts in English and history from Wofford College, graduated from Wake Forest University with a Master of Science in management. She lives in Rock Hill where she works as an economic development associate for Rock Hill Economic Development.

William Coulter is completing a project internship with BSA, an architecture, engineering, interior design, and planning firm in Raleigh, North Carolina. He graduated from Clemson University with a Bachelor of Architecture and is working toward a Master of Architecture at North Carolina State University.

Sarah Emily Durham, who graduated from Charleston Southern University with a Bachelor of Science in biology, works as a microbiologist medical lab scientist for MUSC Health in Charleston. She received the MUSC Community Impact Award for her volunteer service at Shawn Jenkins Children's Hospital and the MUSC CARES Clinic, which provides free medical care to uninsured residents.

Owings Holler, who attends the University of South Carolina Rice School of Law, received the Outstanding Pro Bono Service Award in recognition of her exceptional volunteer dedication and commitment to expanding access to justice through the school's pro bono program. She will complete summer internships with the Upstate Medical Legal Partnership and the firm of McAngus, Goudelock and Currie. **Owings** graduated from USC with a Bachelor of Arts in political science and she studied at Charles University in Prague, Czech Republic.

Claire Kirkley is the Director of Arts and Crafts at YMCA Camp Cherokee, a residential summer camp located in Kings Mountain State Park in Blacksburg. She graduated from Winthrop University with a Bachelor of Fine Arts in ceramics and sculpture.

Gavyn Mathes graduated from Clemson University with a Master of Science in electrical and electronics engineering, and he earned a Bachelor of Science in electrical engineering from Clemson Honors College. He is working as an instrument controls specialist for S & B, an engineering and construction company that designs and builds large-scale, complex industrial facilities for the oil and gas, petrochemical, and midstream sectors. **Gavyn** is pursuing a Master of Divinity in Biblical counseling through the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

Colton Muszynski graduated from Wake Forest University with a Bachelor of Science in health and exercise science. A second lieutenant in the U.S. Army, he is serving in the Army Medical Services Corps.

Kailee Poston graduated with a Bachelor of Science in nursing from Francis Marion University.

Kaitlyn Smith, who earned a Bachelor of Arts in architecture from Clemson University Honors College, received a Master of Architecture from the North Carolina State University College of Design. She is completing an architecture internship with HDR, a design firm in Raleigh, North Carolina.

Kate Thigpen works as a nurse in the emergency department at Prisma Health Tuomey. She graduated from Central Carolina Technical College with an Associate Degree in Applied Science in nursing.



Anna Kate Coker '25 & Gracyn Coker '21



Gavyn Mathes '21 & Kaitlyn Smith '21



Mary-Claire Graves '22



Molly Jones '25, Tyler Jones '22 & Dylan Jones '24



William Cooper '22 & Hugh McLaurin '22



Sallie Spencer McGinnis '17, Curt Spencer '79 & Ellie Spencer '22



Chandler Stone '16, Norma Roberts Stone '83, Halle Stone '22 & Greg Stone '83

2022

Zuri Anderson graduated from Wingate University with a Bachelor of Science in sports studies.

Ashton Bartlett earned a Bachelor of Science in mechanical engineering from the University of South Carolina.

Evan Bell graduated from Clemson University with a Bachelor of Science in secondary education.

Amp Boonaneksap earned a Bachelor of Architecture from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University.

Sarah Margaret Branham graduated from the University of South Carolina with a Bachelor of Science in nursing. She is living in Washington, D.C., where she works for the Federal Drug Administration.

Chanson Bullard graduated from Wofford College with a Bachelor of Science in biology and psychology.

Abby Clanton received a Bachelor of Science in computer science from Clemson University.

Kort Claus graduated with a Bachelor of Science in business administration from the University of South Carolina.

William Cooper graduated from Clemson University with a Bachelor of Science in computer science.

Kieran Cosden graduated from the University of Notre Dame with a Bachelor of Science in electrical engineering.

Nick Craine received a Bachelor of Science in business administration from the University of South Carolina.

Will Croft earned a Bachelor of Science in business management and real estate from the University of South Carolina.

Ivey Edwards graduated from the University of Vermont with a Bachelor of Science in animal science.

Kate Eichburg graduated from Michigan State University with a Bachelor of Science in neuroscience.

Ansleigh Epps graduated from the University of South Carolina Aiken with a Bachelor of Science in nursing.

Carlie Fort, an architecture major at Clemson University, will spend the fall semester studying at the Clemson Architecture Center in Barcelona, Spain.

Ashlyn Goode graduated from the University of Georgia Honors College with a Bachelor of Arts in economics and a Bachelor of Arts in political science. She is pursuing a master's degree in political science and international affairs

through the UGA School of Public and International Affairs.

Mary-Claire Graves, who graduated from Clemson University with a Bachelor of Science in political science, will enter the University of South Carolina Rice School of Law in the fall.

Sophie Greene graduated from Clemson University Honors College with a Bachelor of Arts in psychology.

William Hardee graduated with a Bachelor of Science in financial management from Clemson University.

Duncan James graduated with a Bachelor of Landscape Architecture from Clemson University. He works as a landscape designer for Progressive Companies, a multi-disciplinary design firm in Charlotte, North Carolina.

Mary Jones earned a Bachelor of Science in food science and human nutrition from Clemson University.

Tyler Jones graduated from the University of South Carolina with a Bachelor of Science in finance and business analytics. He is pursuing a Master of Accountancy at the USC Darla Moore School of Business.

Thomas Kang graduated from Augusta University with a Bachelor of Science in biology.



Sarah Margaret Branham '22



Abby Clanton '22



Anne-Marie Torchia '22



Annie Lauzon '22

2022...CONTINUED

Max Keziah received a Bachelor of Science in kinesiology and exercise science from The Citadel.

Nolan Lamb graduated with a Bachelor of Science in computer engineering from the University of South Carolina.

Annie Lauzon graduated from Villanova University with a Bachelor of Business Administration in finance.

Anna Lee graduated from the University of South Carolina with a Bachelor of Arts in public health.

Lucy Matthews graduated from Clemson University with a Bachelor of Science in marketing. She received the Legacy of Learning Award from the Clemson University Tour Guides, student ambassadors selected through a highly competitive program who lead campus tours and share their personal experiences to showcase student life and the university community. **Lucy** lives in Birmingham, Alabama, where she works for Children's of Alabama Hospital as a coordinator of community development. She works with Children's Miracle Network on campaigns for the hospital and Dance Marathon with their events at different schools.

Douglas McAdams graduated with a Bachelor of Science in economics from Clemson University.

Jordan McCart graduated from Western Michigan University Honors College with a Bachelor of Arts in elementary education.

Hugh McLaurin graduated from Clemson University with a Bachelor of Science in industrial engineering. He lives in Knoxville, Tennessee, where he works as a sales engineer for Tencarva Machinery Company which distributes, maintains, and provides industrial pump repair services and equipment for industrial and municipal customers.

Alex McLeod graduated with a Bachelor of Science in finance from the University of South Carolina.

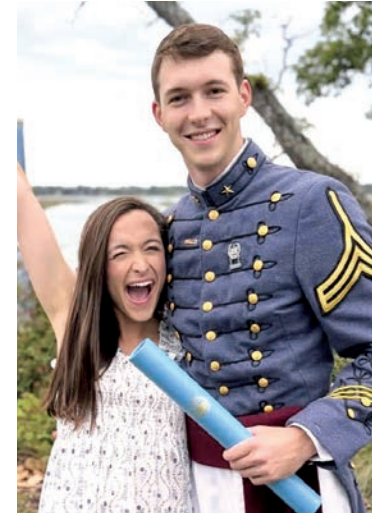
Will McLeod graduated from the University of South Carolina with a Bachelor of Science in finance.

Tate Mociun received a Bachelor of Science in business administration from the College of Charleston.

Ansh Patel graduated with a Bachelor of Science in business administration from the University of South Carolina.



William Reese '22



Kathryn Sistare '18 & Tate Sistare '22

William Reese graduated from The Citadel with a Bachelor of Arts in chemistry.

Tate Sistare, who received a Bachelor of Science in civil engineering from The Citadel, is working as a project engineer for Thompson Construction Group based in Sumter. He is working on a project in York.

Ellie Spencer earned a Bachelor of Science in food science and human nutrition from Clemson University. She is working as an inside sales representative for Dell Technologies in Boston, Massachusetts.

Halle Stone, who earned a Bachelor of Science in public health from the University of South Carolina, is pursuing a Master of Science in speech language pathology at the Medical University of South Carolina.

Anne-Marie Torchia graduated from the University of South Carolina with a Bachelor of Arts in criminology and criminal justice. A recipient of a Fellowship Scholarship, she is pursuing a Master of International Business at the USC Darla Moore School of Business.

Doc Walker graduated from the University of South Carolina with a Bachelor of Science in public health.

Logan Wernsman earned a Bachelor of Science in business administration from Winthrop University.

2023

Sumter Cooper, an accounting major at Wofford College, is completing an accounting internship with Capital Business Funding in Spartanburg.

Peyton Gratz, a nursing major at the University of South Carolina, volunteered with LeadAbroad in San José, Costa Rica, providing vital healthcare services to underserved community members in need.

Caleb Howle, a political science major at the University of South Carolina, is working for an environmental compliance attorney in Jersey City, New Jersey, for the summer.

Jackson Mahr graduated from Clemson University with a Bachelor of Science in mechanical engineering.

Dhruva Patel, a biological sciences major at the University of South Carolina, is the vice president of the USC chapter of UNICEF, a global organization dedicated to advocating for children's rights. She also serves as the chapter vice president of Delta Phi Omega sorority, the nation's largest South Asian interest sorority.

Rebekha Patel, a biosystems engineering major at Clemson University Honors College, is completing a water resource and environmental engineering internship in Columbia with Thomas and Hutton. It is an engineering and environmental consulting firm that provides services in civil engineering, land planning, landscape architecture, environmental permitting, and construction management across the Southeast.

2024

Grayson Alexander, a political science major at Clemson University, is completing a legal internship with Curtis & Croft in Sumter this summer.

Daniel Burton attends Georgia Highlands College where he is a member of the basketball team.

Adam Pelletier earned an Associate in Applied Science in engineering technology from Central Carolina Technical College.

Sullivan Jarecki, a psychology major at Clemson University, is spending the summer working as a counselor at Pine Cove Springs, a Christian summer camp in Toccoa, Georgia.

Luke Pedersen, an exercise science major at the University of South Carolina, is working as a rehabilitation technician at MUSC Health in Charleston for the summer.

Blake VanPatten, a communications major at Clemson University, is completing an account executive internship with Soliant, a staffing and recruiting firm in Atlanta, Georgia.

2025

Josie Jackson, a linguistics major at Georgetown University, is studying French at the Institut de Touraine in Tours, France, this summer. As a member of the National Park Service's Volunteer in Parks Program, she volunteers with the U.S. Park Police Horse Stables and Education Center on the National Mall in Washington, D.C.



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