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Girls Golf Wins State Championship

A historic win for the Barons! Girls Golf captured the program's first SCISA 4A State Championship with a two-day team score of 695, capping a record-breaking season of determination, consistency, and tremendous team pride.

Aviana Hicks '29 finished 9th with a 162, ***Mary Katherine Dutcher '27*** - 11th with a 163, ***Sully Andrews '32*** - 17th with a 180, ***Angela Carter '30*** - 21st with a 190, and ***Anna Kate Aronson '29*** - 31st with a 199. Led by ***Mr. Ryan Dutcher***, head coach, the team also won the Region Championship and finished the season with an outstanding 54-15 record.

Assistant coaches were ***Mrs. Maddie Dinkins, Mr. Zach Hicks***, and ***Mr. Riley Worple***. This championship marks the school's 79th state title, adding another proud chapter to Wilson Hall's longstanding tradition of athletic success. We are incredibly proud of these Barons for bringing home a historic championship and representing Wilson Hall with such dedication.

Mr. Ryan Dutcher, Mrs. Maddie Dinkins, Aviana Hicks '29, Anna Kate Aronson '29, Mary Katherine Dutcher '27, Sully Andrews '32, Angela Carter '30, Mr. Riley Worple & Mr. Zach Hicks



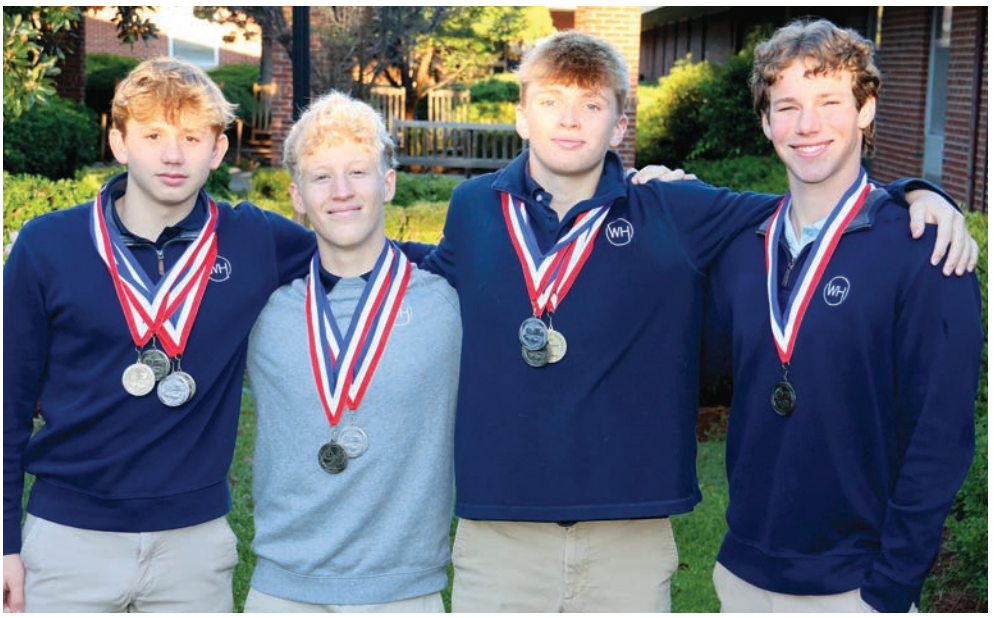
Turner Engineering Wing Dedication

The enduring connection Wilson Hall alumni have with their school was especially meaningful during the Class of '81 reunion, when the H.L. Turner Engineering Wing was dedicated in Founders Chapel. Surrounded by classmates, former faculty members, and family, ***Hal Turner '81*** reflected on the important role Wilson Hall played in his life and shared his hope that his gift would open doors for generations of students to come. The wing includes two classrooms that house the engineering and robotics labs, complete with 35 3D printers. Classmate ***Mike Williams***, a nationally renowned artist, was also recognized for his gift of a painting displayed in the Arts Building, which the class viewed during a campus tour led by ***Mr. Brent Kaneft '00***, Head of School. After the presentation and tour, classmates gathered in the Bynum Rooftop Garden to watch the Homecoming football game and reconnect with one another. Coordinated by ,, Director of Development, and ***Mrs. Leigh Edmunds McLaurin '92***, Director of Alumni Relations, the event was a meaningful reminder that Wilson Hall's alumni continue to strengthen the school they love while helping shape the experience of those who follow them.



Hal Turner '81

Boys Swim Team Finishes Third at State Championship, Wins Gold in Four Events



Jacob Hewett '29, Ethan Wilson '28, Ryan Brown '29 & JT Reimer '28

The boys swim team captured four gold medals, broke six school records, and finished third at the SCISA 4A State Championship, concluding an outstanding season with a 65-3 record. Leading the Barons were ***Jacob Hewett '29***, who was named the 4A boys' overall high-point swimmer, and ***Ryan Brown '29***, who tied for second in the overall individual standings. ***Jacob*** won two individual state championships, setting school records in the 500-yard freestyle (4:46.93) and 100-yard breaststroke (58.06). ***Ryan*** claimed the state championship in the 50-yard freestyle (22.40) and earned a silver medal in the 100-yard freestyle (49.55).

Jacob and ***Ryan*** joined ***J.T. Reimer '28*** and ***Ethan Wilson '28*** to win the state championship in the 200-yard freestyle relay, setting a school record of 1:32.70. The 400-yard freestyle relay team of ***Ethan, Jacob, Ryan***, and ***Gentry Flowers '30*** earned silver medals with another school record of 3:27.53. ***Jacob*** also established individual school records in the 50-yard freestyle (22.32) and 100-yard freestyle (48.47), bringing the boys' total to six records broken during the meet.

The girls swim team also turned in a strong performance, finishing seventh and completing the season with a 38-32 record. The girls' 400-yard freestyle relay team of ***Anna Hewett '33, Lilly Schortmann '32, Campbell Wylie '32***, and ***Bella Wassmuth '31*** led the way with a fourth-place finish. ***Bella*** also placed fifth in the 200-yard individual medley, the team's highest individual finish. Nineteen swimmers competed at the championship meet. ***Mrs. Jeanna Mahr*** serves as head coach of both teams, assisted by ***Mrs. Amy Brown*** and ***Mrs. Renee Norton***. In addition to the medal winners, the following swimmers earned valuable team points by placing among the top 10 in their events:

Gentry Flowers '30 . . . . . 8th, 100-yard butterfly
Nixon Judson '29 . . . . . 10th, 200-yard individual medley
Asher Parrott '31 . . . . . 7th, 100-yard breaststroke; 9th, 500-yard freestyle
J.T. Reimer '27 . . . . . 7th, 100-yard backstroke
Quincy Sauer '31 . . . . . 7th, 200-yard individual medley
Ethan Wilson '28 . . . . . 9th, 100-yard butterfly
Jose Diaz '27, Gentry Flowers '30, Asher Parrott '31, and ***J.T. Reimer '28***. . . . . 8th, 200-yard medley relay
Anna Hewett '33 . . . . . 8th, 500-yard freestyle; 9th, 200-yard individual medley
Lilly Schortmann '32 . . . . . 9th, 100-yard backstroke; 10th, 200-yard freestyle
Bella Wassmuth '31 . . . . . 5th, 200-yard individual medley; 8th, 100-yard breaststroke
Campbell Wylie '31. . . . . 10th, 100-yard butterfly
Anna Hewett '33, Lilly Schortmann '32, Bella Wassmuth '31, and ***Campbell Wylie '31*** . . . . . 4th, 400-yard freestyle relay
Cat Bowman '30, Lilly Schortmann '32, Bella Wassmuth '31, and ***Campbell Wylie '31*** . . . . . 7th, 200-yard freestyle relay,



A Special Mystery Reader Brings Family to Kindergarten

Grandparents and extended family members play an important role in the Wilson Hall community, as demonstrated by a recent visit from a special Mystery Reader. ***Mrs. Jane Morrical*** surprised her grandson ***Simon Kimber '39*** and his class by reading one of his father's childhood books and bringing edible treats inspired by The Cat in the Hat. With both of ***Simon's*** parents deployed since last spring, his grandparents have traveled from Texas to care for Simon and his sister, ***Harriet '41***. Their involvement reflects the important role extended family members play in supporting our students. Wilson Hall values the many grandparents and other family members who contribute to the school community through their time, involvement, and support.

Mrs. Jane Morrical reads to her grandson Simon Kimber '39 and his class.

Students Recognized at 4-H Achievement Banquet

Jane Foley '30, Mary Foley '28, and ***Kira Stelle '28*** were recognized for their accomplishments at the Sumter County 4-H Youth Development Program's annual Achievement Banquet. The event celebrated youth achievement, leadership, service and hands-on learning. ***Mary*** received the prestigious Silver Award in recognition of her outstanding leadership, sustained service, initiative, and exceptional contributions to the Sumter County 4-H program. ***Jane*** earned a medal for her accomplishments in Environmental Science: Soil and Water, while ***Kira*** received a medal for her leading the 4-H Cooking Like a Chef Camp. Through programs emphasizing science, agriculture, healthy living and civic engagement, 4-H encourages young people to develop practical skills, confidence and leadership. Wilson Hall's 4-H Chapter is advised by ***Dr. Cindy Foley*** and ***Mr. Chris Stelle.***



Jane Foley '30, Mary Foley '28 & Kira Stelle '28



KINDERGARTEN DONUTS WITH GROWN-UPS

Emilia Rutledge '39 with her parents, Zachary & Skye.

Kindergarten students welcomed their families and special guests for Donuts with Grown-Ups, a morning celebrating the important connection between home and school. The gathering began in Founders Chapel with a prayer and a musical performance directed by ***Mrs. Julia Sims-Owens***. Guests then enjoyed donuts and fresh fruit outside the Nash Student Center before visiting classrooms, where students proudly shared their family portraits and writings about donuts. The morning offered families a glimpse into their children's school day while giving students the special opportunity to share their accomplishments with those who mean the most to them. Kindergarten teachers ***Mrs. Hope Alexander, Mrs. Ashley Lowder Bateman '92***, and ***Mrs. Amy Jones*** coordinated the event.

Chapel Message Encourages Gratitude and Faith

Mr. Kevin Blalock, Associate Pastor at First Baptist Sumter, delivered a message in Founders Chapel emphasizing God's gracious love and the importance of living in the present. Drawing from the parable of the prodigal son in Luke 15, he reminded students of God's unconditional love and forgiveness. He also encouraged them to appreciate each day as a gift from God rather than dwelling on the past or worrying about the future. The Chapel Program is coordinated by ***Mr. Lee Gandy***.



Mr. Kevin Blalock speaks in Founders Chapel.

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Murrell Smith '86, the S.C. Speaker of the House, visits the AP Government class.

SPEAKER SMITH VISITS AP GOVERNMENT CLASS

Rep. Murrell Smith '86, Speaker of the S.C. House of Representatives, visited ***Mr. Lee Gandy's*** AP Government class to discuss the importance of compromise, working across the aisle, and participating in the political process. He also explained aspects of the state legislative process and committee system, challenged students to register to vote and become engaged citizens, and encouraged them to consider the person rather than simply the party when evaluating candidates. The visit concluded with a student question-and-answer session.

Wilson Hall is fortunate to have alumni and parents who remain closely connected to the school and generously share their time, experience, and talents with our students. Whether serving as guest speakers, mentors, volunteers, or supporters, they enrich the educational experience and help students see how lessons learned in the classroom connect to life beyond campus. Their continued involvement reflects the strong sense of community that has long been a hallmark of Wilson Hall.

ENRICHMENT ACTIVITIES PROGRAM: AUTUMN ADVENTURES

First and second graders enjoyed Autumn Adventures in Literacy through the Enrichment Activities Program, combining seasonal fun with hands-on reading practice. Students created apples and apple trees as they worked with long and short vowel patterns, read stories such as ***The Leaf Thief,*** and even became "leaf thieves" themselves for a fall-themed craft. Designed for students in Preschool 3 through fifth grade, the Enrichment Activities Program offers three week-long activities each month, giving students opportunities to explore new interests ranging from art to robotics. For more information, please contact ***Mrs. Brooke Tidwell***, Director of Auxiliary Programs, at brooketidwell@wilsonhall.org.



Lyla Kate Thomasson '37 collects a leaf for a project during the Autumn Adventures in Literacy through the Enrichment Activities Program.



Gray Edmunds '32 & Morgan Hodge '32 participate in a Mad Scientist experiment.

MAD SCIENTIST MORNING IGNITES STEAM

Turning curiosities into experiments and teamwork into discovery, middle school students dove into Mad Scientist Morning, rotating through three grade-level stations selected from nine different hands-on labs and enjoying a well-earned break outside in the beautiful weather. Students explored states of matter and physical versus chemical changes by combining cream, sugar, and vanilla with ice and salt to transform a liquid mixture into ice cream. Other experiments investigated osmosis and diffusion using vegetables, germ detection with black lights and glow gel, and whether yeast is living or nonliving through a controlled experiment. Led by faculty teams, the activities strengthened students' skills in observation, measurement, communication, and collaboration while bringing chemistry, physics, and biology to life. Science teachers ***Mrs. Mindy Busch, Mrs. Cecelia Edmunds Ormond '11***, and ***Mrs. Erin Trueblood*** coordinated the STEAM event.

MISSION STATEMENT

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

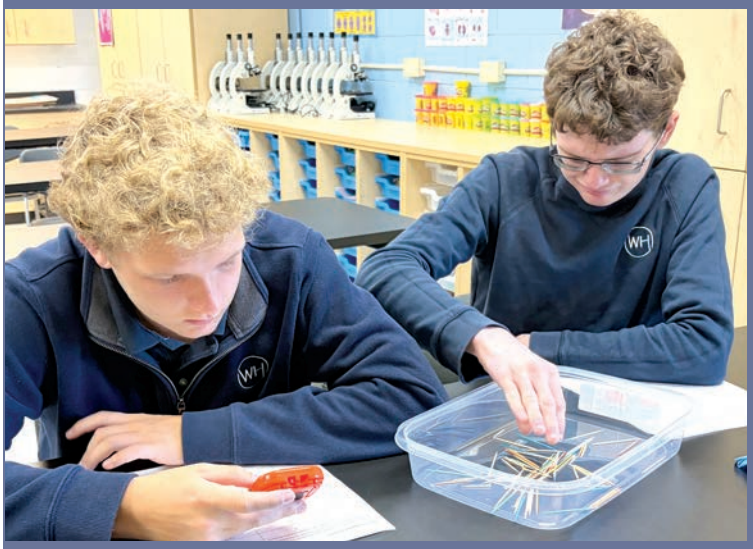
Preschool 3 Explores Pumpkins from Classroom to Patch

A trip across the street became a big adventure for Preschool 3 students as they enjoyed their very first field trip to the pumpkin patch. After studying the life cycle of a pumpkin in the classroom, students had the opportunity to see their science lessons come to life through hands-on exploration and discovery. Combining outdoor learning with fall fun, the field trip showed that even a short journey can lead to exciting learning experiences.



Piper Sommerville '41 finds her pumpkin during the class trip to the Pumpkin Patch.

AP Biology Explores Enzyme Activity Through Hands-On Learning



Jacob Cartret '27 & Casey Belinski '27 participate in an enzyme experiment in AP Biology.

What can a handful of toothpicks teach students about the science of life? Quite a bit, as AP Biology students discovered during an interactive experiment in ***Mrs. Ashley Morris'*** class. Using toothpicks to simulate enzyme activity under normal conditions, in the presence of a competitive inhibitor, and after denaturation, students investigated how different factors affect enzyme efficiency. This hands-on approach transformed complex biological concepts into an engaging learning experience, deepening students' understanding of the essential role enzymes play in living organisms.

KEY CLUB SERVES WITH PURPOSE AT

WALK FOR LIFE

PRISMA HEALTH TUOMEY FOUNDATION

Putting service into action, Key Club members volunteered at the Walk for Life, hosted by the Prisma Health Tuomey Foundation on the Watson Family Track. Students welcomed participants at check-in and assisted with setup and cleanup, helping ensure the success of the fundraiser benefiting the Prisma Health Henry Moses, MD Breast Center. Their involvement reflects the importance of community service and the opportunities Wilson Hall provides for students to make a meaningful difference beyond campus. Advised by ***Mrs. Stacey Reaves*** and led by Co-Presidents ***Caroline Moorman '27*** and ***Livie Pedersen '27***, the club demonstrated how student leadership and compassion can positively impact the community.

Strengthening Faith and Alumni Connections

Wilson Hall encourages students to explore and express their faith through opportunities such as the student-initiated High School Boys Bible Study, which meets before school on alternating Wednesdays. The group recently welcomed ***Jake Meyers '18***, who returned to campus to share a message with the boys. His visit reflects the lasting connections between Wilson Hall and its graduates, who are always welcome to return and share their experiences and insights with current students. Through gatherings like Bible Study, the school provides opportunities for students to strengthen their faith, build friendships, and grow together in a supportive environment.



Daniel Reis '29, Luke Sill '29, Graham Arthaud '29, Jake Meyers '18, Eli Smith '29, Bennett Barkley '29, Wilson Mims '28, Clay Jones '29, Gray Shuler '28 & Samuel Brown '29

Boys Volleyball Pep Rally Brings the Noise

The gym was filled with enthusiastic cheers, laughter, and school spirit as students rallied behind their classmates during a lively Boys Volleyball Mini-Tournament. The juniors defeated the freshmen, while the seniors topped the sophomores to advance to the championship match, where the seniors claimed the victory. Members of the varsity volleyball team served as team coaches and officials for the tournament. The friendly competition, spirited cheering, and enthusiastic crowd made for a memorable afternoon as the school came together to send off the Baron volleyball team to the state tournament this weekend.



Benjamin McIver '30 hits it over the net in the Volleyball Pep Rally.



Felix Michel '29 & Jack Gratz '29 participate in a cell membrane activity in Biology.

BIOLOGY BUBBLES: HANDS-ON LEARNING OUTDOORS

Taking science beyond the classroom, students in ***Mrs. Jessica Duke's*** biology class headed outdoors to explore the fascinating properties of cell membranes through a hands-on experiment using soap bubbles. Students investigated how membranes demonstrate flexibility, repair themselves, and regulate the movement of materials through selective protein channels. By turning abstract biological concepts into a fun, interactive experiment, students gained a deeper understanding of how cell membranes function. The activity highlighted the value of hands-on learning in making scientific concepts both accessible and memorable.

OUR VISION

EVERY STUDENT WILL BE KNOWN, LOVED, CHALLENGED, AND SAFE.

Brown Encourages Trust in God at First Priority

From coaching college and NFL football to mentoring students at Wilson Hall, Mr. Robby Brown's journey is a testament to trusting God's plan. Speaking to members of First Priority, the middle school Christian club, he shared an encouraging message based on Jeremiah 29:11, reflecting on the unexpected path that brought him to Sumter, where he now volunteers with the varsity football team. He reminded students that God has a purpose for their lives, even when the path ahead is uncertain. Wilson Hall is grateful for Christian role models like Mr. Brown who share their experiences, invest in our students, and encourage them to grow in their faith. First Priority meets on alternating Tuesday mornings before school and is advised by ***Ms. Heather Eldridge '93.***



Mr. Robby Brown speaks at a First Priority meeting.

Varsity Volleyball Ties School Record with 36 Wins

Battling their way through an impressive season, the varsity volleyball team finished with a 36-5 record, tying the school record for most wins in a season. The Barons earned a share of the Region Championship and advanced to the semifinals of the S.C. Independent School Assoc. 4A State Tournament after defeating Cardinal Newman School, First Baptist School, and Pinewood Preparatory School in the opening rounds. The remarkable season reflected the team's talent, determination, and teamwork throughout a highly competitive schedule. The Barons were led by ***Mr. Rip Ripley,*** head coach, with assistance from ***Ms. Abbie Beatson '21, Mrs. Mary Peyton Zilch Clepper '14***, and ***Mrs. Erin Trueblood***.



The senior members of the volleyball team with their coaches: Mr. Rip Ripley, Mrs. Mary Peyton Zilch Clepper '14, Savannah Wells '27, Natalie Hawkey '27, Mary Todd Champion '27, Beaty Zeigler '27, Mrs. Erin Trueblood & Ms. Abbie Beatson '21.



Torien Byrd '27, Abel Ayres '27, Noah Corrigan '28 & Kira Stelle '28

Quiz Bowl Wins Region Championship

Putting their knowledge, quick thinking, and teamwork to the test, the High School Quiz Bowl team captured the Region Championship and advanced to the state semifinals in the S.C. Independent School Association State Quiz Bowl competition. Quiz Bowl challenges students to answer questions across a wide range of academic subjects, including history, literature, science, and mathematics, demonstrating the value of a well-rounded education. The team's success reflects the academic excellence fostered at Wilson Hall. Team members are ***Abel Ayres '27, Torien Byrd '27, Noah Corrigan '28***, and ***Kira Stelle '28***. The team is advised by ***Mrs. Ashley Morris.***

CORE VALUES AND SCHOOL MOTTO

DILIGENCE AND INTEGRITY

PERSISTENT, CAREFUL EFFORT IN ALL ENDEAVORS — HONEST CHARACTER GUIDED BY STRONG MORAL PRINCIPLES

Kindergarten Explores, Discovers, and Learns at Dorr Farms

Learning extends beyond the classroom at Wilson Hall, and kindergarten students enjoyed a fun-filled fall adventure at Dorr Farms in Gable. Students picked their own pumpkins, rode a hayride, played on the farm playground, and fed and petted animals. The hands-on experiences provided an ideal blend of outdoor learning and seasonal fun while encouraging curiosity, discovery, and an appreciation for agriculture. Field trips like this bring classroom lessons to life and remind students that some of the best learning takes place beyond the classroom. The teachers are ***Mrs. Hope Alexander, Mrs. Ashley Lowder Bateman '92***, and ***Mrs. Amy Jones***.



Knox Avant, Tripp Scott, Lucas Ormond, Addy Reese, Millie Shaw & Les Bell, Class of '39, enjoy their trip to Dorr Farm.



Members of the Homecoming Court: Savannah Wells, Ava Bukauskas, Peyton Naylor, Caroline Moorman, Sofia Dall'Erta, Jenna Green & Livie Pedersen, Class of '27.



Preston Schwartz '39, Mr. Brent Kaneft '00, Ella Sill '26, Olivia Sharpe '39 & Millie Shaw '39



Homecoming Queen Livie Pedersen '27

PEDERSEN CROWNED *Queen*

Homecoming at Wilson Hall is filled with traditions that connect generations of Barons, and one of the most anticipated came at halftime on Spencer Field when ***Livie Pedersen '27*** was crowned the school's 55th Homecoming Queen. The Class of '27 nominated seven members of the court, and students in grades 9–12 selected the queen by vote. Joining ***Livie*** were ***Ava Bukauskas, Sofia Dall'Erta, Jenna Green, Caroline Moorman, Peyton Naylor***, and ***Savannah Wells. Mr. Brent Kaneft '00***, Head of School, presented the crown, while 2025 Homecoming Queen ***Ella Sill '26*** returned from Clemson University to present Livie with a bouquet of white roses. ***Olivia Sharpe '39*** and ***Millie Shaw '39*** served as flower girls and ***Preston Schwartz '39*** as crown bearer. More than 1,300 people gathered on Spencer Field for the special night, including hundreds of alumni and former faculty members who returned to campus for a true homecoming. The Classes of '81, '86, and '06 were especially well represented as they celebrated reunions organized by ***Mrs. Leigh Edmunds McLaurin '92***, Director of Alumni Relations. Organized by ***Mrs. Rachel Jones Brown '00*** and ***Mr. Sean Hoskins*** on behalf of the Student Council, the ceremony reflected the traditions, memories, and sense of community that make Homecoming at Wilson Hall so special.

Homecoming Semiformal Draws Record Crowd

Rainy weather did nothing to dampen the fun as a record crowd of 242 students and guests gathered in the Nash Student Center for the Homecoming Semiformal. Sponsored by the Student Council, the evening featured music from a professional DJ with Partytime Entertainment, plenty of dancing, and lots of laughter and camaraderie. Wilson Hall values opportunities to bring students together beyond the classroom, creating occasions for them to relax, socialize, strengthen friendships, and make lasting memories. The Homecoming Semiformal was a wonderful way to celebrate school spirit and enjoy an evening with friends. The Student Council is advised by ***Mr. Sean Hoskins***, who is assisted by ***Mrs. Rachel Jones Brown '00***.









Top Left: Lauren Kohl '30, Caroline Moorman '27 & Land Stevens '27 dance to the "Cha Cha Slide." | Top Right: Grace Stewart '29 & JT Reimer '28. | Bottom Left: Madelynn Davis, Mary Todd Champion & Beaty Zeigler, Class of '27. | Bottom RIGHT: Aleca Dimitriadis '29 and friends do "The Cupid Shuffle."







HOMECOMING DECORATIONS TAKE BARONS INTO THE WILD

Continuing one of Wilson Hall's favorite Homecoming traditions, the varsity cheerleaders transformed the hallways into an imaginative adventure with this year's surprise theme, "Barons in the Wild." Working alongside parents who stayed late into the night to help decorate, the squad covered the walls, floors, and ceilings with colorful displays, photographs, and creative details. The adventure began with cheerleaders gathered around a campfire and a football swinging through the jungle on vines. Four sections of the hallway featured different environments: a snowy landscape with faculty members skiing and ice skating beneath the slogan "Snow Chance, Warriors"; an underwater world with a submarine, glowing ocean depths, and Homecoming Court members portrayed as mermaids; a lush jungle filled with animals, ivy, and a safari Jeep; and a sandy desert warning the Warriors they would be "left in the dust." The elaborate decorations, always kept a surprise until their unveiling, reflected countless hours of planning, creativity, and teamwork. ***Mrs. Frances James*** serves as cheerleading advisor, with ***Anne McCrea Williams '27*** as head cheerleader and ***Peyton Naylor '27*** and ***Livie Pedersen '27*** as co-head cheerleaders. The annual tradition is a wonderful example of the school spirit and collaboration that make Homecoming week so special at Wilson Hall.

TOP
Jenna Green '27 &
Anne McCrea Williams '27
MIDDLE
Sloane Tidwell '37
& Scottlynn Tidwell '35
BOTTOM
Harris Huffman '28
& Wilson Mims '28

Spirit Week Fun Takes over Wilson Hall

From senior citizens to Mario Kart characters, Wilson Hall was filled with creativity, laughter, and school spirit during Spirit Week. Students showed off their enthusiasm with daily dress-up themes including Holidays, Ages Reversed, Jerseys, Group Costumes, and Lights Out, when everyone dressed in black. The faculty joined the fun with some especially creative group costumes, ranging from garden gnomes to Gru and his Minions. More than just a break from the usual school routine, events like Spirit Week enrich the overall school experience by bringing students and teachers together, strengthening friendships, creating lasting memories, and fostering a sense of community and school pride.



Thomas Harrell, Bronx Judson, Jack Hoeltje, Thomas Laney & Field Horton, Class of '33, dress as senior citizens for the Reverse Ages theme.



Alana Baca '37 shows her spirit with the Holidays theme.



Members of the Class of '27 as characters from Mario Kart for the Group Costume theme: Reese Wilson, Ryan Griffin, RJ Wilmes, Eric Brown, John Land, Landon Young, Owen Barkley, Johnny Lauzon, Wyatt Meyers, Griffin Jones, Braelen Lewis & Peyton Gilley.

Barons on Parade

Creativity, collaboration, and plenty of Baron spirit were on full display as Wilson Hall celebrated its 51st Homecoming Parade. Every student in grades 6–12 joined the festivities, riding on class floats along the four-mile route through the neighborhood with a Sumter City Police escort. Each grade worked together to bring its theme to life, from Hawaiian beaches and neon colors to patriotic celebrations, the Masters, Michael Jackson, Hollywood, and a candy-filled tribute to the sweet life of being a Baron. Members of the Homecoming Court rode in convertibles, while varsity football players and cheerleaders also joined the procession. The colorful parade was the culmination of weeks of planning, teamwork, and creativity, bringing classmates together and celebrating the school spirit that makes Homecoming such a special Wilson Hall tradition. Sponsored by the Student Council, the parade was coordinated by ***Mr. Sean Hoskins*** with assistance from ***Ms. Heather Eldridge '93.***







TOP
As members of the Homecoming Court, Sofia Dall'Erta '27 & Peyton Naylor '27 wave to the spectators.

Center
The Class of '32 cheer from their neon themed float.

BOTTOM
The Class of '30 ride on their Masters themed float.



FALL FESTIVAL BRINGS FAMILIES TOGETHER FOR AN EVENING OF FUN

Laughter filled Spencer Field as students bounced through inflatables, faculty members took the plunge in the dunking booth, and families gathered for the annual Fall Festival. Sponsored by the PTO, the popular event featured games, food, costume contests, pony rides, robotics demonstrations, a photo booth, and balloon creations. Art Club members entertained guests with face painting and caricatures, while the Class of '27 hosted a haunted house. Six inflatables from Gibby's Inflatibles, a successful bake sale, and a pumpkin decorating contest earlier in the day added to the festivities. Bringing an event of this size to life requires the dedication of numerous parent, faculty, and student volunteers, whose time and enthusiasm are essential to its success. Members of the Key Club and Student Council helped staff booths and attractions, joining many others who worked behind the scenes to make the evening possible. Organized by ***Mrs. Kristy Bass***, chair, and ***Mrs. Ashley Whittington***, co-chair, the Fall Festival showcased the spirit of cooperation and generosity that makes Wilson Hall special, creating lasting memories for students and their families.







TOP: *Tripp Smoak '34 is Ace Ventura, Pet Detective.*

CENTER LEFT: *Leni Brown '38 is a pretty princess.*

CENTER RIGHT: *A witchy Tolley Richardson '36 and a royal Charlotte Anne Wells '36.*

BOTTOM: *Mary Todd Champion '27 & Natalie Hawkey '27 are ready to scare patrons in the haunted house.*

ALUMNI



1981

Bevan Funderburk, Becky Britton Funderburk '81, Marsha Cubbage Somheil '81, and Chris Somheil '79 visit campus for the Class of '81 reunion.

1986



Murrell Smith was re-elected to the South Carolina House of Representatives for District 67 which he has represented since 2001. He is the Speaker of the House, elected as the presiding officer in 2022. ***Murrell*** is an attorney with the firm of Smith Robinson. He graduated from Wofford College with a Bachelor of Arts in government and history, and from the University of South Carolina School of Law with a Juris Doctor. ***Murrell*** and his wife, ***Macaulay White Smith '96***, live in Sumter and have two children who attend Wilson Hall, ***Bee '27*** and ***Murrell '32***.





TOP: *During the Class of '86 reunion, Becca Driggers Doswell, Meg Price Creech, Dena Sexton Jordan, Jennifer Jackson Settle and Kelliegh Waynick Lowder gather to cheer for the Barons as they enter Spencer Field.*

CENTER: *Caren Gulledge Schwartz '81 and Milton Schwartz '79 enjoy the Class of '81 reunion.*

BOTTOM: *Murrell Smith '86*

1992

Leigh Svetlik McElveen, a Realtor with ERA Wilder Realty, was inducted into the Sumter Board of Realtors Hall of Fame. She graduated from Columbia College with a Bachelor of Science in marketing. ***Leigh*** and her husband, Tripp, have two children, ***Haile '20*** and ***Caroline '24***.



Leigh Sveltik McElveen '92

2002

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

2003



Eric Moulton '03

Eric Moulton is the founder of Loggio, Inc., a technology company developing an AI-powered handheld device that helps industrial technicians diagnose equipment problems, simplify troubleshooting, and reduce downtime in manufacturing operations. He demonstrated one of his robotic inventions at PACK EXPO International in Chicago, one of the world's largest packaging and processing technology trade shows. ***Eric*** earned a Bachelor of Science in electrical engineering from the University of South Carolina. He and his wife, Ginny, live in Columbia with their two daughters, Naomi and Rebekah.

Lauren Crabbe Neville and Dave Welch were married on October 17 in Awendaw. ***Lauren,*** a kindergarten teacher at Belle Hall Elementary School in the Charleston School District, earned a Bachelor of Science and a Master of Science in education from the University of South Carolina. ***Lauren*** has three daughters, Ava Clare, Waller, and Alice, and Dave has a son, Harris. They live in Mount Pleasant.

2006

Lauren Shuler Turbeville, representing the East Carolina University College of Health and Human Services, was a presenter at the American Congress of Rehabilitation Medicine Annual Conference held in Washington, D.C. She is an assistant professor of occupational therapy at ECU, and she is a board-certified occupational therapist with clinical experience across hospital, school-based, and community settings. ***Lauren*** graduated from the College of Charleston with a Bachelor of Science in special education, the Medical University of South Carolina with a Master of Science in occupational therapy, and the University of St. Augustine for Health Sciences with a Doctor of Occupational Therapy. She and her husband, Matt, live in Greenville, North Carolina.

2007

Ross Ward lives in Greenville and works as a territory sales representative for Herald Office Solutions. He is pursuing a Master of Design Studies in historic preservation and sustainable design at Boston Architectural College. ***Ross*** graduated from The Citadel with a Bachelor of Science in business administration and he completed studies in business administration at the University of Wollongong in Australia.

2013

Keller Kissam and his wife, Brooks, announce the birth of their daughter, Collins Elizabeth Kissam, on October 28.



Ann Elizabeth McCreight Hawkins '14 0and her husband, Clayton.

Hamilton Cox and Hannah Boudreau were married on November 7 at The Terraces in Rembert with a reception following. The groomsmen included ***Tanner Carraway '14, Jay Goodson '14, Jack Jackson '14, Harris Jordan '14, Andrew Kinney '14,*** and ***Lake Kirven '14. Hamilton*** 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.

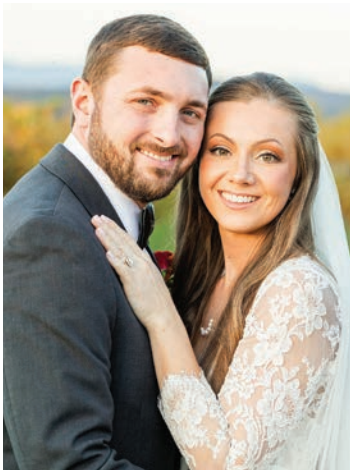
Jack Jackson and his wife, Katelyn, announce the birth of their daughter, Evelyn Ruth Jackson, on October 17. Jack is the son of ***Kelly Jackson '82***.

Amelia Macloskie works as a digital marketing senior consultant for Truist, a major U.S. financial services company and a top-10 commercial bank, in Charlotte, North Carolina. She graduated from the University of South Carolina with a Bachelor of Science in international business.

Ann Elizabeth McCreight and Clayton Hawkins were married on November 7 at Quixote Club in Sumter with a reception following. ***Cate McCreight Glass '17*** was the Matron of Honor, ***Sarah McCreight '19*** was the Maid of Honor, and ***Bailey Stokes Lee '14*** and ***Maggie Goodson Richardson '14*** were among the bridal party. ***Ann***, who graduated from Anderson University with a Bachelor of Arts in communications, works as a technical recruiter for Find Great People, a national talent acquisition and human resource consulting firm. She and Clayton live in Greenville.

2015

Breanna Kimbrell Samenko '15 and her husband, Alex.



Creighton Kellogg presented at the American College of Gastroenterology Annual Scientific Meeting in Nashville, Tennessee, and received the Outstanding Presenter Award and the Presidential Poster Award. He is an internal medicine resident physician at Atrium Health Carolinas in Charlotte, North Carolina. Creighton graduated from Clemson University with a Bachelor of Science in biological sciences, the Medical University of South Carolina with Master of Science in medical science, and the Edward Via College of Osteopathic Medicine with a Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine.

Breanna Kimbrell and Alex Samenko were married on November 7 at Chatooga Belle Farm in Long Creek with a reception following. ***Breanna*** is a veterinarian at Magley Clemson Animal Hospital. She earned a Bachelor of Science in animal and veterinary sciences from Clemson University and a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine from Mississippi State University College of Veterinary Medicine.

Thomas McGinnis is the Operations Manager for Hood Container Corporation, a multi-state packaging company. He graduated from Clemson University with a Bachelor of Science in packaging science. Thomas and his wife, ***Sallie Spencer McGinnis '17***, live in Sumter.





2016

Katie Scannella and Nick Gajewski were married on October 17. ***Katie*** earned a Bachelor of Science in kinesiology and exercise science from Queens University of Charlotte and a Doctor of Physical Therapy from Belmont University. She is a physical therapist who operates Novel Neuro Rehab, a practice specializing in neurological rehabilitation in Nashville, Tennessee.

LEFT: Matthew McCloud, Stewart Holler, Wells Osteen, Caroline Jackson, Connor Curtis, and Nicolette Fisher Matticks enjoy the Class of '16 reunion. RIGHT: Hannah Grace Calvert, Lauren Goodson McCracken, Caroline Clark, Betsy Cunningham Kinney, Catherine Kelley Schwartz, and Mary Margaret Munn Thomas gather at the Bynum Rooftop Garden for the Class of '16 reunion.

2018

Emily Barnes works as a law clerk for the firm of Fragomen, Del Rey, Bernsen and Loewy in Denver, Colorado, and she is an in-house counsel legal intern for YoungLife in Colorado Springs. She graduated from Auburn University with a Bachelor of Arts in international and global studies and is pursuing a Juris Doctor at the University of Denver Sturm College of Law.

Addy Carraway Browder works as a clinical dietitian at Prisma Health Tuomey Hospital in Sumter. She earned a Bachelor of Science in public health from the University of South Carolina and a Master of Science in human nutrition from the University of Alabama, and she completed a dietetic internship at the Medical University of South Carolina. Addy and her husband, Dylan, live in Turbeville.

2019

Sarah McCreight is a professional counselor practicing at Canterbury Counseling Center in Greenville. She graduated from Covenant College of Georgia with a Bachelor of Science in psychology and Columbia International University with a Master of Arts in clinical counseling.

2020

Haile McElveen is the warehouse supervisor for Reyes Beverage Group in Deerfield Beach, Florida. He graduated from The Citadel with a Bachelor of Science in supply chain management.

Elise Osteen lives in Austin, Texas, where she is a junior media buyer for Valenz Media, an advertising agency specializing in scalable podcast and YouTube creator partnerships for modern brands. She graduated from the University of South Carolina with a Bachelor of Arts in visual communications.

2021

Andrew Bratton expects to receive a Master of Science in data science and analytics from Clemson University in December, and he has been offered a position with Lima One Capital in Greenville. He earned a Bachelor of Science in computer science from Clemson.

EmmaLee Peyton, who earned a Bachelor of Science in Computer Information Systems from the University of South Carolina, is pursuing a Master of Science in computer science from USC.

2022

Tyler Mahr works as a software engineer for MITRE, a nonprofit organization that operates federally funded research and development centers to help the U.S. government solve complex national security, technology, and public-interest challenges. He graduated from Clemson University with a Bachelor of Science in computer science.



Tyler Mahr '22



Josie Jackson '25



Jane McAdams '25



Sara Helen Simmons '25

2025

Sarah Jane Bates, an agribusiness major at Clemson University, works at the Clemson Equine Center. She is a member of the Agribusiness Club, Block & Bridle Club, Chi Omega sorority, and Catholic Tigers.

Mikayla Ovrenovits, an elementary education major at Winthrop University, works as a substitute teacher for Fort Mill School District.

Josie Jackson, a linguistics major at Georgetown University, is an undergraduate research assistant for the university's Department of Linguistics. She is an Impact Manager for Georgetown REUSE is a student-run non-profit organization at the university that promotes a circular system of consumption by selling second-hand goods at accessible prices, mending garments, and providing sustainability education.

Jane McAdams, a finance major at Wake Forest University, serves as a Student-Faculty Partner at the university, having been selected as one of only 10 undergraduate students for the pilot program. The program involves undergraduate students observing classrooms, analyzing dynamics, and providing actionable feedback to faculty to evaluate and enhance teaching effectiveness. As a healthcare sector analyst for the Dow Jones Club, ***Jane*** researches healthcare equities, analyzes financial metrics, and presents investment insights to more than 50 members.

Sara Helen Simmons, a neuroscience major at Northwestern University, is an undergraduate student researcher in the Laboratory for Translational Neuro-Oncology at the university's Feinberg School of Medicine. The lab investigates the genetic mechanisms, tumor microenvironments, and stem cell biology that drive the progression of malignant gliomas like glioblastoma. ***Sara Helen*** serves as the Community Development Chair for the Chinese Students Association and as Secretary of NU China Care, a student organization dedicated to supporting and giving back to the community while exploring Chinese cultural heritage.