

To: Wilson Hall Families
From: Lucy Grey McIver, Chair, Board of Trustees
Date: 9-25-26
Subject: Head of School Transition

Dear Wilson Hall Family,

On behalf of the Board of Trustees, I am writing to share the news that Brent Kaneft has accepted a position as Head of School at a school in Oklahoma effective June 30, 2027. He will continue with us for the remainder of this school year. While we will miss Brent's leadership, we are grateful for his many contributions to Wilson Hall and wish him every success in this next chapter.

Brent came to Wilson Hall as a graduate of the Class of 2000 who understood firsthand the difference a Wilson Hall education makes. He returned to Sumter after more than two decades because he believed in this school and wanted his own daughters to experience it. That personal connection to our mission shaped everything he did as Head of School.

Under Brent's leadership, Wilson Hall reached new heights. This year we welcomed a record-breaking 863 students, the largest enrollment in the school's 60-year history. Our Class of 2026 achieved remarkable results in college acceptances and scholarships. Ten students received the Palmetto Fellows Scholarship, 38 earned the Life Scholarship, and 13 received the Hope Scholarship. Our AP program offers 21 AP courses, more than any other school in Sumter, Clarendon, Kershaw and Lee counties and this year 113 students became eligible to receive college credit.

Beyond the numbers, Brent championed the qualities that set Wilson Hall apart. He invested in faculty development across neuroscience, cognitive psychology, and education research so our teachers could meet every student where they are. He upheld the school's commitment to character education, spiritual growth, and the foundational values of diligence and integrity that our founders envisioned. He cultivated an atmosphere where, as he often said, "respect and hard work are the expectations, not the exception."

Brent also helped position Wilson Hall for its future. The school's financial condition remains strong under a well-planned balanced budget, and the acquisition of the Wise Drive Baptist Church property expanded our campus by six acres. That expansion led to the campus master plan now underway, which will shape Wilson Hall for generations to come. Our students continue to excel in the classroom, on the field, and on the stage, earning recognition in academics, athletics, and the arts at every level.

The Board of Trustees has begun the initial process of identifying Wilson Hall's next Head of School. We will share more details about the search and transition timeline in the coming weeks. In the meantime, Wilson Hall's dedicated faculty, administrators, coaches, and staff remain fully committed to our students, and the Board is confident in the strength of our school community.

Please join me in thanking Brent for his service to Wilson Hall and in wishing him and his family well.

With gratitude,

Lucy Grey McIver Chair, Board of Trustees Wilson Hall