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With the theme of A Night in Greece, the 51st Junior-Senior Prom was held April 12 in the Nash Student Center. After gathering on the lawn with friends and family, students entered the main gym for the Grand March when the seniors were introduced by a spotlight as they walked through an archway surrounded by a wide array of colorful flowers. This was followed by two hours of dancing and singing to music provided by DJ

Howie D Entertainment.

The framework for three walls were built to make a smaller space within the gym, and colorfully painted depictions of Greece and the Mediterranean Sea covered the walls that were adorned with white lights. Tables covered with white table cloths were decorated with

Clark Kinney '24 & CONTINUED Sophie Sweatman '25



Angela Agno '28

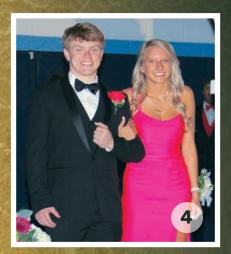
AGNO WINS ORATORICAL CONTEST

Angela Agno '28 won first place in the South Carolina Optimist Club Oratorical Contest for the zone competition and will advance to the district competition in May. In a \$100 check as a prize.

In the Palmetto Optimists Club's competition, she placed first and Bella Grudzinski '24 placed second; both participated in the zone competition. The contest's topic is "How to Change the World with Optimism."

Optimist International is one of adult and youth members in almost 3.000 clubs in the United States, Canada, the Caribbean and Mexico and throughout the world. The Optimist Oratorical Contest is one of the organization's most popular programs, with more than 2,000 clubs participating annually.







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Greek columns topped with colorful flower arrangements. A popular new feature was a 360 camera that created videos of small groups of students at a time.

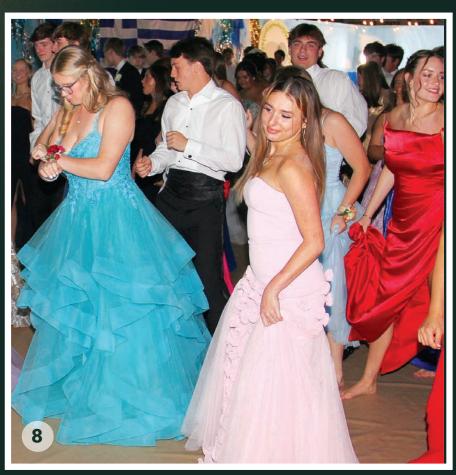
The Class of '25 sponsored the Prom, with Annabelle Branham serving as the prom committee chair and Molly Jones as the co-chair. Mrs. Rachel Jones Brown '00 and Mrs. Allyson Lowder Sanders '96 were the advisors.

Before the Prom, students and their guests attended either the Senior Prom Dinner, held at *Ben Reynolds's* home, or Junior Prom Dinner, held at *Parker McLeod's* home. Following the Prom, all students were invited to the Prom Breakfast at the Reynolds's home.





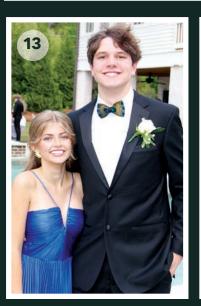
- **4.** Grayson Alexander '24 & Emma Howle '25 are introduced during the Grand March.
- 5. Mary Carter Smith '26 & Andrew Smith '24
- **6.** Mr. Chuck McCord with Sara-Jane Bates, McKenzie Gray Mills & Lucy Buxton, Class of '25.
- **7.** Molly Jones '25 & Annabelle Branham '25, Prom Committee Co-Chair and Chair, welcome the students and their guests.
- **8.** Aubrey Payne '24 & Bella Grudzinski '24 dance during the Prom.



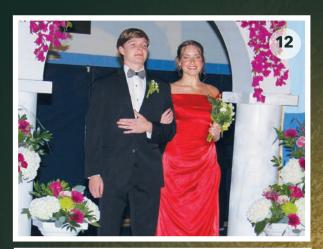














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- 9. Sara Helen Simmons '25 & Diya Patel '25
- **10.** Logan Mims '25, Landon Gilley '24, Sara Hayes Ridgeway '25 & Ben Reynolds '24 enjoy the Senior Dinner.
- **11.** Talan Griffin, Sullivan Jarecki, Marybeth VanPatten & Helen Fitzpatrick, Class of '24.
- **12.** Maggie Norris '24, escorted by Ben McLaurin '26, is announced during the Grand March.
- 13. Paige Sanders '26 & Shawn Michael Matthews '25.
- 14. Emily Mason '25 & Andrew Segars '25.
- **15.** Patrick Norton, Logan Schumacher & Levi Jiang, Class of '25



Lottie Bynum, Frances Mac Elmore, Sydney Rinkleff, Tilan Byrd, Bryce Dodson, Mikayla Ovrenovits, Sara Helen Simmons & Diya Patel, Class of '25, relax in between sessions.

JUNIOR CLASS RETREAT

As part of the curriculum, the members of the Class of '25 attended the 19th Junior Class Retreat at the Kanuga Conference Center in Henderson-ville, North Carolina, March 24-26. Coordinated by Mrs. Laura Barr, Mrs. Martha Jo Smith Johnson '99 and Mr. Glen Rector, the retreat provided rising seniors with a "beyond the classroom walls" experience with a focus on loyalty, leadership and legacy.

The retreat included group activities, structured discussions, and opportunities for enjoying the facilities of the conference center located in the Blue Ridge Mountains. Activities included a mountain hike led by *Mr. Chuck Mc-Cord* and a night hike around Kanuga Lake led by *Mr. Lee Gandy*, as well as team-building games organized by the Mountain Outdoor Trail School. Each morning began with a devotion and prayer led by *Mr. Gandy*.

Mr. Rector opened the retreat with a presentation asking "Where Are You Going" which was followed by *Mr. Brent Kaneft '00*, Head of School, presenting a challenge to the class. *Mr. Kaneft* included a retrospective slideshow entitled "Days of Our Lives" which featured old photos of students and faculty, describing the history of the school.

Mr. Eddie Talley, Assistant Head of School, spoke to the students about leadership and used a scene from the film "Remember the Titans" to illustrate his point. Dr. Milt Lowder '90, a licensed counseling psychologist in Greenville, delivered the keynote speech with the topic of "Defining Success."

Mr. Kaneft spoke to the students about freedom and the responsibility of freedom. Before students had lunch before departing, Mr. McCord gave the final presentation about the class's legacy in the inn's fireplace lounge.



Hugh Humphries '25 writes comments about his classmate, Thomas Creech, during the "Got Your Back" activity in the ireplace lounge.



Braedon Curtis '25 & Emily Mason '25 participate in the "Autograph Hunt" activity.

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Kadence Newman '25 & Sara Hayes Ridgeway '25 work with their activity group to solve a puzzle in a team-building exercise.

JUNIOR...CONTINUED

The students were divided into five activity groups, led by faculty members, to work on a project that culminated in an iMovie presentation. Organized by *Mrs. Molly McDuffie*, each group was given the task of identifying traits or characteristics it would like to emulate, then create three to five minute iMovies.

In addition to the presentations, students participated in a variety of activities such as an autograph search, improvisational acting group activities led by *Mr. George Carruth '06*, and "Got Your Back" for which students wrote affirming messages on pieces of paper taped to the backs of classmates. A social hour with snacks and refreshments was held in the lodge the first night, and throughout the retreat there was ample free time for students.

Students stayed in the historic cottages of Kanuga, with each cottage having a faculty member chaperone. In addition to the faculty members previously mentioned, also chaperoning the trip were Mr. Sean Hoskins, Mrs. Molly Simpson Matthews '93, Mrs. Sarah Smith and Mr. Sam Watford '16.

Every member of the Class of 2025 had the opportunity to enjoy the significant benefits of a time set apart for community building and individual character development in a way that will not only benefit each student individually, but continue Wilson Hall's strong tradition of effective preparation for college and beyond.

Middle School Track Teams Win State

Both the middle school boys and girls track teams, coached by *Mr. Rip Ripley*, won the South Carolina Independent School Association Middle School State Meet hosted by Wilson Hall. Athletes from 19 teams participated in the meet.

Winning first place in their events for the boys were Ethan Bentley '28 - discus, Harris Huffman '28 - high jump and 300 hurdles, Keighan Norton '28 - pole vault, and Shep Vincent '28 - triple jump. The 4x100 relay team of Nolan Gooch '28, Huffman, Vincent and Gibb Wilder '28 also placed first.

The following girls won their events: McKinley Bath '29 - javelin, Bailey Flemming '28 - 100, and Grace Stewart '29 - high jump.



Eddie Donnald, Elliott Arscott, Daniel Kirby & Davis Lee, Class of '24, work on the grounds of Crosswell Children's Home during the Senior Service Project.

Senior Service Project

The members of the Class of '24 spent the morning of April 12 performing a variety of service projects in the Sumter community. Following breakfast on the Bynum Rooftop Garden, the students were divided into three groups before loading buses to travel to Crosswell Home for Children, Sumter United Ministries, and Sumter United Ministries Emergency Shelter.

For Crosswell, students organized clothing donations, sorted summer supplies, and worked on the grounds. At the emergency shelter, the group did some exterior painting and repaired a wooden ramp. For United Ministries, students sorted donated clothes, organized the food pantry, inventoried items for fire and domestic violence victims, painted parts of the exterior, and rebuilt a picnic table.

The project was coordinated by Mrs. Day Caughman, Class President Davis Lee '24, and Mr. Glen Rector, and Mr. Shawn Custer and Mrs. Elizabeth Lee assisted in chaperoning the students.

Middle School Dance

Dancing and singing to the tunes of Ronny Lane, the professional D.J. with PartyTime Entertainment in Columbia, over 150 middle school students crowded the Nash Student Center cafeteria the last evening before Spring Break. Sponsored by the Middle School Student Council, advised by *Ms. Heather Eldridge '93*, class officers provided the refreshments and tropical decorations for the spring dance.

The week prior to the dance, Ms. Jennifer Alford Reimer '00 of Miss Libby's School of Dance organized shag and line dancing lessons during activity periods after standardized testing. Assisting Ms. Eldridge in chaperoning were the following faculty members: Mrs. Teresa O'Hare Alexander '98, Mrs. Lori Brown, Mr. George Carruth '06, Mr. Lee Gandy, Mrs. Lori Gandy, Mrs. Susie Herlong, Mrs. Molly McDuffie, Mr. Neal Moersen '06 and Mrs. Lauri Peyton.



Anna Reese Altman, Kenleigh Barnette, Angela Carter & Clara Hulshizer, Class of '30







JUNIOR HONOR MARSHALS

The following members of the Class of '25, who have attended Wilson Hall since the tenth grade and have the highest grade point averages in the class, were named as Junior Honor Marshals: Abby Bradley, Josie Jackson, Diya Patel, Sara Hayes Ridgeway, Andrew Segars and Sara Helen Simmons. They were announced by Mr. Brent Kaneft '00, Head of School, and were presented blue sashes by Mrs. Susan Barfield, Academic Dean, during a ceremony held for students, faculty and parents. The marshals will participate in the Senior Awards Program and the Graduation Ceremony.



Junior Honor Marshals: Abby Bradley, Josie Jackson, Diya Patel, Sara Hayes Ridgeway, Andrew Segars & Sara Helen Simmons, Class of '25.



Roosevelt Mallone '37 & Amelia Metz '37 wear purple to show support of military children.

MILITARY KIDS CELEBRATED

As part of the Month of the Military Child, Wilson Hall commemorated "Purple Up! For Military Kids" on April 15 as students and faculty wore purple to show support for military children. On the hallway bulletin boards were world maps with pin drops of all the places the students have lived while their parents have served the country; they have lived in nine countries and 29 states. Approximately 20% of the student body is associated with the military. Mrs. Day Caughman, School Counselor, coordinated the project.

Mind, Brain & Education Workshop

Wilson Hall hosted 40 educators for a workshop on mind, brain, and education (MBE) research on April 13. Glenn Whitman, Director of The Center for Transformative Teaching & Learning and co-author of Neuroteach: Brain Science and the Future of Education, led the workshop. He was joined by Christine Lewis (early and elementary education) and they provided an extensive introduction into the field of MBE and how the science of learning can have a major impact on student learning. The collaboration involved educators from Heathwood Hall Episcopal School, Liberty STEAM Charter School, Spartanburg Day School, Wilson Hall and other schools from around the state.

Lucille Michaels
'36 & Ellie
Morris '36 pick
strawberries
during a class
trip to Dorr
Farms in Gable.
Students also
learned about
the life of bees
and how they
contribute to the
farm, played on
the playground,
and fed the farm
animals.



THEATER AWARDS

Members of the cast of the spring musical, The ognized during the cast party held on the Bynum Rooftop Garden in March. Mr. George Carruth '06, director, presented special awards to Katie Croft '24 and Slade Custer '24 as the leading performers of the show. He also presented the Wilson Hall Star of Excellence to the following cast and crew members for exceptional contributions to the theater program: Dillon Bartlett '24, Mary Claire Bearak '24, Daniel Burton ′24, Elizabeth Busch ′24, Croft, Custer, Frances Mac Elmore '25, Landon Gilley '24, Jeremiah Jones . '24, Ben Reynolds '24, Liz Singkhonket '26, and Sophie Sweatman '25.



Theater award winners: (front) Katie Croft '24, Mary Claire Bearak '24, Elizabeth Busch '24, Liz Singhonket '26, Sophie Sweatman '25, Frances Mac Elmore '25, (back) Landon Gilley '24, Jeremiah Jones '24, Ben Reynolds '24, Slade Custer '24, Daniel Burton '24 & Dillon Bartlett '24.



Austin McLaurin '26 delivers his researched-based Individual Multimedia Presentation, with the topic "Peer Pressure's Effect on Youth," for the College Board. Complementing his presentation was a 2,000-word Individual Written Argument. He is one of 15 students in the Advanced Placement (AP) Seminar class taught by Mrs. Molly McDuffie & Mrs. Stacey Reaves. The class, part of the AP Capstone Diploma Program, develops students' skills in research, analysis, evidence-based arguments, collaboration, writing, and presenting.

1999

Nate Boykin works as a project manager for Caplea Coe Architects, Inc. He graduated from the University of South Carolina with a Bachelor of Arts in religious studies and from Clemson University with a Master of Architecture. Nate and his wife, Laura, live in Charleston.



Nate Boykin '99

2001

Anna Edens Hurst is a clinical medical geneticist for the Smith Family Clinic for Genome Medicine at the Hudson Alpha Institute for Biotechnology which diagnoses patients with undiagnosed or misdiagnosed diseases. A pediatrician, she is affiliated with the University of Alabama at Birmingham Hospital and Children's Hospital of Alabama at UAB. In addition, Anna is an associate professor of clinical genetics and an assistant professor of pediatric neurology at the University of Alabama at Birmingham School of Medicine. She graduated from North Carolina State University with a Bachelor of Science in biological sciences, the University of South Carolina with a Master of Science in genetic counseling, and the Medical University of



Anna Edens Hurst '01

South Carolina with a Doctor of Medicine. *Anna* completed a pediatric residency at Wake Forest Baptist Health and a medical genetics residency at the University of Alabama at Birmingham. She and her husband, Garrett, live in Birmingham.

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06

George Carruth performed the supporting role of Bob Ewell in The Arts Center of Kershaw County's production of To Kill a Mockingbird at the Wood Auditorium in April. He works at Wilson Hall where he teaches film studies, 7th grade history, 6th grade theater, and Theater I-IV. George is the head of the school's theater program and is the director of the annual spring musical, most recently The Music Man Jr. He is also a second lieutenant in the Army National Guard with the 263rd Army Air Missile Defense Command in Anderson. George graduated from the College of Charleston with a Bachelor of Arts in theater and drama studies.

2009

Noell Weible Hanniford is joining Wilson Hall's faculty as a kindergarten assistant teacher for the 2024-25 school year. She has eight years of teaching experience in Sumter School District and has been working with Wilson Hall's Baron Care (after school care) since January. She graduated from the University of South Carolina with a Bachelor of Science in physical education and teacher certification, and she is pursuing early childhood certification. Noell and her husband, Brandon, live in Sumter and have a daughter, Whitley '37.



Noell Weible Hanniford '09

2011

Becca Marlowe Micklon and her husband, Tony, announce the birth of their daughter, Janie Louise Micklon, on April 10. They have a son, James. Becca is the daughter of Louise Moseley Marlowe '81.

Caroline Smith earned a Ph.D. in evolutionary anthropology from Washington State University. She graduated from the University of Richmond with a Bachelor of Arts in psychology and from Washington State with a Master of Arts in evolutionary anthropology.



Becca Marlowe Micklon '11 and family.

Curtis-Lynne Edens Carraway is joining Wilson Hall's faculty as a Preschool 4 teacher for the 2024-25 school year. 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. She and her husband, Brent Carraway '16, will move to Sumter this summer.

Kaitlyn Dowling and Franky Craven were married on April 14 in Hope Town on Elbow Cay, Bahamas, with a reception following. Kaitlyn works as an occupational therapist for BAYADA Home Health Care in Georgetown County. 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 therару.

Paige Leighton and Matt Filanova were married at Swan House in Atlanta, Georgia, on April 8. She works as the Corporate Innovation Process Manager for Eastman Chemical in Greer, a global specialty materials company that produces a broad range of products found in items people use every day. Paige graduated from Clemson University with a Bachelor of Science in chemical engineering.

Savannah Matthews Lentz works as a senior associate account executive for MERGE Atlanta, a marketing communications and



Paige Leighton Filanova '13



technology agency in Alpharetta, Georgia. She graduated from Clemson University with a Bachelor of Arts in communications and media studies and is pursuing a Master of Business Administration through the University of Iowa. Savannah and her husband, Danny, live in Atlanta.

Tripp Whaley is a principal software engineer for Oracle, a cloudtechnology company. He graduated

from Duke University with a Bachelor of Science in electrical and computer engineering and a Bachelor of Science in computer science. Tripp and his wife, Megan, live in Raleigh, North Carolina.

2015

Chase Belk lives in Huntsville, Alabama, where he is a senior investment analyst for Twickenham Advisors, a registered investment advisor firm. He graduated from Furman University with a Bachelor of Science in business administration and from the Vanderbilt University Owen Graduate School of Management with a Master of Accountancy.

Hannah Jordan lives in Sumter and is a dentist in Kingstree with the practice of Dr. David Grossman. She graduated from Clemson University with a Bachelor of Science in biological sciences and the Medical University of South Carolina College



Hannah Jordan '15

of Dental Medicine with a Doctor of Dental Medicine.

Delaney Johnson Kelly, who graduated from Clemson University with a Bachelor of Science Chair 8, a marketing firm. Emmett, live in Raleigh, North Carolina.

Mack Kolb and Madison on April 20 at Johannah House in Sumter with a reception following. Connor Curtis '16 was the best man, and the Reaves '16, Nick Sersun '16 and Easton Ward '17. Mack is the son of Virginia Boyle Kolb '72. Mack, who graduated from Clemson University with a Bachelor of Science in works as a realtor for Century 21 Hawkins & Kolb. He and Madison live in Sumter.



Tradd Stover '16 and his wife, Lexi.

married on March 23 at 1208 Washin Columbia, with a reception following. Tradd is the son of Paula Stover practices in insurance coverage, with the firm of Murphy & Grantland in Columbia. Tradd graduated from the University of South Carolina with School of Law with a Juris Doctor.







Natalie Ardis '17

Lane Herlong Hilferty '17 & Sam Hilferty '17

Easton Ward '17 & Caroline Kimbrell Ward '17

2017

Natalie Ardis is the Executive Assistant to the Executive Director of the South Carolina School Boards Association

in Columbia. She graduated from Anderson University with a Bachelor of Arts in communications.

Sam Hilferty, a first lieutenant in the United States Army, competed in the Best Ranger Competition held at Fort Moore in Georgia. He and his teammate finished 11th out of the 56 teams competing and was one of only 16 teams to finish the competition. During the three day event, competitors completed 58 hours of physical, technical and cognitive activity. In addition to moving over 60 miles while carrying 50 pounds, Sam completed 18 tactical tasks and four helicopter missions. He and his wife, Lane Herlong Hilferty '17, live in Vilseck, Germany, where Sam is posted with the Second Cavalry Regiment

at the U.S. Army Garrison Bavaria. *Sam* graduated from the United States Military Academy (West Point) with a Bachelor of Science in mechanical engineering, and he graduated from Army Ranger School at Fort Benning, Georgia.

Caroline Kimbrell and Easton Ward '17 were married on April 13 at Wachesaw Plantation Club in Murrells Inlet with a reception following. Amanda Kimbrell '20 was the maid of honor and Madeleine Maury Shuler '17 was a bridesmaid. Caroline is the daughter of Rebecca Smith Kimbrell '86. Caroline, who graduated from Clemson University with a Bachelor of Science in marketing, works as a marketing assistant for Rike's Roofing Services. Easton, who graduated from Clemson University with a Bachelor of Science in business administration, works as a financial representative for Northwestern Mutual. They live in Greenville.

2018

Steph Areford, who graduated from Clemson University with a Bachelor of Arts in political science and government, will earn a Juris Doctor from the Haub School of Law at Pace University in New York next month. She has accepted a position as an assistant district attorney for Queens, New York. Steph competed in the American Bar Association National Appellate Advocacy Competition, winning the regional moot court competition and advancing to the national championship. She and her teammate placed second in the nation out of 178 teams. Steph also placed third for best advocate in the nation out of 350 competitors, and she won fourth place for brief writing.

Daulton Dabbs and Kelsey Shuler were married on April 20 at Southern Celebrations at Collins Grove in Sumter with a reception following. Daulton, who graduated from Francis Marion University with a Bachelor of Science in business administration, works for Dominion Energy. They live in Sumter.

Liza Lowder Meyers is joining the faculty as a high school English teacher for the 2024-25 school year. A graduate of







Steph Areford '18

Clemson University with a Bachelor of Arts in English and in secondary education, she has two years of experience teaching English at Dorman High School in Spartanburg District 6. *Liza* and her husband, *Jake Myers* '18, will move to Sumter this summer.



Ragin Lee, who attends the University of South Carolina Rice School of Law, is serving as the treasurer for the Labor and Employment Law Society. She graduated from Wofford College with a Bachelor of Science in anthropology and sociology.

Holly Poag is the Strategic Communications Manager for Coker University in Hartsville. She graduated from the University of South Carolina with a Bachelor of Arts in journalism and mass communications and is pursuing a Master of Science in leadership and management at Coker.

Liza Segars, who attends the University of South Carolina Rice School of Law, is serving as the secretary of the Honor Council. She graduated from Clemson University Honors College with a Bachelor of Science in political science and government.







Livian Mai '20

Bristol Barnes, a theater major (performance and scenic design) with a minor in film studies at the College

of Charleston Honors College, wrote and directed a short film, Mickey and The Passage of Time. The film, which premiered at the College of Charleston Student Film Festival in early April, won first place as well as the Audience Choice Award.

Enrick Dickey, who will graduate from Auburn University with a Bachelor of Science in law and justice next month, will enter the Washington & Lee University School of Law in the fall.

Mallory Hobday, a fourth-year member of the University of South Carolina Dance Team, received the Most Spirited Award at the team's annual banquet.

Livian Mai received two awards from the Wingate University Byrum School of Business, the Marketing Award and the Outstanding Business Student Faculty Award. She will graduate with a Bachelor of Science in marketing next month.

Emily Moersen, who will earn a Bachelor of Science in food science and human nutrition from Clemson University in May, will pursue a Master of Science in food, nutrition and culinary sciences at Clemson.

Madeline Owens has accepted a position as a client advisor for the luxury brand Louis Vuitton in Charleston. She will graduate from the University of South Carolina with a Bachelor of Arts in English.

Isabelle Weston, who will earn a Bachelor of Arts in Spanish and international business from Clemson University next month, has accepted a position with Dexian, an international global staffing, IT and work solutions firm in Charlotte, North Carolina.

2021

Gracyn Coker will complete a government relations summer internship for Sweatman Strategies, an association management and government affairs firm in Columbia. She is an English and psychology major at Wofford College where she is a member of the Campus Union and Kappa Delta sorority.

Sarah Emily Durham, a biology: medical lab science major at Charleston Southern University Miller Jones '21



Honors College, will pursue a medical lab science certification at the University of Nebraska Medical Center this summer. She is a member of the Campus Ambassadors, Alpha Epsilon Delta National Health Preprofessional Honor Society, and Beta Beta Biology Honor Society.

Miller Jones will complete a summer internship in commercial real estate with Broadstreet Partners in Greenville. He is a financial management major at Clemson University Honors College.



Jacob Reddick '37 enjoys the egg hunt during his class's Easter party. Lower school students celebrated the Easter season with a variety of activities, including crafts, egg hunts and class parties held both on and off campus.