

WILSON HALL ACCOLADE MARCH 2023



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Girls Bowling Wins State Championship

The girls bowling team, coached by **Mr. Curtis Helms**, won the S.C. Independent School Association State Championship. Members of the team are *Jada Hall '23*, *Mackenzie Helms '24*, *Caitlyn Schumacher '23*, *Caroline Warr '23* and *Sarah Sonntag '23*. In the tournament held at Gamecock Lanes in Sumter, the team was among the top four after the preliminary match to advance to the finals where they won by nine pins.

The boys bowling team, also coached by **Mr. Helms**, placed third. The team members are *Dillon Bartlett '24*, *Carson Geddings '26*, *Jacob Geddings '25*, *Patrick Norton '25* and *Connor Smith '23*.



Mr. Curtis Helms, Sarah Sonntag '23, McKenzie Helms '24, Caitlyn Schumacher '23, Caroline Warr '23 & Jada Hall '23.

OWENS & WARR WIN STATE ART COMPETITION

Rhayne Owens '24 (drawing) and *Caroline Warr '23* (sculpture) won first place in their respective division in the S.C. Independent School Association State Art Competition. Wilson Hall students received a total of 18 ribbons in recognition of their artwork.

Placing second in the competition were *Aubrey Raye Boykin '32* (open media), *Emmi Leard '24* (painting), and *Jordan Thornton '23* (pottery). Earning third place ribbons were *Noah Kennedy '23* (sculpture), *Peyton Linginfelter '23* (photography) and *Caroline McElveen '24* (pottery).

The following students received an honorable mention for their work: *Andy Cseh '26* (photography), *Bryce Dodson '25* (photography), *Elijah Edwards '29* (drawing), *Annabelle Huffman '23* (photography), *Emmi Leard '24* (drawing), *Parker McLeod '25* (pottery), *Sara Hayes Ridgeway '25* (open media), *Logan Schumacher '25* (drawing), *Mary Ellen Thorne '25* (drawing), and *Emmie Williamson '29* (mixed media). The art teachers are *Mrs. Rachel Jones Brown '00*, *Mrs. Renee Norton* and *Mrs. Tara Schumacher*.



Rhayne Owens '24



Caroline Warr '23



Annabelle Huffman '23

Huffman Wins Good Citizen Award

Annabelle Huffman '23 is the Chapter Award Winner for the Daughters of the American Revolution Good Citizen Program in Sumter. She will represent Sumter in the state-level competition. The DAR Good Citizens Award and Scholarship Contest, created in 1934, recognizes and rewards individuals who possess the qualities of dependability, service, leadership, and patriotism in their homes, schools, and communities. Each school in Sumter County was invited to nominate one senior for the competition. The nominees submitted a resume and academic transcript, wrote an essay on patriotism, and participated in an interview with members of the DAR.

Mrs. Day Caughman, School Counselor, poses with her daughter, Jayne Caughman '35, who is celebrating her 100th day of school. Students dressed as 100-year-old citizens and held a campus parade to display their projects with 100 items. They sang songs and enjoyed snacks, had 100-way exercises, built towers with 100 cups, wrote about what they would do with \$100, and experimented if a lollipop would last after 100 licks.



Ann Weathers Blankenship '24, James Hiott '23 & David Texas Ardis '25.

TRAP STATE CHAMPIONS

The team of David Texas Ardis '25, Ann Weathers Blankenship '24 & James Hiott '23, members of the scholastic shooting sports team, won the S.C. Independent School Assoc. State Trap Championship by scoring 145 out of 150. Both James, who had a perfect score of 50, and Ann Weathers (49) were the High Over-All Shooters. In the State Skeet Championship, the team of Ann Weathers, James and Eddie Donald '24 won the runner-up trophy, and the team placed second in the senior varsity division, and Ann Weathers was the Ladies High Over-All Shooter with a 47.

In the S.C. Department of Natural Resources Trap Championship, the team of Ann Weathers, David Texas and James won the varsity division, and the team of Eddie, Dominic Marro '23 and Bennett Wilson '24 placed second. In the Skeet Championship, the team of Ann Weathers, Eddie and James placed second and Ann Weathers was the Ladies High Over-All Shooter with a 47. The squad of Campbell Cromer '26, Lucy Hayes Mims '26 and Anna Lynn Skinner '26 placed second in Ladies Junior Varsity, and the squad of Jack Bowman '25, Dalton Coker '25 and Michael Thorne '26 placed second in the Junior Division. Dominic and James each received senior scholarships for both skeet and trap. The teams are coached by Mr. Brent Hiott '89.



Mr. Chuck McCord

McCord State Teacher Finalist

Mr. Chuck McCord, a science teacher, is one of three finalists in the state for the S.C. Independent School Association High School Teacher of the Year. After being elected by his peers at the school, Mr. McCord entered the state-level contest by submitting an essay, resume, and recommendations from peers and the administration.

After reading through the many submissions for Teacher of the Year from across the state, a panel of educators made the selection of the top three finalists for each division. Mr. McCord has 41 years of teaching experience, all at Wilson Hall. He teaches Advanced Placement Chemistry, Chemistry I, and philosophy, and he serves as an assistant coach for the varsity football, varsity girls basketball, and boys tennis teams. He is the 40th Wilson Hall teacher to receive this recognition in the 34-year program. Mr. McCord was named the State High School Teacher of the Year in 1991 and he was a finalist in the competition in 2000 and 2017. There are 120 member schools in SCISA.

Converse Art Show

The following students were selected for the Converse College Emerging Young Artist Juried Exhibit: *Emmi Leard '24, Landon Miller '23, Zoe Miller '23, Nathan Owens '23, Meredith Rogers '23 & Caitlyn Schumacher '23.* The Converse Emerging Young Artists Exhibition provides a venue to recognize exemplary art works of high school students, to help them begin to prepare for a major in art while still in grades 9-12.



During an art scavenger hunt in the Metropolitan Museum of Art, the following students reenact a classic painting: *Jada Hall '23, Nathan Owens '23, Maggie Garrity '23, Caroline Warr '23, Caitlyn Schumacher '23, Madison Archebelle '23 & Victoria Singleton '24.*

NYC ART & THEATER TRIP

Students in the art and theater programs, escorted by their teachers, visited New York City for a fine and performing arts appreciation trip from February 15-19 and stayed in the Hilton Midtown in Manhattan. To learn more about artists, art history and different styles of art, the group visited the Metropolitan Museum of Art, Museum of Modern Art, and The Whitney Museum of American Art.

For the experience of live theater, students attended one of the following Broadway shows in the Theater District: *Chicago, Lion King, or Wicked.* Expanding their theater experience, students and chaperons participated in a private improvisational acting class held at Sunlight Studios in Midtown.

The trip provided the opportunity for students to experience the culture of New York City as they visited Central Park, the Museum of Ice Cream, Times Square, and Rockefeller Center, and shopped and dined in SoHo and Midtown. The group also visited the 9/11 Memorial and the Oculus located at the World Trade Center in Lower Manhattan.

Mrs. Tara Schumacher, Art Department Chair, organized the trip and she was assisted in chaperoning by Mr. George Carruth '06, theater teacher, and Mrs. Ashley Lareau, Art Department Chair Emeritus.

ALUMNI

1975

John Cain is the Founder and President of Novesis, Inc., an environmental consulting services company. He graduated from the University of South Carolina Sumter with an Associate of Science in biology and from the University of South Carolina with a Bachelor of Science in ecology. *John* and his wife, Pam, live in Lexington.

1994

Elizabeth Rowland Phillips works as a family nurse practitioner for S.C. House Calls. She earned a Bachelor of Arts in elementary education from the College of Charleston, an Associate Degree in nursing from Trident Technical College, and a Bachelor of Science in nursing and Master of Science in Nursing, Family Nurse Practitioner, from Chamberlain University. She and her husband, *Mark Phillips '92*, live in Summerville and have two children, Jack and Harper.



James McMillan '37 dresses as a character from *The Lorax* in conjunction with his class's study of the letter Ss and to celebrate Dr. Seuss Week. The National Education Association celebrates reading and encourages children to read during Read Across America Day on March 2, which coincides with the birthday of Theodor Seuss Geisel which is celebrated by Dr. Seuss Week. Students participated in Mixed-up Monday, Top Hat Tuesday, Wacky Wednesday (silly socks), Theodore Thursday (stripes), and Funny Friday (dress as a Dr. Seuss character).

2004

Sarah Cooper '04

Sarah Cooper is the founder and owner of The Carolina Chef, a personal chef company in Charleston that prepares meals in homes and venues for dinner parties or special events, cakes and specialty sweets, and weekly meal preparation. She graduated from Horry-Georgetown Technical College with an Associate of Applied Sciences in business administration and culinary arts technology, and she studied baking and pastry at the Culinary Institute of Charleston.

2007

Henry Bynum and his wife, Stephanie, announce the birth of their daughter, Charlotte Clarke Bynum, on February 7. They have two other daughters, Abigail and Eliza. *Henry* is the son of the late *Clarke Bynum '80*.

2008

Rebecca Gardner is a Vice President, Commercial Portfolio Manager for Coastal Carolina National Bank in Greenville. She graduated from Wofford College with a Bachelor of Arts in finance.

2009

Jessica DuBose lives in Beaufort and works as an exercise physiologist for Efficiency Strength Training on Dataw Island. She graduated from the University of South Carolina with a Bachelor of Science in exercise science and from A.T. Still University of Health Sciences with a Doctor of Physical Therapy.

2010

Emmie Harvin is the Director of People and Culture for Ascendum Machinery, the nation's largest Volvo construction equipment dealership headquartered in North Carolina. She graduated from Clemson University with a Bachelor of Arts in English writing and publication studies and from the University of South Carolina with a Master of Science in human resource management. *Emmie* also completed studies in Singapore, Malaysia, with USC's international business and human resource management graduate program, and she studied political science at the Free University in Berlin, Germany.



2012

Chase Breeden works as an Implementation Consultant II for NEGOV, a company that serves government, public safety, and education customers with comprehensive software solutions. He graduated from the University of South Carolina with a Bachelor of Science in criminology. *Chase* volunteers for the American Red Cross Disaster Action Team and the Foothills Humane Society. He lives in Pickens with his wife, Wendy, and family.

2015

Simmons deHoll lives in Austin, Texas, where she works as a consultant for Bain & Company, a global management consulting firm. This fall she will enter Harvard Business School to pursue a Master of Business Administration. *Simmons* graduated from Vanderbilt University with a Bachelor of Science in human and organization development and economics.

Samantha Wild Lowery and *Michael Lowery '17* announce the birth of their daughter, Evelyn Blaire Lowery, on February 9.



Hunter Young '13 and his wife, Carman.

2013

Keller Kissam lives in Columbia and works for Hay Hill Services which offers landscape design-build installation, hardscape installations, outdoor living solutions, and routine maintenance services. He graduated from Clemson University with a Bachelor of Science in agricultural mechanization and business.

Hunter Young and *Carman Franklin* were married on February 18 at Our Lady of the Lake Catholic Church in Chapin. The reception was held at 701 Whaley in Columbia. The groomsmen included *Jared Cotton '13*, *Tripp Holstein '13*, *Jimmy Latham '13*, *Clayton Meisner '13*, *Tyler Pannell '13* & *Horace Lee Scott '13*. *Hunter* works as a wildlife biologist for the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources in Lexington. He graduated from Clemson University with a Bachelor of Science and a Master of Science in wildlife and fisheries biology.



Top Left: Shawn Michael Matthews '25, a member of the varsity basketball team, moves the ball down the court in the Nash Student Center. Coached by Mr. Rip Ripley, the team (13-14) won the Region Championship and advanced to the State Quarterfinals.

Top Right: John Land '27 concentrates on a free throw during a B-team game. Coached by Mr. Reid Schwartz '09, the team earned a record of 17-4.

Bottom: Ellis Coker '28 makes a fast break during a B-team game in the Nash Student Center. Coached by Mrs. Reita Shugart Hidalgo '01, the team earned a record of 16-2.

2016

Mary Paisley Belk lives in Chicago, Illinois, where she works as a copywriter for Ogilvy, a national advertising and public relations services firm. She graduated from Furman University with a Bachelor of Arts in communications and media studies and from Savannah College of Art and Design with a Master of Arts in advertising.

Brayden Fidler and *Kelsey Conner* were married on February 25 at The River Road and Jasmine Houses and Gardens in Columbia with a reception following. *Patrick Fidler '18* was the Best Man and *Alli Reagan Fidler '24* was a bridesmaid. *Brayden* is the son of *Jamie Fidler '89*. *Brayden* works as a full stack engineer for Fidelity Investments in Durham, North Carolina. He graduated from Clemson University with a Bachelor of Science in computer science.

Nicolette Fisher, who is pursuing a Doctor of Physical Therapy at the Medical University of South Carolina, is completing an internship as student clinician for Encompass Health in North Charleston. She graduated from Clemson University with a Bachelor of Science in biological sciences.

Stewart Holler lives in Boston, Massachusetts, where she works in events and marketing for AmeriCorps Vista's More Than Words pro-



Brayden Fidler '16 and his wife, Kelsey.

gram. More Than Words is a nonprofit social enterprise that empowers youth who are in the foster care system, court involved, homeless, or out of school to take charge of their lives by taking charge of a business. She graduated from Furman University with a Bachelor of Arts in sociology and poverty studies, and she received certification from the Nonprofit Leadership Alliance as a Certified Nonprofit Professional.

Elliott Kissam lives in Charleston and works as a pediatric oncology nurse at the Medical University of South Carolina Jenkins Children's Hospital. She earned a Bachelor of Science in biology from the University of South Carolina and Bachelor of Science in nursing from the Medical



Taylor Smith Horton '16 and her husband, Sam.

University of South Carolina.

Taylor Smith and *Sam Horton* were married on February 18 at Glenview Farms in Timmonsville with a reception following. *Taylor*, who graduated from the University of South Carolina with a Bachelor of Science in exercise science, is a master firefighter with the City of Sumter.

Maggie Watts lives in Raleigh, North Carolina, where she works as a social worker care manager for high risk pregnancies in Wake County. She earned a Bachelor of Science in psychology from Appalachian State University and a Master of Social Work from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, and she studied at Christ University in Bangalore, India.



Will Singleton, Brogdon Galloway & Boykin Wilder, Class of '23, meet with Col. Thomas Gordon, USMC (Ret.), The Citadel Commandant of Cadets, after he spoke to high school students during their bi-weekly chapel program. Following his presentation he presented seniors with a copy of his book, Marine Maxims: Turning Leadership Principles into Practice. Mr. Lee Gandy, Middle School Head, is the coordinator of the chapel program.



Steph Areford '18

Steph Areford, who graduated from Clemson University with a Bachelor of Arts in political science and government, is a second-year student at the Haub School of Law at Pace University in New York. She was selected for the team to represent Pace in the American Bar Association's National Appellate Advocacy Competition at the Brooklyn Federal Courthouse, advancing to the final round of eight teams in the competition. She is a member of the Pace Mock Trial, Pace Moot Court, Women's Association of Law Students, and Environmental Law Society.

Katie Overby lives in Frankfurt, Germany, where she works as

2018



Madison Tash '18

the international project coordinator for The Association for International Sport for All. She graduated from Louisiana State University with a Bachelor of Arts in international studies, she studied at the Philipps-Universität Marburg International University in Germany, and she is majoring in political science and government at Goethe University in Frankfurt.

Madison Tash is an officer with the Sumter Police Department. She graduated from Salisbury University in Maryland with a Bachelor of Science in psychology and from the South Carolina Criminal Justice Academy.



Ashley-Reid Baker '23, a member of the Key Club, reads to members of the Class of '37 as part of a service project initiated by the club. For two weeks, including the school's celebration of Dr. Seuss Week, club members used their study hall or lunch time to read a book of their choice to lower school students. Club president Rebekha Patel '23 and vice president Davis Lee '24 coordinated the project with the assistance of Mrs. Stacey Reaves, club advisor.

2019

Nathan Drakeford was named to the fall dean's list at Syracuse University where he is majoring in film and media arts.

Mills Herlong, who expects to earn a Bachelor of Science in nutrition sciences from Clemson University in May, will enter Anderson University in the fall to pursue a Doctor of Physical Therapy.

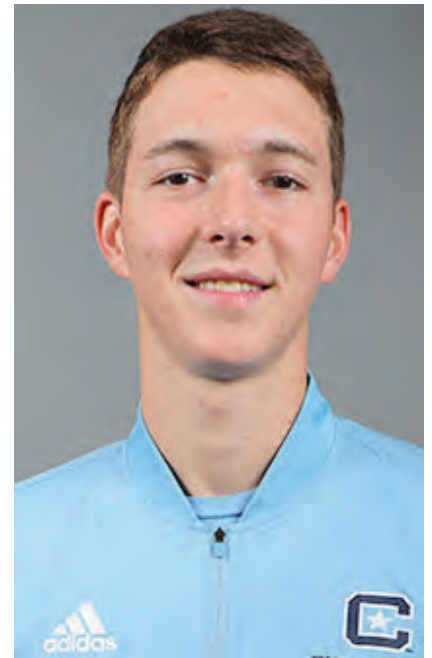


Watts Atkinson, Easton Bass & Ben McLeod, Class of '34, recognize their 101st Day of 1st Grade by participating in 101 Dalmatian-themed activities and celebrations.

2021

Tate Sistare, a member of the track and field team at The Citadel, earned All-Freshman honors in the triple jump at the Southern Conference Indoor Championships. He is majoring in biology.

Halle Stone, an exercise science major at the University of South Carolina, was named to the fall dean's list. She is a member of Alpha Delta Pi sorority.



Tate Sistare '22

2020



Molly Moss '20

Campbell deHoll, a civil engineering major at The Citadel, will complete a summer internship in Columbia with Asana Partners, a vertically integrated real estate investment firm creating value in dynamic and vibrant mixed-use neighborhoods. He was named to the dean's list and received Gold Stars for the fall semester.

Mary Catherine Matthews is a dance, wellness and community health major at the University of South Carolina Honors College where she is a member of the USC Dance Company. She was a featured dancer in the USC Department of Theater and Dance production of Wonderland, a re-imagining of Alice in Wonderland that ran for four shows at Drayton Hall in February.

Nick Miller, a narrative arts and biology major at Davidson College, is the team captain and treasurer of the Mock Trial team. He works as tutor at the Writing Center, is a member of the Filmmaker's Club, and he is a set production assistant with the Theater Department.

Molly Moss is serving as the president of her sorority, Alpha Delta Pi, at Francis Marion University where she is majoring in business management.



Luke Banar '25 rolls a strike during a match at Gamecock Lanes. Coached by Mr. Curtis Helms, the boys bowling team placed third in the state tournament.

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