



Mr. and Miss Wilson Hall: Alex McLeod '22 & Lucy Matthews '22

## McLeod & Matthews Elected Mr. & Miss Wilson Hall

Alex McLeod '22 and Lucy Matthews '22 received the honor of Mr. and Miss Wilson Hall. Each fall the upper school faculty nominates students for Mr. and Miss Wilson Hall and the Mr. and Miss for grades 9-11. When nominating a student the faculty considers the following factors: above average academics, participation in athletics and/or extracurricular activities, outstanding citizenship, and excellent character.

From the list of faculty nominated candidates, students in grades 9-11 voted for their own class, and all students in 9-12 voted for Mr. and Miss Wilson Hall. While voting, students considered the same criteria the faculty considers when choosing the most well rounded representatives of their class and of Wilson Hall.

The following underclassmen received this honor:

Mr. & Miss Junior  
Sumter Cooper and Sarah Sonntag

Mr. & Miss Sophomore  
Dillon Bartlett and Maury Shuler

Mr. & Miss Freshman  
Shawn Michael Matthews and Sara Hayes Ridgeway

# THE ACCOLADE

WILSON HALL  
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Peyton Gratz '23 & Lori Flemming '23 dress for the Hawaiian spirit theme for a varsity football game.

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## GOODE A NATIONAL MERIT COMMENDED STUDENT

Ashlyn Goode '22 was recognized in the 2022 National Merit Scholarship Program as a Commended Student. The program recognizes high school seniors who have excelled in academics and have the potential to succeed in rigorous college studies, and about 34,000 Commended Students throughout the nation are being recognized for their exceptional academic promise. Commended Students placed among the top 50,000 scorers of more than 1.5 million students who entered the 2022 competition by taking the 2020 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test.



Ashlyn Goode '22

Sean Hoskins | Editor  
Director of Admissions & Public Relations



## NICHE RANKS WILSON HALL IN TOP 10

The website Niche lists Wilson Hall among the top 10 Best Private Schools in South Carolina for its 2022 rankings. Wilson Hall received an A+ for academics, an achievement earned by less than 10% of schools in the nation. The school was ranked #6 for Best College Prep High School and #8 for Best Private K-12 School in the state. The ranking is based on rigorous analysis of key statistics and reviews from students and parents. Ranking factors include SAT/ACT scores, the quality of colleges that students consider, student-teacher ratio, private school ratings, and more. Data is sourced from the U.S. Department of Education, Niche users, and schools directly.



*Annabelle Huffman '23, an FCA officer, leads a prayer during the national See You at the Pole event.*

## See You at the Pole

Students, faculty and parents met at 7:15 on the morning of September 22 to pray during the annual See You at the Pole event. Held on the fourth Wednesday of each September, this international event encourages Christian students to gather around the flag pole for prayer and scripture reading before the start of the school day. The event is sponsored by the Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA), which is led by co-presidents *Lucy Matthews '22* and *Ellie Spencer '22*, and First Priority Christian Club. The FCA, for students in grades 9-12, and First Priority, for 6th-8th grades, meet each Thursday morning at 7:15 for prayer, devotion, scripture reading, and guest speakers who share their testimonies. *Mrs. Molly Simpson Matthews '93* advises the FCA and First Priority is advised by *Ms. Heather Eldridge '93* and *Mrs. Karen Jones*.



As part of their study of value, students in the Drawing I class sketch a large piece of fabric. Students are learning how light creates shadows and depth, and that value takes simple shapes and turns them into forms. Taught by Mrs. Tara Schumacher, the students originally did small life drawings with a light source and will eventually draw a still life that incorporates objects as well as fabric. Pictured: *Tilan Byrd '25*, *Emmi Leard '24*, *Lottie Bynum '25* & *Logan Schumacher '25*.



## ABOVE & BEYOND ATHLETES OF THE WEEK

**SEPTEMBER 21**

*Carlie Fort '22* (tennis)  
& *Jack Poag '23* (swimming)

**SEPTEMBER 28**

*Rylee Bath '23* (volleyball)  
& *Molly Jones '24* (cross-country)



## SENIOR SUPERLATIVES

The following students were selected by their classmates for the Senior Superlatives:

### MOST LIKELY TO SUCCEED

Mary Jones & Nolan Lamb

### MOST ATHLETIC

Lucy Matthews & Tate Sistare

### MOST DEPENDABLE

Anna Hays Shuler & Alex McLeod

### FRIENDLIEST

Ellie Spencer & Hugh McLaurin

### MOST INTELLIGENT

Rachel Bostic & Kieran Cosden

### MOST SCHOOL SPIRIT

Ansleigh Epps & Tyler Jones

### MOST TALENTED

Ashlyn Goode & William Cooper

### WITTIEST

Mary Claire Graves & Will Croft

Most Likely to Succeed - Mary Jones '22 & Nolan Lamb '22

## Senior Class Mini-Retreat

As a follow up to their Junior Class Retreat in the spring, the members of the Senior Class attended a day-long retreat at Camp Bob Cooper on the shores of Lake Marion in Summerton. The event expanded on the purpose of the Junior Retreat, which provided students with a beyond the classroom walls experience with a focus on loyalty, leadership and legacy. The class had several sessions, led by faculty members, regarding re-evaluating the class and individual goals set in the spring and how these goals are being realized. Students enjoyed recreational time in and on the lake including swimming, volleyball, log rolling, and jumping on the "blob" before having lunch and heading back to campus. *Mrs. Laura Barr* coordinated the event.

## Lauzon Student-Athlete of the Week

*Annie Lauzon '22*, a member of the volleyball team, was recognized as the WACH-Fox Sonic Friday Night Rivals Scholar-Athlete of the Week on September 24. The program recognizes exceptional student-athletes from each participating school in the Midlands with a plaque presentation prior to the football game; the presentation is televised and is posted on the station's website.



Annie Lauzon '22



Kate Rivers '33 & Serena Jordan '33 wait to perform their mini-cheerleading routine to the crowd at Spencer Field.

## MINI-CHEERLEADING

The annual week-long mini-cheerleading clinic, sponsored by the varsity cheerleading squad, culminated with a performance on Spencer Field during halftime of the varsity football game on September 24. Approximately 119 girls in preschool through sixth grade participated in the clinic, which was held after school, when they were taught a dance, chants and cheers by the varsity cheerleaders. *Ivey Edwards '22* is the captain and *Anna Hays Shuler '22* is the co-captain of the squad which is advised by *Mrs. Cynthia Hall McGrady '15* and *Mrs. Logan Chandler Smith '05*.

## GEICO Insurance Faculty Award

In appreciation of the faculty, Mr. Roger Armfield, GEICO Insurance Agent, created a monthly award of \$100 to a teacher for classroom enhancement. Each teacher has his or her name entered into the random drawing that takes place at a faculty meeting. The recipient for September was *Mrs. Cheryl Landstrom*, the AP European History teacher.

# ALUMNI NEWS

## ALUMNI BY THE NUMBERS

For the 2021-22 school year, 156 children of alumni, including seven third-generation students, are enrolled at Wilson Hall. Our parent body has 102 alumni and the staff includes 24 Wilson Hall graduates.

### 1998

**Trey McLeod** is the compliance and fraud prevention manager for the S.C. Department of Employment and Workforce. He graduated from the University of South Carolina with a Bachelor of Arts in political science and from the University of South Carolina School of Law with a Juris Doctor. **Trey** and his wife, Kimberly, have a daughter, Eve, and make their home in Columbia.

**Eric Soong** is the Director of Pharmacy for South Carolina Oncology Associates in Columbia, the state's largest comprehensive cancer treatment center. He graduated from the University of South Carolina College of Pharmacy with a Doctor of Pharmacy. **Eric** and his wife, Megan, have two children, Brantley and Aiden, and live in Blythewood.



Eric Soong '98

### 2003

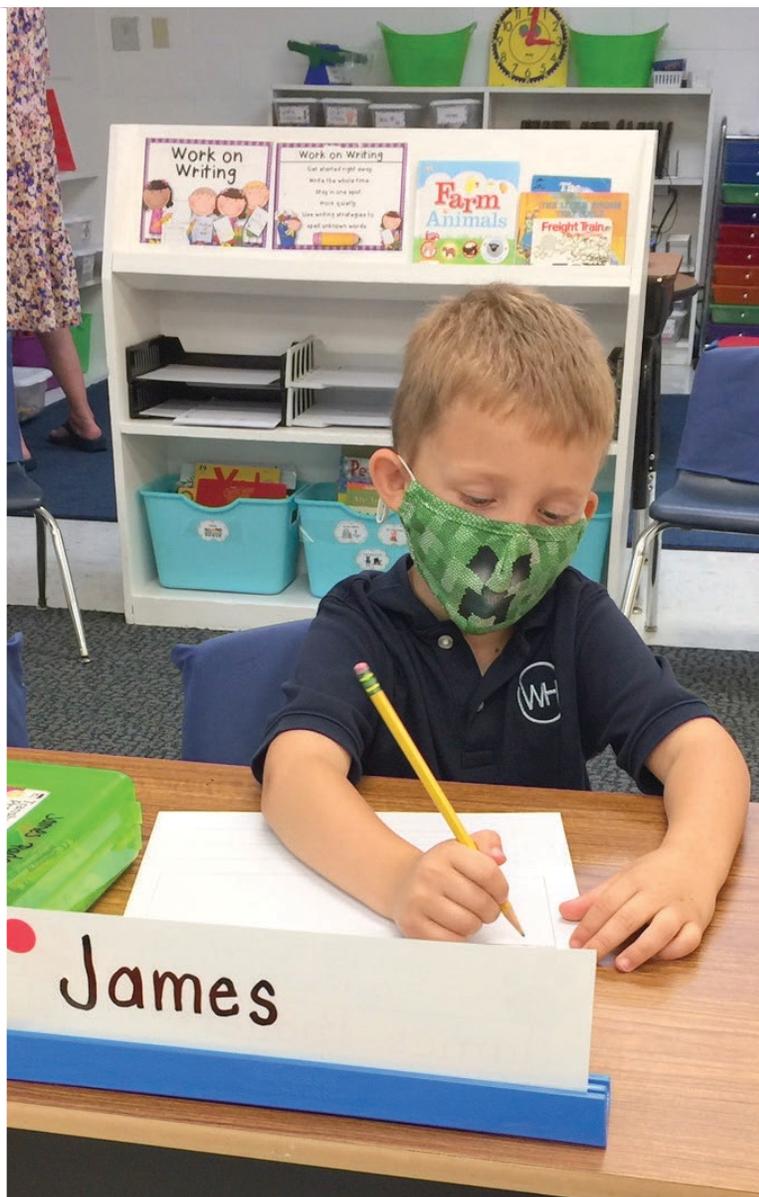
**Joanna Boland Clinkscales** and her husband, **Jeff Clinkscales '03**, announce the birth of their son, Caleb DuRant Clinkscales, on September 12. They have three other children: Elena, Vera and Emeth.



Stephanie Horton Hrisko '02

### 2002

**Stephanie Horton Hrisko** is an addiction psychiatrist for the South Carolina Department of Mental Health in Columbia. She graduated from the University of South Carolina with a Bachelor of Science in biology and a Bachelor of Science in psychology and from The Citadel with a Master of Science in general psychology. **Stephanie** earned a Doctor of Medicine from the University of South Carolina School of Medicine and completed a residency in psychiatry at Palmetto Health. She and her husband, Bill, are co-owners of Unforgettable Jewelry in Columbia and they live in Lexington.



Using the *Lucy Calkins Units of Study* curriculum which supplements the *Open Court Reading Series*, **James Padget '34** works on his writing assignment in his class taught by Mrs. Jean Dunn White '78.

20  
04

**John Chandler** is an associate attorney with the firm of Harvey & Vallini which specializes in the real estate industry. He graduated from the College of Charleston with a Bachelor of Arts in political science and from the Charleston School of Law with a Juris Doctor. **John** and his wife, **Kelsey**, live in Columbia.

2005

**Claudia Carter** and Allan Crawford were married on September 25.



**Jay Tristan** and **Bri Tarpley** were married on September 3 at the Milwaukee County War Memorial center in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, with a reception following. **Grace Tristan '18** and **Sam Tristan '24** were among the wedding party. **Jay** lives in Atlanta, Georgia, where he is a mid-corporate portfolio manager and assistant vice president for Citizens Bank. He graduated from the University of South Carolina with a Bachelor of Arts in psychology.

2007

**Jay Tristan '07** with his wife, **Bri**.

2011



**Karola Richardson '11**



**Will Richardson '11**

**Michael Brown** works as an insurance agent for Assured-Partners in Sumter. He graduated from the University of South Carolina with a Bachelor of Science in marketing. **Michael** and his wife, **Emma Wynn Betchman Brown '12**, have a daughter, **Leni**.

**Karola Richardson** works as a mental health counselor for Village Counseling in Cornelius, North Carolina. She graduated from the College of Charleston with a Bachelor of Arts in theater for youth and the University of North Carolina-Charlotte with a Master of Arts in clinical mental health counseling.

**Will Richardson** works for the Bank of America as an assistant vice president and operations consultant for global technology and operations. He graduated from the University of South Carolina Honors College with a Bachelor of Arts in philosophy and a Bachelor of Science in biological sciences, the University of Oxford in England with a Master of Studies in theology (science and religion), and the University of South Carolina Darla Moore School of Business with an International Master of Business Administration. **Will** and his wife, **Madison**, live in Columbia.

**Dustin Weible** is a media specialist at Living Frames, a broadcasting and media production company specializing in digital video production in Orlando, Florida. He is also an independent filmmaker and his latest short film he wrote and directed, *A Monster in the House*, has been selected for the Orlando Film Festival, the Central Florida Film Festival, and the Syracuse International Film Festival. **Dustin** graduated from the University of South Carolina with a Bachelor of Arts in media arts. He and his wife, **Savanna**, live in Clermont with their son, **Wells**.

20  
09



**Chris Lynch '09** welcomes his daughter, **Millie**.

**Chris Lynch** and his wife, **Katherine**, announce the birth of their daughter, **Emily Frances Lynch**, on September 19. They have a son, **Christopher**. **Chris** is the son of **Wayne Wilder Lynch '81**.

2008

**Ansel Owens** works as an operations manager for EnviroVac, a provider of industrial cleaning, environmental services, and on-site maintenance support programs. He graduated from The Citadel with a Bachelor of Science in health, exercise and sports science. **Ansel** and his wife, **Nancy Hayes Cromer Owens '09**, live in Sumter with their son, **Pruitt**, and daughter, **Parker**.

# 2012



Katelyn McFaddin Dean '12



Robert Rohner '12

**Katelyn McFaddin Dean** works as a physical therapist for BenchMark Physical Therapy in Athens, Tennessee. She graduated from the College of Charleston with a Bachelor of Science in sociology and from the Medical University of South Carolina with a Doctor of Physical Therapy. **Katelyn** and her husband, Nick, live in Athens.

**Julian Dixon** works as a software engineer for Orange Bees, a computer software company. He graduated from Clemson University with a Bachelor of Science in computer science. **Julian** and his wife, Keri, live in Greenville.

**Robert Rohner** works as a premium service representative for the Los Angeles Football Club, a Major League Soccer team. He is also an account executive for Angel City Football Club, a National Women's Soccer League team to open in Los Angeles in the spring of 2022. **Robert** graduated from Duke University with a Bachelor of Arts in psychology and from the University of Texas at Austin with a Master of Science in sports management.

**Morgan Richburg** works as an analyst for Bank of America in Charlotte, North Carolina. She graduated from Winthrop University with a Bachelor of Science in sports management.

# 2013

**Kaitlyn Dowling** lives in Mount Pleasant where she is an occupational therapist at East Cooper Medical Center as well as at Somerby Mount Pleasant. She graduated from the University of South Carolina with a Bachelor of Science in experimental psychology and from the Medical University of South Carolina with a Master of Science in occupational therapy.

**Jordain Edmondson**, who is pursuing a Doctor of Physical Therapy degree at the University of St. Augustine in Florida, completed a clinical rotation on St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands, this summer and is completing a rotation in Lebanon, Tennessee, this fall. She graduated from the University of South Carolina with a Bachelor of Science in exercise science.

**Tripp Holstein** works as a project superintendent for Contract Construction, Inc., in Irmo. He graduated from Clemson University with a Bachelor of Science in business administration.

**Paige Leighton** works as a digital manufacturing transformation leader for Eastman Chemical Company in Kingsport, Tennessee. She graduated from Clemson University with a Bachelor of Science in chemical engineering.

**Lewis Warr** and his wife, Mary Rachel, announce the birth of their daughter, Sarah Mayes Warr, on September 14. They have another daughter, Mary June.

# 2014

**Hamilton Cox** lives in Columbia where he works as an outside sales representative for Ferguson Enterprises, the nation's largest wholesale distributor of residential and commercial plumbing supplies. He graduated from The Citadel with a Bachelor of Science in business administration.

**Kyanna Dawson**, who attends the University of South Carolina School of Law, works as a publications law clerk for the U.S. Department of Justice. She is a staff editor for the South Carolina Journal of International Law and Business and she is a member of the Black Law Students Association and Phi Delta Phi, an international legal honor society. **Kyanna** graduated from Carnegie Mellon University with a Bachelor of Science in international relations and politics and she also studied international relations at the Temple University Japan Campus.

**Bailey Connor Perinon**, a first lieutenant in the Alabama Army National Guard, 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, are stationed at Fort Rucker in Daleville, Alabama.



While studying projectile motion in their Physics I class taught by Mr. Sam Umbaugh '13, students use a Nerf gun as a STEAM activity. The students determined the angle for the projectile to achieve the longest distance while considering gravity and horizontal motion. Pictured: Ansh Patel, William Cooper, William Reese & Connor Norton, Class of 22.

2015

*John Wells Baker*, a student at the University of South Carolina School of Law, works for the South Carolina Attorney General's Office as a law clerk for the state grand jury. He graduated from The Citadel with a Bachelor of Science in business administration.

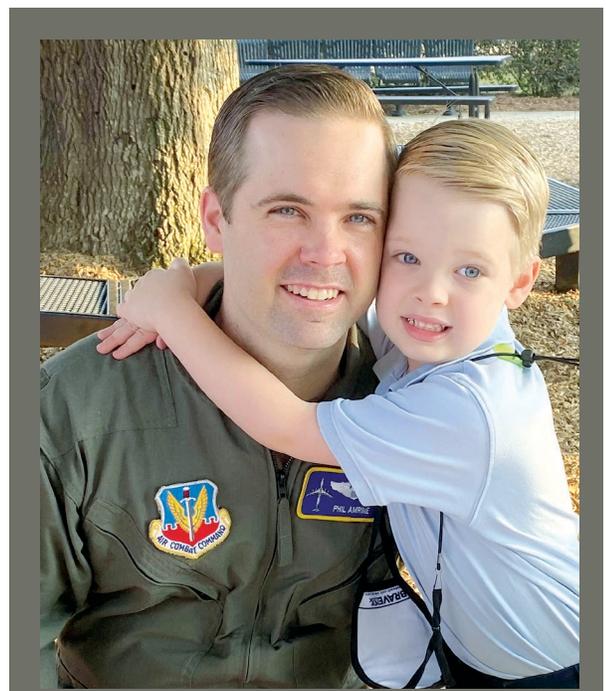


*Simmons deHoll '15*

*Simmons deHoll* lives in Austin, Texas, where she works as a senior associate consultant for Bain & Company, a management consulting firm. She graduated from Vanderbilt University with a Bachelor of Science in human and organization development and economics.

*John Eagle Miles* is completing an internship with the Federal Communications Commission as a legal extern. Pursuing a Juris Doctor at Georgetown University Law Center, he works as a research assistant for the Georgetown Law Journal's annual review of criminal procedure. He graduated from the University of South Carolina with a Bachelor of Arts in international studies and French, and he studied history and linguistics at the University of Artois in France. *John Eagle* and his wife, *Mary Kennon Arscott Miles '13*, live in Washington, D.C.

*Ryan Norris* works as a relationship banker for Synovus Financial Corp. in Charleston. He graduated from Clemson University with a Bachelor of Science in business administration.



George Amrine '34 hosts his father, Maj. Phillip Amrine, for the annual Dad's Donuts held in front of the Nash Student Center on September 30. Students recited poems, enjoyed donuts and fruit, and presented their dads with special hand-made gifts.

## 2016

*Mary Paisley Belk* is pursuing a Master of Arts in advertising at the Savannah College of Art & Design in Atlanta, Georgia. She graduated from Furman University with a Bachelor of Arts in communications and media studies.

*Duncan Rupe* works for CACI International, Inc., which provides information technology and services for national security, based in Reston, Virginia. He graduated from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University with a Bachelor of Science in mechanical engineering.



*Mary Paisley Belk '16*

## 2017

*Danielle deHoll* lives in Atlanta, Georgia, where she works as a talent specialist for 3Ci, an information technology staff consulting firm. She graduated from the University of Georgia with a Bachelor of Arts in consumer journalism.

*Emily DuRant Fish* works as a youth nutrition educator for the University of Maryland Extension in Montgomery County. She graduated from Clemson University with a Bachelor of Science in language and international health. *Emily* and her husband, *Kenny*, live in Rockville, Maryland.

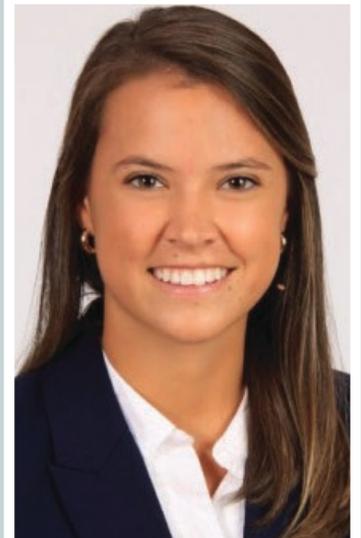
*Tripp Herlong*, a computer engineering major at Clemson University, completed a quality engineering internship for Michelin in Lexington.

*Maggie Segars* attends the Arrhythmia Technologies Institute in Greenville where she is studying cardiac device technology and cardiac electrophysiology in the cardiac specialist program. She graduated from Clemson University Honors College with a Bachelor of Science in bioengineering and biomedical engineering, and she studied biotechnology at the Polytechnic University of Valencia in Spain.

*Jun Sinlapanuntakul*, an industrial and systems engineering major at the Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, completed a summer internship with the Department of Industrial and Systems Engineering conducting branch and bound algorithm research.



*Danielle deHoll '17*



*Maggie Segars '17*



Amber Prewitt '18



Megan Piasecki '18

## 2018

**Steph Areford**, who graduated from Clemson University with a Bachelor of Science in political science, attends Pace University School of Law in New York. She completed an internship with The Borgen Project, which addresses global poverty, and the Evan Guthrie Law Firm in Charleston.

**Jarret King**, an intelligence and security studies major at The Citadel, was named to the spring dean's list.

**Becka Noyes** is completing an internship with the development and alumni relations office at Clemson University where she is a marketing major.

**Betsy Noyes** works as a senior recruiting assistant for Gordon College in Massachusetts where she is a Biblical studies major with a minor in theology.

**Megan Piasecki**, an international relations and French major at Saint Joseph's University in Pennsylvania, is completing an internship with the Montgomery County Office of the District Attorney.

**Amber Prewitt**, a biology major at the University of South Carolina, is completing an internship at Elgin Veterinary Hospital.



Campbell Bauman '23 & Coker Cutler '23 pull their classmate, Lee Mims, in the Baron Drag Relay, one of four events in The Baron Games pep rally. Sponsored by the Student Council and organized by President Hugh McLaurin '23, the pep rally involved over 150 students in grades 6-12. Ms. Heather Eldridge '93, Mr. Sean Hoskins and Mrs. Cheryl Landstrom are the Student Council advisors.

## 2019

**Bridget Anderson**, an English language and literature major at Baylor University, is completing a social media internship with the Best Friends Animal Society. She works as a tutor for the Student-Athlete Center for Excellence and she also works for the Fisher Law Firm.

**Nathan Drakeford** was named to the spring dean's list at Syracuse University where he is a transmedia major.

**Anne Land Welch**, who attends Wofford College, is studying in Ireland for the fall semester.

## 2020



Waverly McIver '20

**Drew Davis**, a computer science major, was named to the spring dean's list at The Citadel.

**Waverly McIver**, a journalism and political science double-major at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, is a city and state writer for The Daily Tar Heel, the independent, student-run newspaper serving the university and Orange County. She is a member of Alpha Chi Omega sorority and serves as the assistant Panhellenic delegate for her chapter.

## 2021

**Sarah Alexander**, who attends the College of Charleston, is a member of the Chucktown Tripintones, the college's oldest student-run cappella group.

**Madi DesChamps** is a member of Alpha Delta Pi sorority at Clemson University.

**Breland Jones** is a member of Alpha Delta Pi sorority at Clemson University.

**Georgia McCart** is a member of Alpha Phi sorority at Clemson University.

**Kaitlyn Smith** is a member of Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority at Clemson University.