

# 58 ADVANCED PLACEMENT SCHOLARS

Because of their exceptional achievement on the college-level Advanced Placement (AP) Exams, 58 students received recognition from the College Board. About 20 percent of students nationwide who took AP Exams performed at a sufficiently high level to earn an AP Scholar Award. In May, 99 Wilson Hall students became eligible to receive college credit by earning a score of 3 or higher on at least one exam. Wilson Hall's average passing rate is 81%, above the average passing rate of 67%. There was a record 123 Wilson Hall students who took a total of 282 exams.

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

The following members of the Class of '25 received the AP Scholar with Distinction Award, the highest offered, for earning an average grade of at least 3.5 on all exams taken, and grades of 3 or higher on five or more exams: *Sarah-Jane Bates, Frances Mac Elmore, Josie Jackson, Shawn Michael Matthews, Jane McAdams, Diya Patel, Sara Hayes Ridgeway, Andrew Segars, Sara Helen Simmons and Camryn Wilmes.* The following members of the Class of '26 received this honor: *Cliff Bath, Andy Cseh, Austin McLaurin, Logan Pauly, Olivia Russell, Banks Smith, Mary Ellen Thorne and Sanders Warrick.* *Andrew Brunk '27* also received this recognition.

Receiving the AP Scholar with Honor Award for earning an average grade of at least 3.25 on all AP Exams taken, and grades of 3 or higher on four or more exams were the following students: (Class of '25) *Annabelle Branham;* (Class of '26) *Muskaan Judge, Sophie Miller, Ella Sill, Michael Thorne, Stirling Tindal and Bowen Zitzke;* (Class of '27) *Abel Ayres.*

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*AP Scholars with Distinction: (front row) Mary Ellen Thorne, Olivia Russell & Sanders Warrick; (back row) Andrew Brunk, Banks Smith, Austin McLaurin, Logan Pauly, Cliff Bath & Andy Cseh.*

## THE ACCOLADE

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*Kennedi Bleifield '29 & Ashley Carter '29 are looking forward to their first day in high school.*

## Record Enrollment as School Year Begins

Welcoming a record enrollment of 857 students, Wilson Hall kicked off the first day of school for 1st-12th in grand style. Colorful balloon arches and cheerful signs set the scene as faculty members served as smiling greeters, making students feel right at home whether they were buzzing with excitement or battling a few first-day jitters. Parents and faculty enjoyed a morning pick-me-up from the Roast n' Roll Coffee Truck, while students capped off their day with sweet after-school treats from Sweet-Frog Frozen Yogurt & Kona Ice. It was a joyful start to the school's 59th school year guided by our vision that every student will be known, loved, challenged & safe.



# Fourteen AP Capstone Diploma Recipients

Because of their exceptional performance in the College Board's Advanced Placement (AP) Program, 14 students received the AP Capstone Diploma. Wilson Hall is the only school in the area approved by the College Board to offer the AP Capstone Diploma Program, which is based on two, year-long AP courses: AP Seminar and AP Research. The AP Capstone Diploma is granted to students who earn scores of 3 or higher in AP Seminar and AP Research and on four additional AP Exams of their choosing.

We congratulate the following students for achieving this honor: (Class of '25) Sarah-Jane Bates, Abby Bradley, Annabelle Branham, Frances Mac Elmore, Sara Hayes Ridgeway and Camryn Wilmes; (Class of '26) Andy Cseh, Austin McLaurin, Logan Pauly, Olivia Russell, Banks Smith, Mary Ellen Thorne, Sanders Warrick and Bowen Zitzke.

Six students received the AP Seminar and Research Certificate, which is granted to students who earn scores of 3 or higher in both AP Research and AP Seminar: Ella Dixon, Andrew Howle, Muskaan Judge, Sophie Miller, McClain Segars and Michael Thorne, Class of '26.



AP Capstone Diploma recipients: (front row) Bowen Zitzke, Mary Ellen Thorne, Olivia Russell & Sanders Warrick; (back row) Banks Smith, Austin McLaurin, Logan Pauly & Andy Cseh.

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, coordinates the school's AP program.



The Class of '40 enjoyed *The Kissing Hand*, the heartwarming story of Chester the raccoon who overcomes his first-day jitters when his mother kisses his hand so he can always carry her love with him. To bring the story to life, students had a heart drawn on their hand, a sweet reminder that whenever they feel scared, they can look at their hand and remember their mother's love.

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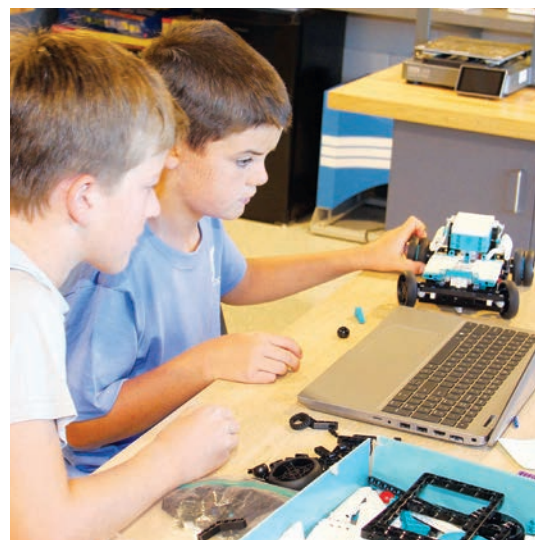
The following students received the AP Scholar Award for earning a 3 or higher on at least three exams: (Class of '25) Abby Bradley, Lottie Bynum, Olivia Cogswell, Anna Kate Coker, Thomas Creech, Emma Howle, Molly Jones, Gavin Lamb, Michael Lauzon, Emily Mason, Alex Mut, Akshar Patel, Sydney Rinkleff, Logan Schumacher, Sophie Sweatman, Kadence Tuders and Michael Warrick; (Class of '26) Ella Dixon, Edna Lee Harris, Andrew Howle, Sam Leard, Ben Rabon, Joey Robertson, Carlisle Segars, McClain Segars and Liz Singkhonket; (Class of '27) Torien Byrd, Jose Diaz and Caroline Moorman.

Wilson Hall offers 22 AP classes, more than any school in the region, in the following academic disciplines: Arts, English, History & Social Sciences, Math & Computer Science, Sciences, and World Languages & Cultures. The classes are taught at the college level by specially trained faculty. Mrs. Susan Barfield, Director of Academics, coordinates the AP program.



# Above and Beyond Summer Camps: A Season of Fun, Learning, and Growth

Through the Above and Beyond Summer Camps, this was a memorable summer as nearly 800 campers stayed engaged, active, and learned new skills through a wide variety of exciting programs. Coordinated by Mrs. Brooke Tidwell, Director of Auxiliary Programs, and led by faculty, parents, alumni, and students, these 42 camps provided enriching experiences. From Intro to Ceramics and Mommy & Me Ceramics to College App camps, students explored new interests, honed their talents, and made lasting memories. 3-D Printing Camp sparked creativity, while All-Sports and Volleyball Camps kept campers active and energized. Programs like Friendship Camp and Chess Camp encouraged teamwork and strategic thinking, and Cooking Camp had campers preparing delicious meals with themed days like American, Italian, Mexican, and Mediterranean. Other highlights included Colorful Creations for artistic exploration, Pages in the Sun for literacy fun, and exciting camps like Camp Adventure and Dinosaur Camp, where robotics, soccer, and dino facts took center stage. The Jump Start camp helped younger students prepare for the upcoming school year with hands-on math, reading, and writing activities. It was a summer full of fun, learning, and growth!



**Top Left:** Param Shah '38 plays with color blocks the Jumpstart to Kindergarten Camp. **Top Right:** Steven Morris '33 uses a computer program to assemble a vehicle in Robotics Camp. **Bottom Left:** Les Bell '39 enjoys Adventure Camp. **Bottom Right:** Emelia Metz '37 shows her creativity in the Mommy & Me Ceramics Camp.



Andrew Howle '26, a Baron Ambassador, gives Mitchell Gamel '32 & Daniel Gamel '30 a tour of the campus during the New Student Orientation.

## 126 New Students Begin Their Wilson Hall Journey

The excitement of a new school year was in the air as Wilson Hall proudly welcomed 126 new students on August 11. The New Student Orientation for grades 1-12 gave our newest Barons the opportunity to get settled and feel at home. The day began with Mr. Lee Gandy, Chapel Program Director, offering a prayer in Founders Chapel and a warm welcome from Mr. Brent Kaneft '00, Head of School, followed by campus tours led by Baron Ambassadors which are chaired by Sanders Warrick '26. Faculty-led sessions provided helpful guidance, and the PTO treated families to a delicious lunch organized by Mrs. Liz Gaugh, Hospitality Chair. Mr. Sean Hoskins, Director of Admission and Public Relations, coordinated the event. It was a day filled with energy, support, and a strong sense of community as Wilson Hall kicked off another fantastic year.





Student Body President Walker Wilson '26 welcomes the upper school in the opening assembly in the Nash Student Center.

## STARTING STRONG: ASSEMBLY INSPIRES INTEGRITY AND GROWTH

With tradition and school spirit filling the air, 6th-12th grade students & faculty gathered for the first assembly of the year, standing to honor the members of the Class of '26 as they processed into the gym. Senior Class President Bowen Zitzke '26 opened the program with a heartfelt prayer, followed by Student Body President Walker Wilson '26 who warmly welcomed everyone back to campus. Mr. Brent Kaneft '00, Head of School, then addressed the students, offering words of encouragement and challenging them to live out the school's motto, Diligence and Integrity. He emphasized that challenges should be seen as opportunities to improve and that how we respond to them ultimately shapes our growth.

## TEDDY BEAR PICNIC TRADITION

Why do teddy bears always seem to wander off when the school year begins? At the Teddy Bear Picnic, a beloved August tradition, kindergarten students brought their favorite stuffed animals to share with classmates before placing them on the benches, only to find they had mysteriously disappeared. The hunt was on as children searched across campus, exploring all of their co-curricular classes in art, computer science, library, music, and P.E., while also meeting their teachers. At last, their stuffed friends were discovered waiting at the picnic tables in front of the Nash Student Center, ready to join them for a joyful snack and celebration.



Emersyn Adams '38 reunites with her stuffy for the Teddy Bear Picnic.

Life with a baby can turn routines upside down, and students in the Human Health & Development class, taught by Mrs. Allyson Lowder Sanders '96, found out firsthand. After studying the stages of child development, each student cared for a baby doll day and night for a week. The project concluded with presentations on how an infant can reshape family life, from responsibilities and roles to finances and relationships. Pictured: Reese Wilson '27 & Edmunds DuBose '27.



# HOMECOMING PARADE

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# JONES & RIPLEY WIN AT



*Mr. Rip Ripley*

Wilson Hall is proud to announce that two of the four top honors at The Bobbys, a program inspired by ESPN's The ESPY Awards, were awarded to members of the Baron community. *Molly Jones '25* was named Female Athlete of the Year, and *Mr. Rip Ripley* earned Coach of the Year. *Molly* was a member of the bowling, cross-country, track & field, and volleyball teams. *Mr. Ripley*, an assistant athletic director, is the head coach for varsity boys basketball, boys and girls track & field, and JV and varsity volleyball. The Bobbys, named in honor of Sumter sports legend and former New York Yankees World Series MVP Bobby Richardson, celebrate the best in Sumter-area sports. Each of the 13 area schools had one nominee in each of four categories, and winners were selected by readers of The Sumter Item.



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*Kate Scott '38 & Anna Wilder Boyle '38 have fun on the playground during the Preschool/Kindergarten Student Orientation.*

## A BRIGHT BEGINNING FOR OUR YOUNGEST BARONS

The morning of August 15 was filled with smiles and excitement as our youngest Barons in Preschool through Kindergarten arrived for orientation. For some, it was their first time at Wilson Hall and even their first day in any school. They enjoyed games, crafts, activities, and plenty of playtime, with the playgrounds a clear favorite. Meeting teachers, exploring classrooms, and making new friends set the stage for a wonderful year of learning and growth.

## Volleyball Team Earns National Recognition

Smart and talented, the varsity volleyball team continues to shine both in the classroom and on the court. For the tenth consecutive year, the team was named an American Volleyball Coaches Association Academic All-American Team, a prestigious national honor awarded in partnership with the U.S. Marine Corps. Wilson Hall was one of only four schools in South Carolina to earn this distinction and the only one in the S.C. Independent School Assoc. These scholar-athletes not only posted an impressive 27-8 season record but also demonstrated exceptional academic achievement with a 4.44 team GPA, enrollment in 16 AP courses, and 65 out of 68 semester grades at 80 or above. Their success is a true testament to their hard work, discipline, and dedication on every front.

Led by head coach *Mr. Rip Ripley*, the following students were members of the 2024 team: *McKinley Bath '29*, *Adalin Brown '26*, *Mary Todd Champion '27*, *Olivia Cogswell '25*, *Anna Kate Coker '25*, *Addie Griffin '26*, *Natalie Hawkey '27*, *Molly Jones '25*, *McKenzie Gray Mills '25*, *Savannah Wells '27*, *Camryn Wilmes '25* and *Beaty Zeigler '27*.



# Fun and Learning During Summer Baron Care

Baron Summer Care kept rising Preschool 4 through 6th grade students active, engaged, and learning through a variety of fun, hands-on activities, with 97 students enrolled in the program this summer. From testing their agility at the Sumter Ninja Warrior Gym and cooling off during Water Day on Spencer Field to enjoying yoga, arts and crafts, movie day, and games like Uno in the gym, there's never a dull moment. Students also took a spin around the roller-skating rink, decorated sidewalks with chalk art, and learned about safety during a special visit from the Sumter Police Department. A highlight of the summer was a calm and comforting visit from Toby, a licensed pet therapy dog. Mrs. Brooke Tidwell, Director of Auxiliary Programs, coordinated the program.



Owens Ripley, Leilani White & Scottlynn Tidwell, Class of '35, take a break from roller skating during one of the many off-campus outings for Baron Summer Care.



Using straws to "fish" for M&Ms in their community lakes, students in Mrs. Jessica Duke's Environmental Science class experienced the challenges of the Tragedy of the Commons. In the first round, with no rules in place, most of the lakes were quickly depleted as students acted in self-interest. In the second round, they introduced regulations and worked together, allowing their lakes to thrive and demonstrating that sustainability depends on balance, cooperation, and mindful choices. Pictured: Joseph Bauman '26 & Paul Wabnitz Moch '27

## CHAPEL PROGRAM BEGINS YEAR IN REFLECTION AND FAITH

Grounded in Scripture and shaped by moments of quiet reflection, the first chapel service of the school year invited high school students to focus their hearts on the words of Philippians 4:8, which encourages us to meditate on what is true and good. Mr. Lee Gandy, Chapel Program Director, set a thoughtful tone for the year as he introduced the chapel program, urging students to develop an appreciation for

stillness and quiet in a world often filled with noise. The message was deepened by the words of Jesus, inscribed on the wall of Founders Chapel: "Come away by yourselves to a quiet place and rest for awhile" (Mark 6:31). With gratitude for the beauty and sacredness of this chapel, the service closed in prayer, reminding all present of the importance of beginning the year grounded in faith and reflection.

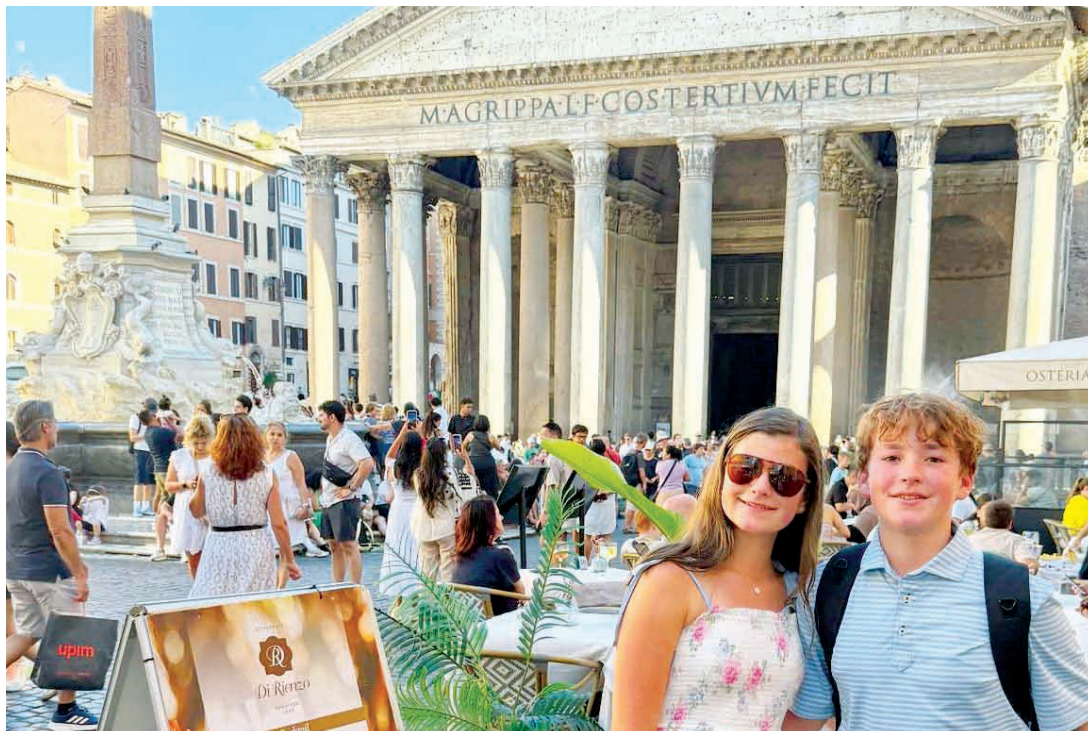


High school students join in prayer in the Founders Chapel at the conclusion of the first chapel program of the year.



# A Journey Through History: *Barons Explore Greece & Italy*

Students, faculty, and parents embarked on a remarkable journey of learning and discovery this summer as they traveled through Greece and Italy on a school-sponsored trip led by Mrs. Sarah Smith, College Counselor. From standing at the foot of the Parthenon to walking the ancient streets of Rome, students experienced history brought vividly to life. The adventure began in Athens, where students explored the Acropolis and stood on Mars Hill, where the Apostle Paul once preached. In Delphi, they reflected on classical wisdom amid the ruins of the ancient sanctuary, and in Arachova, they took in the charm of a traditional mountain town. One of the most memorable stops was St. Stephen Monastery in Kalampaka, dramatically perched on towering rock formations. The Greek portion of the trip ended with an overnight ferry from Igoumenitsa across the Adriatic Sea to Italy. Upon arrival in Ancona, the group took a scenic detour to San Marino, a mountaintop microstate known for its breathtaking views and medieval architecture. In Florence, students explored the historic city center, crossed the Ponte Vecchio, and



*Anna Kate Aronson '29 & Walt Aronson '31 pause in front of the Pantheon in Rome during the school trip to Greece and Italy.*

some climbed Brunelleschi's Duomo, an engineering marvel of the Renaissance, for sweeping views of the city. Rome offered a deeper dive into ancient and early Christian history with visits to the Colosseum, Roman Forum, Palatine Hill, and the Vatican Museums. Students observed how ancient pagan temples were transformed into Christian basilicas, some still in use today, and visited both St. Peter's Basilica and the Basilica of St. Paul Outside the Walls, each a profound reminder of the city's spiritual and cultural legacy. Through every stop, students engaged deeply with the cultures, stories, and landmarks that have shaped Western civilization. The trip blended academic enrichment with unforgettable experiences, leaving students with lasting memories and a deeper appreciation for the rich heritage of Greece and Italy.



## *Barons Shine in Spotlight Pep Rally*

The energy inside the gym made it clear that football season had officially arrived as the Spotlight Pep Rally lit up the crowd. Varsity football players were introduced one by one under the spotlight, drawing cheers from the stands, while the varsity cheerleaders wowed everyone with a glow-in-the-dark routine. Ford Wilder '26 pumped up the audience on behalf of the team, and Bryce Hanson '26 added fun by speaking as a fan. Head coach Mr. Adam Jarecki took a moment to thank the cheerleaders and remind everyone of the family-like atmosphere at WH. The rally closed in true Baron spirit with the cheerleaders leading the Alma Mater and the fight song, leaving the crowd ready for the season ahead. The cheerleaders are advised by Mrs. Frances James and are led by Captain Bowen Zitzke '26 and Co-Captain Madison Grace Hansen '26.

*Cheerleaders Morgan Aycock '26 & McClain Segars '26 and ready to shine the spotlight on football team members as they are introduced.*



# NEW FACULTY WELCOMED



*Mrs. Hope Alexander*



*Mrs. Taylor Carnes*



*Mrs. Jordan Logan*



*Mrs. Sarah Scott*



*Mrs. Ashley Cook*



*Mrs. Gala Creeden*



*Mr. James Wilson*

Wilson Hall is delighted to welcome seven new faculty members for the 2025-26 school year. As they join a dedicated team of 115 employees, these educators bring fresh perspectives, diverse experiences, and a shared commitment to excellence in education. We are excited to have them as part of the Wilson Hall community and look forward to the positive impact they will have on our students and school family.

*Mrs. Hope Alexander* is a kindergarten teacher. With 32 years of experience and a specialization in reading, she most recently taught in Sumter School District. *Mrs. Alexander* earned her Bachelor of Science in early childhood education and her Master of Science in educational leadership from Winthrop University.

*Mrs. Taylor Carnes* is a teaching assistant for Preschool 3. *Mrs. Carnes* brings eight years of teaching experience from First Presbyterian Kindergarten & Preschool, along with ten years of experience in childcare.

*Mrs. Ashley Cook* is a middle and high school English teacher. She has seven years of experience in education both as an English teacher and as a school counselor, most recently with Sumter School District. She holds a Bachelor of Arts in psychology and sociology from the University of South Carolina and a Master of Education from Liberty University.

*Mrs. Gala Creeden* is a teaching assistant for Preschool 4. *Mrs.*

*Creeden* brings four years of teaching experience to the position, having served as a long-term substitute teacher for York County Schools in Virginia, as well as a frequent substitute at Wilson Hall. She holds a bachelor's degree from Auburn University.

*Mrs. Jordan Logan* is a second grade teacher. A graduate of Anderson University, she holds a Bachelor of Science in both early childhood education and elementary education. With eight years of teaching experience, she most recently taught in Sumter School District.

*Mrs. Sarah Scott* is a kindergarten teacher. She holds a Bachelor of Science in Early Childhood Education from Presbyterian College and a Master of Education with a focus in language and literacy from the University of South Carolina. Additionally, she is certified by the National Board for Teaching Professional Standards in reading and language arts. *Mrs. Scott* has 11 years of teaching experience in Lexington School District 5, serving as both a classroom teacher and reading interventionist.

*Mr. James Wilson* is the World Geography & History teacher for 7th and 9th grades. He is a graduate of the University of Kentucky with a Bachelor of Arts in psychology and Webster University with a Master of Arts in international relations. *Mr. Wilson* has over 20 years of service as an officer in the U.S. Army.



# Eighteen Selected for Boys & Girls State Leadership Program

Leadership and service came to life for 18 Barons who were selected by the American Legion or American Legion Auxiliary to attend the Palmetto Boys & Girls State Conventions in June. During the week-long leadership and civics immersion program, students explored government in action, built leadership skills, participated in themed schools like law and media, and took part in teamwork, friendly competitions, and appearances by prominent civic leaders.

Students, who submitted an application and were interviewed by the organizations were selected based on the following criteria: demonstrated interest in government, leadership, character, scholarship, and loyalty and service to their schools. The following were selected to attend Girls State at Presbyterian College: *Morgan Aycock, Addie Griffin, Lucy Hayes Mims & Paige Sanders*. The following were chosen to attend Boys State at Anderson University: *Andy Cseh, Benson Elmore, Milling Galloway, Cooper Hill, Andrew Howle, Henry Jones, Austin McLaurin, Ben McLaurin, Logan Pauly, Banks Smith, Michael Thorne, Stirling Tindal, Ford Wilder & Walker Wilson*.

## STUDENT COUNCIL



As Acts of Kindness Club Co-Chairs, Paige Sanders, Addie Griffin & Anna Lynn Skinner, Class of '26, serve donuts in the cafeteria. The club began the school year with a sweet surprise, serving over 30 dozen Murray's Donuts to students in grades 6-12 during break. This student-led club is dedicated to spreading positivity and thoughtfulness, organizing kind acts and special gestures throughout the year to brighten the school community.

### EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

President..... Walker Wilson '26  
Vice President ..... Abel Ayres '27  
Secretary..... Wilkes Burnette '28  
Treasurer..... Samuel Brown '29

### CLASS OF '26

President..... Bowen Zitzke  
Vice President ..... Harris Naylor  
Secretary..... Stirling Tindal  
Treasurer..... Paige Sanders  
Representative..... Andrew Howle

### CLASS OF '27

President..... Anne McCrea Williams  
Vice President ..... Bee Smith  
Secretary..... Savannah Wells  
Treasurer..... Caroline Moorman  
Representative..... Claudia Rhodus

### CLASS OF '28

President..... Harper Burke  
Vice President ..... Kira Stelle  
Secretary..... Gibb Wilder  
Treasurer..... Grace McArthur  
Representative..... Ethan Wilson

### CLASS OF '29

President..... Emmie Williamson  
Vice President ..... Marsha Kate Skey  
Secretary..... Anna Kate Aronson  
Treasurer..... Joe Johnson  
Representative..... Brogdon Hill

### CLASS OF '30

President..... Lainey Lee  
Vice President ..... Chase Richburg  
Secretary..... Marcos Wagner  
Treasurer ..... Lucas DuBose

### CLASS OF '31

President..... Walt Aronson  
Vice President ..... Jaxon Bass  
Secretary..... Olsen Franks  
Treasurer..... Conly Smith  
Representative..... Henry Zitzke

### CLASS OF '32

President..... Ezra McLeod  
Vice President ..... Giuliana Santos  
Secretary..... William McLeod  
Treasurer..... Anna Singkhonket  
Representative..... Murrell Smith





Paula Stover '82

# 1982

*Paula Stover*, a Licensed Local Pastor with the South Carolina Conference of the United Methodist Church, lives in Myrtle Beach where she is the pastor for Socastee United Methodist Church. She graduated from the University of South Carolina with a Bachelor of Science in pharmacy and Union Presbyterian Seminary with a Master of Divinity. *Paula* has two children, *Ashley Stover Kinney '04* and *Tradd Stover '16*, and two granddaughters who attend Wilson Hall, *Poppy Kinney '35* and *Ruth Kinney '37*.

# ALUMNI

## 1998

*Jason Wyatt* lives in Jacksonville, Florida, where he is an account manager for Inari Medical, a medical device company. He graduated from The Citadel with a Bachelor of Science in business administration. *Jason* and his wife, *Loren*, have two sons, *Paul* and *Bradley*.

## 2000

*Christian Dew Thompson* and her husband, *David*, announce the birth of their son, *Jonah Evan Thompson*, on July 22. They have two other children, *Micah* and *Alexis*. *Christian* is the daughter of *Pat Commins Dew '71*.

## 2003

*Aaron Kirschenfeld* is a clinical associate professor of law and the digital initiatives law librarian at the University of North Carolina School of Law in Chapel Hill. He is the co-author of the textbook *Principles of Legal Research*, and he has written numerous scholarly articles on legal research and law librarianship. *Aaron* earned a Bachelor of Arts in history from Duke University, a Master of Science in library and information science from UNC, and a Juris Doctor from the UNC School of Law.

## 2004

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

## 2001

*Caroline Bell Stowe*, a nurse practitioner, works as the Associate Director of Clinical Services, CareLine, for ChenMed which specializes in healthcare for seniors on Medicare. *Caroline* graduated from the College of Charleston Honors College with a Bachelor of Science in biology and Johns Hopkins University with a Bachelor of Science in nursing and a Master of Science in nursing - family nurse practitioner. She graduated from George Mason University School of Nursing with a Doctor of Nursing Practice and is a member of the school's faculty. *Caroline* and her husband, *Jon*, have two children, *Belle* and *Ryland*, and live in Annandale, Virginia.

## 2005

*Preston Kight* is a family medicine physician with Palmetto Primary Care in Summerville. He earned a Bachelor of Science in accounting from The Citadel and a Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine from Nova Southeastern College of Osteopathic Medicine, and he completed a family medicine residency at Martin Army Community Hospital at Fort Benning, Georgia. *Preston* and his wife, *Stefanie Cotton Kight '07*, have four sons: *Keller*, *Calden*, *Fields* and *Bryer*.

*Ryan Lareau* and his wife, *Grace*, announce the birth of their son, *David Robert Blaise Lareau*, on June 19.

*Emily Burns Masaitis* is the Director of Kingdom Kids, the preschool operated by Alice Drive Baptist Church. She graduated from Converse University with a Bachelor of Arts in elementary education. *Emily* and her husband, *Eric*, have a daughter, *Maggie*, and live in Sumter.

*Andrew McCord* is Chief Executive Officer of Carolina Filters, Inc., an indoor air quality, parts cleaning and process equipment cleaning industry. He graduated from Clemson University with a Bachelor of Science in chemical engineering. *Andrew* and his wife, *Beth*, live in Clemson with their children, *Charles* and *Margaret*.

*Kim Shorter* is a professor in the Department of Biology at the University of South Carolina Upstate in Spartanburg. She graduated from Converse University with a Bachelor of Science in biology and a Bachelor of Science in chemistry, and from the University of South Carolina with a Ph.D. in biological sciences. *Kim* completed postdoctoral research at the McKnight Brain Institute at the University of Florida College of Medicine.



Andrew McCord '05



Emily Burns Masaitis '05



# 2006

George Carruth and Lydia Hawkins were married on June 28 at Kirkwood, his grandparents' home in Camden, with a reception at The O'Donnell House in Sumter. Cotton Carruth '09 was the Best Man and the groomsmen included Josh Allbritton '04, William Allbritton '06, Clay Curruth '03, Ryan Hulme '06, and John Hunter Sheridan '06



George Carruth '06 and his wife, Lydia.

George works in operations and development for Jones Wastewater Operations, and he is a second lieutenant in the South Carolina Army National Guard, serving with the Air Defense Artillery Brigade at McEntire Joint National Guard Base in Eastover. A graduate of the College of Charleston with a Bachelor of Arts in theater studies, he assists with the Wilson Hall theater productions and serves on the Arts Center of Kershaw County Board of Directors. George and Lydia live in Sumter.

Christopher Evans and his wife, Sloan, announce the birth of their son, Jones Henry Evans. They have two other sons, Reames and George. Christopher is the son of the late Sherran Floyd Evans '79.

Brendan Kight is the Acting Regional Business Director, Northwest Division, of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. He graduated from The Citadel with a Bachelor of Science in civil and environmental engineering. Brendan and his wife, Lauren, live in Colorado Springs, Colorado, with their daughters: Harper, Rowan and Haven.



Christopher Evans '06 and family.

# 2007

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

# 2009

Whitney Blue Fraser Hill is a biology teacher at West Florence High School in Florence 1 School District. She graduated from Clemson University with a Bachelor of Science in horticulture and Master of Arts in secondary education and teaching. Whitney Blue and her husband, Louis Hill '08, live in Florence with their son, Conrad.

# 2010

Caroline Powell and Rod Leonard were married on June 7 at Corley Mill House and Gardens in Lexington with a reception following.

Emmie Harvin '10 was a bridesmaid and Collin Powell '07 was a groomsman. Caroline works in West Columbia as a marketing communications manager for TPx, a managed services provider for business information technology systems. She graduated from the University of South Carolina with a Bachelor of Arts in English Language and Literature and the College of Charleston with a Master of Business Administration. Caroline is a member of the cast of the Workshop Theater's production of the musical comedy *The Producers* in September.

# 2011

Matthew Carnes lives in Columbia where he works as an environmental account manager for RMI, an environmental, industrial and waste management company.

He is an assistant coach for the varsity baseball team at White Knoll High School in Lexington. Matthew graduated from the University of South Carolina with a Bachelor of Science in kinesiology and exercise science.

Erica Joyner Hansen and her husband, Bradley, announce the birth of their daughter, Charlotte Katherine Hansen, on August 1. They have a son, McClain.

Candler Mathews is an orthopedic surgeon with MUSC Health in Columbia. He graduated from the University of South Carolina with a Bachelor of Science in exercise science and kinesiology and from the USC School of Medicine with a Doctor of Medicine. Candler completed an orthopedic surgery residency at the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences, as well as an orthopedic sports medicine and surgery fellowship at Vanderbilt University Medical Center in Nashville, Tennessee. He and his wife, Brooks, have a son, Grady.

Neyle Noyes is a business development manager for Tential Solutions, a technology solutions firm specializing in professional services and workforce solutions. He graduated from Clemson University with a Bachelor of Science in community, recreation, sports and camp management. Neyle and his wife, Liz, live in Annapolis, Maryland.



Madalyn Weatherly '37 & Tate Gaughf '37 and classmates started the year with a colorful "Getting to Know You" activity called the Skittles Ice Breaker. After sorting their Skittles by color, the students rotated around their table groups, sharing fun facts about themselves and making new connections in a fun and engaging way.





Katelyn McFaddin Dean '12



Mary Bennett Bracalente Hinson '12



Robert Rohner '12

**2012**

Chase Breeden works as an onboarding manager for GovWorx, a software development company that specializes in services for first responders. He is also the owner of Breeden Good Manners which focuses on positive reinforcement teaching for dogs and their owners. Chase graduated from the University of South Carolina with a Bachelor of Science in criminology. He lives in Augusta, Georgia, with his wife, Kat, and their daughter.

Cody Clark is the Manager of Public Affairs for the Montgomery County Commission in 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.

Madison Cox and his wife, Sasha, announce the birth of their twin daughters, Mia Summerlin Cox and Vivienne Lark Cox, on August 15.

Mary Bennett Bracalente Hinson, who was selected for Lieutenant Commander in the U.S. Navy, works as a registered nurse at Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton. She graduated from the University of South Florida with a Bachelor of Science in nursing. Mary Bennett and her husband, Colton, live in Oceanside, California, with their sons, Bennett and Emory.

Katelyn McFaddin Dean is a physical therapist and orthopedic clinical specialist for Baylor Scott and White Rehabilitation. She graduated from the College of Charleston with a Bachelor of Arts in sociology, and she earned a Doctor of Physical Therapy from the Medical University of South Carolina. She and her husband, Nick, live in Fort Worth, Texas.

Robert Rohner lives in Los Angeles, California, where he is a client sales and service associate for LA28, the organizing committee for the Olympic and Paralympic Games to be held in Los Angeles in 2028. He graduated from Duke University with a Bachelor of Arts in psychology and the University of Texas at Austin with a Master of Science in sports management. Robert and his wife, Lauren, have a son, Rory.



Caroline Johnson Falin '13 and her son, Graham.

**2013**

Caroline Johnson Falin and her husband, Aaron, announce the birth of their son, Graham Crawford Falin, on June 21. They have four other children: Heidi, Sullivan, Clara and Shepherd.

Anne-Davis Shaw Grafe and her husband, Robert, announce the birth of their daughter, Hallie Virginia Grafe, on August 9.

Lucion Hall Scott and her husband, Horace Lee Scott '13, announce the birth of their daughter, Lucy James Scott, on August 13. They have two other children, Tripp '39 and Collins.

Lewis Warr and Kayla McLeod were married on August 9 at First Presbyterian Church in Sumter with a reception following at Lewis's home in Gable. His daughters, Mary June Warr '38 and Sarah Hayes Warr '40, were flower girls. Lewis, who is an attorney with the Young & Warr Law Firm in Sumter, graduated from The Citadel with a Bachelor of Science in business administration and from the University of South Carolina School of Law with a Juris Doctor.

# Homecoming Semi-formal

September 27 | 7:00-9:00  
9th-12th Grades  
Nash Student Center

**2014**

Tanner Carraway works as a project manager for Thompson Turner Construction in Sumter. He graduated from Clemson University with a Bachelor of Science in management. Tanner and his wife, Emily, have two children, Lyla and Phoebe.

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

Parker McDuffie and his wife, Abby, announce the birth of their daughter, Charlotte Jo McDuffie, on June 27.

Devin Singleton and his wife, Olivia, announce the birth of their daughter, Julianna, on July 16.



# 2015

*Gigi Moore*, an associate attorney for the law firm of Smith Robinson, is a Guardian ad Litem volunteer and represents the interests of children during court proceedings. She graduated from Clemson University with a Bachelor of Arts in philosophy and the University of South Carolina Rice School of Law with a Juris Doctor. In June she was a member of a choir that sang at Carnegie Hall in New York City alongside the New England Symphony.

*Kendall Brogdon Watford* and *Sam Watford '16* announce the birth of their daughter, *Windham Frost Watford*, on July 2. *Kendall* is the daughter of *WT Brogdon '87* and *Sam* is the son of *Alison Sharp Watford '89*.



*Gigi Moore '15 after her performance at Carnegie Hall.*

# 2016

*Hannah Grace Calvert* is a veterinarian at Carolina Veterinary Specialists in Matthews, North Carolina. She graduated from Clemson University with a Bachelor of Science in animal and veterinary sciences and Mississippi State University College of Veterinary Medicine with a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine.

*Stewart Holler* lives in Denver, Colorado, and works as a case manager for Rocky Mountain Human Services, a nonprofit organization that offers case management and direct services to improve the health, self-sufficiency, and overall quality of life for children, adults, and veterans. She graduated from Furman University with a Bachelor of Science in sociology and poverty studies.

*Delaney Johnson Kelly* and her husband, *Emmett*, announce the birth of their son, *Poet Ewan Kelly*, on July 21.

*Lauren Goodson McCracken* works as a senior manager of ecommerce marketing for Celsius, a global food and beverage company. She graduated from Clemson University with a Bachelor of Science in business management. *Lauren* and her husband, *Matt*, live in Sumter.

*Wells Osteen* is a faculty member of the University of North Carolina at Charlotte Belk College of Business, working as a lecturer in the Turner School of Accountancy. She graduated from Wofford College with a Bachelor of Science in accounting and finance and from Clemson University with a Master of Professional Accountancy.

# 2017



*Maggie Segars '17*

*Thomas Brown* lives in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, where he is the assistant men's tennis coach at Louisiana State University. He graduated from the University of South Carolina with a Bachelor of Arts in public health.

*Anna Katherine Graves Butler* is a licensed professional counselor with her own practice, AK Butler Counseling, in Camden and Columbia. She graduated from Clemson University with a Bachelor of Science in psychology, a Master of Education in counselor education, and an Educational Specialist degree in school counseling. She and her husband, *Chris*, live in Camden.

*Taylor Heath* works as an assistant branch manager for Enterprise Mobility in Irmo. He graduated from Clemson University with a Bachelor of Science in business management.

*Michael Lowery* is the owner of Lowery Air Duct Cleaning in Sumter. He graduated from the University of South Carolina with a Bachelor of Science in business management. *Michael* and his wife, *Samantha Wild Lowery '15*, have two daughters, *Evelyn* and *Josie*.

*Campbell Mims* works as a government relations advisor with Sweatman Strategies, LLC, an association management and government affairs firm based in Columbia. He earned a Bachelor of Arts in journalism and mass communications and a Master of Mass Communications from the University of South Carolina. *Campbell* was appointed by Cayce City Council to the Cayce Historical Museum Commission and he was appointed to the Columbia Museum of Art Contemporaries Board of Directors.

*McLendon Sears* and his wife, *Parker Anne*, announce the birth of their daughter, *Sutton Anne Sears*, on August 11.

*Maggie Segars* lives in Mount Pleasant and works as a senior electrophysiology mapping specialist for Medtronic, one of the world's largest medical technology, services, and solutions companies. She graduated from Clemson University Honors College with a Bachelor of Science in bioengineering and biomedical engineering.



*Michael Lowery '17 & Samantha Wild Lowery '15 with their daughters, Josie & Evelyn.*



2018

*Emily Barnes*, who graduated from Auburn University with a Bachelor of Science in international and global studies, attends the University of Denver Sturm College of Law.

*Addy Carraway* is a registered dietician at MUSC Health Florence Medical Center. She earned a Bachelor of Science in public health from the University of South Carolina and a Master of Science in human nutrition from the University of Alabama, and she completed a dietetic internship at the Medical University of South Carolina.

*Carly Cooper* is pursuing a Master of Science in biological sciences at the University of South Carolina where she works in the Armstrong Laboratory, focusing on stem cell and developmental biology research. She graduated from USC with a Bachelor of Science in biological sciences.

*Hailey Ford* works as a 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.

*Betsy Noyes*, who graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in Biblical studies from Gordon College in Massachusetts, is remotely pursuing a Master of Library and Information Sciences from Louisiana State University. She lives in Beverly, Massachusetts, where she works as a barista and childcare provider.

*Greyson Sonntag*, who attends the University of South Carolina Rice School of Law, is a member of the editorial staff for the South Carolina Law Review. He graduated from Davidson College with a Bachelor of Arts in political science and government.



*John Thomas Parker '19*



*Jun Sinlapanuntakul '19*

University with a Bachelor of Science in nutrition, is pursuing a Doctor of Physical Therapy degree at Anderson University.

*Brown Osteen* works in Costa Mesa, California, as an operational technical procedures developer for Anduril Industries. He assists in developing advanced autonomous systems for defense and national security. *Brown* graduated from Syracuse University with a Bachelor of Fine Arts in multimedia production with a minor in information management and technology.

*John Thomas Parker* is a real estate sales associate and land specialist for Coldwell Banker Commercial Cornerstone in Sumter, and he is a partner in Tiger Capital Investment, a real estate investment firm. He graduated from the University of South Carolina with a Bachelor of Science in business management and real estate.

*Jun Sinlapanuntakul* lives in Bangkok, Thailand, where he works as an enterprise data and artificial intelligence technology consultant for Ernst & Young, a global professional services firm. He graduated from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University with a Bachelor of Science in industrial and systems engineering.

2019

*Mills Herlong* and *Wills Ninnemann* were married on August 16 at First Presbyterian Church in Greenville with a reception held at the Poinsett Club. The groomsmen included *Langston Cooper '19*, *Tanner Epps '19*, *Tripp Herlong '17*, *Harrison Hudson '19* and *Chase Ward '19*. *Cameron Duffy '19* and *Sydney Jarecki '19* were members of the bridal party. *Mills*, who graduated from Clemson



*Baron Ambassador Ella Sill '26 gives Poppy Kinney '35 & Ruth Kinney a tour of the campus during New Student Orientation.*





*Emory Moore '20 and his wife, Sarah.*

## 2020

*Emory Moore and Sarah Langhals* were married on August 2 at the Daniel Chapel at Furman University with a reception held at Larkin's Catering and Events, both in Greenville. *Landon Van Patten '19* was a groomsman and the bridesmaids included *Cori Moore Bell '17* and *Gigi Moore '15*. *Emory*, who graduated from Clemson University with a Bachelor of Science in financial management, works as an associate team leader for CRC Insurance Services based in Atlanta, Georgia.

## 2021

*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. She graduated from the University of South Carolina with a Bachelor of Arts in music with a concentration in musical theater.



*Sarah Alexander '21*

*Mary Claire Lee*, who graduated from Clemson University with a Bachelor of Science in animal and veterinary sciences, attends Ross University School of Veterinary Medicine in St. Kitts.

*Mary Ellis Luebbert* works as a special events and development coordinator for Prisma Health Midlands Foundation in Columbia. She graduated from the University of South Carolina with a Bachelor of Science in political science.

*Wade Payne* and his wife, *Lauren*, announce the birth of their son, *Wade Albert Payne V*, on August 3.

*Graham VanPatten*, who graduated from Clemson University with a Bachelor of Science in management, worked as a counselor at Pine Cove Springs, a Christian summer camp in Toccoa, Georgia.

*Heath Watson* works for PwC, a global professional services company, as a tax associate with the asset and wealth management team in the Charlotte, North Carolina, office. He graduated from the University of South Carolina with a Bachelor of Science in accounting.

## 2022

*Will Croft*, a business management and real estate major at the University of South Carolina, studied public finance at the London School of Economics and Political Science during the summer.



*Annie Lauzon '22*

*Carlie Fort*, an architecture major at Clemson

University, completed an interior design internship with Nicole Norris Design Studio in Sumter.

*Duncan James*, a landscape architecture major at Clemson University, is spending the fall semester studying in Genoa, Italy.

*Annie Lauzon*, a finance major at Villanova University in Pennsylvania, completed a credit investment internship with PSP Investments based in Montreal, Quebec.

*Douglas McAdams* completed an internship in London, England, with Lloyd's of London, a global insurance marketplace that specializes in underwriting complex and unique risks. He is an economics major at Clemson University.

*Alex McLeod*, a finance major at the University of South Carolina, studied public finance at the London School of Economics and Political Science during the summer.



*Alex McLeod, Douglas McAdams & Will Croft, Class of '22, in London.*



# 2023



Will Overby '23

*Emma Bradley* completed a speech and language internship with Summit Speech Therapy in Sumter. She is an early childhood education major at Clemson University and is pursuing certification in speech-language pathology at Columbia College.

*Will Overby* completed Army basic training at Fort Leonard Wood in Missouri and serves in the South Carolina Army National Guard. He is a student at Winthrop University where he is a member of the Army Reserve Officers' Training Corp.

*Dhruva Patel* is an undergraduate research assistant in the Department of Psychology's neurodevelopmental disorders laboratory at the University of South Carolina. She is majoring in biological sciences.

*Rebekha Patel* participated in the Sant'Anna Institute Service Learning Program in Sorrento, Italy, during the summer. She is a biosystems engineering major at Clemson University Honors College.

*Hampton Watson*, who is pursuing a Doctor of Pharmacy degree at the University of South Carolina College of Pharmacy, completed a pharmacy internship with Wal-Mart in Sumter.

*Amberly Way*, a member of the softball team at Southern Wesleyan University, is the NCAA Division II statistical champion for home runs per game. The starting third base player, she had 18 home runs for the season. *Amberly* is majoring in business administration.

# 2024

*Grayson Alexander*, a political science major at Clemson University, completed an internship with the law office of William Buxton in Sumter.

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

*Tucker Burnette* worked as a counselor at Camp Cherokee, a Baptist summer youth camp near Cleveland, Tennessee. He is a business major at the University of South Carolina.

*Daniel Burton* is a member of the basketball team at West Liberty University in West Virginia where he is majoring in criminal justice.

*Talan Griffin* is a member of Kappa Delta sorority at Clemson University where she is majoring in business.

*Emmi Leard* is an animal and veterinary sciences major at Clemson University where she is a member of Delta Gamma sorority.

*Ben Reynolds*, a construction science and management major at Clemson University, completed a construction internship in Greer with Brasfield and Gorrie, a general contracting and construction firm.

*Marybeth VanPatten*, who attends Clemson University, worked as a counselor at Pine Cove Springs, a Christian summer camp in Toccoa, Georgia.

*Miles VanPatten*, who attends Tri-County Technical College, worked as a counselor at Pine Cove Springs, a Christian summer camp in Toccoa, Georgia.

# 2025

*Sarah-Jane Bates* is a member of Chi Omega sorority at Clemson University where she is an agribusiness major.

*Abby Bradley* is a biological sciences major at Clemson University where she is a member of Alpha Delta Pi sorority.

*Annabelle Branham* is a member of Alpha Delta Pi sorority at the University of South Carolina where she is majoring in psychology.

*Anna Kate Coker*, who is majoring in art at Clemson University, is a member of Delta Delta Delta sorority.

*Frances Mac Elmore* is a member of Delta Gamma sorority at Clemson University where she is majoring in animal and veterinary sciences.

*Molly Jones*, a biological sciences major, is a member of Alpha Delta Pi sorority at the University of South Carolina.

*Logan Mims* is a member of Alpha Delta Pi sorority at the University of South Carolina where she is majoring in education.

*Sara Hayes Ridgeway*, who is majoring in psychology at Clemson University, is a member of Alpha Delta Pi sorority.

*Sophie Sweatman*, an education major at the University of South Carolina, is a member of Alpha Delta Pi sorority.

*Camryn Wilmes* is a member of Alpha Delta Pi sorority at the University of South Carolina where she is majoring in exercise science.

*Britton Wells*, who attends the University of South Carolina Sumter, works as a full-time firefighter with the Sumter Fire Department.



*Chasing clues around campus, Millie Shaw '39 and her classmates set out on an adventure to find Pete the Cat, the beloved storybook character. Along the way, students toured classrooms, met their co-curricular teachers in art, library, music, and P.E., and were introduced to members of the administration. Wearing the hats they crafted for the occasion, the young explorers finally discovered Pete waiting for them in a tree on their playground.*