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Dane Orlund

MISSION SERIES

Wilson Hall is hosting best-selling Christian author Dane Orlund as the keynote speaker for the Mission Series on October 2. The program will be held in the Nash Student Center at 7:00 PM, and the doors will open at 6:00 PM. The event is open to the public free of charge, and tickets are not necessary. Seating is on a first come, first served basis.

Pastor Orlund is the author of several books, including *Gentle and Lowly: The Heart of Christ for Sinners and Sufferers*. He is also an editor for the *Knowing the Bible* series and the *Short Studies in Biblical Theology* series. He earned a Ph.D. from Wheaton College and is the senior pastor of Naperville Presbyterian Church in Naperville, Illinois.

In the fall of 2009, a family approached Wilson Hall with the idea of doing something for the community with a particular focus on young people. The family was interested in something that would impact the lives of our young people for the better and for their future. From that meeting was born the idea of bringing in a well-known, inspirational speaker who might offer to the local population a message of encouragement, a challenge to leadership, an invitation for the greater good. As a reflection of the desires of this community-minded family, the event was named the Wilson Hall Mission Series.

47 Advanced Placement Scholars

Because of their exceptional achievement on the college-level Advanced Placement (AP) Exams, 47 students received recognition from the College Board. About 20 percent of the 2.2 million students worldwide who took AP Exams performed at a sufficiently high level to earn an AP Scholar Award.

In May, 95 Wilson Hall students became eligible to receive college credit by earning a score of 3 or higher on

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Diya Patel, Josie Jackson, Jane McAdams & Sara Helen Simmons, Class of '25

AP CAPSTONE DIPLOMA RECIPIENTS

Receiving the Advanced Placement (AP) Capstone Diploma were Jennings Frerichs, Mary Margaret Griffin, Rhayne Owens and Mary Parish Williams, Class of '24, and Josie Jackson, Jane McAdams, Diya Patel and Sara Helen Simmons, Class of '25.

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.

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HUTTO JOINS BOARD OF TRUSTEES



Mr. Curtis Hutto

Mr. Curtis Hutto has joined the Board of Trustees, serving on the Finance Committee. He is the Chief Financial Officer for Thompson Construction Group, Inc., in Sumter, and he serves on the South Carolina Board of Economic Advisors and the South Carolina Manufacturers Alliance Executive Committee. *Mr. Hutto* received a Bachelor of Science in accounting and a Master of Accountancy from the University of South Carolina.

Mrs. Lucy Grey McIver is the new Board Chair, and also serving as officers are *Mr. Ed Bynum '81* - Vice Chair, *Dr. Linda Crabbe* - Secretary, and *Mr. Bob Smith* - Treasurer. The following are also serving on the board: *Mr. Jay Davis*, *Dr. Mayes DuBose '92*, *The Hon. Buck James '78*, *Dr. Michelle Logan-Owens*, *Mr. Bobby McCreight*, *Mrs. Caren Gullledge Schwartz '81* and *Mrs. Macaulay White Smith '96*.



Diya Patel, Sarah-Jane Bates, Sara Hayes Ridgeway, Josie Jackson, Jane McAdams & Sara Helen Simmons, Class of '25

47 ADVANCED...CONTINUED

at least one exam. Wilson Hall's average passing rate is 86%, above the global average passing rate of 60%. There were 111 Wilson Hall students who took a total of 255 exams.

The AP is a global academic program in more than 100 countries. AP Exams, which students take after completing challenging college-level courses taught at their high school, are graded on a five-point scale (5 being the highest). Most of the nation's colleges and universities award credit, advanced placement, or both for grades of 3 or higher. To qualify to teach an AP course, teachers must attend an intensive AP workshop held during the summer. Wilson Hall offers 22 AP courses, more than any school in Sumter, Clarendon, Kershaw and Lee counties.

The following members of the Class of '25 received the AP Scholar with Distinction Award, the highest offered, for earning an average grade of at least 3.5 on all exams taken, and grades of 3 or higher on five or more exams: *Sarah-Jane Bates, Josie Jackson, Jane McAdams, Diya Patel, Sara Hayes Ridgeway* and *Sara Helen Simmons*. Also receiving this honor were the following members of the Class of '24: *Grayson Alexander, Jacob Bostic, Helen Fitzpatrick, Jennings Frerichs, Mary Margaret Griffin, Bella Grudzinski, Jeremiah Jones, Rhayne Owens* and *Mary Parish Williams*.

Receiving the AP Scholar with Honor Award for earning an average grade of at least 3.25 on all AP Exams taken, and grades of 3 or higher on four or more exams were the following students: (Class of '26) *Austin McLaurin, Olivia Russell* and *Banks Smith*; (Class of '25) *Abby Bradley, Annabelle Branham, Shawn Michael Matthews* and *Andrew Segars*; and (Class of '24) *Elizabeth Busch* and *Bennett Wilson*.

The following students received the AP Scholar Award for earning a 3 or higher on at least three exams: (Class of '26) *Andy Cseh, Andrew Howle, Logan Pauly, McClain Segars, Mary Ellen Thorne, Sanders Warrick* and *Bowen Zitzke*; (Class of '25) *Thomas Creech, Frances Mac Elmore, Gavin Lamb, Akshar Patel* and *Camryn Wilmes*; and (Class of '24) *Dillon Bartlett, Olivia Beasley, Slade Custer, Landon Gilley, Dylan Jones, Clark Kinney, Davis Lee, Ben Reynolds, Maury Shuler, Victoria Singleton* and *Addison Thornton*.



*Michael Lauzon '25 & Logan Schumacher '25
enjoy the class's back-to-school pool party hosted
by Class President Abby Bradley '25*

Seven Teachers Attend AP Summer Institutes

Seven members of the faculty attended an Advanced Placement (AP) Summer Institute which offers the most thorough professional learning available for AP educators. Attendees engaged in 30 hours of content-rich training designed to strengthen how they teach their AP courses. Through their experience, they learned ready-to-use strategies and pedagogical tools shared by an experienced educator within the AP community.

The following teachers attended an institute: *Mrs. Jessica Duke* - AP Physics, *Mrs. Martha Jo Smith Johnson '99* - AP Research, *Mr. Brent Kaneft '00* - AP English Literature, *Mr. Blane Russell '10* - AP Computer Science Principles, *Mrs. Allyson Lowder Sanders '96* - AP Psychology, *Mr. Hunter Sheridan* - AP Computer Science Principles, and *Ms. Hannah Smith* - Pre-AP World History.

AP CAPSTONE...CONTINUED

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.

Sarah-Jane Bates, Abby Bradley, Anna-belle Branham, Frances Mac Elmore, Sara Hayes Ridgeway and Camryn Wilmes, Class of '25, received the AP Seminar and Research Certificate which is granted to students who earn scores of 3 or higher in both AP Research and AP Seminar.

Barfield Attends AP Conference

Mrs. Susan Barfield, Director of Academics, attended the College Board's Advanced Placement (AP) Annual Conference in Las Vegas. The conference brought together thousands of education professionals from the AP and Pre-AP communities and featured workshops, content-driven sessions, and exhibits. She had the opportunity to connect with new and experienced teachers of AP courses, AP chief readers, AP coordinators, and counselors.



Mrs. Susan Barfield

Mrs. Barfield is one of only 20 people selected internationally by the College Board to serve as an AP Coordinator Consultant. AP coordinators assume primary responsibility for organizing and administering the AP programs at their schools. They also manage the ordering, receipt, distribution, administration, and return of AP Exam materials, making sure millions of students worldwide receive their AP scores.

Wilson Hall offers 22 AP classes, more than any school in the region, which provides students with the opportunity to earn college credit by taking college-level courses taught by specially trained teachers.



Mrs. Lori Brown



Mrs. Molly Simpson Matthews '93

Brown & Matthews Serve as AP Readers

Mrs. Lori Brown and Mrs. Molly Simpson Matthews '93 spent seven days during the summer working for the Advanced Placement (AP) Reading, an annual event where AP teachers and college faculty score millions of responses from AP Exams. As readers, they gained an in-depth understanding of the AP Exam so they can better assess their own students' work. They also exchanged ideas and experiences with a global network of teachers, faculty, and AP Development Committee members. Mrs. Brown, who teaches AP U.S. History, attended the reading held in Kansas City, Missouri, and Mrs. Matthews, who teaches AP English Language, attended the reading in Cincinnati, Ohio.

Volleyball Team Earns National Recognition

For the ninth consecutive year, the varsity volleyball team was selected as an American Volleyball Coaches Association (AVCA) Academic All-American Team. The AVCA, in partnership with the United States Marine Corps, recognizes volleyball programs across the country in high school and college that excel in academics as well as on the court.

The following were members of the 2023 team: Rylee Bath, Sullivan Jarecki, Maggie Norris and Aubrey Payne (Class of '24); Sarah-Jane Bates, Olivia Cogswell, Anna Kate Coker, Molly Jones, McKenzie Gray Mills and Camryn Wilmes (Class of '25), and Addie Griffin '26.

SMITH PRESENTS AT ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE CONFERENCE



Dr. Terri Smith

Dr. Terri Smith, a computer science and technology teacher, was a featured presenter for the Policy Studies Organization conference on Artificial Intelligence (AI) and the Future of Education: Disruptive Teaching and Learning Models. Dr. Smith's presentation was Ethical Consideration of AI: How Higher Ed Can Find a Seat at the Table. One of the classes she teaches at Wilson Hall is AI in the World.



Student Body President Jane McAdams '25 & Class President Abby Bradley '25 serve a pancake breakfast for the New Faculty Orientation in the Nash Student Center.

Palmetto Boys/Girls State Conventions



Palmetto Boys & Girls State Delegates: (front) Thomas Creech, Frances Mac Elmore, Molly Jones, Josie Jackson, Logan Schumacher, (back) Owen Meyers, Shawn Michael Matthews, Parker McLeod & Andrew Segars, Class of '25.

The following members of the Class of '25 were chosen by the American Legion or American Legion Auxiliary to attend the Palmetto Boys State and Girls State Conventions: *Thomas Creech, Frances Mac Elmore, Josie Jackson, Molly Jones, Shawn Michael Matthews, Owen Meyers, Parker McLeod, Logan Schumacher and Andrew Segars.*

Students, who submitted an application and were interviewed by the organizations, were selected based on the following criteria: demonstrated interest in government, leadership, character, scholarship, and loyalty and service to their schools.

The boys convention was held at Anderson University and the girls at Presbyterian College from June 8-14. The conventions were unique ways for rising high school seniors to learn about the American system of government and politics by participating in a mock governmental system. Delegates also had the opportunity to explore potential career paths through the different programs including the Performing Arts School, Criminal Justice Academy, and Law School.



Sarah-Jane Bates, Emma Howle, Camryn Wilmes, Anna Kate coker, Olivia Cogswell & Jane McAdams, Class of '25, dress for the Prep Night spirit theme at the season's first football game on Spencer

FACULTY PARTICIPATES IN PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Representing a variety of grade levels and academic departments, 16 faculty members participated in the Critical Friends Group (CFG) training sponsored by the National School Reform Faculty based in Indiana. Mrs. Stacey Reaves, Head of Upper School, organized the week-long, 33-hour training held on campus over five days. To create

a productive system to improve student learning, CFG promotes cultivation of safety and trust between members. With a focus on solving problems and accomplishing goals through professional support, collaboration and collegiality is encouraged, which benefits students and faculty alike.



Front: Mrs. Molly McDuffie, Mrs. Susie Herlong, Mrs. Teresa O'Hare Alexander '98, Mrs. Erin Trueblood, Ms. Tara Breslin-Schumacher, Mrs. Valerie James, Mrs. Mindy Busch & Mrs. Laura Burleson. **Back:** Mrs. Stacey Reaves, Ms. Michele Matton (facilitator), Mrs. Susan Barfield, Mr. Scott Warren, Mrs. Ashley Morris, Mrs. Holly Williamson, Ms. Julia Gee Muldrow '85, Mrs. Lori Brown & Mrs. Lori Gandy.

During a break in professional development, Mr. Lee Gandy, Mrs. Lori Gandy, Mrs. Molly Simpson Matthews '93 & Mrs. Allyson Lowder Sanders '96 enjoy some of the 20 new rocking chairs placed around campus.





Mrs. Amy Jones



Mr. Scott Warren

Jones & Warren Presented West Award

Mrs. Amy Jones and Mr. Scott Warren received the Margaret S. West Excellence in Teaching Award and a gift of \$1,000 from the West Foundation. This award is presented to one lower school and one upper school faculty member who exhibit excellence in teaching through interest and enthusiasm of the subject matter, and who show genuine compassion for his or her students. The financial contribution is given to the recipients in honor of their active interest in learning. The selection committee for the award consists of a member of the West family, the head of school and the lower school head.

Mrs. Jones, who has taught at Wilson Hall for six years, is a kindergarten teacher. Mr. Warren, who has taught at Wilson Hall for 26 years, teaches Advanced Placement French Language, Advanced Placement Music Theory, and French I-III, is the advisor for the Instrumental Ensemble and the National Honor Society, and he serves as the Foreign Language Department Chair.



Abby Hodge '29 is ready to cheer for the Barons on Spencer Field.

BARON CARE SUMMER



Over 100 students in preschool through sixth grade participated in the Baron Care Summer program. The program, which operated each day of the week from 7:45 AM-5:45 PM, was coordinated by Mrs. Brooke Tidwell, Director of Auxiliary Programs. The summer staff worked with students to ensure that they did not forget the fundamental skills they had learned during the school year with fun, interactive, team-building activities and STEAM and arts and crafts projects. At least two days each week the students traveled off-campus to places such as the Ninja Warrior Gym at Miss Libby's School of Dance and Gymnastics, Skate Station, Gamecock Lanes, and the Sumter Opera House for movies.



LEFT: Bennett Blalock '30 completes an obstacle course at Ninja Warrior Gym at Miss Libby's School of Dance and Gymnastics during Baron Summer Care.

RIGHT: Scottlynn Tidwell '35 enjoys her time at Skate Station during a Baron Care Summer outing.

Wilson Hall Hosts Learning Conference



FRONT: Mr. Brent Kaneft '00, Mrs. Valerie James, Mrs. Renee Norton, Mrs. Liza Lowder Meyers '18, Mr. Scott Warren & Mrs. Holly Williamson. BACK: Mrs. Amy Jones, Mrs. Laura Burleson, Mrs. Teresa O'Hare Alexander '98, Ms. Tara Breslin-Schumacher, Mrs. Susan Barfield, Ms. Julia Gee Muldrow '85, Ms. Heather Eldridge '93, Mrs. Lori Gandy, Mr. Lee Gandy & Mrs. Sande Tisdale.

Wilson Hall hosted the second summer academy for The Center for Transformative Teaching & Learning. Teachers spent a week learning more about the science of learning and how to use insights from neuroscience, cognitive psychology, and education research to improve teaching and learning. Evan Bell '22 and Mikayla O'Brien '25, participating as interns, presented to the faculty about their learning journeys. In addition to the 15 Wilson Hall faculty members, 15 teachers from four other private schools participated as well.

The academy is the Center for Transformative Teaching and Learning's flagship Mind, Brain, and Education (MBE) conference for professional learning and

pedagogical development. MBE is a young science started at Harvard University 26 years ago by uniting the fields of neuroscience, psychology, and education.

The educators and school leaders who attended received valuable science of teaching and learning resources created by teachers for teachers. They learned from a select group of thought leaders and veteran educators, joined a network of teachers dedicated to research-informed practices, and studied tools that can help them elevate their students' academic achievement and social and emotional development. The conference was organized by Mr. Brent Kaneft '00, Head of School.



Molly Jones '25, the 12th Player, carries the school flag to lead the Barons onto Spencer Field as Peyton Naylor '27, a varsity cheerleader, tumbles through the tunnel of fans.

2024-2025 STUDENT COUNCIL

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Molly Jones '25 accepts
The Bobby Award for
Best Girls Track & Field
Athlete from Vince
Johnson, The Sumter
Item publisher.

Caulder Williamson
'27 is presented The
Bobby Award for Best
Boys Cross-Coun-

Baron Athletes Recognized at The Bobbys

Wilson Hall students won four awards at the Bobby Awards held at a red-carpet gala at the Sumter Opera House in June. The recipients were voted for by the readers of The Sumter Item. Clark Kinney '24 won the award for Best Male Athlete, and winning awards for their individual sports were Rylee Bath '24 (volleyball), Molly Jones '25 (girls track & field), and Caulder Williamson '27 (boys cross country).

In addition to the four winners, Wilson Hall had nine nominees: Jackson Bonser '25 (soccer), Daniel Burton '24 (boys basketball), Hugh Humphries '25 (boys track and field), Mr. Adam Jarecki (coach), Dylan Jones '24 (football), Aubrey Payne '24 (female athlete), Blake Van-Patten '24 (baseball), Emmie Williamson '29 (girls cross country), and varsity football (team).

The program, inspired by ESPN's The Espy Awards, celebrates the best in Sumter-area sports. The Bobby is named for Sumter sports legend Bobby Richardson, the former World Series MVP for the New York Yankees.

Welcome!

For its 58th year, the school welcomed students in 1st-12th on their first day of school on August 20. The enrollment of 831 students, including 149 new students, in Preschool 3-12th is the highest in nearly 15 years.

Students in grades 6-12 gathered in the Nash Student Center for a welcome by Mr. Brent Kaneft '00, Head of School. After the underclassmen stood for the procession of the Class of '25, Class President Abby Bradley '25 offered the invocation. The Student Council sponsored a Dress Code

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Jackie Lynch '31 & Carson Giddens '31 enjoy watching the Ships & Sailors competition.



Cari DuBose '38 enjoys an activity during orientation.

Sylas Schroeder Diaz '38 colors on his first day of school.



Mrs. Anne Gratz & Watts Atkinson '34 get acquainted during the first morning of school



Mrs. Teresa O'Hare Alexander '98, Emma Howle '25 & Mr. George Carruth '06 compete in the Student-Faculty Musical Chairs competition.



Sophie Sweatman '25 struts in the Dress Code Fashion Show.

Mrs. Molly Simpson Matthews '93 & Sammy Welch '30 are entertained by the Musical Chairs competition.



Logan Mims '25 & McKenzie Gray Mills '25 pose for a photo on their last first day of school.



Lawson Moore '34 is excited about the start of the school year.

Mrs. Noell Weible Han-niford '09 & Mrs. Mindy Busch play an ice-breaker game with their kindergarten students.



WELCOME...CONTINUED

Dos & Don'ts Fashion Show emceed by President Jane McAdams '25 and Vice President Milling Galloway '26. The varsity cheerleaders, led by Captain Annabelle Branham '25 and Co-Captain Sophie Sweatman '25, hosted the following games: Ships & Sailors, Wilson Hall Trivia, and Student-Faculty Musical Chairs. Following the singing of the Alma Mater and the school fight song, students were treated to complimentary SweetFrog Frozen Yogurt and Pelican's Snowballs.

With excitement and anticipation, the youngest Barons were on campus the morning of August 23. The students in Preschool 3 - Kindergarten were able to meet their teachers and classmates while becoming familiar with their classrooms during the hour-long orientation. The Roast 'n Roll coffee truck was available for the parents while they waited and socialized on campus.



Members of the Class of '31 show enthusiasm at their first upper school assembly.

600 Participate at Above & Beyond Summer Camps



LeNoir Oswald '37 and her mother, Mollie, make a votive in the Mommy & Me Ceramics Camp led by Mrs. Rachel Jones Brown '00 in the 3-D art studio.

Nearly 600 campers participated in at least one of the 34 week-long camps offered through the Above & Beyond Summer Program. Coordinated by Mrs. Brooke Tidwell, Director of Auxiliary Programs, the camps were led by parents, faculty, alumni and students. The athletic-themed camps included all-sports, baseball, basketball, cheerleading, equestrian, football, soccer, softball and volleyball. Camps such as The Eras Camp: Taylor Swift Style, Mom & Me Ceramics, and Drawing up Friendships, as well Master Artists, Holiday, and Outer Space themed art camps, allowed campers to express their creativity. Academic related camps included STEAM, math, college applications, 3D printing, Pages in the Sun Literacy, Camp Reading, and robotics. Safari Camp and Princess Camp, as well as Camp Kindergarten, Jump Start to First, and Soaring into Third completed the roster of camps available.



TOP: Mrs. Leann Tuders assists Cayden Chalupa '34 with a project during the 3-D Printing Camp held in one of the technology labs in the Moulton Center. RIGHTCENTER: Emmie Williamson '29 & Madelynn Davis '27 complete a drill in basketball camp. BOTTOM: Anna Hayes Shuler '22 & Mary Jones '22 lead the Cooking Camp in the Nash Student Center's cafeteria.

NEW FACULTY WELCOMED

Wilson Hall welcomed 13 new faculty members for the 2024-25 school year; they are among the 110 employees of the school.



Mr. Benny Barfield is the Director of Security. He worked with the Sumter County Sheriff's Office for 20 years and served with the Drug Enforcement Administration under a federal grant, working with the Investigations Unit. **Mr. Barfield** also has 18 years of experience working in the private sector with security and insurance fraud, and he is the owner of Barfield Investigations Services.

cation and teacher certification, and she is pursuing early childhood certification.



Mrs. Curtis-Lynne Edens Carraway '13 is a Preschool 4 teacher. She graduated from Clemson University with a Bachelor of Arts in early childhood education and has six years of teaching experience in Anderson School District 4.



Mrs. Liza Lowder Meyers '18 teaches English 11, English 9, and 8th Grade Pre-Advanced Placement Writing Lab. She has two years of experience teaching English at Dorman High School in Spartanburg District 6. **Mrs. Meyers** graduated from Clemson University with a Bachelor of Arts in English and in secondary education.



Mrs. Jessica Duke teaches Advanced Placement Physics, Ecology & Environmental Science, and 7th Grade Writing. She graduated from the University of Akron with a Bachelor of Science in mechanical polymer engineering and has 14 years of work experience, most recently as a field sales engineer. **Mrs. Duke** completed the College Board's AP Summer Institute for AP Physics. As a member of the Society of Women Engineers, **Mrs. Duke** worked on projects to promote engineering to high school and middle school students.



Mrs. Ashley Nicholas is a Preschool 4 assistant teacher. She has 17 years of work experience.



Mrs. Noell Weible Hanniford '09 is a kindergarten assistant teacher. She has eight years of teaching experience in Sumter School District and worked with Wilson Hall's Baron Care last year. She graduated from the University of South Carolina with a Bachelor of Science in physical edu-



Mrs. Cecilia Edmunds Ormond '11 teaches 8th Grade Writing and 7th Grade Science. She graduated from Clemson University with a Bachelor of Science and has six years of teaching experience, most recently with Westside Christian Academy.



Mrs. Lisa Pinto is a kindergarten assistant teacher. She has 16 years of teaching experience, most recently at Trinity Day School. She graduated from the University of South Carolina with a Bachelor of Arts in psychology and a Master of Arts in Teaching in early childhood education.

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Mr. Blane Russell '10 teaches Advanced Placement Computer Science Principles and is a member of the Information Technology Department support team. A graduate of Clemson University with a Bachelor of Science in business management, he has nine years of work experience, most recently with the South Carolina Vocational Rehabilitation. *Mr. Russell* completed the College Board's AP Summer Institute for AP Computer Science Principles. He volunteers as an assistant coach for the boys & girls track & field teams, and he operates the scoreboard for football games.



Mrs. Ashley Scott is the manager of the school store, The Cubby Hole. Previously a volunteer with the PTO, the new position is now a member of the staff. *Mrs. Scott* began volunteering with the PTO in 2017, working with the store the past four years, and she currently serves as the PTO Vice President of Membership.



Mrs. Sara Vintimilla teaches Spanish I. She holds degrees from Salesian Polytechnic University and Private Technical University of Loja, and she has a Master in Education from Catholic University of Cuenca. *Mrs. Vintimilla* has 14 years of teaching experience, most recently for Cuenca School District in Ecuador.



Mrs. Holly Williamson is the reading specialist for kindergarten through second grade. She has 20 years of teaching experience, most recently with Sumter School District. *Mrs. Williamson* graduated from Clemson University with a Bachelor of Arts in early childhood education and Francis Marion University with a Master of Arts in Teaching in early childhood education. She obtained reading certification

from the University of South Carolina, and she is certified by the National Board for Teaching Professional Standards as an early childhood generalist.



Mrs. Caroline Zitzke is an associate in the Development Office who joined the faculty in March. She has work-related experience through her placements with the Sumter Junior Welfare League, particularly in leadership and development roles with the Wishing Well Gift Shop at Prisma Health Tuomey Hospital, and as a member of the Tuomey Foundation. *Mrs. Zitzke* has held numerous volunteer positions on the Wilson Hall PTO Board of Directors, including president and vice president. A graduate of Clemson University with a Bachelor of Science in biology and Mississippi State University with a Master of Science in biology, she is a former instructor of anatomy & physiology and biology at Florida State University and Midlands Technical College.



Members of the Key Club, advised by Mrs. Stacey Reaves, volunteered on campus prior to school starting to assist administration with preparations for the beginning of the school year: Anna Kate Coker, Jane McAdams, Camryn Wilmes & Sarah-Jane Bates, Class of '25.



ALUMNI

1987

Trey Harvin is a partner and the chief operating officer of Quantum Technology Solutions, a platform for testing capital markets algorithms with offices in Atlanta, New York, London and Hong Kong. He graduated from the College of Charleston with a Bachelor of Science in business administration and Georgetown University with a Master of Business Administration, and he completed graduate studies at Trinity College of Oxford University in the United Kingdom. *Trey* serves on the College of Charleston Alumni Association Board of Directors. He and his wife, Michelle, live in Roswell, Georgia, and have four children.

1989

Wayne Elmore is a switching devices flex center manager for Eaton, an international power management manufacturing company. He graduated from Clemson University with a Bachelor of Science in electrical and electronics engineering and from the University of South Carolina with a Master of Business Administration. *Wayne* and his wife, Susan, live in Cleveland, Tennessee, and have two daughters, *Lauren Elizabeth Elmore Peters '17* and *Madison Elmore '20*.



Strat Stavrou '98

1998

Bess DuRant, an attorney with the firm of Sowell and DuRant in Columbia, was selected for the 2025 edition of The Best Lawyers in America in the areas of appellate practice, commercial litigation, and litigation - trusts and estates. She graduated from Washington and Lee University with a Bachelor of Arts in politics and the University of South Carolina Rice School of Law with a Juris Doctor.

Jeff Jones is the Southeast Region Manager for JM Wood Auction Co. He graduated from The Citadel with a Bachelor of Science in business administration. *Jeff* and his wife, Amy, live in Sumter and have three sons who attend Wilson Hall: *Henry '26*, *Clay '29* and *Mason '33*.

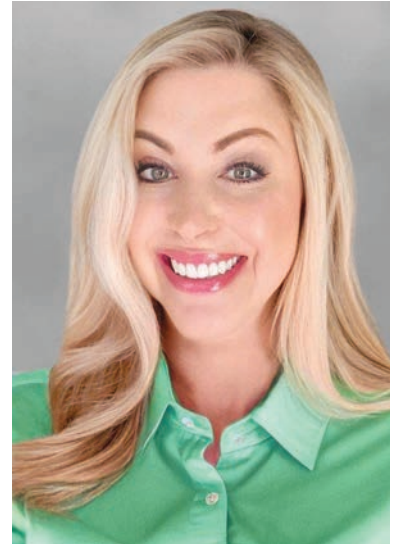
Strat Stavrou, an attorney with the law firm of Willson, Jones, Carter & Baxley, was named to the U.S. News 2025 Best Lawyers in workers' compensation law - employers. He graduated from Wofford College with a Bachelor of Arts in business and economics and from the University of South Carolina School of Law with a Juris Doctor. He and his wife, *Emily Ardis Stavrou '98*, live in Columbia with their children: Liza, Will and Kate.

1999

Page Blanding Palmer and *Chris Palmer '99* announce the birth of their son, Christopher Cordes Palmer, on June 6.

2000

Jennifer Goodwin Touchberry is a senior marketing representative for Caris Healthcare, a hospice care provider. She graduated from Columbia College with a Bachelor of Arts in business administration. *Jennifer* lives in Sumter with her husband, Todd, and has two children, *Addison Carpenter '27* and *Will Hudson*.



Jennifer Goodwin Touchberry '00



The varsity cheerleading squad performs a stunt during a halftime routine on Spencer Field.



Tina Crabbe Kennelly '01

2001

Callie McFaddin Black works as an event manager for HealthJoy, a benefits and healthcare platform for employees. She graduated from the University of Georgia with a Bachelor of Arts in English. *Callie* and her husband, Alan, have a son, Henry, and live in Wayne, New Jersey.

Tina Crabbe Kennelly, who practices internal medicine with Tryon Medical Partners in Charlotte, North Carolina, was named to the Top Doctors list by Charlotte Magazine for the fourth consecutive year. Her peers chose her for the honor because she exemplifies excellence in her specialties of women's health and preventive medicine. *Tina* graduated from Clemson University with a Bachelor of Science in biological sciences and from the University of South Carolina School of Medicine with a Doctor of Medicine, and she completed a residency in internal medicine at the Medical University of South Carolina. *Tina* and her husband, Brian, have four children: Connor, Maggie, Lucy and Mary.

Caroline Bell Stowe was selected to serve on the College of Charleston Alumni Association Board of Directors. A nurse practitioner, she works as an advanced practice provider manager in virtual care for ChenMed which specializes in healthcare for seniors on Medicare. *Caroline* graduated from the College of Charleston Honors College with a Bachelor of Science in biology and Johns Hopkins University with a Bachelor of Science in nursing and a Master of Science in nursing - family nurse practitioner. She graduated from George Mason University School of Nursing with a Doctor of Nursing Practice and is a member of the school's faculty. *Caroline* and her husband, Jon, have two children, Belle and Ryland, and live in Annandale, Virginia.

2002

Jack Deakin is the financial controller for Mancor Industries Inc., a steel fabrication company in Lugoff. He graduated from The Citadel with a Bachelor of Science in criminal justice and a Master of Business Administration. *Jack* and his wife, Marissa, live in Sumter with their two children who attend Wilson Hall, *Marit '32* and *John '35*.



Elizabeth Mayes Hyatt '02

Elizabeth Mayes Hyatt is the College and Academic Counselor at Southside Christian School. She graduated from Converse University with a Bachelor of Science in political science and government, and from the University of South Carolina with an Educational Specialist degree in counselor education. *Elizabeth* and her husband, John, live in Simpsonville with their children, William, Jack and Maggie.



Hanna Sprott Rivers '03

2003

Hanna Sprott Rivers works as a family nurse practitioner for Sumter Pediatrics and she is the head coach of Wilson Hall's J.V. tennis team. She earned a Bachelor of Science in nursing from Clemson University and a Master of Science in nursing with a nurse practitioner concentration from the University of South Carolina. *Hanna* and her husband, *John Rivers '02*, live in Sumter and have three children: *Harper '30*, *Walker '30* and *Kate '33*.

Brianna Spann Tucker was selected for "Ones to Watch" for the 2025 edition of The Best Lawyers in America. She is a litigation associate with Swift, Currie, McGhee and Hiers. *Brianna* graduated from Emory University with a Bachelor of Arts in English and history, the University of South Carolina with a Master of Arts in English, and Georgia State University School of Law with a Juris Doctor. She and her husband, Jason, live in Atlanta, Georgia, with their daughters, Amelia and Esmé.

2004

Joel Coffman is a professor in the Department of Computer and Cyber Sciences at the United States Air Force Academy. He graduated from Furman University with a Bachelor of Science in computer science and from the University of Virginia with a Master of Science and a Ph.D. in computer science. *Joel* and his wife, Rebecca, have two children and live in Colorado Springs, Colorado.



Joel Coffman '04

2006

Brook Ellen Cannon McCloud and her husband, Brian, announce the birth of their son, William Chandler McCloud, on June 22. They have another son, Walt. Brook is the daughter of *Emma Lee White Cannon '79*.

2007

Anna Louise Dixon Carter and her husband, Chris, announce the birth of their son, Gibson McKinney Carter, on July 8. *Anna Louise* is the daughter of *Louise Shaw Dixon '78* and *Rafe Dixon '78*.

Emily Hoefer is a senior program manager for the National Electrical Manufacturers Association, which represents over 300 electrical equipment and medical imaging manufacturers, in Rosslyn, Virginia. *Emily*, who lives in Washington, D.C., graduated from the University of South Carolina with a Bachelor of Arts in mass communications.

2010

Max Stroebel is a diagnostic radiologist at Prisma Health Tuomey in Sumter. He 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 he completed a residency in vascular radiology and interventional radiology at MUSC.

2011

Anna Burns Richardson and her husband, Stephen, announce the birth of their son, Burns McClellan Richardson, on July 22. They have a daughter, Lucy. Anna is the daughter of *Alwin Burns '72*.

Mary Catherine Patton Stoney is the school psychologist for East Cooper Montessori Charter School in Mount Pleasant, and she is a licensed psycho-educational specialist for Driftwood Evaluation Center in Summerville. She earned a Bachelor of Science in psychology from Clemson University and she graduated from The Citadel Graduate College with a Specialist in Education in school psychology. *Mary Catherine* and her husband, Laurence, live in Mount Pleasant.

2012

Emma Wynn Betchman Brown and her husband, *Michael Brown '11*, announce the birth of their son, Charles Andrew Brown, on July 24. They have a daughter, *Leni '38*.

Cody Clark works as a communications specialist for the city of Montgomery, Alabama. He graduated from Waldorf College in Iowa with a Bachelor of Arts in communications, and from Delta State University in Mississippi with a Master of Science in sport and human performance. *Cody* and his wife, Katherine, have a son, Cove.

2013

Sarabeth Kendall Arima and her husband, Shizou, announce the birth of their son, Romefelt Straits Arima.

Anna Self Dolan and her husband, Ryan, announce the birth of their son, McLaurin Matthew Dolan, on July 25. They have a daughter, Grace. Anna is the daughter of the late Tommy Self '76.

Clayton Meisner is the Practice Manager for Lexington Urology at Lexington Medical Center. He graduated from the University of South Carolina with a Bachelor of Science in biology and a Master of Health Administration. Clayton and his wife, Eve, live in Columbia.

Mitchel Vorpahl and his wife, Kaitlyn, announce the birth of their son, Theodore James Vorpahl.

2014

Adam Jennings and his wife, Kelsey, announce the birth of their daughter, Charlotte Elloise Jennings, on July 26. They have a son, Thomas.

Bailey Hunt Long and her husband, Adam, announce the birth of their son, Adam Jude Long, on July 18.



Bailey Connor Perinon '14

Bailey Connor Perinon, a captain in the United States Army Reserves, is a Blackhawk helicopter pilot and a medic. She graduated from the University of Alabama with a Bachelor of Science in kinesiology and exercise science. *Bailey* and her husband, Dion, live at Fort Hood, Texas, with their daughter, Selah.

Tripp Whaley is a principal software engineer for Oracle, a cloud technology company. He graduated from Duke University with a Bachelor of Science in electrical and computer engineering and a Bachelor of Science in computer science, and he is pursuing a Master of Science in computer science at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. *Tripp* and his wife, Megan, live in Raleigh, North Carolina.



Kadence Newman '25 & Emily Mason '25, team assistants for varsity football, pose for a photo on Spencer Field.

2015

Gigi Moore lives in Columbia and works as an associate attorney for the law firm of Smith Robinson. She graduated from Clemson University with a Bachelor of Arts in philosophy and the University of South Carolina Rice School of Law with a Juris Doctor.

Carter Dwight Rummel and her husband, Will, announce the birth of their daughter, Elise Harris Rummel, on June 24. Carter is the daughter of *Arthur Dwight '81*.

Katie Weathersbee and *Mason Jordan* were married on June 29 at Caledonia Golf and Fish Club on Pawleys Island with a reception following. *Lindsey Weathersbee '13* was the Maid of Honor.



LEFT: *Gigi Moore '15* RIGHT: *Katie Weathersbee Jordan '15* and her husband, *Mason*.

2016

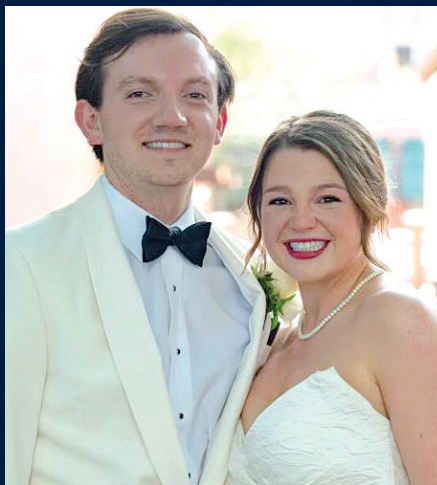
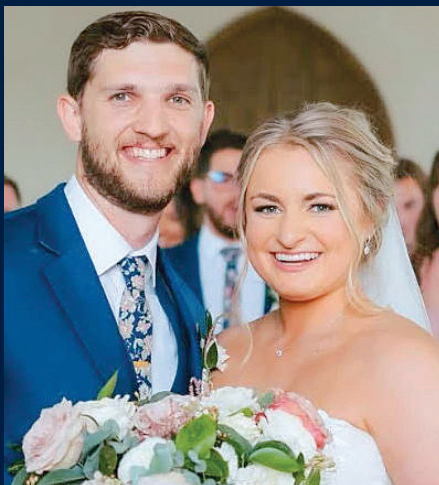
Mary Paisley Belk lives in Chicago, Illinois, where she works as a copywriter for Ogilvy, a national advertising and public relations services firm. She is also the Co-Chief Executive Officer and the Chief Creative Officer for YS Advertising Club, a competition with monthly ad briefs for young creatives to win real ad industry professional connections. *Mary Paisley* 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.

Nicolette Fisher is a physical therapist with Made 2 Move Physical Therapy on Daniel Island. She graduated with a Bachelor of Science in biological sciences from Clemson University, and with a Doctor of Physical Therapy from the Medical University of South Carolina where she also completed a clinical orthopedic residency.

Taylor Smith Horton and her husband, Sam, announce the birth of their son, Samuel James Horton, on August 29.

Kate Whaley, who graduated from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill with a Bachelor of Arts in English, earned a Master of Arts in theoretical and applied linguistics from the University of Pompeu Fabra in Barcelona, Spain.

2017



Paige Anderson Guillot '17 and her husband, *Cade*. Center: *Patrick Bell '17 & Cori Moore Bell '17*, Right: *Drew Reynolds '17*

Paige Anderson and *Cade Guillot* were married on June 29 at The Wineberg at Wixon Valley in Bryan, Texas, with a reception following. *Bridget Anderson '19* was a bridesmaid. *Paige*, who graduated from Baylor University with a Bachelor of Science in communication sciences and disorders and a Master of Science in speech-language pathology, works as a speech-language pathologist at Pediatric Therapy Works in Temple, Texas.

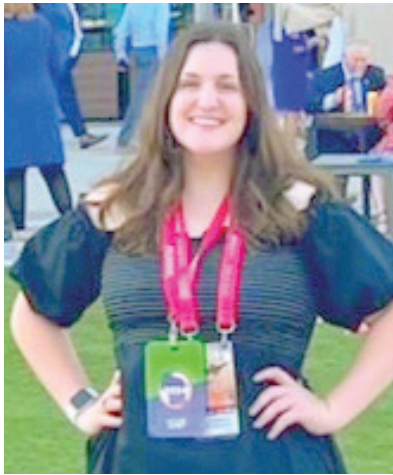
Cori Moore and *Patrick Bell '17* were married on June 22 at Sumter First Baptist Church with a reception held at LaPiazza. *Gigi Moore '15* was the Maid of Honor and *Emily Bell '15* and *Lauren Elizabeth Elmore Peters '17* were among the bridal party. *Evan Bell '22* was the Best Man and the groomsmen included *Danny Dilts '17*, *Sean Jackson '17*, *Emory Moore '20* and *James Munford '17*. *Cori* works

as a medical sales representative for Surgical Instrument Service Company, Inc. She graduated from Clemson University with a Bachelor of Science in graphic communications, and she earned certification from Medical Sales College in sports medicine and orthopedics reconstruction and trauma. *Patrick* is an assistant preconstruction 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. They live in Sandy Springs, Georgia.

Drew Reynolds attends the Medical University of South Carolina Edwards College of Dental Medicine where he works as a teaching assistant. He graduated from Wofford College with a Bachelor of Science in biology.



Grace Tristan Crosby '18 and her husband, Jonah.



Abby Zilch '18

2018

Addy Carraway, who earned a Bachelor of Science in public health from the University of South Carolina, is completing a dietetic internship at the Medical University of South Carolina.

Grace Tristan and *Jonah Crosby* were married on August 16 at The Citadel Beach Club on the Isle of Palms with a reception following. The bridal party included *Crystal Moore '18*, *Katie Overby '18* and *Abby Zilch '18*, and *Jason Tristan '07* and *Sam Tristan '24* were ushers. *Grace* is a second grade teacher at Charleston Collegiate School, a private school for preschool-12th located on James Island. She graduated from Winthrop University with a Bachelor of Arts in early childhood education and is pursuing a Master of Education in literacy at The Citadel Graduate School.

Dean Wrobel works as a hydrographic surveyor for Geodynamics. He graduated from Coastal Carolina University with a Bachelor of Science in marine science and a Master of Science in coastal and marine wetland studies.

Abby Zilch, the Director of Communications for the South Carolina Republican Party, traveled to Milwaukee, Wisconsin, for the Republican National Convention July 14th-18th. There, she aided South Carolina's Delegation as Donald Trump accepted the official GOP nomination for President. She graduated from the University of South Carolina with a Bachelor of Arts in broadcast journalism.



Angela Agno Berard '19 and her husband, Chris.

2019

Angelica Agno and *Chris Berard* were married on August 3 in Sumter.

Chandler Patrick, who attends the University of South Carolina School of Law, worked as a law clerk for Wiles Law Firm in Mount Pleasant during the summer. She graduated from Clemson University with a Bachelor of Science in marketing.

Liza Segars, who attends the University of South Carolina School of Law, was chosen to serve as a staff editor for the South Carolina Journal of International Law and Business. She graduated from Clemson University Honors College with a Bachelor of Science in political science.

2020

Mallory Hobday, who earned a Bachelor of Science in public health from the University of South Carolina, is pursuing a Doctor of Physical Therapy at the Medical University of South Carolina. She is an instructor at the Tapio School of Dance and Gymnastics in Mount Pleasant.

Darden Kelly, who graduated from the University of South Carolina with a Bachelor of Arts in political sciences, works as a claims processor for the Unclaimed Property Program at the South Carolina Treasurer's Office in Columbia.

Haley McCaffrey, who graduated from Wofford College with a Bachelor of Science in biology, is pursuing a Master of Science in physician assistant studies at Presbyterian College.

Madeline Owens, who graduated from the University of South Carolina with a Bachelor of Arts in English, works as a client relations specialist for the luxury department store Gwynn's of Mount Pleasant.

Emily Reynolds, who graduated from Clemson University Honors College with a Bachelor of Science in graphic communications, works as an account coordinator for Inspire Agency, a branding & content marketing agency based in Charleston.

Jay Welch, who graduated from Wofford College with a Bachelor of Science in accounting and finance, works as a financial services development associate at First Citizens Bank in Sumter.

2021

Logan Kennedy, a communications major at Coastal Carolina University, is a member of the university's men's rugby team and serves on its executive board as the social chair.

Georgia McCart graduated from Western Michigan University with a Bachelor of Science in political science.

Kaitlyn Smith, an architecture major at Clemson University Honors College, works as a teaching assistant in the university's School of Architecture.



Georgia McCart '21



Ansleigh Epps '22

2022

Ivey Edwards, a wildlife biology major at the University of Vermont, works as a research assistant for the university's College of Agriculture and Life Sciences.

Ansleigh Epps, a nursing major at the University of South Carolina Aiken, worked as an administrative assistant in the main office at Wilson Hall during the summer.

Douglas McAdams, an economics major at Clemson University, completed a project management summer internship with O.L. Thompson Construction Co. in North Charleston.

Alex McLeod, a finance major at the University of South Carolina, completed an accounting summer internship at Leventis Financial Group in Columbia.

Will McLeod is completing an internship with The Hobbs Group, a full service accounting firm in Columbia. He is a finance major at the University of South Carolina.

Tate Sistare, a civil engineering major at The Citadel, worked as an assistant project manager for Thompson Turner Construction in Mount Pleasant during the summer.

Ellie Spencer, a food science and human nutrition major at Clemson University, worked at the Hendrix Student Center during the summer. As a member of the Clemson University Guide Association, she led campus tours for prospective students.

Halle Stone, a public health major at the University of South Carolina, worked as a counselor at Camp Greystone, a Christian summer camp for girls in Tuxedo, North Carolina.

2023

Campbell Bauman is a nursing major at the University of South Carolina Sumter. She is serving as the co-head coach of Wilson Hall's B-team volleyball.

Sudie Grace Cromer, a biological sciences major at Clemson University, is a member of Sigma Kappa sorority.

Will Overby, who attends Winthrop University, is a member of the South Carolina Army National Guard.

Dhruva Patel, a biological sciences major at the University of South Carolina, completed an outpatient rehabilitation summer internship at Prisma Health and a dentistry summer internship at Live Oak Aesthetic and Family Dentistry in Sumter.

Ellie Stone, a pharmacy major at the University of South Carolina, is a member of Chi Omega sorority.

2024

Mary Claire Bearak went on a mission trip to El Triunfo, Guatemala, with Christ Community Church during the summer. She and *Ann Weathers Blankenship '24* established Magnolia Merriment Party Planning which organizes themed parties and get-togethers for girls. *Mary Claire* attends the College of Charleston where she is a member of Kappa Alpha Theta sorority.

Ann Weathers Blankenship won the target sporting clays championship for the ladies' high school division, for the second consecutive year, at the Scholastic Clay Target Program (SCTP) National Championship. She finished second overall out of the 201 participants in the senior ladies division at the competition held in Ohio. *Ann Weathers* is a business major at the College of Charleston where she is a member of Delta Gamma sorority. She and *Mary Claire Bearak '24* established Magnolia Merriment Party Planning which organizes themed parties and get-togethers for girls.

Mary Margaret Griffin is a member of Kappa Delta sorority at the University of South Carolina.

Bella Grudzinski is a member of Gamma Phi Beta at the University of South Carolina.

Dylan Jones, a business major at the University of South Carolina, is the recipient of the Madge G. Schwartz scholarship.

Jeremiah Jones, a biochemistry major at Clemson University Honors College, worked at Crooked Creek Ranch, a Young Life camp in Fraser, Colorado, during the summer.

Victoria Singleton, an engineering major at Clemson University Honors College, completed 300 hours of service with the National and Community Service program through AmeriCorps. She received the Segal Education Award, a scholarship.

Mary Parish Williams, who attends Washington & Lee University, worked as a counselor at Camp Illahee, a summer camp for girls in Brevard, North Carolina.



The student section cheers for the Barons at Spencer Field.