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Jarecki Receives Wilson Award

Sullivan Jarecki '24 was presented with the 53rd John S. Wilson Award at the graduation ceremony held at Patriot Hall. This prestigious award, which is the highest honor a Wilson Hall student may receive, is presented to the graduating senior who possesses the ideal qualities of a Wilson Hall student. The recipient is selected based on his or her academic achievement, leadership abilities, character, and contributions to the school, community, and church. The selection of the recipient is made by the unanimous vote of the committee consisting of three faculty members, the head of school, a member of the executive board of the PTO, a member of the board of trustees, and a member of the Wilson family. Given in memory of her father, who was one of the founders of the school, *Mrs. Helen Wilson Taylor '76* presented the award during the graduation ceremony.



Sullivan Jarecki '24

Lee & Owens Crowned King & Queen of the Iris

Davis Lee '24 and *Rhayne Owens '24* were crowned the King & Queen of the Iris at the opening of the 82nd Sumter Iris Festival at Swan Lake-Iris Gardens. The King & Queen of the Iris competition is a showcase for outstanding seniors from Sumter County which honors them as members of the Iris Festival Court. A panel of community leaders chose *Davis* and *Rhayne* based on a resume detailing their academic recognition, extracurricular activities, and community and church involvement, as well as an interview. They each received a \$500 scholarship along with their crowns.



Rhayne Owens '24 & Davis Lee '24



Jennings Frerichs '24 & Jeremiah Jones '24

Frerichs & Jones Named Valedictorian & Salutatorian

Jennings Frerichs '24 was presented with the Valedictorian Medal for having the highest grade point average in the class, and *Jeremiah Jones '24* was presented with the Salutatorian Medal for having the second-highest grade point average. To receive this honor, a student must have attended Wilson Hall for the entire sophomore, junior and senior years. The students were presented their medals at the Senior Awards Program.



Eric Norton, Marybeth Van Patten, Elliott Arscott, Mary Claire Bearak & Jeremiah Jones, Class of '24

Five Tapped for Veritas in Unitate Society

Elliott Arscott, Mary Claire Bearak, Jeremiah Jones, Eric Norton and Marybeth Van Patten, Class of '24, were inducted into the Veritas in Unitate Society during the Senior Awards Program. The society is a student award program developed to recognize academic service-based achievement of senior students throughout the S.C. Independent School Assoc. To be considered students must be nominated by their school and have a minimum of 50 hours of documented community service between June of the student's junior year and October of the student's senior year. Nominees, who must have a minimum grade point average of 3.0, are required to write an essay outlining the importance of community service, provide three letters of recommendation from school or community leaders who have witnessed their service activities, and receive a recommendation from their head of school.

Frerichs & Norris Receive Spencer Award

Jennings Frerichs '24 and Maggie Norris '24 received the Gaither Spencer Memorial Track Award at the Track & Field Awards Dinner. Given in memory of Mr. Spencer, the award is presented to the team members who show great dedication and determination, and who attend every practice and track meet.



Jeremiah Jones '24

Jones Presented Watt Award

Jeremiah Jones '24 received the Larry K. Watt Award presented by the S.C. Independent School Association to recognize the academic service-based achievements of seniors. It is one of the highest awards presented by the association, which has over 120 member schools, and Jeremiah is the only student who attends a 4A school in SCISA to receive the award. To be eligible for the award, the student must be nominated by the school and recommended by the head of school. The nominee must have a minimum of 50 hours of documented community service after June of the student's junior year and a minimum 3.0 GPA. Once nominated, the student must submit a 500-word essay outlining the importance of community service as well as three letters of recommendation from school or community leaders who have personally witnessed their service initiatives.



Mr. Brent Kaneft '00, Head of School, and Logan Schumacher '25 play a game of chess. Logan, a student in the Engineering II class, used his 3-D printer to design and produce the chess set that is in Mr. Kaneft's office.

Armfield, Blanding & Smith Retire

Mrs. Pinkie Armfield, a Preschool 4 teacher, is retiring after 25 years in education, the last 17 at Wilson Hall. She worked as a Preschool 4 assistant before becoming a lead teacher, and she is the grade-level chair. In the past, *Mrs. Armfield* served as the advisor of the JV cheerleading squad.

Mrs. Beverlee Blanding, a kindergarten assistant teacher, is retiring after 23 years in education, all at Wilson Hall.

Mrs. Kay Smith, a kindergarten assistant teacher, is retiring after 27 years in education, the last 20 at Wilson Hall.

The following faculty members, who have served at least three years at Wilson Hall, departed at the conclusion of the school year.

Mrs. Kristall Hanson, the AP Computer Science Principles teacher, taught for 14 years at Wilson Hall. In the past she taught the following subjects: 7th Grade Literature, Computer Science Applications and Discovery, Lower School Computer Science, Math Mastery, Physical Education, Pre-Engineering, and Study Skills. *Mrs. Hanson* also worked as an IT support technician. In the past she served as the head coach of the JV volleyball team and an assistant coach for the varsity softball, varsity volleyball, and JV girls basketball teams. She was also the Literary Meet Coordinator and she served on the COVID Planning Committee.

Mrs. Karen Jones taught for 10 years at Wilson Hall, most recently as the lower school Spanish teacher. She also taught 9th Grade Physical Science and 6th Grade Science in the past. *Mrs. Jones* served as an advisor for the Fellowship of Christian Athletes and First Priority, the middle school's Christian outreach club. Throughout her tenure, she served on various accreditation committees and was a chairperson for the STEAM Committee. In addition to working as a faculty member, *Mrs. Jones* volunteered with the Parent-Teacher Organization and served as the Vice President of Administration.

Mrs. Ashley Wake, a Preschool 4 assistant teacher, worked for six years at Wilson Hall. Before entering the classroom, she worked at the gate house.

Ms. Emily Wachter taught for three years at Wilson Hall. She taught AP English Literature, AP Research, English 11, and English 12, and she was the advisor for the yearbook.



Mrs. Pinkie Armfield



Mrs. Beverlee Blanding



Mrs. Kay Smith



Akshar Patel '25 signs the Book of Honor after being inducted into the National Honor Society during the Upper School Awards Program.



ARTS SHOWCASE

The 13th Wilson Hall Arts Showcase featured the artwork of students in preschool through twelfth grade as well as performances from the Instrumental Ensemble, senior members of The Music Man, Jr. cast, and the lower school's Afternoon Chorus. Each art student had at least one piece of artwork in the show, which featured over 1,000 works of art (ceramics, drawings, paintings, and sculptures). Also on display were drawings by engineering students, 3D printer creations, and a robotics demonstration. Refreshments were served by the Art Club, and there was a ceramics sale. The art teachers who organized the event are Mrs. Rachel Jones Brown '00, Mrs. Renee Norton & Ms. Tara Breslin-Schumacher.

Slade Custer '24, in the lead role of Harold Hill in The Music Man Jr., performs "76 Trombones" with other senior members of the cast during the Arts Showcase.

Parks Brown '31, a member of the Afternoon Chorus directed by Mrs. Julia Sims-Owens, sings a solo in the Arts Showcase.



Lottie Bynum '25 poses near one of her drawings.

Maxwell Smith '27, Kayla Stanley-Linton '26, Sydney Rinkleff '25 & Liz Singkhonket '26, members of the Instrumental Ensemble directed by Mr. Scott Warren, perform during the Arts Showcase.





Claire McArthur '32

McArthur Receives Reynolds Award

Claire McArthur '32 was presented with the Lynn H. Reynolds Award during the Lower School Awards Program. The award is presented to the fourth grade student who meets life's challenges with a positive attitude, possesses a never-ending zest for life, has an appreciation for music, and a love for nature. Dr. and Mrs. Phil Brandt established the award in memory of Lynn, who would have graduated with the Class of '92. Accompanying the plaque is a check for \$1,000 that is applied toward the recipient's tuition.



Mary Claire Bearak '24

Branham Presented Unsworth Award

Annabelle Branham '25 received the Barbara Moses Unsworth Award at the Upper School Awards Program. Established in Barbara's memory by her classmates (Class of 1973), the award is presented to the most well-rounded member of the Junior Class who possesses the ideal qualities of leadership and scholastic excellence. A committee consisting of an administrator and two members of the faculty who teach juniors select the recipient from a list of faculty-nominated juniors.



Annabelle Branham '25

Bearak Presented Smith Award

Mary Claire Bearak '24 is the recipient of the Charles T. Smith Award which is presented annually to a student who has given outstanding service to the school, community and/or church. Established to honor Mr. Smith, who served for 30 years as the school's athletic director, the award is accompanied by a check for \$250.



Mrs. Lori Brown, a history teacher, and her son, Andrew Brown '24, pause for a photo

Geddings Wins Chappell Award

Carson Geddings '26 was presented with the John W. Chappell Award recognizing excellence in U.S. History at the Upper School Academic Awards Program. The Chappell Award recognizes the student who has a genuine love for U.S. History, maintains at least an A average in the course, and demonstrates high moral character and citizenship qualities. The award was established in memory of Mr. Chappell, who served on the board of trustees and had three



Carson Geddings '26

daughters who graduated from Wilson Hall: Laura Chappell Bauknight '83, Cile Chappell Wildrick '85 and Molly Chappell McPhail '87.



Katie Croft '24 with her father, Mr. William Croft '90.

Croft Retires from Board

Mr. William Croft '90 stepped down from the Board of Trustees after 14 years of service, the last eight years as the chairman. Prior to serving as chairman, he served on the long range planning and the nomination committees. During Mr. Croft's tenure as chairman, he was part of the team that led the school through the COVID pandemic, the construction of the Moulton Center and Founders Chapel, and the transition of the head of school from Mr. Fred Moulton to Mr. Brent Kaneft '00.



Jennings Frerichs '24 & Mrs. Sheri Singleton

Frerichs/Singleton Named Star Student/Teacher

Each year the student who achieves the highest score on the SAT, has a minimum GPA of a 4.0, and has attended Wilson Hall since the 11th grade receives the honor of being named the Star Student, and this year the honor went to *Jennings Frerichs '24*. In turn, the student has the great privilege of choosing the Star Teacher, who is one of the faculty members who has greatly influenced his or her education at Wilson Hall. *Jennings* chose Mrs. Sheri Singleton, who taught him Advanced Placement Biology, Advanced Placement Human Geography, and 7th Grade Science. The Star Student and Star Teacher each presented speeches at the Senior Awards Program.

SCISA Honor Graduates

The S.C. Independent School Association awards certificates of honor to students in recognition of excellence in scholarship. Recipients must have a minimum 3.5 GPA in academic subjects for seven semesters, have scored at least 1100 on the SAT, and be recommended by the head of school.

The following members of the Class of '24 received this recognition at the Senior Awards Program: *Grayson Alexander, Dillon Bartlett, Olivia Beasley, Jacob Bostic, Elizabeth Busch, Jones DeSchamps, Alli Fidler, Helen Fitzpatrick, Jennings Frerichs, Landon Gilley, Mary Margaret Griffin, Bella Grudzinski, Sullivan Jarecki, Dylan Jones, Jeremiah Jones, Davis Lee, Rhayne Owens, Ben Reynolds, Maury Shuler, Victoria Singleton, Mary Parish Williams and Bennett Wilson.*



Mrs. Molly Simpson Matthews '93 & Jane McAdams '25

Matthews & McAdams Receive Brabham Award

Jane McAdams '25 received the John M. Brabham III Award at the Upper School Academic Awards Program. The criteria for this award are as follows: A sincere love and compassion for his classmates; confidence in his intellectual proficiency and to be intellectually engaged with members of the faculty; enthusiasm among class members in order to bring positive support to the whole; an eager willingness to work in an around the school in order to improve or promote the Wilson Hall experience; an appropriate sense of balance between having fun and being competitive; and living as an example of being a big brother at Wilson Hall. A \$1,000.00 gift accompanies the award which is to be designated to an academic, artistic or athletic need at the school, or to the tuition of the recipient or to another student's tuition. The Brabham family established the award in memory of John who would have graduated with the Class of 2011.

As the award recipient *Jane* had the honor of choosing a faculty member to receive the award, and she chose Mrs. Molly Simpson Matthews '93, an English teacher.

FIELD DAY



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Field Day was held on Spencer Field on May 28 for students in grades 1-5. Wearing class t-shirts, students participated in over a dozen activities such as the sack race and the obstacle course, culminating in the fifth grade tug-of-war. To cool off, students enjoyed Kona Ice. Sponsored by the PTO, the event was coordinated by Mrs. Nancy Lee Zimpleman who was assisted by Mrs. Kelly Carter and over three dozen parent volunteers.



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Lyla Caughman '32

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Hudson Whipp '33

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Jackie Lynch '31

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Emmaly Clark '32

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Greyson Smith '34

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John Deakin '35 &
Millie Huckleba '35



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Aubrey Payne '24

Payne Presented Young Award

Aubrey Payne '24 received the William F. Young Academic Achievement Award at the Senior Awards Program. The award recognizes students who have exhibited the greatest improvement in his or her grade point average during the school year. In addition to recognizing achievement, this award was created to motivate students in their pursuit of learning. It is given by Dr. and Mrs. William F. Young in honor of their children, *Lynn Young Anthony '81, Rick Young '83 and Sarah Young Gessner '87*, who graduated from Wilson Hall, and in honor of the faculty and administration who guide, nurture, educate and motivate students.

The underclassmen who received the award at the Upper School Academic Awards Program were: *Logan Schumacher '25, Cooper Hill '26, Cameron Kohl '27, Cordin Natrass '28, Cameron Trueblood '29 and Harper Rivers '30.*

Kinney & Payne Athletes of the Year

Clark Kinney '24 and Aubrey Payne '24 are the Wilson Hall Athletes of the Year and were recognized at the Spring Sports Pep Rally. Clark was a member of the baseball, football, and speed and strength teams. and Aubrey was a member of the basketball, track and field, and volleyball teams.



Clark Kinney '24 & Aubrey Payne '24



Grace McArthur '28

McArthur Receives DuBose Award

Grace McArthur '28 was presented with the James M. DuBose Award at the Upper School Academic Awards Program. This award is given to the eighth grade student who displays a strong love for Christ, constantly strives to do his or her best in academics and athletics, has a positive attitude, encourages others, and always demonstrates compassion for all. The award, established by the Class of 1998, is given to honor the memory of Jamie. A committee consisting of school administrators and faculty members selected Grace from a list of facul-

ty-nominated eighth graders. Accompanying the plaque for the award is a \$500 check that the recipient must apply toward tuition or designate for an academic or athletic need at Wilson Hall.



Students participate in the AP Combine during their Advanced Placement English Language class taught by Mrs. Molly Simpson Matthews '93. The AP Combine—similar to the NFL Combine—was one of the final training exercises before the students took the College Board AP Exam. The Combine was designed to give the students practice at making quick mind shifts and using varying skills needed to write three different essays in a timed format. In between using their AP writing skills, the students had fun assignments to mark the change of task, such as skipping backwards on the track, doing ballet dance moves on the football field, and running the bleachers. Pictured: *Davis Lee '24, Talan Griffin '24, Sullivan Jarecki '24, Zach Scholz '24, Emma Howle '25, Akshar Patel '25 & Molly Jones '25.*



Tony Jones, Michael Marlowe, Addison Thornton, Zach Scholz & Adam Pelletier, Class of '24, relax at the Senior Last Day Luncheon.



Mrs. Kristall Hanson delivers the keynote speech at the Senior Last Day Luncheon.

HANSON CHOSEN AS SPEAKER FOR LAST DAY LUNCHEON

The school celebrated the last day of classes for the seniors with the 20th Last Day Luncheon on May 13. Held in the Nash Student Center, the program featured a keynote speech by Mrs. Kristall Hanson, a computer science teacher, who was selected by the class. The lower school's Afternoon Chorus, directed by Mrs. Julia Sims-Owens, sang "The Blessing" by Brown, Carnes and Furtick, and Helen Fitzpatrick '24 offered the blessing of the food. Seniors and their parents enjoyed a lunch catered by Southern Pride Barbeque followed by plenty of photo opportunities. On the tables were placemats, to which all faculty members contributed, that were adorned with photos, Bible verses, and inspirational quotations. During the lunch a senior retrospective slideshow, coordinated by Class President Davis Lee '24 was shown. At the end of the school day, the senior officers offered parting words to the underclassmen over the loudspeaker before joining in the hall to sing the Alma Mater. The program was coordinated by Mrs. Laura Barr, Mrs. Martha Jo Smith Johnson '99 and Mrs. Caroline Zitzke of the Development Office.

THE 59 MEMBERS OF THE CLASS OF '24 COMPLETED 2857 HOURS OF SERVICE TO THE SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY FROM APRIL 2023-APRIL 2024.



Milling Galloway '26, Student Body Vice President, offers the invocation at the Upper School Awards Program.



Marybeth Van Patten '24

VAN PATTEN RECEIVES MOERSEN AWARD

Marybeth Van Patten '24 received the Lisa Moersen Service to School Award which was created to recognize a senior who has actively served Wilson Hall for the duration of his or her school career. She was presented the award by Mrs. Moersen's son, Mr. Neal Moersen '06.

Mrs. Moersen was a long-time parent, friend, and volunteer at our school. When she and her family arrived at Wilson Hall in 1994, Mrs. Moersen quickly began volunteering. She worked in the cafeteria, the concession stand at athletic events, and actively participated on the PTO Board. She was elected to the Athletic Association Board in 1995 and was a member for 25 consecutive years, serving as president for the last six years. Most notably, half of Mrs. Moersen's tenure took place without a family member participating on an athletic team.

The Lisa Moersen Service to School Award is presented to a student who has shown a similar love for and commitment to Wilson Hall, a commitment born from care and consideration rather than obligation.

Record Number Take AP Exams

A record number of 263 Advanced Placement (AP) Exams were taken by Wilson Hall students in May. In 21 AP courses, 121 students either took an exam, submitted a portfolio, or submitted an AP Research project. Mrs. Susan Barfield, Director of Academics, coordinates the AP program.

For the AP Program, sponsored by The College Board, high school students across the country and around the world take AP courses and exams to challenge themselves, explore their interests, and earn college credit and placement. Nearly all colleges and universities in the United States grant credit and placement for qualifying AP scores.

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.



Carmen Thomas '34 & Sara Burns Brown '34 enjoy Chuck E. Cheese's in Columbia.

BARON BOOK CLUB TRIPS

To encourage reading, students in 1st-5th were rewarded with special field trips for meeting benchmarks in the number of pages read throughout the year. To attend the trips, students had to read the following number of pages from books of their choice (assigned reading does not count toward the goal): 1st - 2,000, 2nd-4th - 4,000, and 5th - 6,000. With Mr. Eddie Talley, Head of Lower School, the 1st-4th grades visited Chuck E. Cheese in Columbia, and the 5th grade visited Altitude Trampoline Park, also in Columbia.

Madison Grace Hansen '26 & Charli Bonser '26 try a yoga move in the Human Health & Development class taught by Mrs. Allyson Lowder Sanders '96. Students learned about different treatment and therapy techniques to improve mental health. Mrs. Melissa McIntosh of Southern Bliss Yoga visited campus to teach the students meditation, Tai chi defense mechanisms, and pet therapy.



Lower School Awards Program

The Lower School Awards Program was held in the Nash Student Center on May 29 to recognize achievement throughout the school year. *Sims Owens '31* opened the program with the invocation, and *George Johnson '33* introduced the Pledge of Allegiance which was led by *Brooks Grier '35* and *Millie Huckeba '35*. *Carson Burnette*, *Liza Gooch* and *Karisse Robinson*, Class of '31, led the singing of the national anthem, and *Saanvi Patel '31* welcomed the audience to the program.

Certificates were presented for reading, citizenship, and academic honors, and special awards were presented by *Mr. Eddie Talley*, Head of Lower School. At the conclusion of the awards the students and guests sang the Alma Mater led by *Grace Martuscelli*, *Adelaide McElveen* and *Emmy Trueblood*, Class of '32. *Walt Aronson '31* offered the closing remarks. *Mrs. Day Caughman*, School Counselor, coordinated the program and *Mrs. Julia Sims-Owens*, a music teacher, directed the musical portions.

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

Class of '31 - *Hudson Barkley*, *Erin Bentley* & *Asher Parrott*
Class of '32 - *Gray Edmunds*, *Mary Jac Galloway* & *Ariel James*
Class of '33 - *Dylan Patel*, *Kate Rivers* & *Hudson Whipp*
Class of '34 - *Penelope DuBose*, *Lottie Rowell* & *Ryker Wilson*
Class of '35 - *Suho Bae*, *Kelsey Chismar* & *Andrew Duke*.



Brooks Grier '35 & Millie Huckeba '35 lead the audience in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.



Alli Reagan Fidler '24 & Emmi Leard '24 pose for a photo after the Senior Awards Program.

SPECIAL ATHLETIC AWARDS

BASEBALL

Grayson Alexander '24 All-Star Team, All-Region Team
Jones DesChamps '24 All-Region Team
Landon Gilley '24 All-Region Team
Clark Kinney '24 All-Star Team, Region Player of the Year, All-Region Team
Ben Reynolds '24 All-Star Team, All-Region Team, Hines Furniture Athlete of the Week
Blake VanPatten '24 All-Star Team, All-Region Team

SOCCER

Jackson Bonser '25 All-Star Team, Region Player of the Year, All-Region Team
Milling Galloway '25 All-Region Team
Daniel Kirby '24 All-Region Team
Michael Warrick '25 All-Region Team

SOFTBALL

Abby Bradley '25 All-Star Team, All-Region Team
Mary Paisley Geddings '28 All-Star Team
Talan Griffin '24 All-Star Team, All-Region Team, Hines Furniture Athlete of the Week
Sullivan Jarecki '24 All-Star Team, All-Region Team
Marybeth Van Patten '24 All-Star Team, All-Region Team

BOYS TRACK

Hugh Humphries '25 Region Athlete of the Year

GIRLS TRACK

Molly Jones '25 Region Athlete of the Year

Donnald Receives Act of Kindness Award

Eddie Donnald '24 received the Jim Morris Act of Kindness Award from the Sumter American Legion Fair. The award is presented to a high school student in Sumter County who has completed a minimum of 50 hours of community service for the fair and displays an outstanding work ethic. *Eddie* was presented the award with an accompanying scholarship check by Mr. Shawn Custer of Sumter Post 15 American Legion at the Senior Awards Program.

Bearak & Blankenship Presented Service Award

Mary Claire Bearak '24 and *Ann Weathers Blankenship '24* were presented with the 2024 Service Award by The Sounds of Grace at the Senior Awards Program. The award, which is accompanied by a scholarship, is presented to an individual or individuals who share their gift of music with the community. The Sounds of Grace is a non-profit organization whose mission is to bring peace and healing through music in hospitals



Gracie Finley '34, in costume, gives her presentation in the Storybook Parade. For this long-standing tradition, students dressed as a favorite character from a book and gave a brief introduction of the book and character to an audience of parents, faculty and students.

Frerichs & Jackson 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 spring recipients were *Jenning Frerichs '24* (track & field) and *Josie Jackson '24* (equestrian) and they were presented their awards at the Spring Sports Pep Rally.



Liza Rowell '36 & Benson Atkinson '36

Kindergarten Graduation

The Kindergarten Graduation Program was held in the Nash Student Center on May 24. After the Class of '36 processed into the gym, *Mr. Eddie Talley*, Head of Lower School, welcomed the crowd. *Eleanor Arnn* offered the invocation, followed by *Charlotte Anne Wells* leading the Pledge of Allegiance and *Avery Bass* singing "My Country 'Tis of Thee." Led by *Mrs. Julia Sims-Owens*, lower school music teacher, the class sang "Growing," and "Shalom," as well as "First Grade, First Grade," a parody of "New York, New York."

Mr. Talley presented the diplomas to the students and offered closing remarks before the graduates and guests sang the Alma Mater. After the recessional, the new graduates joined their guests and teachers in front of the Nash Student Center for refreshments and photo opportunities. *Mrs. Caroline Zitzke*, PTO Hospitality Chair, and her committee provided the decorations and refreshments. The program was coordinated by the kindergarten teachers, *Mrs. Mindy Busch*, *Mrs. Amy Jones*, and *Mrs. Jean Dunn White '78*.

Sara Helen Simmons '25 receives the Lamp of Knowledge for government.

Austin McLaurin '26 AP U.S. History, Chemistry I
Parker McLeod '25..... Algebra II, Ceramics IV
Sophie Miller '26 Baron Publications
Caroline Moorman '27 Pre-AP English
Keighan Norton '28..... Pre-Algebra II
Ayden Parrott '28..... Algebra I Plus
Livie Pedersen '27 Biology I
Claudia Rhodus '27.....Engineering I, Geometry-H
Sara Hayes Ridgeway '25..... AP Research
Sydney Rinkleff '25Computer Programming I
Cameron Salzer '29..... Composition
Logan Schumacher '25...Drawing III, Engineering III, English 11
Sara Helen Simmons '25AP English Language
 & Composition, Government
Liz Singkhonket '26..... Drawing II, English 10
Maxwell Smith '27Pre-AP Geography & World History
Kira Stelle '28....Composition, History, Pre-AP English-H, Science
Kayla Stanley-Linton '26.....Theater
Grace Stewart '29 History, Literature, Pre-Algebra I Plus
Mary Ellen Thorne '26..... Algebra II-H, AP Seminar, French II
Michael Warrick '25.....Robotics III
Savannah Wells '27..... Algebra I
Ford Wilder '26 Spanish II
Camryn Wilmes '25.....Graphic Design I, Pre-Calculus-H
Ethan Wilson '28 Algebra I-H
Bowen Zitzke '26 Human Health & Development

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Helen Fitzpatrick, Marybeth Van Patten, Sullivan Jarecki, Talan Griffin, Olivia Beasley, Maury Shuler, Caroline McElveen & Katie Croft, Class of '24, gather in front of the Nash Student Center before the Senior Awards Program.



SENIOR AWARDS PROGRAM

To recognize the achievements of the Class of '24, the Senior Awards Program was held in the Founders Chapel. After the seniors processed into the chapel, Mr. Brent Kaneft '00, Head of School, welcomed the guests and Class Secretary *Helen Fitzpatrick* offered the invocation. Class Vice President *Jennings Frerichs* led the Pledge of Allegiance, and Class President *Davis Lee* delivered the Senior Address. Department Chairs presented 21 book awards, with personal inscriptions from teachers, to students who earned the highest grade in each course. Special named awards and the salutatorian and valedictorian medals were presented, honor graduates were recognized, and the Star Student & Star Teacher presented their speeches. The program concluded with the singing of the Alma Mater and the recessional. Following the program, the Senior Luncheon was held at the home of *Katie Croft*. The program was coor-

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CENTER: Class President *Davis Lee* '24 delivers the Senior Address during the Senior Awards Program. Bottom Left: *Victoria Singleton*, *Mary Margaret Griffin* & *Dylan Jones*, Class of '24, are inducted into the National Honor Society before the Senior Awards Program. BOTTOM RIGHT: *Luke Pedersen* '24 & *Ben Reynolds* '24 enjoy the Senior Luncheon held at *Katie Croft*'s home after the Senior Awards Program.

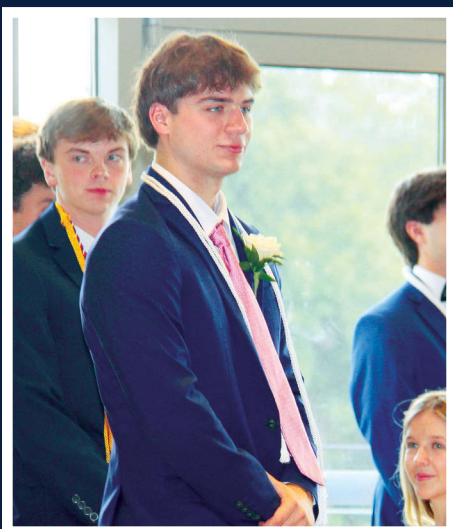
Bella Grudzinski '24 is presented the Book Award for trigonometry.

SENIOR AWARD CONTINUED



minated by Mrs. Sarah Smith, College Counselor. Mr. Scott Warren, a music teacher, played the keyboard for the processional and recessional, and Mrs. Caroline Zitzke, PTO Hospitality Chair, provided the floral decorations. The following members of the Class of '24 were presented with book awards (AP=Advanced Placement, H=Honors):

Mary Claire Bearak	Ceramics II
Olivia Beasley.....	AP French Language
Ann Weathers Blankenship	Environmental Science
Leslie Diaz.....	Graphic Design II, Sculpture I
Jennings Frerichs.....	AP Biology, AP Calculus, AP English Literature, AP Human Geography
Helen Fitzpatrick	Philosophy
Bella Grudzinski	Trigonometry
Dylan Jones	English 12/Senior Seminar
Jeremiah Jones	AP U.S. Government & Politics
Clark Kinney	AP Spanish Language, Calculus-H, Digital Media II
Emmi Leard	AP Studio Art (Drawing)
Caroline McElveen	AP 3D Art & Design (Ceramics)
Aubrey Payne	AP 3D Art & Design (Sculpture)
Sam Tristan	Digital Media I
Bennett Wilson.....	AP Computer Science (JAVA)



Slade Custer '24 stands to be recognized for earning a white honors cord during the Senior Awards Program.

Six Capstone Diploma Candidates

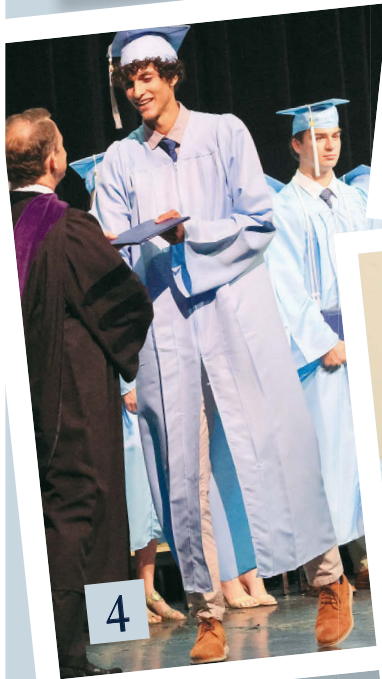
Olivia Beasley, Jennings Frerichs, Mary Margaret Griffin, Rhayne Owens, Maury Shuler and Mary Parish Williams, Class of '24, are Advanced Placement (AP) Capstone Diploma Candidates. Wilson Hall is the only school in the area approved by the College Board to offer the AP Capstone Diploma Program, which is based on two, yearlong AP courses: AP Seminar and AP Research. The AP Capstone Diploma is granted to students who earn scores of 3 or higher in AP Seminar and AP Research and on four additional AP Exams of their choosing.

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

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



Mrs. Brittany Huckeba, Mrs. Angie Reid Sistare '92 & Mrs. Courtney Moore, first grade teachers, are photographed before entering the auditorium at Patriot Hall for the graduation ceremony.



CLASS OF 2024 GRADUATES

The 59 members of the Class of 2024 received their diplomas during a commencement ceremony held the evening of May 30 at Patriot Hall. As part of the 55th class to graduate from Wilson Hall, the members of this class are now among the 3,032 people who count themselves as one of our school's alumni.

Prior to the ceremony, the soon-to-be graduates lined the hallway to applaud the faculty as they made their way to the auditorium to be seated. As the instrumental ensemble played Elgar's "Pomp and Circumstance," the junior marshals led the Class of '24 into the auditorium to take their place on the stage.

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1. Grayson Alexander, Elliott Arscott, Dillon Bartlett & Rylee Bath, Class of '24, laugh during Dr. Hoefer's speech.
2. Landon Gilley '24 celebrates as he exits Patriot Hall with his classmates as the faculty applaud the new graduates.
3. Mrs. Helen Wilson Taylor '76 presents the John S. Wilson Award to Sullivan Jarecki '24.
4. Daniel Burton '24
5. Rhayne Owens '24 & Elizabeth Busch '24
6. Mary Claire Bearak '24 & Ann Weathers Blankenship '24



7. Mr. Brent Kaneft '00, Head of School, delivers the confirmation of the graduates speech.

8. Maggie Norris '24

9. Dr. Andy Hoefer '96 presents the keynote speech.

10. Leslie Diaz '24

11. Mr. Chuck McCord, a science teacher, leads the faculty into the auditorium as the Class of '24 applauds.

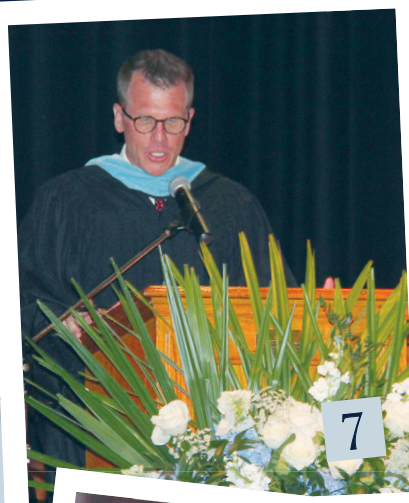
CLASS OF 2024...CONTINUED

Class President *Davis Lee* offered the invocation, which was followed by speeches by Salutatorian *Jeremiah Jones* and Valedictorian *Jennings Frerichs*. The 53rd John S. Wilson Award was presented to *Sullivan Jarecki* by Mrs. *Helen Wilson Taylor '76*.

Dr. Andy Hoefer '96, Assistant Dean of the Honors College and Associate Professor of English at George Mason University, was the keynote speaker. Mr. William Croft '90, Chairman of the Board of Trustees, presented the diplomas and Mr. Brent Kaneft '00, Head of School, offered his final confirmation of graduates before he asked them to move their tassels from right to left, announcing that they are now graduates.

The Class of '24 stood to sing the Alma Mater as a group for the last time before the faculty recessed from the auditorium to line the steps of Patriot Hall to applaud as the new graduates exited. After gathering in front of Patriot Hall, the members of the Class of '24 tossed their caps in unison to celebrate their transition from students to alumni.

The commencement ceremony was coordinated by Mrs. Sarah Smith, College Counselor, and she was assisted by Mrs. Rachel Jones Brown '00 and Ms. Julia Gee Muldrow '85. Mrs. Molly Simpson Matthews '93 assisted with the student speeches, Mrs. Leigh Edmunds McLaurin '92 provided the floral arrangement, and Mrs. Caroline Zitzke, PTO Hospitality Chair, provided decorations.



Class of '24 SAT Scores

Top Score: 1480 | Average score of top 25% of class: 1339 | Average score of entire class: 1168

CLASS OF '24 DECISIONS

Every senior gained acceptance to a four-year college or university, and the 59 members of the class received offers of admission to 46 schools in 12 states.

***Grayson Alexander**
Clemson University

Elliott Arscott
Clemson University
Bridge Program

***Dillon Bartlett**
Clemson University

Rylee Bath
Erskine College

Mary Claire Bearak
College of Charleston

++Olivia Beasley**
Wofford College

Ann Weathers Blankenship
College of Charleston

****Jacob Bostic**
University of South Carolina
Honors College

Andrew Brown
United States Air Force

***Tucker Burnette**
University of South Carolina

Daniel Burton
The Citadel

****Elizabeth Busch**
Texas A&M University
Honors Program

Almira Casarez
Kansas State University

Connor Claus
Clemson University
Bridge Program

Katie Croft
Wofford College

***Slade Custer**
University of South Carolina

***Jones DesChamps**
Clemson University

***Leslie Diaz**
University of South Carolina
Aiken

Eddie Donald
Emmanuel University

****Alli Reagan Fidler**
Clemson University

****Helen Fitzpatrick**
Clemson University

++Jennings Frerichs**
Wofford College

***Landon Gilley**
University of South Carolina

++Mary Margaret Griffin**
University of South Carolina
Capstone Program

***Talan Griffin**
Clemson University

***Bella Grudzinski**
University of South Carolina

Connor Hanson
University of South Carolina

Mackenzie Helms
University of South Carolina

***Sullivan Jarecki**
Clemson University

****Dylan Jones**
University of South Carolina

****Jeremiah Jones**
Clemson University
Honors College

Tony Jones
Clemson University
Bridge Program

****Clark Kinney**
Washington & Lee University

Daniel Kirby
Charleston Southern University

Emmi Leard
Clemson University
Bridge Program

****Davis Lee**
Wofford College

Michael Marlowe
Georgia Southern University

***Caroline McElveen**
Wofford College

Hayden Mims
Midlands Technical College

Maggie Norris
Erskine College

Eric Norton
Texas A&M University

++Rhayne Owens**
University of South Carolina
Honors College

Aubrey Payne
University of South Carolina

Luke Pedersen
University of South Carolina

Adam Pelletier
Central Carolina Technical College

+*Ben Reynolds
Clemson University

***Zach Scholz**
University of South Carolina

++*Maury Shuler
Wofford College

****Victoria Singleton**
Clemson University
Honors College

Ava Sliwonik
University of South Carolina
Gamecock Gateway

Andrew Smith
Wofford College

+Addison Thornton
Savannah College of Art & Design

Sam Tristan
Clemson University

***Blake VanPatten**
University of South Carolina

***Marybeth Van Patten**
Clemson University

Miles Van Patten
Tri-County Technical College

Britton Wells
University of South Carolina
Sumter

++Mary Parish Williams**
Washington & Lee University

Bennett Wilson
Clemson University

++ Advanced Placement Capstone Diploma Candidate

+ Advanced Placement Capstone Certificate

**Distinguished Honor Graduates: 4.75 average or above

*Honor Graduates: 4.25-4.74 average



95% of the Class of 2024
was offered a merit-based scholarship,
with the class receiving over \$4.9 million.

ATHLETIC AWARDS

VARSITY BASEBALL

Grayson Alexander '24 Captain's Award
Benson Elmore '26 Newcomer of the Year
Clark Kinney '24 Best Offensive Player
Ben Reynolds '24 Best Pitcher
Blake VanPatten '24 Best Defensive Player

JV BASEBALL

Owen Barkley '27 Ace Award
Jacob Cartrett '27 Most Dependable Player
Peyton Gilley '27 Most Valuable Player
Cooper Hill '26 Baron Award

EQUESTRIAN

Sofia Dall'Erta '27 Coach's Award
Josie Jackson '25 Hunt Seat High Point
Emmi Leard '24 Sportsmanship Award

GOLF

Silas Brown '28 Most Improved Player
Connor Hanson '24 Coach's Award
Austin McLaurin '25 Most Valuable Player

VARSITY SHOTGUN

Ann Weathers Blankenship '24 Skeet Award
Eddie Donnalld '24 Sporting Clays Award,
Trap Award & Top Gun Award

JV SHOTGUN

Lucy Hayes Mims '26 Women's Sporting Clays Award
Jack Thompson '27 Men's Sporting Clays Award

MIDDLE SCHOOL SHOTGUN

Cat Bowman '30 Young Gun Award
Brogdon Watson '30 Sporting Clays Award

VARSITY SOCCER

Jackson Bonser '25 Offensive Player of the Year
Milling Galloway '26 Most Valuable Player
Michael Warrick '25 Defensive Player of the Year
Britton Wells '24 Coach's Award

JV SOCCER

Cordin Natrass '28 Offensive Player of the Year
Ayden Parrott '28 Defensive Player of the Year
Dylan Wilmes '30 Coach's Award
RJ Wilmes '27 Most Valuable Player

VARSITY SOFTBALL

Abby Bradley '25 Best Offensive Player
Mary Paisley Geddings '28 Best Defensive Player
Talan Griffin '24 Most Valuable Player
Sullivan Jarecki '24 Leadership Award
Marybeth Van Patten '24 Impact Player

TENNIS

Shreyas Bijjala '30 Middle School Player of the Year
Ryan Griffin '27 Most Valuable Player
Cameron Salzer '29 Most Improved Player

BOYS TRACK

Tucker Burnette '24 High Point Track & Field
Jennings Frerichs '24 Gaither Spencer Award
Jack Gratz '29 Top Middle School Performer
Hugh Humphries '25 High Point Field
Ben Rabon '26 High Point Track
Miles Van Patten '24 Baron Award
Ford Wilder '26 Breakthrough Athlete of the Year

GIRLS TRACK

McKinley Bath '29 Breakthrough Athlete of the Year
Mary Foley '28 Top Middle School Performer
Molly Jones '25 High Point Track
Maggie Norris '24 Gaither Spencer Award
Aubrey Payne '24 High Point Field
Mary Ellen Thorne '26 Baron Award
Camryn Wilmes '25 High Point Track & Field



William James '36 enjoys his class's end-of-the-year party at the YMCA Gymnastics Center.

Alumni

1974

Buddy Bultman is a freelance producer for CNN's documentary unit, and he is the executive producer for Unscripted Communications. He is the recipient of two News and Documentary Emmy Awards, an Edward R. Murrow Award for outstanding achievement in broadcast journalism, and a Peabody Award for excellence in news coverage. *Buddy* also received two National Headliner Awards which recognizes journalism merit in the communications industry, and he received the Alfred I. duPont-Columbia University Award for excellence in broadcast journalism in the public service. He is the author of *Revolution by Candlelight: The Real Story Behind the Changes in Eastern Europe*. *Buddy* grad-



Buddy Bultman '74

uated from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill with a Bachelor of Arts in journalism and from the Columbia University School of International and Public Affairs with a Master of Arts in international affairs, and he studied at Jagiellonian University in Krakow, Poland. He lives in Fort Lauderdale, Florida.



Caroline McElveen '24 and her mother, Leigh Svetlik McElveen '92, at the Senior Last Day Luncheon.

Legacies

The following members of the Class of '24 are second-generation graduates of Wilson Hall, bringing the total number of legacies to 306:

Olivia Beasley
daughter of *Brad Beasley '93*

Katie Croft
daughter of *William Croft '90*

Jones DesChamps
son of *Meri Jones DesChamps '91*

Alli Reagan Fidler
daughter of *Jamie Fidler '89*

Jennings Frerichs
son of *Catharine Williams Frerichs '88*

Mary Margaret Griffin
daughter of *Kirk Griffin '92*

Talan Griffin
daughter of *Zach Griffin '01*

Dylan Jones
son of *Jay Jones '90*

Clark Kinney
son of *Beth Ballard Kinney '84*

Emmi Leard
daughter of *Allison Stover Leard '86*

Davis Lee
son of *Tripp Lee '89*

Caroline McElveen
daughter of *Leigh Svetlik McElveen '92*

Ben Reynolds
son of *Andy Reynolds '88*

Maury Shuler
daughter of *Christine Lee Shuler '89*

Mary Parish Williams
daughter of *Scott Williams '87*



Clark Kinney '24 with his mother, Beth Ballard Kinney '84, at the Senior Awards Program.

1982

Paula Stover lives in Myrtle Beach where she is the pastor for Socastee United Methodist Church.

She is a Licensed Local Pastor with the South Carolina Conference of the United Methodist Church, and she is pursuing a Master of Divinity at Union Presbyterian Seminary. *Paula* graduated from the University of South Carolina with a Bachelor of Science in pharmacy. She has two children, *Ashley Stover Kinney '04* and *Tradd Stover '16*, and two granddaughters, *Poppy* and *Ruth*.

1997

Seth Lilavivat works as a staff e-business analyst for Illumina, a biotechnology firm, in San Diego, California. He earned a Bachelor of Science in computer science and a Bachelor of Science in biology from the Georgia Institute of Technology, and a Master of Science in biochemistry from the University of Utah. He and his wife, *Caitlyn*, have a son, *Ari*.

1999

Robert Wilson, a corporate attorney, is a senior legal associate for Chargebee, the leading revenue growth management platform for subscription businesses. He graduated from Clemson University Honors College with a Bachelor of Arts in English and history, the University of South Carolina School of Law with a Juris Doctor, and the University of South Carolina Moore School of Business with an International Master of Business Administration. *Robert* and his wife, *Annie*, live in Columbia.

2005

Preston Kight, a major in the U.S. Army, is a family medicine physician at Bayne-Jones Army Community Hospital at Fort Johnson, Louisiana. 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*.

2006

Richard Jones and his wife, *Jade*, announce the birth of their son, *McCoy Ray Jones*, on June 3. They have another son, *CJ*.

Miller Moss works as a sales representative for Oates Metal Deck and Building Products. He graduated from Clemson University with a Bachelor of Science in parks, recreation and tourism management. *Miller* and his wife, *Kaelyn*, live in Greenville.

Alix Pommerenke and her husband, *Jeremiah Nance*, announce the birth of their daughter, *Lilly Bryce Nance*, on June 11. They have another daughter, *Nola*, and a son, *Bohdi*. *Alix* is an anesthesiologist with McLeod Anesthesia-McLeod Regional Medical Center in Florence. She graduated from Clemson University with a Bachelor of Science in biological sciences and the Medical University of South Carolina with a Doctor of Medicine, and she completed a residency at the University of Utah School of Medicine Hospital.



2009

Whitney Townes and *Elliot Lewis* were married on May 25 at The Constantine House in Aiken with a reception following. *Whitney*, who graduated from the University of South Carolina with a Bachelor of Science in nursing, works as a cardiovascular operating room registered nurse at the Medical University of South Carolina.

2010

Jaewon Lee is a research professor at Tech University of Korea. He graduated from Purdue University with a Bachelor of Science in electrical engineering and from Seoul National University with a Ph.D. in power systems engineering.



The coordinators of the graduation program, *Mrs. Sarah Smith* College Counselor, *Mrs. Rachel Jones Brown '00*, an art teacher, and *Ms. Julia Gee Muldrow '85*, a math teacher, pause for a photo before the ceremony at Patriot Hall.

Whitney Townes Lewis '09 and her husband, *Elliot*.



Cecilia Edmunds Ormond '11

2011

Jack Barnes is completing an adult reconstructive joints surgery fellowship at Vanderbilt University Medical Center. He graduated from Clemson University with a Bachelor of Science in biological sciences and the University of South Carolina School of Medicine with a Doctor of Medicine, and he completed an orthopedic surgery residency at the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences. *Jack* and his wife, *Sally*, live in Nashville, Tennessee, with their sons, *Jack* and *Mills*.

Candler Mathews and his wife, *Brooks*, announce the birth of their son, *Grady McClain Mathews*, on June 7. *Candler* is the son of *Renee Avin Mathews '80*. He is completing an orthopedic sports medicine and surgery fellowship at Vanderbilt University Medical Center in Nashville, Tennessee. *Candler* 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, and he completed an orthopedic surgery residency at the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences.

Cecelia Edmunds Ormond is joining the Wilson Hall faculty as a middle school science teacher. She graduated from Clemson University with a Bachelor of Science in biological sciences-science teaching. *Cecilia* and her husband, *Issac*, live in Sumter and have three sons: *Charlie '35*, *Samuel '38* and *Lucas '39*.

2013 *Justin DuRant* lives in Berkely, California, where he works as a water resource planning engineer for Stantec, an international design services company. He graduated from the University of South Carolina with a Bachelor of Science in biological sciences and a Bachelor of Music in music performance, and from the University of Texas at Austin with a Master of Science in civil engineering.

Shane King is a postdoctoral researcher for the mechatronics and haptic interfaces lab at Rice University in Houston, Texas. He graduated from North Carolina State University with a Bachelor of Science in biomedical engineering and Vanderbilt University with a Ph.D. in mechanical engineering.



Justin DuRant '13

Phillip Shuler and his wife, *Madison*, announce the birth of their daughter, *Claire Elaine Shuler*, on May 2. *Phillip* is the son of *Barry Shuler '83*.

Nick Wrobel lives in Charleston and works as a software engineer for Humana, a national insurance company. He graduated from the University of South Carolina with a Bachelor of Science in computer science.



Matthew McMillan '12, Andrew Kinney '14 & Hamilton Cox '14, who live in Sumter, are members of the Chappell Court Band that performs at local venues and private events.

2014

Christian Albertsen and his wife, *Rachel*, announce the birth of their son, *Baylor Elijah Albertsen*, on May 28.

Harris Jordan and *Talia Locarini* were married on June 8 at the State Botanical Garden in Athens, Georgia, with a reception following. The groomsmen included *Tanner Carraway '14*, *Hamilton Cox '14*, *Jay Goodson '14*, *Jack Jackson '14*, *Adam Jennings '14* and *Philip Jordan '10*. *Harris* is a veterinarian at Grace Animal Hospital in Lexington. He earned a Bachelor of Science in animal and veterinary sciences from Clemson University and a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine from the University of Georgia College of Veterinary Medicine.

Mary Copeland Heath and *Chris Jones* were married on June 1 at First Presbyterian Church in Sumter with a reception held at LaPiazza. *Mary Copeland* was escorted by her father, *Jim Heath '85*. *Mary Petyon Zilch Clepper '14* and *Jane Elizabeth Segars Goodson '14* were

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Mary Copeland Heath Jones '14
and her husband, Chris.

among the bridal party, and *Taylor Heath '17* was a groomsman. *Mary Copeland* is the Post Award Grants Specialist for the Division of Institutional Advancement at Spelman College in Atlanta, Georgia. She graduated from the College of Charleston with a Bachelor of Science in business administration and hospitality and tourism management.

2015

Simmons deHoll, who is pursuing a Master of Business Administration at Harvard Business School, is completing a strategy internship with Reef, a global footwear and apparel brand, in San Diego, California. She graduated from Vanderbilt University with a Bachelor of Arts in human and organization development.

2016

Carl Smeltz works as a fuel cell system engineer for Blue Origin, an aviation and aerospace component manufacturing company in Lone Tree, Colorado. He graduated from Penn State University with a Bachelor of Science in mechanical engineering.

2017

Banks Burns works as a therapeutics sales specialist with the animal health pharmaceuticals team for Boehringer Ingelheim, an international pharmaceutical company. He graduated from Clemson University with a Bachelor of Science in biological sciences. *Banks* and his wife, *Kaylie*, have a daughter, *Blakely*, and live in Greenville.

Tripp Herlong works as an electrical engineer for design and innovation for the Palm Bay, Florida, location of BRP, an international manufacturing company of recreational vehicles, aircraft and watercraft. He graduated from Clemson University with a Bachelor of Science and Master of Science in computer engineering.



Sydney Jarecki '19



Jun Sinlapanuntakul '19

2019

Emily Bell is a music teacher at PACE Academy, a school in Columbia that serves students with dyslexia in grades 2-8. She graduated from the University of South Carolina with a Bachelor of Arts in music.

Sydney Jarecki, who graduated from Clemson University with a Bachelor of Science in biological sciences, is pursuing a Doctor of Medicine degree at the University of South Carolina School of Medicine Greenville.

Jun Sinlapanuntakul works as an artificial intelligence developer for Harmonia Holdings Group, a software development company headquartered in Blacksburg, Virginia. He graduated from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University with a Bachelor of Science in industrial and systems engineering.

2020

Elizabeth Kirby is completing a summer internship with the NASA Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena, California. She is a geology and earth science major at the College of Charleston.

Livian Mai works as an associate analytics and insight analyst for SellEthics Marketing Group in Charlotte, North Carolina. She graduated from Wingate University with a Bachelor of Science in marketing.

Waverly McIver has accepted a position with the Montana Innocence Project in Missoula, Montana, a legal non-profit organization. It is part of the Justice for Montanans AmeriCorps program which provides legal assistance to low-income residents. She graduated from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill with a Bachelor of Arts in journalism and political science.

Emory Moore works as an associate team leader for CRC Insurance Services in Atlanta, Georgia. He graduated from Clemson University with a Bachelor of Science in finance management and accounting.

Emily Reynolds works as an account coordinator for Inspire Agency, a branding and content marketing agency in Charleston. She expects to graduate in August with a Bachelor of Science in graphic communications from Clemson University Honors College.

2021

Rebecca Cromer, a psychology major, was named to the Clemson University spring presidents list.

Michael Towery, a civil engineering major at Clemson University, is completing a summer internship with Haskell, a civil engineering company. He is a project manager for the construction of a new school in Belton. Michael is a member of the South Carolina Army National Guard.

Graham Van Patten, a business administration major at Clemson University, is working as a counselor at Pine Cove Springs, a Christian summer camp in Toccoa, Georgia.

Andi Grae Wingate, an exercise science major at Southern Wesleyan University, is completing a physical therapy summer internship with Prisma Health Tuomey. She is working at the Sumter YMCA as a healthy living assistant, working with the youth summer program providing mentorship through sports and fellowship, and she volunteers as a coach for Youth Softball Nationals tournaments at Myrtle Beach. Andi Grae was named to the spring dean's lists, and as a member of the university's softball team, she was named to the Conference Carolinas Presidential Spring Honor Roll. She serves as the treasurer of Beta Beta Beta, the biological sciences honor society. In the fall, Andi Grae will begin a physical therapy internship with Alliance Physical Therapy at Excel Rehab and Sports in Clemson.

2022

Chanson Bullard, a member of the Wofford College Rifle Team, was named a Scholastic All-American by the Collegiate Rifle Coaches Association. She is majoring in biology and psychology.

Hugh McLaurin, an industrial engineering major at Clemson University, is completing a summer engineering internship with Thompson Construction Group in Cross.

Doc Walker, a public health major at the University of South Carolina, works as a medical assistant for Dr. Guy Castles of Pediatric Associates in Columbia.

2023

Wilson Frerichs, a government major at Wofford College, is a Sophomore Delegate to the Campus Union, the college's student government association. He is working for the law office of Smith/Robinson in Sumter for the summer.

Caleb Howle, a political science major at the University of South Carolina, is working for the 3rd Judicial Circuit Public Defender's Office in Sumter this summer.

Sarah Sonntag is completing a summer internship with The Sumter Item. She is a neuroscience and religion major at Swarthmore College in Pennsylvania where she is a member of the college's track and field team and volleyball team.

Hampton Watson, a pharmacy major at the University of South Carolina, is working as a pharmacy technician at Walmart in Sumter.

2024

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

Ben Reynolds worked as a Junior Counselor at the Palmetto Boys State Convention held at Anderson University.



Slade Custer '24 and his classmates gather around the piano during the Senior Last Day Luncheon.