

Junior Honor Marshals Named

Wilson Hall proudly announces the selection of its Junior Honor Marshals for the Class of 2027: *Abel Ayres, Torien Byrd, Natalie Hawkey, Livie Pedersen, Claudia Rhodus, and Maxwell Smith*. These distinguished students have earned this prestigious honor by maintaining the highest grade point averages in their class and attending Wilson Hall since the tenth grade. The announcement was made by *Mr. Brent Kaneft '00*, Head of School, during a special ceremony held for students, faculty, and parents. Each student was presented with a blue sash by *Mrs. Susan Barfield*, Director of Academics, symbolizing their academic excellence and leadership. This year's honorees accomplishments go far beyond the classroom, as they each balance demanding coursework with leadership roles, extracurricular pursuits, and meaningful service commitments. Their unwavering dedication, intellectual curiosity, and strong work ethic reflect the rigorous and enriching academic environment Wilson Hall fosters. As Junior Honor Marshals, they will proudly represent the Class of 2027 during both the Senior Awards Program and Graduation Ceremony, standing as shining examples of the values and excellence Wilson Hall upholds.



Maxwell Smith, Claudia Rhodus, Livie Pedersen, Natalie Hawkey, Torien Byrd & Abel Ayres, Class of '27



For the 19th time, Wilson Hall has been named Best Private School in the Best of Sumter contest, reaffirming the community's continued confidence in the school. With more than 300,000 votes cast in the annual competition sponsored by The Sumter Item, this recognition reflects the strong support of students, families, alumni, and friends.

Burleson & McIver Recognized by Optimist Club

Recognized for their outstanding character and achievements, *Addy Burleson '30* and *Benjamin McIver '30* proudly represented Wilson Hall at the Evening Optimist Club of Sumter Youth Appreciation Program. Selected by members of the administration and faculty, these students exemplify excellence in academics, service to their school, and commitment to their community. *Mr. Lee Gandy*, Head of Middle School, accompanied them for this special recognition, which highlights their dedication, leadership, and positive impact both on campus and beyond.



Addy Burleson '30, Mr. Lee Gandy & Benjamin McIver '30

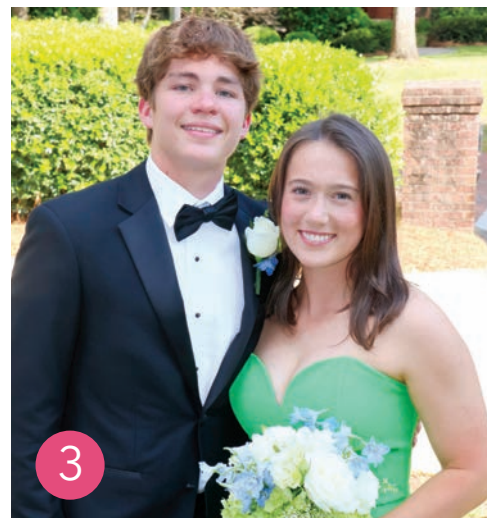
Run for the Roses:

A NIGHT TO REMEMBER AT THE JUNIOR-SENIOR PROM

Celebrating friendship and creating lasting memories, students stepped into a lively Kentucky Derby-themed evening at the 54th Junior-Senior Prom on April 17 in the Nash Student Center.

Before the festivities began, students gathered on the lawn with family and friends, enjoying time together and capturing photos before entering the main gym for the Grand March. Seniors were introduced one by one, walking beneath a floral archway of red and white blooms as

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1. Mattalyn Shirey, Marymae Lampron, Josh Roodman, Mary Carter Smith, Anna VanPatten, Class of '26, and Sofia Dall'Arta '27. 2. Sanders Warrick '26, Ella Sill '26, Madison Grace Hansen '26 & Livie Pedersen '27 3. Bryce Hanson '26 & Caroline Moorman '27 4. Braelen Lewis '27 & Jenna Green '27



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5. The Class of '26 gathers for the final song. 6. Ford Wilder, Milling Galloway, Ben McLaurin & Austin McLaurin, Class of '26
7. Peyton Gilley '27 & Adelaide Eaddy '27 8. Bee Smith '27 & Harris Naylor '26



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a spotlight highlighted each entrance, setting the tone for a special and memorable night.

Inside, the gym was transformed into a vibrant Derby scene. Three walls were constructed to create an intimate space, each covered with colorful painted depictions of the Kentucky Derby and accented with white lights. Large cutouts of horses and jockeys added to the atmosphere, while tables were decorated with fresh floral arrangements. A refreshment table featured competition ribbons and silver trophy cups, and a popular photo booth with themed props gave students even more opportunities to capture the fun.

Students spent the evening dancing, singing, and enjoying one another's company as a professional DJ kept the energy high. The dance concluded with a meaningful moment as the seniors gathered in a circle for a final song, sharing one last memory together before the night came to a close. Laughter and conversation throughout the evening reflected the strong sense of camaraderie among classmates.

The celebration began earlier in the evening with a prom dinner hosted by parents at the home of *Ryan* and *Caroline Zitzke*. A large marquee tent and beautifully arranged tables created a welcoming setting, with music provided by Chappell Court. Student Body President *Walker Wilson '26* offered the blessing, and students enjoyed an

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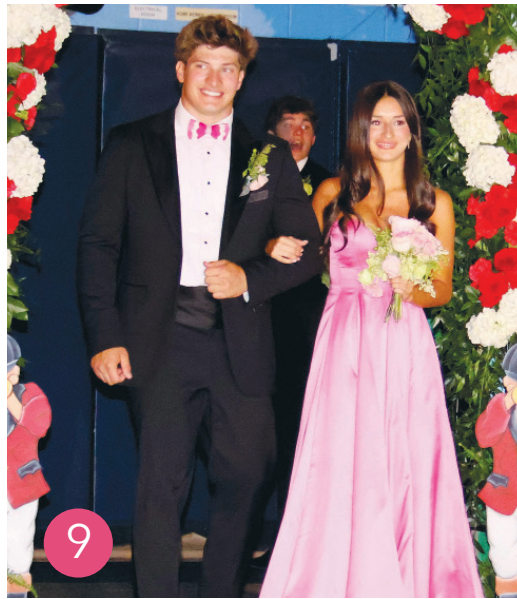
9. Andrew Howle '26 escorts Morgan Aycock '26 in the Grand March.

10. Ava Bukauskas '27 & Savannah Wells '27

11. Benson Elmore '26 & Lucy Mims '26 are introduced during the Grand March.

12. Bowen Zitzke '26 & Walker Wilson '26

13. Students pack the dance floor in the Nash Student Center.



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evening of socializing, laughter, and photos before heading to the prom.

After the dance, the night continued with a relaxed breakfast at the *Zitzke* home, where students changed into more comfortable attire and gathered once more to unwind together. The success of the evening was made possible by the many parents who volunteered their time and effort to create a meaningful experience for the students.

Sponsored by the Class of 27, the prom was led by committee chair *Campbell Williams* and co-chair *Caroline Moorman*, with guidance from advisors *Mrs. Rachel Jones Brown 00* and *Mrs. Allyson Lowder Sanders 96*. Together, they helped create a night defined by fun, connection, and memories that will last well beyond the final song.





The cast of Rodgers & Hammerstein's Cinderella.

A Final Bow: Celebrating Cinderella and a Season to Remember

Gathering one final time in the multipurpose room where their journey began, the cast of *Rodgers & Hammerstein's Cinderella* came together to celebrate a memorable season of theater. The evening was filled with laughter, applause, bright smiles, and a few heartfelt tears as students reflected on their shared experience and growth in the performing arts. Awards were presented by **Mrs. Lori Brown**, director, and **Mr. Sean Hoskins**, producer, recognizing achievement, dedication, and the spirit of the company. Every member of the cast was called to the stage for recognition. The celebration was made even more special by refreshments and desserts provided by parents, coordinated by **Mrs. Rachel Jones Brown '00**, as the cast closed this chapter together.

The Lead Performer Award is presented to actors who portray principal roles in the production. The following earned this recognition: **Madison Grace Hansen '26**, **Abby Hodge '29**, **Benjamin McIver '30**, **Wyatt Meyers '27**, **Harris Naylor '26**, **Livie Pedersen '27**, **Ella Sill '26**, **Banks Smith '26**, and **Sanders Warrick '26**.

The Star of Excellence Award recognizes cast and crew members who demonstrate outstanding behavior, character, and leadership both on and off the stage. This honor is not limited to principal roles but celebrates those whose presence and contributions have a meaningful impact on the entire company. The

following students received this honor: **Henry Jones '26**, **Kira Krueger '28**, **Harris Naylor '26**, **Ella Sill '26**, **Kayla Stanley-Linton '26**, **Livie Pedersen '27**, **Stirling Tindal '26**, and **Ethan Wilson '28**.

The Cast Choice Awards, voted on by cast members, provide an opportunity for students to honor their peers, recognizing a wide range of individuals for their contributions to the production.

The following performers were recognized: Most Captivating Performances - **Harris Naylor '26 & Ella Sill '26**, Most Enchanting Vocalists - **Abby Hodge '29 & Harris Naylor '26**, Best Cast Spirit - **Nehemiah Dinkins '28 & Livie Pedersen '27**, Most Scene-Stealing Performances - **Banks Smith '26 & Sanders Warrick '26**, Most Surprising Performances - **Madison Grace Hansen '26 & Wyatt Meyers '27**, Most Growth - **Wyatt Meyers '27 & Livie Pedersen '27**, Rising Stars - **Benjamin McIver '30 & Elizabeth Rabon '30**, Most Encouraging Performers - **Livie Pedersen '27 & Banks Smith '26**, Most Helpful Cast Members - **Wyatt Jones '28 & Kayla Stanley-Linton '26**, Head Knight Award - **Henry Jones '26**, Sassiest Girl in Stepsister's Lament - **Sanders Warrick '26**, Dancing Queen - **Bowen Zitzke '26**, Dancing King - **Mateo Wagner '26**, and Most Enthusiastic Villagers - **Ceren Gemici '28 & Sims Owens '31**.



OUR VISION:
Every student will
be known, loved,
challenged, and safe.

Smith Earns Honors in Optimist Essay Contest

Banks Smith '26 has earned a Top Three placement in this year's Optimist International Essay Contest, a distinguished competition that celebrates student voice, creativity, and thoughtful expression. Sponsored locally by the Palmetto Optimist Club, the contest encourages young people to develop confidence and leadership through writing.

Spring Dance Celebrates Fun and Friendship

Kicking off Spring Break in style, nearly 170 middle school students gathered in the Nash Student Center for the Spring Dance hosted by the Student Council. With music from a professional DJ from Columbia, students enjoyed a night full of laughter, dancing, and time with friends. Decorations and refreshments, provided by class officers, created a festive setting and made the evening a memorable start to the break. *Ms. Heather Eldridge '93* is the advisor for the Middle School Student Council.



Guests crowd the dance floor in the Nash Student Center.

Rooted in Faith and Truth

Growing in faith and fellowship, First Priority welcomed *Mr. Glen Rector*, Athletic Director, as the guest speaker for its bi-weekly meeting. Sharing a message from Psalm 1:1-3, he encouraged middle school students to stay rooted in what is good and true, reminding them of the blessings and happiness that come from walking in alignment with that path. The club is advised by *Ms. Heather Eldridge '93*.



Mr. Glen Rector



Olivia Russell '26 shares her testimony at an FCA meeting.

FCA: Sharing Faith and Fellowship

Gathering in a spirit of openness and encouragement, the Fellowship of Christian Athletes hosted its final meeting of the year during lunch, bringing together about 75 students and faculty to reflect on their faith journeys. Students were invited to share personal testimonies about how God is at work in their lives, the growth they have experienced, and why their faith remains important to them. The time together was rooted in Psalm 66:16, "Come and hear... and I will tell what he has done for my soul," creating a meaningful opportunity for connection, reflection, and shared belief among peers. The club is advised by *Mrs. Molly Simpson Matthews '93*.

Shotgun Team Wins Competition

Representing the shotgun team, the team of *Cat Bowman '30*, *Winnie Caughman '31*, and *Harper Rivers '30* won the SC Department of Natural Resources Middle School Ladies State Skeet Championship. *Lucy Mims '26* placed 2nd in the Ladies Senior Division, and the team of *Emory Clanton '30*, *Gray Griffin '31*, and *Brogdon Watson '30* finished 3rd in the Middle School Boys Division. The team is coached by *Mr. Brent Hiott '89*.

SHOWCASE CELEBRATES THE ARTS



TOP LEFT: The Instrumental Ensemble performs under the direction of Mr. Scott Warren. TOP RIGHT: Jacob Rowell '35 stands by his artwork. BOTTOM LEFT: Led by Mrs. Julia Sims-Owens, the Lower School Chorus sings on the multipurpose room stage. BOTTOM RIGHT: Lydia Leihsing '26 with her featured artwork.

Creativity takes center stage at Wilson Hall, where the arts are not simply an activity but an essential part of the student experience and curriculum. The 15th Arts Showcase beautifully reflected this commitment, uniting art, music, and theater in a dynamic celebration of student talent from preschool through twelfth grade. Under the guidance of art teachers *Ms. Tara Breslin-Schumacher*, the department chair, *Mrs. Rachel Jones Brown '00*, and *Mrs. Renee Norton*, every art student contributed to a stunning collection of more than 3,000 pieces, from ceramics and sculptures to drawings and paintings, transforming the halls into a gallery of imagination and expression. Music filled the air with performances

by the Instrumental Ensemble, led by *Mr. Scott Warren*, and the Lower School Chorus, directed by *Mrs. Julia Sims-Owens*, while students shared their talents through piano, guitar, and vocal performances throughout the evening. Theater added its own magic, as musical theater students posed in costume beside Cinderella's carriage, built by the Set Design & Construction class, and performance highlights directed by *Mrs. Lori Brown* played on the big screen. With interactive elements like caricatures, fairy hair, and a ceramics sale, the evening captured the heart of Wilson Hall's philosophy: the arts enrich learning, inspire creativity, and play a vital role in shaping well-rounded students.



Anatomy Students Explore the Mind with Brain Mapping Project

Taking a creative approach to test prep, students in *Mrs. Ashley Morris's* anatomy classes made and wore "brain hats" labeled with key regions and functions. The hands-on activity brought brain anatomy to life as students answered questions from faculty about brain function and specific areas, building both understanding and confidence in a fun, memorable way.

Mary Catherine Dutcher, Livie Pedersen & Anne McCrae Williams, Class of '27, wear their brain hats.

Equestrian Team 3rd in State

The equestrian team, coached by *Mrs. Emily Anne Beasley Barkley '23*, earned a 3rd-place finish at the SCISA state show. The following received ribbons: *Joslynn Barrick '28* - 4th on the flat & 6th over fences in novice cross rails; *Addy Burleson '30* - 2nd in beginner walk, trot, canter; *Campbell Cromer '26* - 5th on the flat & 5th over fences in varsity open; *Sofia Dall'Erta '27* - 5th on the flat & 2nd over fences in novice cross rails; *Darby Evenich '33* - 6th in beginner walk/trot; *Emmalynn Franks '32* - 6th in beginner walk, trot, canter; *Mary Taylor Moorman '33* - 4th in beginner walk/trot; *Peyton Naylor '27* - 5th in intermediate over fences; *Abrielle Naylor '28* - 2nd in intermediate over fences; *Christina Osgood '27* - 6th in intermediate flat & 1st over fences; *Kate Rivers '33* - 2nd in beginner walk/trot; and *Campbell Wylie '32* - 3rd on the flat & 6th over fences in novice cross rails.

Filling the Heart: Faith and Fellowship at Swan Lake



Nehemiah Dinkins '28, Joseph Bauman '26, Liz Singkhonket '26, Paige Sanders '26, Emmie Williamson '29, Harper Burke '28 & Joey Robertson '26 gather by Swan Lake.

Gathering in the peaceful setting of Swan Lake, members of the Sacred Steps Outdoors Club began their day with breakfast, fellowship, and prayer. The devotion centered on the question, "What are you filling your heart with?" reminding students that what fills their hearts shapes their lives. They were encouraged to choose a Christ-centered life that brings peace, purpose, and joy. *Paige Sanders '26* is the president of the club and *Mr. Lee Gandy* serves as the advisor.

Bringing creativity to life, sixth grade art students proudly showcased the pinch pots they designed and crafted under the guidance of their teacher, Mrs. Rachel Jones BroAwn '00. With access to three dedicated art studios and two on-campus kilns, students experience the full artistic process from creation to completion, highlighting the value of art as an essential part of the curriculum and a meaningful outlet for self-expression.





Henry Richardson '40, dressed as a cowboy for Western Day, completes his worksheet.

WILD ABOUT LEARNING

Wrapping up Letter W week with excitement and creativity, Preschool 3 enjoyed a fun-filled Western Day featuring hands-on activities like fine motor tracing, fork painting, line dancing, and even horse races, making learning both engaging and memorable. The teachers are *Mrs. Brandy Geddings* and *Mrs. Valerie James*.

AP Research in Action: Students Present Original Studies

Showcasing months of in-depth study and critical thinking, students in AP Research presented their final projects, the culminating course of the AP Capstone Program. In this college-level class, students design and conduct their own original research on a topic of interest, analyzing data and drawing evidence-based conclusions. Their presentations highlighted not only the depth of their work but also their ability to communicate complex ideas with clarity and confidence. The class is taught by *Mrs. Martha Jo Smith Johnson '99* who was supported along the way by *Mrs. Erin Trueblood*, AP Statistics teacher, and *Mrs. Sarah Smith*, College Counselor, with their expertise.



Torien Byrd '27 presents his final AP Research project.

PURPLE UP! FOR MILITARY STUDENTS



Ella Ridgeway, Caroline Lowery & Soraya Khan, Class of '34, wear purple to support military kids.

Wearing purple in a powerful show of patriotism and support, students and faculty celebrated Purple Up! Day as part of the Month of the Military Child, honoring the strength and resilience of the nearly 20% of students with military ties. As a recognized Purple Star School, Wilson Hall is committed to creating a welcoming and supportive environment for military families through dedicated resources, staff training, and meaningful programs that ensure every student feels valued. The campus was filled with visible reminders of appreciation, including purple pinwheels and a banner arranged by *Ryan* and *Lisa Wilmes*, while interactive maps allowed military-connected students to place flags marking the many places they have lived. Coordinated by *Mrs. Day Caughman*, School Counselor, the day served as a meaningful tribute to the sacrifices and contributions of military families and the important role their children play in the school community.



Maecy Hunt '26 donates blood for the American Red Cross blood drive.

Blood Drive in Memory of Sammy Welch

Coming together to make a difference, Wilson Hall hosted an American Red Cross blood drive in memory of *Sammy Welch '30*, reflecting the school's commitment to serving the larger community and encouraging students to give back. Organized by *Mrs. Allyson Lowder Sanders '96*, school nurse, the event brought students together as volunteers, while those eligible stepped up to donate blood in support of a meaningful cause.

ArtFields Achievement: Artists Shine on a Statewide Stage

Nearly 40 students and their art teachers traveled to Lake City to attend ArtFields, one of the South's premier art competitions and festivals celebrating creativity and talent. This year, the artwork of eight Wilson Hall students was accepted into ArtFields Jr., a highly competitive statewide competition that showcases student artists from across South Carolina. Congratulations to *Angela Agno '28*, *Torien Byrd '27*, *Addison Carpenter '27*, *Mary Grace Floyd '33*, *Ceren Gemici '28*, *James Schortmann '34*, *Liz Singkhonket '26*, and *Ford Wilder '26* for this remarkable achievement. With over 800 submissions, having eight pieces selected is a remarkable achievement and a testament to the students' artistic skill and the guidance of their dedicated teachers: *Ms. Tara Breslin-Schumacher*, *Mrs. Rachel Jones Brown '00*, and *Mrs. Renee Norton*.



Ceren Gemici '28 is photographed with her artwork.



AOK Club Spreads Easter Joy

Spreading joy and kindness, the Acts of Kindness Club surprised students with a special Easter treat on the last day before break. Students were greeted with Easter eggs filled with goodies, while the verse Matthew 28:6, "He is not here, for he has risen, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay," was shared during morning announcements as a meaningful reminder of the season. *Nolan Gooch '28*, who identified the verse the quickest, received a golden egg filled with ten one-dollar bills, with the opportunity to keep the gift or share it with others, encouraging kindness to ripple throughout the school community. *Addie Griffin '26* and *Paige Sanders '26* are the club's co-presidents.

Peyton Naylor '27, *Sofia Dall'Arta '27*, *Paige Sanders '26*, *Addie Griffin '26* & *Anna Lynn Skinner '26*

FARM DAY FUN AND DISCOVERY

Exploring beyond the classroom, kindergarten students enjoyed an educational trip to Dorr Farms, where hands-on learning came to life. While picking fresh strawberries, they discovered the important role bees play in helping crops grow and spent time feeding farm animals and playing together, making it a memorable day full of discovery and joy. The teachers are *Mrs. Hope Alexander*, *Mrs. Amy Jones*, and *Mrs. Sarah Scott*.



Owen Rosado Posso '38 & Banks Timmons '38 pick strawberries.



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

PHYSICS IN MOTION

Bringing classroom concepts to life, AP Physics students in *Mrs. Jessica Duke's* class wrapped up the year with an exciting hands-on learning experience at Carowinds. After designing and calculating their own model roller coasters, students explored force, energy, centripetal force, and aerodynamics in action throughout the park. From investigating motion on Mountain Gliders to experiencing the spring-powered launch of Slingshot and the weightless drop of Fury 325, the day reinforced that physics extends far beyond the classroom.



Matthew Behmer '26 & Luke Banar '26 are ready to be launched in the Slingshot.



Elias Jackson '39 with his mother, Mrs. Melisha Jackson.

Preschool 4 Pastries with Parents Celebration

Gathering with smiles and excitement, preschool students welcomed parents and special guests for Pastries with Parents on the lawn in front of the Nash Student Center. Students shared a special poem, recited the Lord's Prayer, and sang "One Small Voice," creating a heartfelt moment for all. Families enjoyed pastries, coffee, and fruit while sitting together at tables decorated with personalized placemats, celebrating the joy of learning and the importance of parent involvement.

SENIORS WIN CLASS CHALLENGE



Bailey Flemming '28 gets soaked in the Wet Sponge Relay.

The 28th Class Challenge brought tradition, camaraderie, and spirited competition to Spencer Field on April 2, offering high school students a chance to come together for one of Wilson Hall's most anticipated events of the year. The day began with opening remarks from Head of School **Mr. Brent Kaneft '00**, who spoke about the importance of sportsmanship, class unity, and the value of healthy competition. His message was followed by a prayer led by Fellowship of Christian Athletes President **Paige Sanders '26**, which set a reflective and respectful tone

for the day ahead. Dressed in class-specific t-shirts, students enthusiastically participated in eight exciting events that tested both teamwork and endurance. Classic favorites such as the three-legged race, chariot race, and water balloon toss brought laughter and lighthearted rivalry, while more fast-paced events like the bouncy ball hop and wet sponge relay added a splash of challenge.

The final event, the much-anticipated tug-of-war, brought the entire field to a standstill as each grade battled for bragging rights. In a dramatic show of strength and determination, the seniors defeated the juniors and pulled out a hard-earned victory to win not just the event, but the entire competition. While individual event wins were celebrated, it was the seniors who emerged as the overall champions of the day, earning top points across multiple events through their teamwork, spirit, and steady performances. Their win marked a triumphant highlight in their final year of Class Challenge participation. Sponsored by the Student Council and coordinated by co-advisor **Mrs. Rachel Jones Brown '00** and Student Body President **Walker Wilson '26**, the event ran smoothly and showcased the strong leadership and planning behind the scenes.

The following class presidents played a key role, organizing their classmates and ensuring each activity ran seamlessly: **Bowen Zitzke '26**, **Anne McCrae Williams '27**, **Harper Burke '28**, and **Emmie Williamson '29**. As the activities wound down, **Walker** offered heartfelt closing remarks, thanking everyone for their energy, enthusiasm, and sportsmanship. The day concluded with a Wilson Hall tradition: the entire student body gathered in a large circle on the field to sing the Alma Mater together, a meaningful and unifying end to a day filled with joy, connection, and school pride.



The Class of '26 pulls out a victory.



Reese Wilson, Peyton Naylor & Landon Young, Class of '27, compete in the Chariot Race Relay.



Samuel Brown '29 & Emmie Williamson '29 keep step in the Three-Legged Race.



LEFT: Peyton Przybyla, Lottie Rowell & Audrey Mazur, Class of '34

RIGHT: Maria Cardoso '38 and her father, Mr. Bruno Cardoso.



Rhodus & Wilson Recognized in Myrtis Osteen Essay Contest

Claudia Rhodus '27 earned second place and *Ethan Wilson '28* placed fourth in the Myrtis Osteen Essay Contest, hosted by the Sumter County Museum. This respected competition invites students to reflect on the importance of local history and its impact on our community, highlighting thoughtful writing and strong personal perspective.

Making Memories at Daddy-Daughter Dance

The Nash Student Center was buzzing with excitement on March 27 as over 300 guests twirled, laughed, and made unforgettable memories at the fourth annual Daddy-Daughter Dance. Girls from Preschool 3 through fifth grade arrived together with their fathers, relatives, or special friends, ready to hit the dance floor. With music pumping from a professional DJ, the night was filled with high-energy dance-offs, sweet moments, and plenty of photo-worthy twirls. Thanks to the PTO's sponsorship, the evening was a dazzling success, filled with laughter, joy, and plenty of unforgettable moments that had everyone already looking forward to next year's dance.



Ford Wilder '26

Wilder WLTX TV-19 Player of the Week

Ford Wilder '26, a standout member of the track and field team, was named the WLTX TV-19 Player of the Week, an honor recognizing exceptional senior athletes who excel both on and off the field. *Ford* earned this prestigious award for his outstanding athletic achievements, high academic performance as an honors student, and commitment to her community. In addition to track and field, he also competed as a valued member of the basketball and football teams. As part of the award, News 19 Sports presented *Ford* with a letter jacket and a plaque, and he was featured in a 30-second promotional announcement aired on the station and highlighted on the network's website.



LEFT: Maggie Williams '40 and her father, Mr. Cody Williams, enjoy a dance together.

RIGHT: Sarah Burns Brown '34 with her father, Mr. Robby Brown.



Doug Baker '81

1981

Doug Baker, a music industry professional, was inducted into the South Carolina Entertainment and Music Hall of Fame, recognizing his impact on the state's industry and national presence. He has built a long career in live entertainment that included working with James Brown and eventually founding and leading EastCoast Entertainment, a major talent and booking agency based in Lexington. Lexington Mayor Hazel Livingston presented a proclamation to **Doug** honoring his 40 years of service to live entertainment in the Palmetto State, celebrating decades of promoting artists and events across the Southeast and his lasting influence on the region's cultural landscape.

1993

Marion Moses was selected for the South Carolina Super Lawyers list, an honor reserved for only five-percent of the lawyers in the state. He owns his own practice in Columbia and specializes in criminal defense and personal injury. **Marion** graduated from Wofford College with a Bachelor of Science in business economics and the



Marion Moses '93

University of South Carolina Rice School of Law with a Juris Doctor. He and his wife, Ashlee, have two children, Claire and Marion.

1996



Thomas McElveen '96

Thomas McElveen is an attorney and partner in the Bryan Law Firm, and he is also a legislative and government relations consultant with Nelson Mullins. He graduated from Davidson College with a Bachelor of Arts in history and from the University of South Carolina School of Law with a Juris Doctor. **Thomas** lives in Sumter and has three children who attend Wilson Hall: **Ade-laide '32**, **Joe '36**, and **Buck '40**.

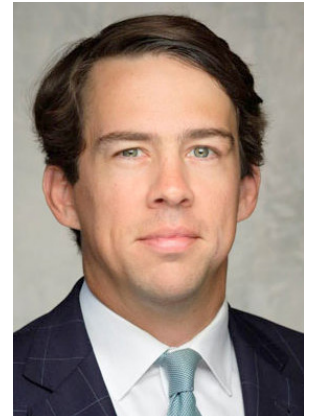
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1999

Robert Wilson, a corporate attorney, is a lead legal counsel 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 Rice 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 with their son, Shaw.

2000

Cooper Wilson, a litigation attorney and managing partner at the McLeod Law Group, was selected for the Top 25 Super Lawyers in South Carolina list for 2026. He graduated from the University of South Carolina with a Bachelor of Arts in history and from the University of South Carolina Rice School of Law with a Juris Doctor. **Cooper** and his wife, Mary Mac, live in Charleston and have three children: Harry, Mary Oliver, and Barnes.



Cooper Wilson '00

2005

Katie Welch Shaw and her husband, Burns, announce the birth of their daughter, Ella Burns Shaw, on February 25. They have two other children who attend Wilson Hall, **George '37** and **Millie '39**. **Katie** is the daughter of **Millie Jones Pate '74**.

2008

Austin Boyle and his wife, Erika, announce the birth of their daughter, Annie Gardner Boyle. **Austin** is the son of **Barnes Boyle '79**.

Ansel Owens works as an account development manager for Thompson Industrial Services in Sumter. He graduated from The Citadel with a Bachelor of Science in health, exercise, and sport science. **Ansel** and his wife, **Nancy Hayes Cromer Owens '09**, have three children: Pruitt, Parker Hayes, and Ro.

2006

Alix Pommerenke Nance and her husband, Jeremiah, announce the birth of their daughter, Rosalie Brooks Nance. They have three other children: Bohdi, Nola, and Lilly.

2009

Larsen Faw Cline works as an engineering administrative assistant for Continental, a global tire manufacturer. She graduated from the University of South Carolina with a Bachelor of Arts in journalism and mass communications. **Larsen** and her husband, Jake, live in Sumter with their children who attend Wilson Hall, **Jack '38** and **Spencer '40**.

2011

Brianna Williams, a faculty member at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, is a lecturer in comparative media studies and writing as well as women and gender studies. She graduated from the University of Southern California with a Bachelor of Science in business administration and Columbia University with a Master of Fine Arts in creative writing, and she studied literature and philosophy at Charles University in Prague, Czech Republic.

2012

Jordan Lay and his wife, Alisa, announce the birth of their son, Benjamin Peter Lay. They have two other children, Rebecca and Johnathan.



Jimmy Latham '13 with his wife, **Bailey**.

2013

Jimmy Latham and **Bailey Kargo** were married on April 6 at Dixon Gallery and Gardens in Memphis, Tennessee. **Jimmy** is completing a residency in urology at the University of Tennessee Memphis. 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.

Tyler Pannell and his wife, **Kazlee**, announce the birth of their daughter, **Teddy June Pannell**, on April 6.



Brent Carraway '16

2016

Brent Carraway is a chiropractor at Physicians Health and Injury Clinic in Sumter. He graduated from Clemson University with a Bachelor of Science in psychology and Sherman College of Chiropractic with a Doctor of Chiropractic. **Brent** and his wife, **Curtis-Lynne Edens Carraway '13**, live in Sumter with their daughter, **Collins**.

Wells Osteen is a full-time lecturer for the Belk College of Business and the Turner School of Accountancy at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte. She graduated from Wofford College with a Bachelor of Science in accounting and finance and Clemson University with a Master of Professional Accountancy.

Nick Sersun works as a private wealth investor for OnePoint BFG Wealth Partners in Orlando, Florida. He graduated from Clemson University with a Bachelor of Science in financial management.

2014



Amy Banghart and **Heath Butler** were married on April 11 at The Dunes Golf and Beach Club in Myrtle Beach with a reception following. **Emily Banghart '20** was the Maid of Honor and **Justin Banghart '09** was the officiant. **Amy** is a physical therapist for the Physical Rehabilitation Group in Columbia. She graduated from the University of South Carolina with a Bachelor of Science in athletic training and from Methodist University in North Carolina with a Doctor of Physical Therapy.

JD Croft is the founder of Croft Consulting, a firm that builds custom automation software and tools to help businesses streamline operations, reduce manual work, and scale more efficiently. He graduated from Calvin University of Michigan with a Bachelor of Arts in economics and Princeton Theological Seminary with a Master of Divinity. **JD** and his wife, **Maeghan**, live in Walla Walla, Washington.

Tripp Whaley is a machine learning engineer for ViiV, a global pharmaceutical 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 from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill with a Master of Science in computer science. **Tripp** and his wife, **Megan**, live in Raleigh, North Carolina.



LEFT: **Amy Banghart Butler '14** and her husband, **Heath**. RIGHT: **Hamilton Cox '14**, **Matthew McMillan '12** & **Andrew Kinney '14**, members of **Chappell Court**, play at the prom dinner.

2018

Trent Elmore, who attends the University of Florida Levin College of Law, is completing a summer internship with the firm of Adams and Reese. He graduated from Clemson University with a Bachelor of Science in political science. A veteran of the U.S. Army, *Trent* lives in Jacksonville, Florida, with his wife, *Madison Reaves Elmore '18*.

Bryce Lyles graduated from the University of Georgia College of Veterinary Medicine with a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine. He earned a Bachelor of Science in animal and veterinary science from Clemson University.

Greyson Sonntag, who attends the University of South Carolina Rice School of Law, will complete a summer internship with the firm of Nelson, Mullins, Riley and Scarborough in Columbia. He graduated from Davidson College with a Bachelor of Arts in political science and government.



Mary Catherine Matthews '20

2020

Mary Catherine Matthews lives in New York City where she is a professional dancer for Treehouse Shakers, a nonprofit performance group that creates original dance-theater productions for young audiences. The company performs in theaters, schools, and festivals across the country. *Mary Catherine* graduated from University of South Carolina Honors College with a Bachelor of Arts and Science in dance, wellness, and community health.

2021

Hannah Alsaadi, who graduated from Siena College in New York with a Bachelor of Arts in interdisciplinary studies: ethics, human rights and justice, earned a Master of Arts in philosophy from Boston College.

Gracyn Coker works as an economics development associate for Rock Hill Economic Development. She graduated from Wofford College with a Bachelor of Arts in English and history and Wake Forest University School of Business with a Master of Science in management.

Hutch Johnson and Lanie McGee were married on April 25 at Rivers Edge Wedding and Events in Lynchburg with a reception following. *Caroline Johnson Falin '13* was the Matron of Honor, *Talmadge Johnson '15* and *Charles Segars '21* were groomsmen,



Hutch Johnson '21 with his wife, Lainey.

and *Fuller Howle '21*, *Sam Tisdale '21*, and *Heath Watson '21* were ushers. Lanie is the daughter of *Jessica Ford Anderson '00*. *Hutch*, who graduated from Clemson University with a Bachelor of Science in agribusiness management, works for R.N. Johnson Cotton Gin and the family farm in Mayesville.

2019

Sarah McCreight graduated from Columbia International University with a Master of Arts in counseling. She earned a Bachelor of Science in psychology from Covenant College in Georgia.

Holly Poag works as a public relations specialist for Flock and Rally, an integrated communications and marketing agency based in Columbia. She graduated from the University of South Carolina with a Bachelor of Arts in journalism and mass communications and Coker University with a Master of Science in management and leadership.

2023

Annabelle Huffman Evans, a parks, recreation, and tourism management major at Clemson University, received the Award for Excellence in Recreational Therapy in recognition for her work with the geriatric population and people with disabilities.

Caitlyn Schumacher, a media arts major at the University of South Carolina, received the President's Award based on academic accomplishments, leadership achievements, co-curricular involvement, and service to the university community. She won the Best Screen Play award, for Media Services Sock Puppet Edition which she also directed, at the Media Fest Awards held in Columbia. Media Fest in South Carolina is a student-run film festival that showcases and recognizes outstanding student-created media projects, celebrating creativity and talent among student filmmakers and storytellers.

Shrey Sheth, a biology major at the University of Virginia, works as an undergraduate research assistant for the UVA School of Medicine in the Khetarpal Lab. The lab studies how the heart and metabolism are connected to better understand and treat cardiovascular disease.



Sam Tristan, a management major at Clemson University, is working as a counselor at Camp Kanuga in Hendersonville, North Carolina, for the summer.