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A large crowd of family and supporters were present as The University of South Carolina Salkehatchie held commencement on Friday May 4 at the Allendale campus.

Over 180 graduates were presented diplomas and awards. Barnwell attorney Miles Loadholt gave the commencement address. Jennifer McMillan, choral director at Colleton Preparatory Academy, led the singing of the National Anthem and the Alma Mater. Pastor Katrena Johnson of the Powerhouse of Deliverance Apostolic Church in Walterboro gave the invocation and benediction.

Dr. Ann Carmichael, USC Salkehatchie dean, and Dr. Harris Pastides, president of The University of South Carolina, introduced guests and addressed the graduates. Following the ceremony, a reception was held in the Atrium of the Science Administration Building for graduates, their families and friends.

Receiving degrees were:



ASSOCIATE IN ARTS

Adolfo Aguilar* Jennifer Albarran, Kelsey Alverson, Jacob Anderson, Schuyler Andrulat** GLD, Janie Badger, Mallory Beach, Matthew Bennett Maxwell Benoit, Frances Mae Bing, Shaneque Bostick**, Jake Boswell, Brandie Bright, Armard Brooks, Acacia Bryant*, Amber Byrd**, John Campbell, Whitney Carden, Jillian Cox, Jared Crawford**, John Darien, Ijnyia Davis-Hennigan, Nayeli Diaz Manzano, Ryan Diehl, Gerardric Dobbs, Taylor Driggers, George Elmore, Alyssa Fender, Vicky Bynum, James Eady, Cody Holcombe, Ashley Hooks, Tiffany Horton, Katlyn Jones, Michael Ferguson, Kayleb Ferrell, Cornelia Forrester, Megan Godbold, Harriett Goff, Breon Green, Katriele Gregorisch-Lopez, Brian Haygood, Deidra Haynes, Maria Herrera Ortiz*, Morgan Hyde***, Melody Jeffcoat, Lalah Jones, Andrew Livingston***, Justin Lott, Katelyn Mangum, Jonnesha Mims, Hagen Mott, Kyle Muegge, Paul Murray, Tonia Murray, Jordan Nedelcu*, Adrienne Nettles, Jordan O'Quinn, Demann Pewu, Ava Portal, Pedro Power-Melgar, Gladys Priester

Awarded December 2017: Cheyenne Kirby, Kyllian Martin, Chiffon Memminger, Briona Murray, Kevin Simpson, Maryann Strickland, Daisia Raymond, Kayla Robertson*, Austin Roche**, Gregory Ruffner, Shaday Ruth, Alatyana Sanchez, Tatyana Sanchez, Kaci Sapp, Katherine Saunders, Letisha Scotland, Matias Seguel, Erika Sheffield, Barbara Shider, Brian Smith, Robert Smith, Donald Smoak, Matthew Ticer, Jacob Timms*, Shelby Troublefield, Camron Wallace**, Brantley Walling, Latresia Wesley, Marjorie Williams, Quinnett Williams, Stephanie Williams, Samantha Worles, Reginald Wright, Trevious Tucker, Arthur Tyler, Rashida Warren, Mychal Wright

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Adrienne Nettles, Katie Nettles*, Jordan O'Quinn, Jaime Overland, Darryl Owens

Awarded December 2017: Ashley M. Hooks, Tiffany C. Horton, Katlyn P. Jones, Briona N. Murray, Patricia M. Nesmith, Brian Paul, Brittani Person, Ava Portal, Kelvin Pruitt, Taylor Rappoccio-Icaza**, Larissa Richardson*, Kayla Robertson*, Hannah Roch, Shaday Ruth, Kaci Sapp, Katherine Saunders, Lauren Saunders Matthew Sawyer Letisha Scotland Alejandro Serrano Ashlee Smith Donald Smoak Taylor Sparks Marques Summer Anna Traynham Brantley Walling Hunter Watson, Tyler Westbury Marjorie Williams Quinnett Williams Kerry Zygadlo*, Amanda M. O'Quinn Kevin D. Simpson Maryann W. Strickland Rashida S. Warren Mychal A. Wright

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Robert Buchanan**, Ariel Dory Haselden, Kayla Smokes*, Cameron Warner**

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Awarded December 2017: Victoria Wilz**

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William Harding, Demetrius Mears, Christopher Melonas, Katie Nettles* GLD, Jessica Owens, Savannah Stone*, Whitney Westbury Vivian Williams
Awarded December 2017: Elizabeth Owens, Ali Reeves*, Jenna Rumpfelt, Taylor Williams

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**Magna Cum Laude

*Cum Laude

2018 Academic Awards

Dr. Shannon Pye Chemistry Award: Schuyler Andrulat
Colleton Museum History Award: Andrew Livingston
Palmetto State Bank Math Award: Luis Guillen
Allendale Study Club Psychology Award: Cody Gruber
Scotsman Business Administration Award: Rashida Warren
Colleton Medical Center Nursing Award: Alexis Bozard
Laffitte and Warren Biology Award: Schuyler Andrulat
Charles "Buddy" Phillips Education Award: Cameron Warner
G. H. Kearse English Award: Schuyler Andrulat
Michael Reno Memorial Computer Science Award: Brandon West
Walterboro Police Department Criminal Justice Award: Darryl "Ryle" Owens
OSP Student of the Year Award: Deidra Haynes
Female Athlete of the Year: Lanie Freeman
Male Athlete of the Year: Andrew Livingston



Autumn Lee Green - CC7HS



Salutatory Address
By AUTUMN LEE GREEN

Good morning fellow classmates, friends, family, faculty, and staff. It is an honor and a pleasure to be the Class of 2018's salutatorian.

There are many people who have helped us make it this far in our lives, and I would like to offer a few of them a well-deserved "thank you."

First and foremost, I would like to give the honor and the glory to God, for He has helped many others and me make this journey through life. Thank you to the many church members who I see every Sunday and on the occasional Wednesday, you guys have helped me with your words of encouragement. I would also like to say thank you to the superintendent (Dr. Foster), the Board of Trustees, the principal (Dr. Crosby), the incoming principal (Mr. Cannon), other administrators, guidance counselors, teachers and staff members. These people helped to shape our education and to push us to do the best that we could in order for us to be capable of graduating from this high school.

I would also like to thank the parents and our peers for giving us the motivation and the skills to graduate high school and enter the world as the adults we will become.

As I look into the crowd, I can't help but notice that there are a mixture of faces that I do recognize and faces that I do not. Despite the fact that many of us were in the same halls for about four years, I can only recognize so many. Regardless of this fact, I have high aspirations and hopes for each and every one of you. By this, I do not mean that I am expecting you all to go out there and become a world-famous lawyer, a doctor who cures cancer, a billionaire or anything else of the like.

What I mean is that I expect you to go out there and give it your best. Do what makes you happy, and strive for your own personal goals, no matter what they may be. On a slightly off topic note though, please don't engage in less-than-legal activities, even if they do make you happy. Seriously, if you want to be a drug dealer, become a doctor — they handle drugs ... legally. If you want to hurt others, focus on careers in professional wrestling or boxing, where you can legally punch people ... inside the ring. If you want to take over the world, I am not quite sure what you can do, but perhaps aim for something like the presidency? Therefore, please keep all of the Class of 2018 in mind should you actually achieve world domination; it would be quite considerate and polite of you.

Steering back on topic, just do your best, and try to enjoy every minute of your life. Laugh as if there is no tomorrow, and try to view the world in the best light there is. In the words of Chuck Palahniuk, "Find joy in everything you choose to do. Every job, relationship, home ... it's your responsibility to love it, or change it." In other words, if you are completely incapable of finding joy or

happiness in what you are or will be doing, then just do something else. There will always be another option; it is just your responsibility to take it.

You only have so much time on Earth; you might as well take advantage of every second, and make sure that the time spent is enjoyable for both others and yourself.

Another thing I want you to take away from this mini-speech of mine is to be at least a little ambitious. Try to aim higher than living on minimum wage your entire life. I'm not saying that all of you need to go to college or get a doctorate degree, but I do hope that you aim to be above average. Ambition can get many things done; for example, an uprising is mainly accomplished through ambition and multiple people. In fact, if everyone had worked together, we could have even had a mini-uprising at this very school. The students outnumber the faculty, so we could have overtaken the school ... until the cops and other emergency officials arrived. However, staging an uprising would have been a very bad thing to do. What is important is to understand that the right amount of ambition put in the appropriate place can get you pretty much anywhere in life. From a doctor to a bank accountant, to a mechanic, or even to a world dictator, everything in life stems from ambition being utilized properly.

If there is anything I wish for you all to take away from this, it is to live a joy-filled life and to use your ambition wisely. Reach for the stars ... or the moon, as the stars are actually large burning balls of gases. That would hurt.

Nonetheless, I hope that each and every one of you live a joy-filled life full of smiles. Class of 2018, you are the best, so make sure you act like it! Thank you!

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Valedictory Address
By TEJAS PATEL

Welcome Superintendent Foster, members of the School Board, Principal Crosby, Mr. Cannon, other administrators, teachers, guidance counselors, staff, family members, friends and the Class of 2018.

Fellow graduates, the past four years here at Colleton County High School have been great and just flashed before our eyes. It feels just like yesterday when we think of the first day of school, and were excited to wear that new school uniform color of gray. Meanwhile, we have flashed through our freshman, sophomore, junior and senior years and are now anxious to have our names called and receive our diplomas.

Over these past four years, we have shown

the community that our optimism is out of this world, especially during our senior year. When our senior parking spots were overflowed past the yellow line, we took it as an achievement to show how large our class is. When the student parking lot door was closed, and we were forced to walk around the gym, we took it as our morning workout. When the powderpuff game was moved to the spring, we took it as a way to enjoy the weather. This optimism, along with having our graduation ceremony in the evening, is what has set us apart from other classes who graduated from Colleton County High School.

As the old proverb goes, "Life is like roads, with twists, turns, bumps, forks, and potholes." These things tend to slow us down from getting to our destination; however, there are pit stops along the way to give us

motivation. In our case, these pit stops were our parents, friends, family members, and most importantly, teachers who have pushed us to this moment. That is why I recommend to you, graduates, to always remember to appreciate these people, for without them, being here would be impossible. Mom, Dad, again, thank you for making me the person I am today and supporting me along the way.

Graduates, as we move on from high school, I want to take the time to remind you all of the fact that our high school moments now are like old clothes we loved to wear. No matter how hard we try to squeeze into them, they just never seem to fit. This is why I urge you guys to be open to new experiences, while keeping our high school moments in our memories.

Lastly, parents, friends and family members, you are currently looking at craftsmen eager to carve out the future of our nation and society. Graduates, while carving out the future, keep in mind the words of M.K Gandhi who said, "Be the change you want to see in the world," as we are the pride of our predecessors.

To the Class of 2018, congratulations to all and best of luck in all of your future endeavors.

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Tejas Anil Patel
Son of Anita and Anil Patel, Walterboro
GPA: 5.136
Class Rank: No. 1
College Plans/Major: University of South Carolina (Columbia) majoring in pre-pharmacy.
Career Goal: Pharmacist
Scholarships: Palmetto Fellows
Favorite Quote: "If you don't build your dreams, someone will hire you to build theirs." – Dhiru Ambani
Senior year in three words: Not as expected.
School tradition you are most proud of: Senior exam

exemption.

Best advice to underclassmen: Always look forward.



Autumn Lee Green
Daughter of Jody Neuroth, Walterboro, and Becky Neuroth, Walterboro
GPA: 5.055
Class Rank: No. 2
College Plans/Major: Clemson University – Computer Science
Career Goal: Undecided, but it will be something in the field of computer science.
Scholarships: Palmetto Fellows
Favorite Quote: "For with God, nothing shall be impossible." – Luke 1:37.

Senior year in three words: Fun, yet hectic.

School tradition you are most proud of: Spirit Week – we all dress up for a certain theme and bond over the experience with our fellow classmates.

Advice to underclassman: Use ambition wisely, and it can get you anywhere in life.



Keeley Marshall Murdaugh
Son of Michael and Dell Murdaugh, Smoaks
GPA: 5.044
Class Rank: No. 3
College Plans/Major: I plan to attend Clemson University and major in chemical engineering and minor in physics.
Career Goal: I want to be a physicist at the National Aeronautical Space Administration.
Scholarships: Palmetto Fellows, Dixie Youth Scholarship and a Clemson University Scholarship.
Favorite Quote: "Do not go gentle into that good night."

– Dylan Thomas

Senior year in three words: Beach, Babes, Baseball.

School tradition you are most proud of: Senior Tailgate

Advice to underclassmen: Work hard enough to sit under the tent.



Olivia Taylor Phillips
Daughter of Maryanne and Rusty Phillips, Ruffin
GPA: 4.999
Class Rank: No. 4
College Plans/Major: I plan to attend Winthrop University to obtain my bachelor's degree in secondary education.
Career Goal: My dream is to be a speech pathologist at MUSC Children's Hospital in Charleston.
Scholarships: Winthrop Garnet Scholarship, Palmetto Girls State Scholarship, James F. Byrnes Foundation Scholarship, Edwin W. Peurifoy Scholarship and Elks Most Valuable Student Local Scholarship.

Favorite Quote: "Every setback is a setup for a comeback." – Unknown.

Senior year in three words: Interesting, memorable and bittersweet.

School tradition you are most proud of: I am most proud of representing my school with my friends at various sporting events – Go Cougars!

Advice to underclassmen: Don't take anything for granted and work hard for what you want – nothing in life is guaranteed.



Lauren Gales Chewning
Daughter of Kim and Gunther Rencken, Ruffin
GPA: 4.965
Class Rank: No. 5
College Plans/Major: Clemson University majoring in animal and veterinary sciences.
Career Goal: Large animal vet
Scholarships: Palmetto Fellows
Favorite Quote: "If you can't say nuffin' nice, don't say nuffin' at all!" – Thumper (Bambi)
Senior year in three words: Memorable, gratifying, fleeting.

School tradition you are most proud of: Students gathering around the flagpole early in the morning, before school began, to pray and worship in participation of the global, annual event, "See You at the Pole."

Best advice to underclassmen: Procrastination caused me many unnecessary all-nighters; don't do it! Also, take Mr. Pearson's U.S. History class; he is the best.



Anni Walters Crook
Daughter of Chad and Rebecca Crook, St. George
GPA: 4.931
Class Rank: No. 6
College Plans/Major: University of South Carolina, Public Health
Career Goal: I would like to be a healthcare administrator.
Scholarships: Life Scholarship, University of South Carolina Garnet Scholar, College of Charleston Merit Scholar.
Favorite Quote: "Success is not a journey, nor a destination. The doing is often more important than the outcome." – Arthur Ashe.
Senior year in three words: Success, fulfilling, and fun.

School tradition you are most proud of: I've always been proud of the school spirit that our school has to offer through spirit week. It is amazing to me seeing all the classes compete against each other for the spirit stick and how much work everyone puts into it to win.

Advice to underclassman: Have fun and take advantage of your opportunities. In just a blink of an eye, it will all be over!



Cassidy Ashlyn Carter
Daughter of Terry and Janice Carter, Walterboro
GPA: 4.931
Class Rank: No. 7
College Plans/Major: The University of South Carolina (Columbia) majoring in computer engineering
Career Goal: Developer of computer graphics hardware
Scholarships: Palmetto Fellows, USC STEM Supplement, USC Dean's Scholarship
Favorite Quote: "Nothing can stop the man with the right mental attitude from achieving his goal; nothing on earth can help the man with the wrong mental

attitude." – Thomas Jefferson

Senior year in three words: Challenging, fast-paced, fleeting.

School tradition: Spirit Week

Advice for underclassman: Push harder when things get tough. You will be rewarded for harder work.



Rachel Ann Dandridge
Jason and Jean Dandridge, Cottageville
GPA: 4.925
Class Rank: No. 8
College Plans/Major: I will be attending Clemson University to major in production studies in performing arts-audio technology.
Scholarships: Palmetto Fellows Scholarship Award, Clemson Palmetto Pact Scholars, Kermit T. Hudson School Service Award, Raise Me Annual Scholarship
Favorite Quote: "Do your best, no talking, and may God have mercy on your soul." – Ryan Pearson

Senior year in three words: Fun, bittersweet, fulfilling.

School tradition you are most proud of: Senior Tailgate

Advice to underclassmen: Get involved in your school!!! High school is what you make of it, so find a club, organization, or sport that you enjoy and stick with it. It flies by so quickly, so enjoy every moment.



Garrett Joseph Tyler
Son of Michele and Gary Tyler, Merrit Island
GPA: 4.785
Class Rank: No. 9
College Plans/Major: Florida State University majoring in digital media productions.
Career Goal: Own my own small company creating media.
Scholarships: 100% out-of-state tuition waiver (Florida State University, Big Man on Campus, Palmetto Fellows, FSU Grant).

Favorite Quote: "Life is like riding a bicycle. To keep

your balance, you must keep moving." – Albert Einstein

Senior year in three words: That was quick.

School tradition you are most proud of: Singing the Alma Mater after football games in the student section.

Best advice to underclassmen: Be involved and enjoy it – it goes by quicker than you think.



Miriam Elizabeth Yale
Daughter of Janet Warren and Joseph Warren, Walterboro
GPA: 4.759
Class Rank: No. 10
College Plans/Major: I am going to Furman University and will major in pre-med.
Career Goal: I want to be an internal medicine specialist in the treatment of connective tissue disorders.
Scholarships: Palmetto Fellows, Furman's Bell Tower Scholarship
Favorite Quote: "The purpose of life is to live it, to taste

experience to the utmost, to reach out eagerly and without fear for newer and richer experience." – Eleanor Roosevelt

Senior year in three words: Fun, fast, bittersweet

School tradition you are most proud of: Spirit Week

Advice to underclassmen: Just focus on your work, take the SAT and ACT many times, make friends with your teachers, and have fun.



Sydney Ann Wolfe
Daughter of Thad and Heather Wolfe, Walterboro
GPA: 4.740
Class Rank: No. 11
College Plans/Major: University of South Carolina (Columbia) with plans to major in marine science.
Career Goal: Marine biologist.
Scholarships: Palmetto Fellows and USC Scholarship
Favorite Quote: "We keep moving forward, opening new doors, and doing new things, because we're curious and curiosity keeps leading us down new paths." – Walt Disney
Senior year in three words: Fast, stressful, exciting

School tradition you are most proud of: My school tradition that I am most proud of is probably winning the homecoming spirit stick. During the week of homecoming, each grade competes against each other trying to win the spirit stick. We have many events that we compete in and for the seniors to win, it means a lot.

Advice to underclassmen: Work hard every day at school, be involved in as much as you can, and just have fun. High school will fly by and when it is time to graduate, you're going to wish you had more time.



Colleton County High School Top Graduates of 2018



Mackenzie Lynn Ferguson
 Daughter of Lella Lynn Ferguson and James Calvin Ferguson II, Walterboro
 GPA: 4.682
 Class Rank: No. 13
 College Plans/Major: I will be attending Southern Wesleyan University this fall and intend to major in forensic science.
 Career Goal: In my fourth year, I will be taking on an internship and from this, I plan for my career to fall into place as a forensic scientist.
 Scholarships: Southern Wesleyan University: \$56,000

Favorite Quote: "Nothing is IMPOSSIBLE, the word itself says: I'm Possible!" – Unknown.
 Senior year in three words: The Victory Lap
 School tradition: I absolutely loved and always looked forward to Spirit Week and Homecoming!
 Advice to underclassmen: Be yourself no matter what, because everyone else is taken. P.S: Remember to first love yourself!



Campbell Rebecca Crook
 Daughter of Chad and Rebecca Crook, St. George
 GPA: 4.707
 Class Rank: No. 12
 College Plans/Major: University of South Carolina Aiken, clinical laboratory science (pre-med)
 Career Goal: I would like to start off as a research scientist and then go on to medical school to become an emergency room physician.
 Scholarships: Life Scholarship, Elaine Fogle Scholarship, CMC Auxiliary Scholarship and the Colleton County Education Association Scholarship.

Favorite Quote: "Be on your guard; stand firm in the faith; be courageous; be strong." – 1 Corinthians 16:13.
 Senior year in three words: Exciting, fun, and laughter.
 School tradition you are most proud of: I've always been proud of how much the school focuses on school spirit through sports, pep rallies, spirit week, and many other things that we do!
 Advice to underclassman: Have fun; but keep your eyes on the prize!

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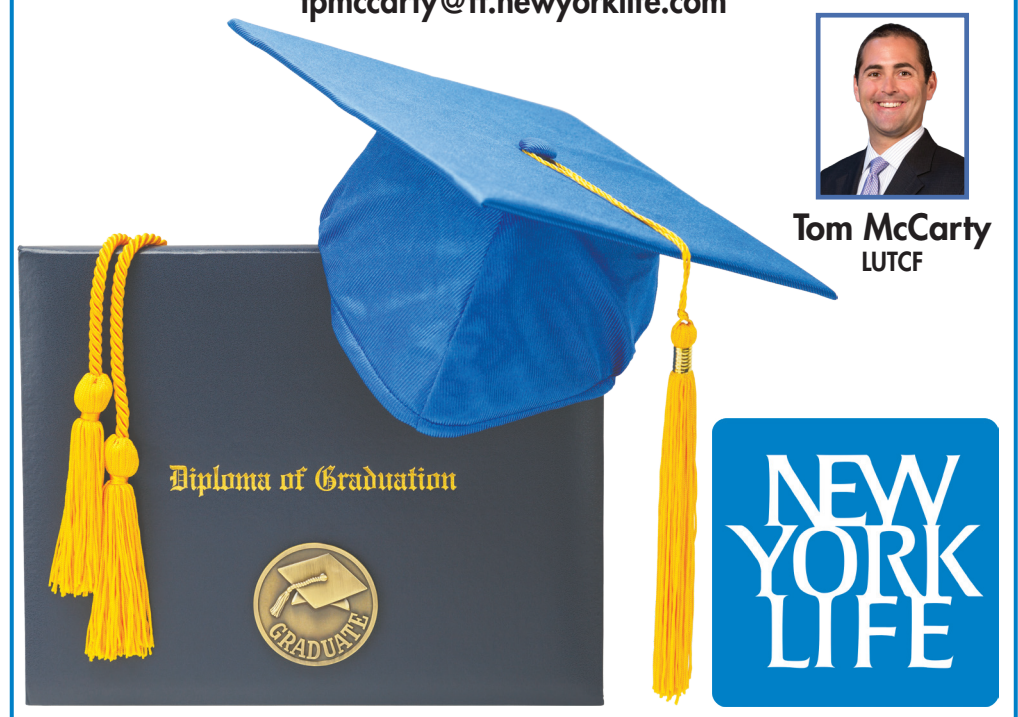
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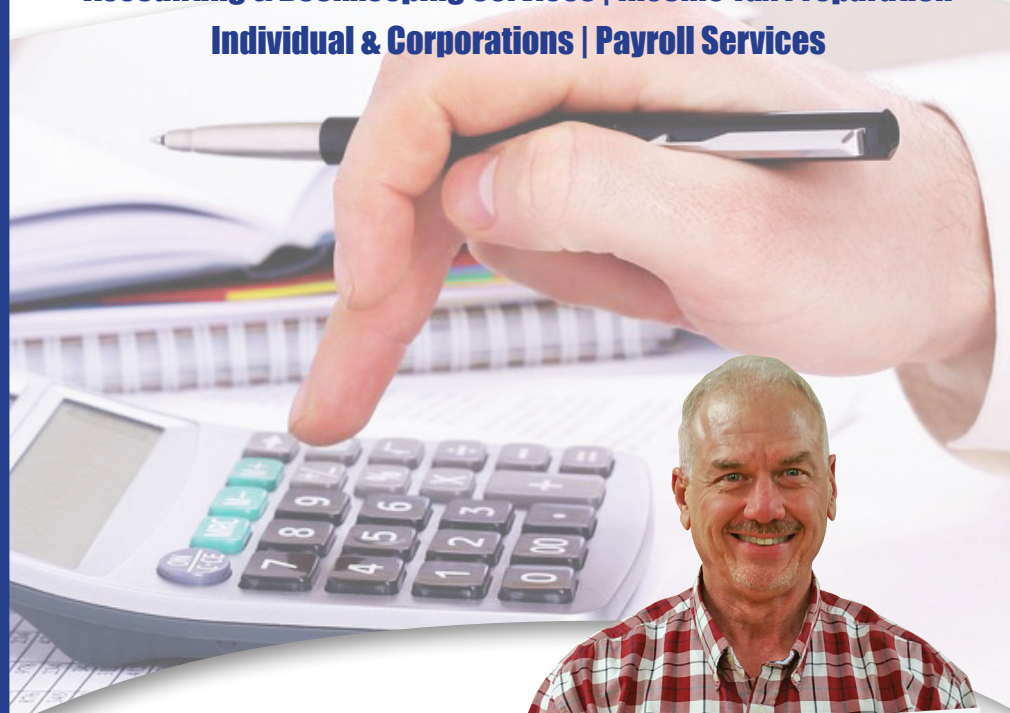
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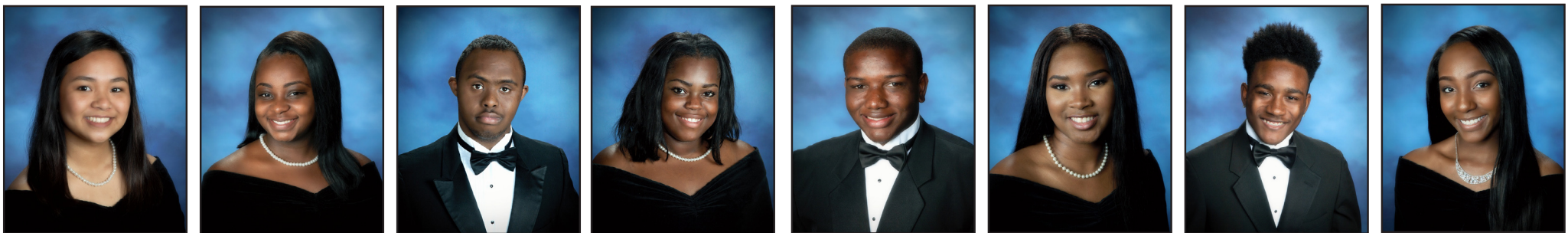


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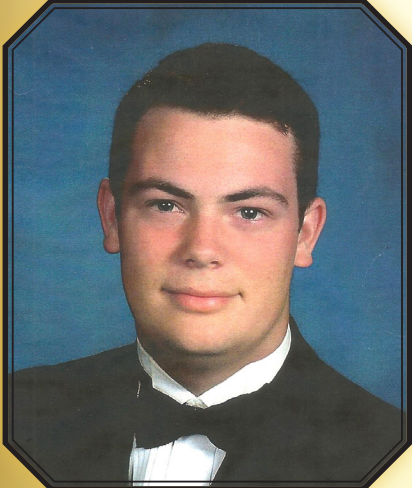
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Caroline Jones - CPA



Salutatorian Speech
By CAROLINE JONES

Faculty, staff, board members, family, friends, and fellow students, on behalf of the class of 2018 I welcome you. First and foremost, I would like to tell my Grumpy, who could not make it tonight but I know will be watching this, how much I love him and this one is for you! I love you, too, Grammy!

I cannot believe this day is finally here. It feels like it was just yesterday that I was walking into my first day of kindergarten afraid to leave my mom. Little did I know the friendships and memories I would make through the 13 years spent here at Colleton Prep.

So many things have happened leading up to this point, from chasing boys into trees on the playground, to having the best fourth grade year we could ever imagine, or so we thought, to all the reading projects for Mrs. Campbell and sometimes making her cry, and the boys having a meeting with Mrs. B almost every day in middle school, and then finally receiving our saving grace in eighth grade (thanks so much for taking us in and never giving up on us Mrs.

McMillan!), to hearing a new story from Coach Stoner pretty much every day, and swearing we weren't going to make it through Mrs. Blocker's class with a passing grade, to senior lunches and skip days, and many "lasts" this year. But we made it and I could not be more proud.

There are so many people who helped me get to where I am today and they all deserve to be acknowledged, but I will try to keep this short! To start off, my mom and dad, thank you for always pushing me to be the absolute best I can be. If it wasn't for your support, I would not be up here speaking as the salutatorian of my class. Even though I haven't always liked what you made me do, I know you only did it because you want what is best for me, and I can't thank you both enough. I know it wasn't easy raising a teenage daughter, but I think you did a pretty good job. I'll always be your little girl no matter how far away I am or how old I get. I love you both so much.

To Sissy, thank you for being my shoulder to cry on and my ear to rant to. Things haven't always been easy,

but together we made it through. Without you, I don't know where I would be. I'm so proud of who you have become and I am blessed to be your sister. I won't stay gone too long — I'll miss ya too much! I love you to the moon and back. And Cody, I'll miss you most!!

To the two biggest blessing in my life, Addy and Brooklyn, I cannot begin to tell you girls how much you mean to me. My life immediately changed when you both entered the world. I could be having the worst day and just one look from you girls and my whole day turned around. You keep me on my toes and every day is a new adventure, but life would be so boring without my Felicia and Julia. I thank God every day for making me your aunt. Just know I will always have your back and I am always here. I love you girls more than you will ever understand.

To the two women at school that are like my second mothers. I know I can go to them anytime of the day and they will do their best to help me. Mrs. Emily, thank you for trusting me enough to watch your boys and treating me like I am your own child. These past three years have been such a blessing for me! I can't wait for many more years watching my boys grow! And to Sandy, your support and words of encouragement on my worst days have played a major role in getting me through high school. Thank you for letting me cry to you and thank you for laughing with me. You both mean so much to me and will always hold a special place in my heart.

And to the Class of 2018, I thank each and every one of you so much. Our class started out so big in our elementary days and now we are down to just 16, but I would not have it any other way. The bonds I share with my classmates are unforgettable. We have been through so much together but through thick and thin, we have

stuck together. We are really just one big family. We definitely don't always get along, but when it comes down to it, we are always there for each other. From hating Fisher in the first grade because I thought he was so mean, to him now being one of my best friends. And the endless "Carolineeee" texts from Padg knowing he needed "help." And to Emily Martin I owe a special thank you. We may not have always been the best of friends through the years but you are honestly one of the most genuine friends I have ever had, so thanks for always being there and for always being you!

It will definitely be hard leaving my underclassmen babies, especially my Wes and Linley, but I promise to come back for all the important events and be your biggest supporter in everything you do. Enjoy every bit of time you have left here at Colleton Prep, because it goes by in the blink of an eye. Chase your dreams and don't let anyone stop you. I love you girls.

From the Class of 2018, I say thank you to everyone who got us where we are today — parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, and cousins — we could not have made it without your support!

After today, most of us will go our separate ways whether that is college or straight to work but one thing is for sure, I will never forget any of you. I am extremely proud and thrilled to say that I will get to continue this journey with three of my classmates up at Clemson University in the fall! Hey Dad, "GO TIGERS!!!" But to my class, never forget where you came from and I wish you all the best in your future endeavors. Always know I am only a phone call away. I love each and every one of you so much!

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Valedictorian Speech
By EMILY MARTIN

Dear Colleton Prep class of 2018:

We made it. Whether you began your journey at CPA in kindergarten or transferred over throughout the years, you were welcomed into a tight-knit family of students all reaching towards the same goal, to graduate high school. However, along the way we may have learned a few lessons outside of the curriculum.

We learned how to draw perfect circles with Coach Stoner; we learned hundreds of new words straight out of Joseph Bryan's "lexicon;" we learned the correct way to execute a fire drill thanks to Mrs. B; and we learned that the most intense games of basketball are played on the playground during lunch. Learning these lessons would not have been possible without help from others. Something that I firmly believe in is that we need others to succeed. Therefore, we all have a lot of people to thank for helping us on our journey of graduating high school.

First, we all need to start by thanking our families. Without them, we would not be here, be in school or be graduating. They supported us our whole lives. We also need to thank them for paying for our school so that we could be in a challenging and encouraging environment the last 13 years.

I would like to specifically thank my parents for encouraging me to always do my best and for supporting me not only in school, but in every aspect imaginable my whole life. I would also like to thank my brother, Coby, for teaching me that to get anything done you have to be tough and work for it. And lastly, I would like to thank my grandmothers for teaching me that education is one of the most important things, but so is taking a break and enjoying life. I would not be standing up here today as the valedictorian of my class or be giving this speech without these people.

Next, we need to thank our teachers as well as the faculty and staff. Somehow, they managed to control our class for the last 13 years. As if that job was not difficult enough, they made sure that we all graduated and were prepared for college. I would like to thank Mrs. Houck because she inspired my love of reading, Mrs. Fralix because she handled all of my doubts about college and helped me find scholarships, Mrs. Jill for being an amazing

Head of School who taught me that handling a situation calmly is always the way to go, and Mrs. McMillan for teaching me that hard work pays off. I would like to specifically thank Sandy Smith for encouraging me when I needed it most and for always assuring me that Clemson was the right choice and was going to accept me. We also need to thank the Boards of Directors and Visitors for all of the work they have done behind the scenes to make this school run smoothly.

Lastly, I would like to thank the members of my class, as well as my friends I have made throughout my time at Colleton Prep. Whether we want to believe it or not, we are influenced by the people we are friends with. My friends have influenced me to achieve my goals, be competitive, and work as a team. Some of my friends are sitting alongside me today and will no longer be students after graduation ends. I wish you all the best of luck in college, work, or wherever life takes you and I hope that we stay in touch.

I also have friends who are lucky enough to stay at Colleton Prep for a few more years. I can't wait to come back over the next few years to see all of their senior years take place. I hope to stand by them during their senior year just as much as they've stood by me during mine. I also wish them the best of luck during their last years of high school.

Last year in Honors English with Mrs. Blocker, we were told that finishing high school is the end of the first act in the epic play that is our lives. I think I can speak for the rest of the Class of 2018 when I say that I could not have imagined a better first act. Within this first act, we experienced good times and bad, laughter and tears, days where we couldn't stand each other and days when we couldn't bear to be apart. Usually in a play the first act is used to build character development. Colleton Prep has shaped us into well-rounded and unique characters who are ready to begin the second act of our lives.

The second act is usually where all of the action happens. I am excited to begin the second act of my life as I hope the rest of you are as well. The best is yet to come for all of us.

My second act begins at Clemson University in the fall. I am thankful to be able to walk the halls next year with three of my current classmates. However, walking the halls of Clemson

will not be the same as walking the halls of Colleton Prep. I will miss hearing some key phrases I've heard in CPA's walls over the years. I'll miss hearing Sydney yelling "Joe Stop! Not everything's about you!" and hearing Mikey "swear on his momma" for the millionth time. But most of all, I will miss the conversations we have had as a class through out the years. All of the fights, heart-to-hearts, study sessions, group projects, and conversations about the TV show "The Office" have all made us closer.

Dwight Schrute from the TV show "The Office" said, "I am ready to face any challenge that is foolish enough to face me." I hope that you all go about life with this attitude. Don't take the easy way out. Work for what you deserve. Find something that you are passionate about and pursue it. Do not settle because it seems easier than working for your dreams.

This may be the last time we see each other; however, I hope that that is not the case. I want to thank you all for the last 13 years. I would not be who I am today without the support and love I have experienced at this school. I hope that you all discover God's plan for you and that you pursue

it with passion. No matter where you go, always know that you have a family to come home to.

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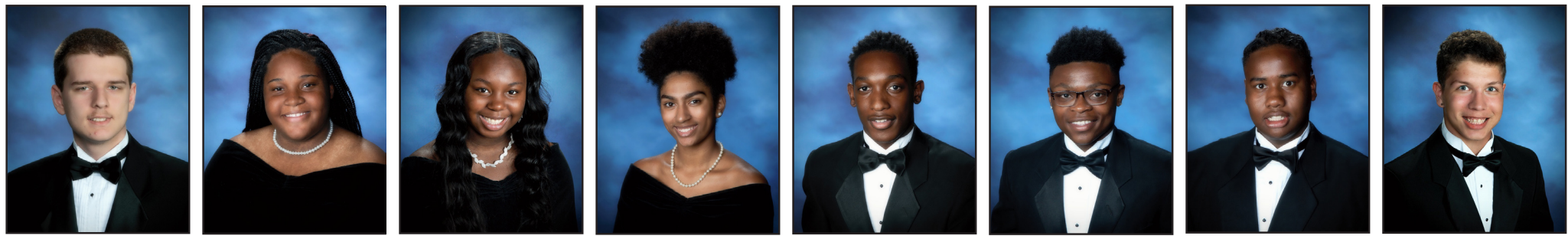
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Colleton Prep Academy Top Graduates of 2018



Emily Grace Martin
 Daughter of Kevin and Rhonda Martin, Walterboro
 GPA: 5.17
 Class Rank: No. 1
 College Plans/Major: Clemson University – health science: preprofessional studies
 Career Goal: I am undecided on a specific career, but know I want to work in the medical field – specifically in pediatrics or rehabilitation therapy.

Scholarships: Palmetto Fellows, Clemson Palmetto Pact Scholarship, Elks Lodge Scholarship, Daughters of the American Revolution Good Citizenship Award, Colleton Medical Center Auxiliary Scholarship.

Favorite Quote: "I am ready to face any challenge that might be foolish enough to face me." – Dwight Schrute.

Senior year in three words: Memorable, encouraging, fantastic.

School tradition: One school tradition that I was proud to be a part of was helping coach the Wee Hawks. As long as I can remember, the varsity cheer squad has helped teach young cheerleaders technique, stunts, cheers and dances. It gives them someone to look up to and also brightens the day of the varsity cheerleaders. I will miss helping coach the Wee Hawks now that I have graduated.

Advice to underclassmen: Participate in any extra-curricular activities you can. This is where you will meet life-long friends, improve your skills, and find out what interests you.



Heather Caroline Jones
 Daughter of Heath and Lori Jones, Walterboro
 GPA: 5.05
 Class Rank: No. 2
 College Plans/Major: Clemson University – early childhood education
 Career Goal: I want to teach either kindergarten or first grade after I graduate. I will start out in a low-income area and work my way up from there.
 Scholarships: Life Scholarship, Delta Kappa

Gamma Scholarship

Favorite Quote: "If you can dream it, you can do it."

Senior year in three words: Incredible, emotional, unforgettable

School tradition: Every home football game, we hold a pep rally and at the end of every pep rally, all of the varsity football players, cheerleaders and seniors come together in the middle of the gym floor, wrap our arms around each other, and sing our school's Alma Mater. That's definitely my favorite school tradition!

Advice to underclassman: Enjoy every bit of time you have left because it goes by in the blink of an eye. Don't take anything for granted. Chase your dreams and don't let anyone stop you.



Sydney Lyn Crosby
 Daughter of Mandi Herndon, Walterboro, and Terry Crosby, Walterboro
 GPA: 4.9967
 Class Rank: No. 3
 College Plans/Major: I plan to attend Orangeburg-Calhoun Technical College this fall. I am seeking a degree in radiology.
 Career Goal: To become a radiology technician.
 Scholarship: LIFE Scholarship

Favorite Quote: "Be who you are and say what you feel because those who mind don't matter and those who matter don't mind." – Dr. Seuss

Senior year in three words: Glad it's over!

Advice to underclassmen: Always be yourself but be the best self you can be.



William Joseph Bryan
 Son of William and Wendy Bryan, Walterboro
 GPA: 4.46 GPA
 Class Rank: No. 6
 College Plans/Major: OC Tech – mechatronics and business.
 Career Goal: I'm undecided on a career, but my goal is to be financially stable.
 Scholarship: LIFE Scholarship
 Favorite Quote: "In any war, you put your back against mine, I put my back against

yours, and let's do what we gotta do." – Ray Lewis.

Senior year in three words: Where we riding?

School tradition: I am most proud of the traditions before football games, such as the bus ride around the stadium and the Nebraska prayer in the tunnel.

Advice to underclassman: Make as many memories as possible. Be your best even on your bad days and find light in every dark situation.

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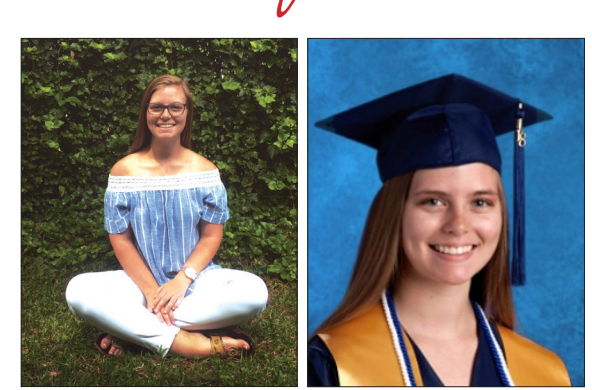
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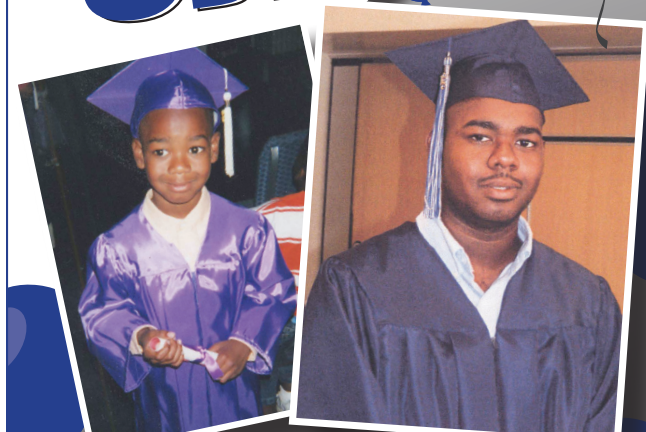
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