

# LOWER SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

## *Shines Bright*

# THE ACCOLADE

WILSON HALL | JANUARY 2026



Bringing holiday spirit to a standing-room-only crowd, Lower School students filled the gym with music, color, and Christmas cheer under the direction of *Mrs. Julia Sims-Owens*. Guests entered through a foyer decorated with holiday art created by students in *Mrs. Renee Norton's* classes. Dressed in festive attire, the program opened with the lively Winter Fun before moving into a joyful mix of songs, from "If I Could Fly Like a Snowflake" to "Este es la Navidad" sung in Spanish. A beautiful Nativity scene followed, highlighted by a reverent "Silent Night" performed in both German and English, and a triumphant "Joy to the World." Laughter swept through the audience with the humorous "Everlasting Fruitcake", and excitement surged during a dazzling light show set to Trans-Siberian Orchestra's "Christmas Eve." The Lower School Chorus shone with features including "When the Holidays Come" and "Red Bird," building to a grand finale of "The Children of Christmas," a medley of "Santa Claus Is Coming to Town," "Frosty the Snowman," and "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer" arranged by Bradley Knight, complete with choreography by *Mrs. Jen Alford Reimer '00* of Miss Libby's School of Dance and a surprise visit from Santa. The joyful celebration ended with a closing prayer, wrapping the morning in warmth and wonder.



*Top: Emerson Kaneft '33 & John Austin Smith '33 as Mary and Joseph, are part of the Nativity scene during "Silent Night." Center Left: Anna Blalock '36 and friends run during "Santa Claus is Coming to Town." Center Right: Students clap along with "If I Could Fly Like a Snowflake." Bottom: A dazzling light show set to Trans-Siberian Orchestra's "Christmas Eve."*

# SACRED STEPS IN GOD'S CREATION

Faith and fellowship met the outdoors as members of the Sacred Steps Club enjoyed a beautiful day hiking 4.5 miles at Poinsett State Park. Along the way, the group stopped at the historic Hilltop Shelter, built by the Civilian Conservation Corps, where sponsor **Mr. Lee Gandy** shared a devotion from Psalm 46:10, reminding students to slow down, be still, and remember God's presence in the midst of busy lives. Led by club president **Paige Sanders '26**, the hike reflected the club's mission to grow in faith through quiet walks in God's creation and concluded with a sweet lakeside treat, donuts shared in gratitude for a great day, a great crew, and a meaningful reminder.



*Mr. Lee Gandy, Marymae Lampron '26, Sanders Warrick '26, Paige Sanders '26, Eli Smith '29, Mateo Wagner '26 & Banks Smith '26 at Poinsett State Park.*



*The varsity cheerleading squad performs a special Christmas routine in the Nash Student Center.*

## CHRISTMAS SPIRIT TAKES CENTER COURT

Kicking off the basketball season with festive energy, the Christmas Wrap Pep Rally brought school spirit to life as student teams raced to wrap a classmate the fastest; both the boys and girls teams of the Class of '26 won. Cheerleaders performed a special Christmas dance routine, **Ford Wilder '26**, a member of the basketball team, and **Mr. Chuck McCord**, a varsity girls

basketball assistant coach, spoke to the crowd to build excitement for the Baron Classic tournament. The pep rally ended with the crowd joining in singing the Alma Mater and fight song. **Bowen Zitzke '26** is the captain and **Madison Grace Hansen '26** the co-captain of the varsity cheerleading squad advised by **Mrs. Frances James**.

## Ayres & Thorne Receive Britton 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 fall recipients were **Mary Ellen Thorne '26** (cross-country and swimming) and **Abel Ayres '27** (cross-country) and they were presented their awards at a pep rally.

# Singing in the Hall

Lower School students filled the hallway with festive voices during one of our school's oldest traditions, Singing in the Hall. Held on the last day of class before break, this special gathering brings our youngest Barons together to sing Christmas carols and hymns that celebrate the joy of the season. Their smiling faces and bright voices create a heartwarming moment that captures the spirit of our school community at Christmastime. *Mrs. Julia Sims Owens*, music teacher, led the singing and *Mrs. Patty Croft* accompanied them on piano.



Students gather for "Singing in the Hall."



Paige Sanders '26 & Lucy Mims '26, members of the AOK Club, deliver items to Croswell Home.

## Students Step Up to Support Children's Home

Showing compassion in action, members of the Acts of Kindness and Sacred Steps clubs collected more than 100 essential items to donate to Croswell Home for Children. These contributions, organized by *Paige Sanders '26*, filled key needs from the home's wish list and reflect the strong sense of community and care shared by our students.

## ART IN ACTION AT THE STUDENT SALE

Students in the art, ceramics, and sculpture classes taught by *Mrs. Rachel Jones Brown '00* brought creativity to life as they showcased and sold their own handmade pieces. From setting up displays to assisting with transactions, students gained first-hand experience that blended artistic skill with a valuable lesson in commerce. The sale was held during the Lower School Christmas Program.

Art students *Adalin Brown '26*, *Anna VanPatten '26*, *Addie Griffin '26*, *Anna Lynn Skinner '26*, *Caroline Moorman '27*, *Luke Banar '26* & *Burns Bateman '26* work at the ceramics sale.



## Mind, Brain & Learning: Faculty Professional Development

The faculty kicked off the semester with an informative and engaging professional development session focused on mind-brain researched educational strategies grounded in neuroscience and brain research on how students learn. Led by guest presenters Tia Henteleff and Glenn Whitman from the Center for Transformative Teaching and Learning in Potomac, Maryland, the session blended research-based insights with collaborative discussion, offering practical strategies faculty can apply directly in the classroom. *Mrs. Stacey Reaves* coordinates professional development.



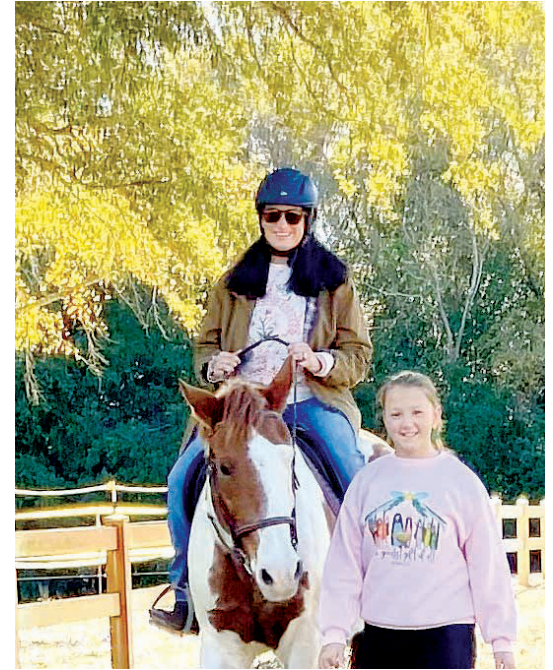
*Mrs. Carla Talley, Mrs. Jordan Logan, Mr. Adam Jarecki & Mrs. Holly Williamson.*

## LEARNING BEYOND THE CLASSROOM

Stepping outside enhanced academic learning as students in the Health & Human Development class, taught by *Mrs. Allyson Lowder Sanders '96*, completed a lab focused on vital signs and medical terminology. During the outdoor lab, students measured pulse rates and examined normal body functions to better understand homeostasis and explore reasons vital signs can sometimes be abnormal.



*Edmunds DuBose '26, Ethan Bentley '27, Brogan Gehrman '28 & Angela Agno '28 participate in an experiment for their Health & Human Development class.*



*Mrs. Day Caughman, School Counselor, is led by her daughter, Lyla Jane Caughman '32.*

## Equestrian Team Christmas Party

Laughter filled the barn at the Equestrian Team Christmas Party, held at the family home of their coach, *Ms. Emily Anne Beasley '20*, as moms climbed into the saddle while their daughters coached them through the basics of riding. The fun continued with ornament decorating and hot chocolate as the team gathered to celebrate the season, creating a festive and memorable afternoon for riders and families alike.



*Sophia Sheldrake '36 enjoys a Dog Man book during free reading time.*



Andy Cseh '26 poses by his AP Literature project.

## AP Literature's "Road to Bethlehem" Project

Students in AP Literature brought their semester of reading to life by creating a symbolic journey toward Bethlehem that weaves together every major work studied, with each component mapped onto a character or element from the Nativity narrative. Their culminating posters highlight key themes, literary devices, and personal insights as they identify moments of new beginnings, offer "gifts" of meaningful quotations, trace guiding lights in the texts, and reflect on humility, revelation, courage, and the shadowed path that "slouches towards Bethlehem." Taught by *Mr. Brent Kaneft '00*, the project blended scholarship with imagination.

## Exploring Creativity Beyond the Classroom

Students dived into learning beyond the classroom as they enjoyed two of December's enrichment programs, art and knitting. Offering children an opportunity to explore their interests, the Enrichment Activities Program is held after school for students in Preschool 3 through 5th grade. Each month features four week-long, hands-on options, and participants may join as many as they wish. Activities range from 3-D printing and all-sports to art, ceramics, cooking, and robotics/engineering, with new choices added throughout the year. *Mrs. Brooke Tidwell*, Director of Auxiliary Programs, coordinates the activities.



Carley Fetter '33 proudly displays her knitting project she made during an Enrichment Activity Program.



### OUR VISION:

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

*Mary Paige Melton, Aubrey Raye Boykin, Lilly Schortmann, Mary Mattison Gamble & Emmie Trueblood, Class of '32, on their way to their next class.*

## Lower School Shares Christmas Care with Croswell Home

The Lower School strengthened its partnership with the Croswell Home for Children this year by rallying together to support all 22 children in the home. With donations collected by each class, students helped provide new bedding, laundry hampers, towels, hygiene items, and Walmart gift cards to meet essential needs. *Mrs. Laurin Gaymon Lee '04* coordinated the project on behalf of the PTO, whose efforts helped ensure a meaningful and generous Christmas outreach.



Lower school students deliver items collected for Croswell Home.



Mary Ellen Thorne '26 shoots a basket for an AP Statistics project.

## Learning in Motion: Statistics on the Court

Putting probability into play, AP Statistics students took to the court for a free-throw simulation that turned data collection into an active learning experience. Each student attempted 40 shots to determine their individual shooting probability before combining results to analyze class-wide trends, compare long-run and short-run behavior, and create Venn diagrams showing who scored above or below the class average. *Mrs. Jessica Duke* teaches the class.



Andrew Howle, Walker Wilson, Mary Ellen Thorne, Bowen Zitzke & Madison Grace Hansen, Class of '26, pose with just some of the cookies collected for the Dorm Airmen Cookie Drive.

## Cookie Drive Shows Sweet Support for Our Airmen

Demonstrating Wilson Hall's deep appreciation for our military community, the Key Club collected 280 dozen home-baked cookies for the Dorm Airmen Cookie Drive sponsored by the Shaw Spouses' Club, with more than 400 handmade cards from our art classes attached to every gift bag delivered. This annual effort reinforces the strong relationship between Wilson Hall and Shaw Air Force Base, giving students a meaningful way to show gratitude and support for those who serve. *Mrs. Stacey Reaves* is the club's advisor.



*Hammond Davis, Charlotte Couch, Audrey Bell, & Selene Aycock, Class of '37, display their potato Santas.*

## Potato Santas on Parade

Bringing Christmas spirit to life, the Class of '37 participated in the annual Potato Santa Parade, a fun holiday tradition that turns an ordinary potato into a festive Santa masterpiece. Students proudly displayed their imaginative creations as they travelled throughout campus, posing for photos and spreading cheer to everyone they met. It is a simple project that sparks big creativity and even bigger smiles. The teachers are *Mrs. Courtney Moore, Mrs. Brittany Huckeba, and Mrs. Angie Reid Sistare '92.*

## Designing & Printing Holiday Creativity

Building real-world skills through hands-on design, students in the robotics classes created Christmas ornaments using Wilson Hall's fleet of over two dozen 3D printers. As part of a class assignment, they modeled their own ornament designs before bringing them to life layer by layer. Wilson Hall offers Robotics I, II and III for high school students, along with an engineering course for 7th grade, all taught by *Mrs. Leann Tuders*, giving students practical experience with technology and engineering tools.



*Tyler Ressler '31 decorates the classroom tree with an ornament he made in his engineering class.*



### MISSION STATEMENT:

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

*Christos Dimitriadis '31 & Quincy Sauer '31 receive instruction for a collaborative activity from their Pre-Algebra I Plus teacher, Mrs. Teresa O'Hare Alexander '98.*

### Smith Receives Buddy Strange Award

*Banks Smith '26* received the Buddy Strange Baron Award, established by the members of the Class of 1973 in memory of their classmate. The honor is bestowed upon the varsity football player, who demonstrates through enthusiasm, dedication and leadership, a true love of the game of football.

# CONNECT LESSONS SHAPE CHARACTER & COMMUNITY

For one of their Connect activities, students gathered items to create gift bags for the homeless. Connect offered small-group advisory sessions during the first semester that alternated with Chapel for middle and high school students, using learning, movement, and service activities to deepen their understanding of character while building relationships and equipping them for real-world challenges. Lessons such as "The Gift of Giving," "Honoring Support Staff at Wilson Hall," and "Friendship Connections" invited students to shift their mindset from "What can I get?" to "What can I give?", to honor and respect the support staff as an integral part of our community, and to use their gifts and talents in ways that connect with others.

Grounded in powerful video messages, these sessions helped students practice quiet acts of kindness without seeking recognition, build empathy, and notice the needs around them, responding with compassion and intentional, selfless action. As students grew into people whose legacy is rooted in service rather than self-interest, they helped transform campus culture,



*Charlie Coulter, Bennett Blalock, Wil Alexander & Shreyas Bijjala, Class of '30, collect gift packs for the homeless as part of a Connect project.*

strengthen Wilson Hall's identity as a community where character, not just achievement, defines success, and step into a greater purpose that honors others and glorifies God. **Mr. Lee Gandy** coordinates the program.

## SHARING HOLIDAY JOY



*Members of the Class of '37 perform for the residents of Covenant Place.*

Bringing smiles to our wider community, the Class of '37 spread holiday cheer during a special visit to Covenant Place, where they sang Christmas carols and shared handmade Christmas cards with the residents. Guided by Mrs.

*Julia Sims-Owens*, music teacher, our young performers filled the afternoon with warmth, kindness, and festive spirit. The teachers are *Mrs. Courtney Moore*, *Mrs. Brittany Huckeba*, and *Mrs. Angie Reid Sistare '92*.





*Katherine Halley, Ayden Burlison, Ella Ridgeway, Gracie Finley & Chandler Lamb, Class of '34, show off their computer designed cookies.*

## CREATIVE COOKIE COMPUTER LAB

Bringing creativity to life, lower school computer science students turned a fun STEAM project into a sweet hands-on experience as they designed sugar cookies on Google Jamboard in the classes taught by *Mrs. Emma Catoe Ayres '13*. After *Mrs. Ayres* baked real cookies to match their digital designs, students decorated their treats, snapped cookie selfies on their Chromebooks, and enjoyed every bite of their edible creations.

## FAITH THAT IS SEEN AT FCA



*Mrs. Catherine Kelley Schwartz '16 speaks to the FCA during a lunch meeting.*

The Fellowship of Christian Athletes welcomed *Mrs. Catherine Kelley Schwartz '16* back to campus for a lunch meeting with students. After sharing reflections from her time as a WH student, she read the Gospel of Mark's account of the woman who, in faith, touched Jesus's cloak and was healed. *Catherine* reminded students that even amid the crowd, Jesus saw the suffering woman, honored her faith, and restored her. She encouraged students to remember that Christ sees each of them fully, especially when they feel overlooked, insignificant, or unworthy of His touch. The club, advised by *Mrs. Molly Simpson Matthews '93*, is open to all high school students and meets every other Wednesday.

## Beasley & Breslin-Schumacher Receive Teaching Awards

*Mrs. Mandy Beasley* received the Margaret & Steve Bond Teaching Award and *Ms. Tara Breslin-Schumacher* received the Shepard Kollock Nash Endowment Fund for Teacher Advancement.

*Mrs. Beasley*, a Preschool 4 teacher, is in her ninth year at Wilson Hall. *Ms. Breslin-Schumacher*, in her 17th year at Wilson Hall, teaches Advanced Placement Drawing, Drawing I-IV, Set Design & Construction, 2-D Design, and 7th Grade Art. She serves as the Performing and Visual Arts Department Chair, and she is the Set Design Director for the spring musicals.

The Shepard Kollock Nash Endowment Fund for Teacher Advancement, established by an anonymous donor, rewards an upper school faculty member for his or her service and dedication to Wilson Hall. The recipient is awarded a financial gift, resulting from the gift's investment income, to be used as a stipend in order to enrich the knowledge of the recipient relative to his or her area of instruction and, in turn, share that knowledge with students.

To create the same gift for teachers in the lower school, the late Steve Bond and *Margaret Segars Bond '80* created the Margaret & Steve Bond Teaching Award.

Each recipient of the award receives \$7,000 for a trip, which is approved by the Committee. In August, the recipients will make a presentation about their trip to the faculty and to their students.

Each faculty member who has completed at least five years of teaching at Wilson Hall is eligible to receive the award. Eligible faculty members will have their name submitted once for each year they have served as a full-time teacher at Wilson Hall. A faculty member who has taught on a part-time basis may be eligible proportionally to the years of service and the number of class periods taught.

A random drawing for the award, one for an upper school teacher and one for a lower school teacher, takes place during a faculty meeting. In any year, the Committee may elect to choose an individual to receive this award. Once selected, the recipient may not be eligible for consideration for a period of ten years.



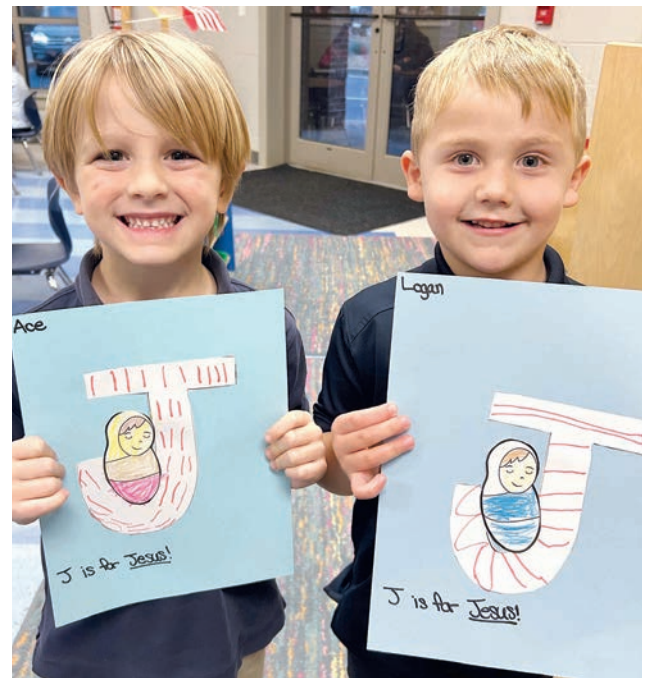
Mr. Chris Santos speaks to members of First Priority.

## Faith, Friendship & Support at First Priority

Speaking to First Priority, our Christian club for middle school students, **Mr. Chris Santos**, a Wilson Hall parent, encouraged students to face stress from exams, sports, friendships, and everyday life by leaning on their faith and the people who walk beside them. Using Psalm 62:3-7 as a foundation and referencing the Inside Out movies the students know well, he reminded them to pray for themselves and for others, to be vulnerable and ask for help, and to share their struggles rather than suppress them. **Mr. Santos** closed with practical action steps: commit to positive change, seek out trusted friends, use technology to lift each other up, and let their light shine as they love God and love people, remembering Proverbs 27:17 that we need a circle of support. **Ms. Heather Eldridge '93** advises the club.

## HOLIDAY CHEER IN BARON CARE

Sprinkling holiday magic all around, Baron Care students filled the Randle Learning Center with festive fun as they created Christmas-themed crafts and decorated the center's Christmas tree. With 198 students enrolled in the after-school program, there is no shortage of cheerful energy, and **Mrs. Brooke Tidwell** and her staff keep the celebration running smoothly.



Ace Ripley '40 & Logan Goncalves '38 proudly display the projects they created in Baron Care.

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Kira Stelle '28 is assisted by her AP Seminar teacher, Mrs. Stacey Reaves, on a project.

# CHEMISTREE TRADITION LIGHTS UP THE LAB

Kicking off the holiday season with a clever twist, AP Chemistry students decorated their ChemisTREE using items found right in the lab. This long-standing holiday tradition adds a festive spark to the class, led by **Mr. Chuck McCord**, the school's most tenured faculty member now celebrating his 44th year of teaching at Wilson Hall. **Mr. McCord** stands as a shining example of the experience, dedication, and continuity that define our exceptional faculty.



*Andrew Brunk, Jose Diaz, Jacob Cartrett, Torien Byrd, Paul Wabnitz Moch & Abel Ayres, Class of '27, pose with their AP Chemistry teacher, Mr. Chuck McCord.*

## SPECIAL FALL ATHLETIC RECOGNITION

*Mary Ellen Thorne '26 . . . . . WACH Fox 57 Scholar-Athlete of the Week (cross-country & swimming)*

### Boys Cross-Country

*Abel Ayres '27 . . . . . All-State Team, All-Region Team*

*Gavin Getz '28 . . . . . All-State Team*

*Trip Hunt '28 . . . . . All-State Team, All-Region Team, Hines Furniture Athlete of the Week*

*Caulder Williamson '27 . . . . All-State Team, Region Runner of the Year, All-Region Team*

### Girls Cross-Country

*Jane Foley '30 . . . . . All-State Team*

*Mary Foley '28 . . . . . All-Region Team*

*Mary Ellen Thorne '26 . . . . . All-Region Team*

*Emmie Williamson '29 . . . . All-State Team, Region Runner of the Year, All-Region Team*

### Football

*Matthew Behmer '26 . . . . . Sumter Touchdown Club Defensive Player of the Week*

*Milling Galloway '26 . . . . All-Star Team, All-Region Team, Sumter Touchdown Club Special Teams Player of the Week*

*Peyton Gilley '27 . . . . . All-Star Team, All-Region Team, Sumter Touchdown Club Defensive Player of the Week, Sumter Touchdown Club Lineman of the Week, Sumter Item All-Independent Team*

*Andrew Howle '26 . . . . . All-Star Team, All-Region Team, Sumter Item All-Independent Team*

*Ben McLaurin '26 . . . . . All-Star Team, All-Region Team, Sumter Touchdown Club Offensive Player of the Week, Sumter Item All-Independent Team*

*Harris Naylor '26 . . . . . All-Star Team, All-Region Team, Sumter Item All-Independent Team*

*Shep Vincent '28 . Sumter Touchdown Club Special Teams Player of the Week*

*Ford Wilder '26 . . . . . Region Offensive Player of the Year, All-Star Team, All-Region Team, Sumter Item All-Independent Team*

*Reese Wilson '27 . . . . . All-Star Team, All-Region Team, Sumter Item All-Independent Team*

*Walker Wilson '26 . . . . . All-Star Team, All-Region Team*

### Golf

*Anna Kate Aronson '29 . . . . . All-Region Team*

*Mary Katherine Dutcher '27 . . . . . All-Region Team*

*Aviana Hicks '29 . . . . . All-Region Team*

### Tennis

*Harper Burke '28 . . . . . All-Region Team*

*Edna Lee Harris '26 . . . . . All-Region Team*

*Claudia Rhodus '27 . . . . . All-Region Team*

### Volleyball

*McKinley Bath '20 . . . . . All-Star Team, All-Region Team*

*Mary Todd Champion '27 . . . . . All-Star Team*

*Natalie Hawkey '27 . . . . . All-Star Team, All-Region Team*

*Savannah Wells '27 . . . . . All-Star Team, All-Region Team*

# Lower School Chapel: Celebrating the Heart of Christmas

Lower School students gathered for a sweet and memorable Chapel service that celebrated the true meaning of Christmas. *Mrs. Jan Kaneft*, a Wilson Hall grandparent and parent of alumni, shared the story of Jesus' birth and brought it to life by inviting students to help illustrate the scene with simple props. From the manger in Bethlehem to the shepherds hearing the angels' message to the wise men arriving with gifts, students helped tell the story in a way everyone could picture and remember. The service concluded with a special moment as the students sang "Happy Birthday" to Jesus while *Mrs. Kaneft* gently laid the baby in the manger, a beautiful reminder that Christmas is, at its heart, a celebration of Christ's humble coming to earth. *Mr. Lee Gandy* coordinates the Chapel program.



*Mrs. Jan Kaneft delivers the message during Chapel for lower school students.*

## FALL ATHLETIC AWARDS

### Boys Cross-Country

*Abel Ayres '27* ..... Coaches Award  
*Gavin Getz '28* ..... Baron Award  
*Trip Hunt '28* ..... Most Valuable Runner  
*Cooper Melton '30* ..... Leadership Award  
*Ben Rabon '26* ..... Most Improved Runner

### Girls Cross-Country

*Cecilia Ayres '30* ..... Leadership Award  
*Jane Foley '30* ..... Coaches Award  
*Elisa Getz '30* ..... Most Improved Runner  
*Mary Ellen Thorne '26* ..... Baron Award  
*Emmie Williamson '29* ..... Most Valuable Runner

### Junior Varsity Football

*Jack Gratz '29* ..... Team Captain Award  
*Helms Horton '29* ..... Team Captain Award  
*Hadrian Hughey '29* ..... Team Captain Award  
*Clay Jones '29* ..... Team Captain Award

### Varsity Football

*Matthew Behmer '26* ..... Best Defensive Back  
*Milling Galloway '26* ..... Baron Family Award  
*Peyton Gilley '27* .... Defensive Player of the Year and Best Lineman  
*Cooper Hill '26* ..... Best Receiver  
*Ben McLaurin '26* ..... Best Offensive Back  
*Banks Smith '26* ..... Buddy Strange Baron Award  
*Ford Wilder '26* ..... Iron Baron

### Golf

*Anna Kate Aronson '29* ..... Most Improved Player  
*Mary Katherine Dutcher '27* ..... Most Valuable Player

### Boys & Girls Swimming

*Cliff Bath '26* ..... Spirit of the Team Award  
*Cat Bowman '30* ..... High Point Female  
*Jacob Hewett '29* ..... High Point Male

### Junior Varsity Tennis

*Winnie Caughman '31* ..... Most Improved Player  
*Carson Giddens '31* ..... Coach's Award

### Varsity Tennis

*Edna Lee Harris '26* ..... Keys Award  
*Claudia Rhodus '27* ..... Most Outstanding Player  
*Land Stevens '27* ..... Spirit Award

### Junior Varsity Volleyball

*Tatiana Erichsen '29* ..... Best Offensive Player  
*Karsen Jones '29* ..... Baron Award

### Varsity Volleyball

*McKinley Bath '29* ..... Best Offensive Player  
*Mary Todd Champion '27* ..... Baron Strength Award  
*Addie Griffin '26* ..... Baron Award  
*Natalie Hawkey '27* ..... Leadership Award  
*Savannah Wells '27* ..... Best Defensive Player

1997

*Will Dinkins* is the owner of Tidal Marsh Contracting, a specialty contractor for carpentry, roofing, and siding in the Charleston area. He graduated from Clemson University with a Bachelor of Science in management. *Will* and his wife, *Alycia*, live in Mt. Pleasant with their four children: *Kate*, *Wright*, *Bennett* and *Bowen*.



## 1998

*Sarah Rumph Thomas*, who graduated from Columbia College, is a Realtor with Gaymon Realty Group. She and her husband, *Bart*, live in Sumter and have two children who attend *Wilson Hall*, *Carmen '34* and *Caleb '36*.

*Sarah Rumph Thomas '98*

## 1999

*Jenny-Lee Dennis Maxwell* is an account director for FerebLane, a brand strategy and creative agency. She graduated from Clemson University with a Bachelor of Science in graphic design. *Jenny-Lee* and her husband, *Matthew*, live in Greenville and have three sons: *Drayton*, *Davis* and *Oliver*.

*Jenny-Lee Dennis Maxwell '99*



## 2002

*Anne-Kathryn Bultman Flanagan* lives in Columbia and is the manager of workplace benefits sales communications for Chubb, a global insurance company. She graduated from the University of South Carolina with a Bachelor of Arts in journalism and mass communications. She and her husband, *Tim*, have three children: *Emma*, *Thomas* and *Miles*.

*Anne-Kathryn Bultman Flanagan '02*



# ALUMNI

## 2004

*Mollie Sharp Cone* is the Director of Health Systems, Conversions, for Omnicell, an international information and technology services firm that specializes in managing medications across all care settings. She graduated from the University of South Carolina with a Bachelor of Science in business administration. *Mollie* and her husband, *Dallas*, live in Mt. Pleasant with their children: *Hannah*, *Simms* and *Addison*.

## 2005

*Matt Smith* lives in New York City where he is a primary care physician with Premise Health. A veteran of the United States Air Force, he completed a residency in family medicine at the Augusta Military Medical Center at Fort Belvoir, Virginia. *Matt* graduated from Clemson University with a Bachelor of Arts in architecture and the Medical University of South Carolina with a Doctor of Medicine.

## 2009

*Caroline Turner Cromer* and her husband, *Justin*, announce the birth of their daughter, *Ann Dozier Cromer*, on December 24. *Caroline* is the daughter of *Cindy Sharp Scheele '80* and *Hal Turner '81*.

*Hope Demer-Smith* and her husband, *Emmett Smith*, announce the birth of their daughter, *Pearl McClain Demer-Smith*, on December 17.



*Pictured: Mrs. Lauren Bostic Locklear '05, Mrs. Brenley Davis, Mrs. Melissa Shaw, Mrs. Kelley Bostic & Mrs. Brooke Brunson.*

Starting the new semester with generosity, our faculty were treated to a welcome spread of food and drinks thanks to the PTO Hospitality Committee. Tables and refrigerators in each faculty lounge were thoughtfully stocked, providing a much-appreciated boost as the semester begins. We are sincerely grateful for the PTO's continued support.



*Blane Russell '10 and his wife, Hannah.*

**2010** *Ginny Ives*, a theatre director and company member at Trustus Theatre in Columbia, is directing the dark comedy *The Comeuppance* which will be performed January 16-31. She graduated from the University of South Carolina Aiken with a Bachelor of Arts in theatre.

*David Jones* and his wife, Alexis, announce the birth of their daughter, Heather McKinley Jones, on December 23. They have a son, Brooks. *David* is the son of *Jim Jones '72*.

*Blane Russell* and Hannah Fazio were married on December 13 at Cornerstone Baptist Church in Darlington with a reception following. *Blane's* father, *Tim Russell '79*, was the Best Man and the groomsmen included *Josh Glenn '10*, *Brad Russell '17*, *Mason Weeks '11*, and *McCray Weeks '09*. *Rebekah Russell Richardson '13* was a bridesmaid. *Blane* teaches AP Computer Science Principles at Wilson Hall where he is an assistant coach for the boys and girls cross-country teams and the boys and girls track & field teams. A graduate of Clemson University with a Bachelor of Science in business management, he completed the College Board's AP Summer Institute for AP Computer Science Principles.

January 24  
7:00-9:00 PM  
Nash Student Center

# WINTER CHILL

SEMIFORMAL 9TH-12TH

HOSTED BY THE STUDENT COUNCIL

**2011**

*Wesley Newsom* and his wife, Harley, announce the birth of their son, Beckham Monroe Newsom, on January 6. They have two other sons, Woods and Crew.

**2012**

*Gibson Klaphor* lives in Salt Lake City, Utah, where he is a neuroradiology fellow at University of Utah Health. He graduated from Furman University with a Bachelor of Science in health sciences and the Medical University of South Carolina with a Doctor of Medicine. *Gibson* completed a transitional year residency program with Intermountain Medical Center in Salt Lake City, and he completed a diagnostic radiology residency at Wake Forest Baptist Medical Center in Winston-Salem, North Carolina.

**2013**

*Rebekah Russell Richardson* and her husband, Will, announce the birth of their son, Jackson Banks Richardson, on December 31. They have another son, Shep. *Rebekah* is the daughter of *Tim Russell '79*.

*Lindsey Weathersbee* and Joe Malley were married on September 26 at Greenpoint Loft in Brooklyn, New York, with a rooftop reception following. *Katie Weathersbee Jordan '15* was the Matron of Honor.

**2014**

*Bailey Hunt Long* is a veterinarian with her own practice, Long Animal Wellness, that offers in-home care in the Upstate. She graduated from Clemson University with a Bachelor of Science in animal and veterinary science and from the Auburn University College of Veterinary Medicine with a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine. *Bailey* and her husband, Adam, live in Greenville with their son, Jude.



*Bailey Hunt Long '14*

**2015**

*Logan Lee Alderman Ingram* and her husband, Logan, announce the birth of their daughter, Anna Stokes Ingram, on January 6. They have a son, Woods.

*Logan Lee* is the daughter of *Chris Alderman '84*.

*Breanna Kimbrell*, who expects to graduate in May with a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine from Mississippi State University College of Veterinary Medicine, has accepted a position with Magley Clemson Animal Hospital. She earned a Bachelor of Science in animal and veterinary sciences from Clemson University.



*Breanna Kimbrell '15*

## 2017



*Maddie Niles Marquez '17 & Carlos Marquez '17*

**Patrick Bell** is a project manager for Brasfield and Gorrie, a construction company in Atlanta, Georgia. He graduated from Clemson University with a Bachelor of Science in construction science management. **Patrick** and his wife, **Cori Moore Bell '17**, live in Sandy Springs, Georgia.

**Maddie Niles** and **Carlos Márquez '17** were married on January 2 at Plazuela La Rogativa in San Juan, Puerto Rico, with a reception at Hotel El Convento. **Maddie** graduated from the University of South Carolina with a Bachelor of Arts in experimental psychology and Master of Education in educational psychology and research methods, and she is pursuing a Master of Science in human factors at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University Worldwide. She works for the Hawaii State Department of Health as a child and youth program specialist. **Carlos**, who graduated from the University of South Carolina with a Bachelor of Arts in international and global studies, is an intelligence officer in the United States Army posted at Schofield Barracks in Hawaii. They live in Kapoli on the island of Oahu.

## 2020

**Emily Reynolds Honeycutt** is the Director of Member Services and Marketing for Quixote Club in Sumter. She graduated from Clemson University Honors College with a Bachelor of Arts in graphic design. **Emily** and her husband, Rhame, will make their home in Sumter in March.



*Lauren Goodson McCracken '16 leads a weekly Bible study on campus.*

**McKenzie Lowder Boney** and her husband, **Tripp**, announce the birth of their daughter, Mary Tate Boney, on January 5. **Tripp** is the son of the late **Britt Boney '89**.

**Lauren Goodson McCracken** leads a weekly Bible study for girls each Thursday before school at Wilson Hall. She graduated from Clemson University with a Bachelor of Science in business management and works as a senior manager of e-commerce marketing for Celsius, a global food and beverage company. **Lauren** and her husband, Matt, live in Sumter.

**Christian Salzer** is a professional golfer on the Korn Ferry Tour, the primary developmental tour for professional golf in the United States and the main pathway to the PGA Tour. He graduated from North Carolina State University with a Bachelor of Science in business administration.

## 2019

**Tanner Epps**, who graduated from the University of South Carolina with a Bachelor of Arts in public health, is the chief financial officer and an insurance advisor for Barrineau Epps in Sumter. He serves on the board for the Professional Insurance Agents of South Carolina.

**Callie McAdams** lives in Atlanta, Georgia, where she works as a digital strategist for the reelection campaign for United States Senator Jon Ossoff. She graduated from the University of Southern California with a Bachelor of Arts in communications and a Bachelor of Arts in political science and government.



*Callie McAdams '19*



*Meredith Johnson '18*



*Kate Smith '18*

**2018** **Meredith Johnson** lives in New Orleans, Louisiana, where she is pursuing a Ph.D. in the Department of Philosophy at Tulane University. Her doctoral studies focus on historical and political strands of philosophical thought. **Meredith** graduated from Clemson University with a Bachelor of Arts in political science.

**Crystal Moore** lives in Fayetteville, Arkansas, and works as an information systems security officer for Obsidian Global, a technology company specializing in cybersecurity for the federal government. She graduated from Winthrop University with a Bachelor of Science in computer science.

**Kate Smith** is the Student Services Coordinator for the South Carolina Honors College in Columbia. She graduated from the University of South Carolina with a Bachelor of Arts (Honors College) and Master of Arts in media arts.

Graham VanPatten '21



2021

*Hutch Johnson* graduated from Clemson University with a Bachelor of Science in agribusiness management.

*Logan Kennedy* graduated from Coastal Carolina University with a Bachelor of Arts in communications.

*Michael Towery* graduated from Clemson University with a Bachelor of Science in civil engineering.

*Graham VanPatten* works as an associate site director for Pine Cove City Canyon, a traveling Christian day camp program run by Pine Cove, a Christ-centered summer camp organization that hosts camps in Georgia, South Carolina, and Texas. He graduated from Clemson University with a Bachelor of Science in business administration and management.



Tyler Mahr '22 & Anna Hays Shuler '22

2022

*Ashlyn Goode*, an economics and political science major at the University of Georgia Honors College, works as an administrative assistant for Traverse Jobs, a digital job marketplace for the Washington, D.C., area.

*Tyler Mahr* graduated from Clemson University with a Bachelor of Science in computer science.

*Anna Hays Shuler* graduated from Clemson University with a Bachelor of Science in nursing. She works as a registered nurse in cardiac telemetry at AnMed Medical Center in Anderson.

2023

*Emma Bradley* serves as the Communications Chair for the Clemson University Undergraduate Student Advisory Board. She is an early childhood education major and is pursuing certification in speech-language pathology at Columbia College.

*Wilson Frerichs*, a government major at Wofford College, spent the January Interim studying in Africa. He took the class Tanzania and Zanzibar: Culture, Nature and Connecting.

*Shrey Sheth*, a biology major at the University of Virginia, works as a research assistant in the neuroscience laboratory at the University of Virginia School of Medicine. He is assisting in molecular biology and pharmacological experiments to investigate how membrane potential changes influence neurotransmitter release.

2024

*Grayson Alexander*, a political science major at Clemson University, represented the university at the South Carolina Student Legislature Session in the South Carolina State House. He presented and defended a bill he had prepared throughout the semester.

*Katie Croft*, who attends Wofford College, spent the January Interim in Europe and took the class Language and Culture: German in Germany.

*Jennings Frerichs*, a biology major at Wofford College, spent the January Interim studying in India. He took the class Sacred Sites of India: Rituals, Religions and Rhythms of Life.

*Caroline McElveen* spent Wofford College's January Interim in Europe. She took the class Milan: Fashion and Business in Europe.

*Ben Reynolds*, a construction science and management major at Clemson University, traveled to Ireland to compete in the Associated Schools of Construction competition where his team was paired with students from the University of Limerick, placing third internationally. Another competition team of which he is a member finished as one of the top five finalists nationally in a roofing alliance student competition and will compete for first place in Las Vegas, Nevada, for a scholarship. *Ben* serves as the President of the Constructor's Guild and is the top student leader of the Department of Construction Science and Management.

*Maury Shuler*, a student at Wofford College, spent the January Interim in Europe enrolled in the class Milan: Fashion and Business in Europe.



Ben Reynolds '24

2025

*Mikayla Ovrenovits*, who attends Winthrop University, is a Winthrop Ambassador and represents the university to prospective students and their families.



To review his numbers, *Elias Jackson '39* colors a math worksheet.