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to the **Graduates**  
Class of 2022!





# Colleton Preparatory Academy Top Graduates

By Cindy Crosby

**HALEY NICOLE BOOTLE**

Daughter of Nicole and Everette Bootle, Yemassee

**GPA:** 5.36**Class Rank:** No. 1

**College Plans/Major:** University of South Carolina – Aiken majoring in biology

**Career Goal:** I would like to be a medical device sales representative.

**Scholarships:** Life Scholarship

**Favorite Quote:** "Difficult Roads often lead to beautiful destinations. The best is yet to come." – Zig Ziglar

**Remarkable High School Memory:**

2021 Softball AA State Championship was a goal I have been striving for since I was eight years old. It was extremely special to accomplish such goal with the coaches and players I have been playing with for a decade. Tiger Martin and Mark Tomedolskey have coached me since 2013, so achieving this with them is unforgettable. I will be forever thankful for the dedication and heart that these players and coaches expressed.

**Best Piece of Advice for Underclassmen:** "It is hard to live in color when you just see black and white. In a world full of hate be a light." - Thomas Rhett. No matter what, be yourself and open yourself up to this world full of opportunities. Be open minded and true to yourself. Always believe in yourself, so others will believe in you, but most importantly enjoy this time on earth and make the best of it until the finish line.

**Impactful Teacher(s):** Mrs. Bray Campbell brightens up any moment with her outgoing bubbly personality, which inspired me to be more optimistic. Mrs. Lauren Clark provided me with the confidence to pursue a medical degree by challenging my scientific side. Mrs. Blocker challenged my academic excellence which made me appreciate the value of learning. Mrs. Sandy Smith was always there when I needed advice or someone to talk to, to help me through the difficulties of high school.

**EMILY ROSE WILSON**

Daughter of Richard and Connie Wilson, Walterboro

**GPA:** 5.2**Class Rank:** No. 2

**College Plans/Major:** Clemson University, majoring in nursing

**Career Goal:** My goal is to become a labor and delivery nurse.

**Scholarships:** Elaine Fogle Scholarship, Life Scholarship, William and Prudence Finn Scholarship, and Harold Newlin Hill Scholarship.

**Favorite Quote:** "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." Jeremiah 29:11

**Remarkable High School Memory:** Playing my last volleyball and soccer game will always be cherished memories along with cheering on the War Hawks on Friday nights.

**Best Piece of Advice for Underclassmen:** Do not take the moments you have left in high school for granted, but instead cherish them because it will all be over before you know it.

**Impactful Teacher(s):** Mrs. Bray Campbell, my English teacher for five years, impacted my education at Colleton Prep Academy. She prepared me for the classes I will be taking at Clemson University and is someone I can count on and trust.

**WESCOAT "WEST" MITCHELL BROWN**

Son of Grace Ann and Carl Brown, Walterboro

**GPA:** 5.01**Class Rank:** No. 3

**College Plans/Major:** Clemson University, majoring in construction science with a minor in business.

**Career Goal:** I plan to be a General Contractor and own a construction company.

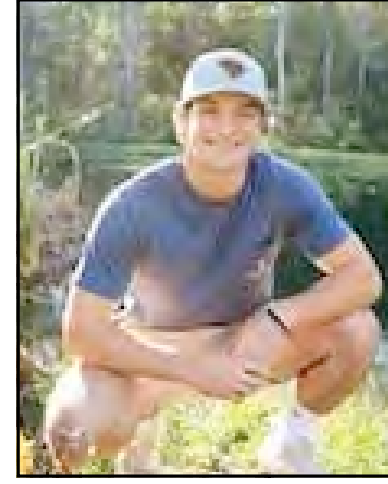
**Scholarships:** Palmetto Fellows, Edwin W. Peurifoy Scholarship, Elks National Foundation Legacy Award

**Favorite Quote:** "The best is yet to come." – Unknown.

**Remarkable High School Memory:** Playing basketball and football with my friends.

**Best Piece of Advice for Underclassmen:** Always do your best, whatever your best may be at that moment.

**Impactful Teacher(s):** Mrs. Bray Campbell and Dr. Chase McRae.

**COLTON RILEY DANIELS**

Son of Denise and Buck Daniels, Walterboro

**GPA:** 4.98**Class Rank:** No. 4

**College Plans/Major:** East Georgia State College with plans to major in education.

**Career Goal:** I plan to teach math and coach baseball.

**Scholarships:** Correll Scholarship (full tuition)

**Favorite Quote:** "Just keep swimming." – Finding Nemo.

**Remarkable High School Memory:** Senior Night for War Hawk Baseball is a night I will always remember.

**Best Piece of Advice for Underclassmen:** Take in every moment you can, because it all goes so fast. Do not be too serious about anything, it takes the fun out of it.

**Impactful Teacher(s):** Mrs. Janice Blocker and Dr. Chase McRae.

**CASSANDRA LEIGH CRAVEN**

Daughter of Robin and Bobby Craven, Walterboro

**GPA:** 4.82**Class Rank:** No. 5

**College Plans/Major:** I plan to attend Clemson University to major in graphic communications.

**Career Goal:** I do not have an exact plan yet, but I intend on being successful.

**Scholarships:** Life Scholarship

**Favorite Quote:** "Enjoy the journey and embrace the destination when you get there." - Nancy Salmeron

**Remarkable High School Memory:** A remarkable high school memory for me was Senior Night for cheerleading and football. The memories of my last night cheering on the Hawks one last time under our home stadium lights is something I will never forget.

**Best Piece of Advice for Underclassmen:** My best piece of advice for underclassmen is to enjoy every moment. I know everyone tells you it goes by fast, but it is not a lie. It felt like I blinked, and my high school years were over.

**Impactful Teacher(s):** The teacher who impacted my education the most was Mrs. Bray Campbell. She had the biggest impact on my classmates and I as she taught us from sixth grade to tenth. She not only taught me English, but she taught me so many life lessons I will never forget. She has such an impact on our lives, and we will never forget her.



Photo by Cindy Crosby

**VALEDICTORIAN.** Haley Bootle delivers her Valedictory Address during Colleton Prep's Class of 2022 Graduation Ceremony held Thursday, May 26, 2022.



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**SALUTORIAN.** "From our kindergarten teachers to the teachers we had our senior year and everyone in between. Thank you for preparing us for this next chapter of our lives by teaching us the information needed to further our education and make us a better person." – Emily Wilson, CPA Salutatorian.

## CPA holds Class of 2022 Commencement

By Cindy Crosby

Colleton Preparatory Academy held Commencement for the Class of 2022 Thursday, May 26, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. in the Colleton Preparatory Gymnasium during which 24 candidates were presented diplomas; including 10 Honor Graduates.

Twelve members of the Class of 2022 were recognized as 12-Year Graduates including Haley Bootle, Emily Wilson, Cassandra Craven, Grier Frank, Peyton Hardee, Jessica Hughes, Tyler Johnson, Caroline Kinard, Andrew Murdaugh, Conner Pellum, Bailee Stanley, and Taylor Tomedolskey.

Following a Processional of the Board of Directors, Faculty and Staff, the graduating seniors entered to the traditional Pomp and Circumstance. Head of School Jill Burrtram welcomed the guests and was followed by the Invocation given by Rev. Gordon Ackerman.

Emily Wilson, Salutatorian, addressed the guests saying, "Good evening parents, friends, teachers, mentors, board of directors, faculty, and staff, and most importantly, the graduating class of 2022. Thank you for joining us for this exciting moment of our lives. Each person here has shaped the class of 2022 to be the people we are today, and we could not thank you enough. Since I was younger, I have always dreamt of giving a speech at graduation, but I am not a huge fan of speaking in front of large crowds, so I am not sure I thought this through. However, I am truly honored to be standing before all of you on this special day."

Wilson went on to say, "I first want to thank my family because without them, I certainly would not be where I am today. Thank you to my grandparents for supporting me in everything I do and to my uncle for cheering me on every step of the way. Thank you to my sister, Hannah, for saving all your homework from high school and for being my number one fan. Thank you to my mom and dad for always believing in me and pushing me to be the best version of myself. I would not be fulfilling my goals if I had not received constant motivation and encouragement from you. Secondly, I want to thank the teachers who have helped my classmates and me get to this point. From our kindergarten teachers to the teachers, we had our senior year and everyone in between. Thank you for preparing us for this next chapter of our lives by teaching us the information needed to further

our education and make us a better person."

Valedictorian, Haley Bootle, opened her commencement address saying, "Tonight is about the individual accomplishments of every member of this class. So, let us celebrate not only what we have accomplished but what we have overcome. Together, we have been through a challenging obstacle that altered our learning experiences and personal lives – COVID-19. The pandemic had a significant effect on how we learned. In March 2020, our school shut down, causing classes to go online. Online learning may have been beneficial to some, but to others it was not. This was time together our class lost. Yes, our summer was longer, but we lost a whole semester of social interaction with one another. Then when we returned to school, we had to wear masks. It was as if we never saw each other for over a year. I wish we could have had that semester together."

Bootle went on to say, "Here at Colleton Prep, no matter how long we go without stepping foot on campus, we are still family. The faculty, staff, and teachers treat us like their own and we are thankful for that. They have provided us with an education that can make us successful if we put forth effort. Yes, that means senioritis is over. Most of this class graduated kindergarten together. Now, thirteen year later, we will no longer be students, but instead, we are now alumni. Our teachers have supported us inside and outside these doors. Whether it was coming to our games, talking to us in between class, or providing us with words of wisdom, they were there for us when we needed them."

She closed her speech with, "Commencement is both an ending and beginning of our futures. We have learned from each other as well as the people who have influenced our lives. Now, we must make our own decisions based on what we have learned. Remember, no matter where you came from or how you were brought up, everyone is presented with the chance to create their own path from the opportunities provided to us. We have gained the education to be successful, now it is time to put our education to the test in the real world. Also, if the odds are never in our favor, it does not mean we cannot accomplish big things. The odds were 80-1 for Rich Strike, the winner of the Kentucky Derby this year. However, he beat the odds and accomplished something incredible. Together, we have accomplished the goal of high school graduation, which leads to many more goals. We must live life to the fullest while using our experiences to guide us to success. Life should never be about what we have materialistically,

but about creating connections and building relationships."

The Commencement Address was given by Kevin Steele, defensive coordinator for the Miami Hurricanes and resident of Edisto Beach. Steele has 38 years of coaching experience, including 13 years in the SEC and 10 as a defensive coordinator. He was a semifinalist for the Broyles Award as defensive coordinator at Auburn in 2019 and a finalist for the award in 2017. During his five-season tenure as defensive coordinator at Auburn (2016-2020), Steele's units ranked in the top 20 nationally in scoring defense four times while producing 14 NFL Draft picks and multiple first-rounders.

Prior to 2016, Steele served as defensive coordinator and linebacker coach for LSU, going to Baton Rouge from Alabama, where he spent the 2014 season coaching the Clemson Tide linebackers and special assistant to the head coach. In 2013, he served as Alabama's director of player personnel. Steele was the defensive coordinator at Alabama in 2007 and at Clemson for three years (2009-11). While at Clemson, the Tigers won the 2011 ACC title and his defense led the ACC and ranked No. 13 nationally in points allowed, surrendering 18.8 points per game. He coached with Bobby Bowden at Florida State for four years (2003-06), serving as the executive head coach for the Seminoles. He served as the head coach at Baylor from 1999-2002 and coached linebackers for the Carolina Panthers in the NFL from 1995-98. From 1989-94, Steele coached at Nebraska where the Cornhuskers went 60-11, appeared in six bowl games, won four conference championships, and captured the 1994 national championship with a 13-0 record.

The Presentation of Diplomas was given by the CPA Board of Directors and was followed by the singing of the Colleton Preparatory Academy Alma Mater. The Benediction was given by Rev. Gordon Ackerman followed by the Class of 2022 Recessional to Trumpet Tune by Purcell.

During the ceremony, Bailee Stanley was awarded the Headmaster's Award for Excellence. The Debbie Powers Award was bestowed upon Taylor Tomedolskey, and the Joe Carroll Award was presented to Andrew Murdaugh.

Marshals included Linley Jones, Rebecca Martin, Jackson Sims, Matthew Williams, Jeb Bootle, Courtney Polk, Olivia Sumner, Nicholas Blubaugh, Ava Hipp, and Carter Sims.



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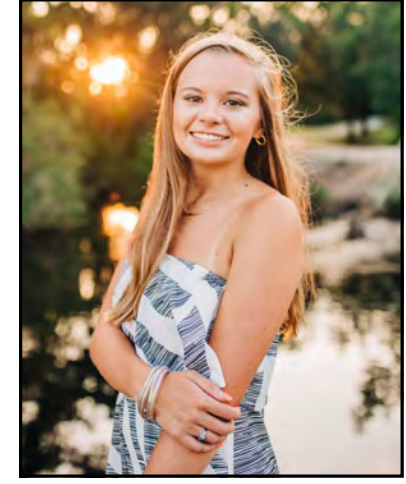
**JESSICA RENEE BEACH HUGHES**  
 Daughter of Jennifer and JR Hughes, Walterboro  
**GPA:** 4.74  
**Class Rank:** No. 6  
**College Plans/Major:** I plan to attend Georgia Southern University in the fall to major in nursing.  
**Career Goal:** I hope to further my education after undergraduate to become a nurse practitioner in hopes of working in the emergency department.  
**Scholarships:** Farm Bureau Scholarship, Life Scholarship  
**Favorite Quote:** "When you take risks, you learn that there will be times when you succeed and there will be times when you fail, and both are equally important." - Ellen Degeneres  
**Remarkable High School Memory:** My favorite high school memory is our senior trip to Charleston. One last bus ride on "olde yeller" is something I will always remember because you never know what will happen when you take a trip on the bus.  
**Best Piece of Advice for Underclassmen:** Do not take high school for granted cherish every moment and take everything in. Before you know it, you will be walking across the stage and saying goodbye to your fellow classmates as you begin a new journey in your life.  
**Impactful Teacher(s):** Mrs. Campbell has been through it all with our class. I will forever cherish the many days where she pushed me to do my best. Mrs. Polk's life science class introduced me to the medical field where I found my passion to become a nurse.



**KAYLEE ELIZABETH WARREN**  
 Daughter of Crystal Warren and Michael Warren, Walterboro  
**GPA:** 4.74  
**Class Rank:** No. 7  
**College Plans/Major:** Clemson University majoring in biological science  
**Career Goal:** My career goal is to become a nurse practitioner.  
**Scholarships:** DAR Good Citizen Scholarship, Lion Club Scholarship, Workforce Scholarship, and Life Scholarship.  
**Favorite Quote:** "Let the light that shines in you be brighter than the light that shines on you." - Dabo Swinney  
**Remarkable High School Memory:** Cheerleading and Senior Prom  
**Best Piece of Advice for Underclassmen:** Live every day to the fullest and do not take anything for granted. Get involved and work hard. Understand that everything you do, every grade you get, and every sport you play, will have an impact on your future. The next four years will fly by, so enjoy every second.  
**Impactful Teacher(s):** I have been very blessed with amazing teachers throughout my school career. Mrs. Campbell always believed in me and pushed me to do my very best. Miss Clark helped me find and confirm my passion and love for science. I will use what they instilled in me as I go on this next journey in my life. A good education can change anyone, but a good teacher can change everything!



**TAYLOR ANN TOMEDOLSKY**  
 Daughter of Terri and Mark Tomedolskey, Walterboro  
**GPA:** 4.6  
**Class Rank:** No. 8  
**College Plans/Major:** College of Charleston with plans to major in biology.  
**Career Goal:** I hope to become a physician assistant.  
**Scholarships:** Hope Scholarship, Elks Lodge Scholarship.  
**Favorite Quote:** "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." Philippians 4:13  
**Remarkable High School Memory:** Winning the SCISA AA State Softball Championship in 2021 was truly a memorable moment, especially with my teammates and my coaches - my dad being one of them.  
**Best Piece of Advice for Underclassmen:** Do not sweat the small stuff. Stay focused. Hard work pays off but try to enjoy the journey along the way.  
**Impactful Teacher(s):** I feel lucky to have had so many great teachers at CPA; but I am especially grateful for Bray Campbell, Valerie Murdaugh and Sandy Smith for guiding, inspiring, encouraging and equipping me for the future.



**GRACEN CAROLINE KINARD**  
 Daughter of Pam and Tony Kinard, Walterboro  
**GPA:** 4.47  
**Class Rank:** No. 10  
**College Plans/Major:** Technical College of the Lowcountry with a concentration in radiology  
**Career Goal:** To earn a degree in radiology and help people.  
**Scholarships:** Life Scholarship  
**Favorite Quote:** "1% better every day, small changes over time lead to big results." - Unknown  
**Remarkable High School Memory:** Winning the SCISA AA State Softball Championship in 2021.  
**Best Piece of Advice for Underclassmen:** When people tell you high school goes by fast, believe them. Enjoy every moment with your friends because one day everything will change.  
**Impactful Teacher(s):** Mrs. Bray Campbell. Although we did not really get along at first, looking back, I would give anything to spend one more day in the classroom with her.





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**SIERRA BLAZE OBENAU**  
Daughter of Cindy Newman and Holger Obenaus, Born in Germany, currently residing in Walterboro

**GPA:** 5.34  
**Class Rank:** No. 1  
**College Plans/Major:** Furman University with plans to major in pre-med and minor in business and Spanish.

**Career Goal:** I aspire to be a surgeon. I am considering cardiovascular or cardiothoracic. I want to help people, and being a surgeon gives me the ability to help others and impact people's lives.

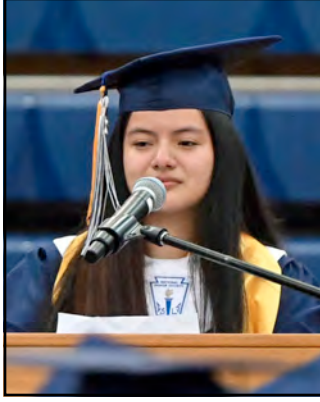
**Scholarships:** I have a full academic scholarship to attend Furman University.

**Favorite Quote:** "Remember you are the one who can fill the world with sunshine." - Unknown.

**Remarkable High School Memory:** When the senior student council adopted a family of eight for Christmas. We gave them the magical Christmas that they deserve. We not only got all the children presents and toys, but also clothes, hygiene products, living essentials, and food for everyone.

**Best Piece of Advice for Underclassmen:** Enjoy every moment and try every opportunity that comes your way. High school has so much to offer, and it is up to you to make every moment a memory.

**Impactful Teacher(s):** Thank you to Coach Kris Howell, the Colleton County weightlifting, and head football coach. Coach Howell taught me more than just his classroom material. He taught me how to be my own individual, stand up for what I believe in, and how, as a female, I can accomplish anything. He taught me how to be both physically and mentally strong and that just because I am a girl does not mean I cannot outlift a boy. He has made an impact not only my life, but on the lives of so many others who have passed through his class. Although he may be harsh and push us at times, every student in his class comes to learn the reason he does so is to make us stronger. He wants us to prove to ourselves that we can accomplish something all on our own and our progress is the most important accomplishment of all. Also, Mrs. Julie Mundell, my clinicals and health science teacher, who taught us what hard work is and how it pays off. She gave me the opportunity to fall in love with helping others. Also, Mrs. Heather Mushrush, history teacher, who serves as the head of CCHS Student Council and National Honor Society. She has helped so many students become leaders and make an impact on our community. She goes above and beyond for her students and taught me to be a leader while standing strong for what I believe.



**KELLY LEYVA**  
Daughter of Isidora Morales, Walterboro

**GPA:** 5.28  
**Class Rank:** No. 2  
**College Plans/Major:** College of Charleston with plans to major in accounting

**Career Goal:** Accountant  
**Favorite Quote:** "I am nothing, but I must be remarkable." - Unknown.

**Remarkable High School Memory:** Water breaks between band practice.

**Best Piece of Advice for Underclassmen:** Take it easy.

**Impactful Teacher(s):** Ms. Hickman, Ms. Brown, Ms. Curtis, and Ms. Mushrush



**HOPE ELIZABETH CROSBY**  
Daughter of Christy and Michael Crosby, Walterboro

**GPA:** 5.11  
**Class Rank:** No. 3  
**College Plans/Major:** Lander University with a major in Early Childhood Education as an Honors Student and Teacher Fellow.

**Career Goal:** I want to be a K-4 teacher.

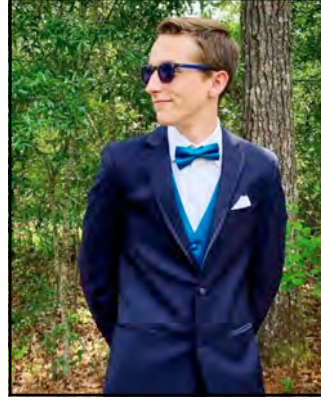
**Scholarships:** Teacher Fellows Scholarship (\$24,000), Delta Kappa Gamma Scholarship (\$750), Life Scholarship, NAFEP Scholarship (\$2,500), SCATA Scholarship (\$1,500), Lander Presidential Housing Scholarship (\$2,000), Lander Academic Scholarship (\$4,500) and Palmetto Girls State Scholarship (\$1,000).

**Favorite Quote:** "When you focus on the good, the good gets better." - Abraham Hicks.

**Remarkable High School Memory:** I remember in grades 10th-12th, I had the honor of organizing the Teacher Christmas Card Project through student council. I loved collecting and writing hundreds of cards with fellow students for the teachers. It really made Christmas feel magical for students and staff at the high school.

**Best Piece of Advice for Underclassmen:** Never forget your end goal. For me it was graduating high school with honors and dual credit classes. That vision helped me push to the end.

**Impactful Teacher(s):** Tina Briz- This teacher had one of the largest impacts on my education. She not only helped me raise my SAT score and win multiple scholarships but helped me learn how to flourish with confidence. Sonia Inabinett- I remember this teacher from elementary school as someone who believed in me as a student and helped me learn above the standard. She will be a role model for me as I become a teacher myself. Heather Mushrush and Jessica Upchurch- I never had either one of them as teachers but they were wonderful advisors who helped me step out of my comfort zone in student council.



**JOSHUA COOK**  
Son of Jason Cook and Lorann Cook, Walterboro

**GPA:** 4.99  
**Class Rank:** No. 4  
**College Plans/Major:** The University of South Carolina with plans to major in aerospace engineering.

**Career Goal:** I would love to work for Boeing as an aerospace engineer.

**Scholarships:** Palmetto Fellows, Merit Based Scholarships, College of Engineering Scholarships

**Favorite Quote:** "There is nothing impossible to them who will try." - Alexander the Great

**Remarkable High School Memory:** My favorite memory is the final time we bowed to the audience after we finished our final performance of High School Musical. Months of hard work and dedication had finally come to a close, and I will cherish that memory for how surreal and special it was.

**Best Piece of Advice for Underclassmen:** Pay as much attention to your classes and teachers as you can and always work hard, because I promise that it will all pay off in the end.

**Impactful Teacher(s):** The most important teacher to me was Mrs. Stephanie Drawdy, with her dedication, love for her students, and incredible legacy, she left one of the best impacts on my life. I will treasure her memory for years to come.



**ADAM LEE BUCKNER**  
Son of Dwayne and Melissa Buckner, Walterboro

**GPA:** 4.99  
**Class Rank:** No. 5  
**College Plans/Major:** Anderson University with plans to major in business

**Career Goal:** Sport Marketing and Administration.

**Scholarships:** Full Academic Scholarship to Anderson

**Favorite Quote:** "Try not, do or do not, there is no try." - Master Yoda

**Remarkable High School Memory:** Making it to the second round of the SCHSL AAAA State Tennis Playoffs with the Cougar Tennis team.

**Best Piece of Advice for Underclassmen:** Always ask questions and try to stay on top of your assignments. Waiting until the last minute will eventually not work out.

**Impactful Teacher(s):** Mrs. Mushrush impacted me the most. I always enjoyed her class and made many memories with my friends in her class.



**GAVIN THURSTON**  
Son of Kenny and Jennifer Thurston, Walterboro

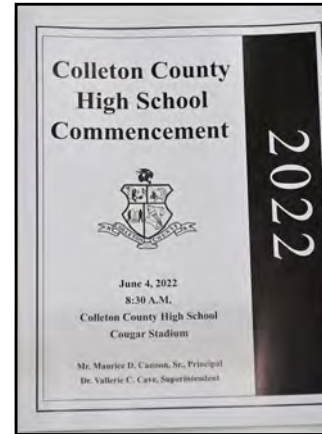
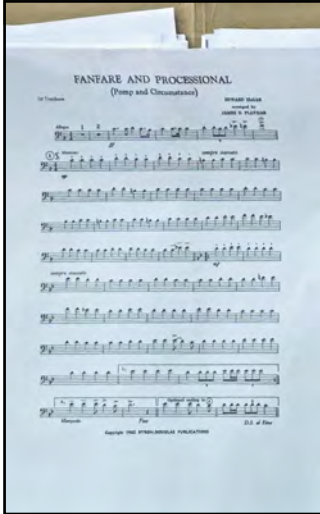
**GPA:** 4.97  
**Class Rank:** No. 6  
**College Plans/Major:** Trident Technical College with a focus in media arts and film production.

**Career Goal:** To work in the film industry.

**Scholarships:** Life Scholarship

**Best Piece of Advice for Underclassmen:** Get involved.

**Impactful Teacher(s):** Mrs. O'Quinn, Mrs. Bunton, Ms. Brawley, Mr. Hammer, Mr. Kumar, Mr. Infinger, and Mr. Weindorf





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**HENNA ASHVIN PATEL**  
Daughter of Ashvin and Sima Patel, Walterboro  
**GPA:** 4.97  
**Class Rank:** No. 7  
**College Plans/Major:** I am attending USC in Columbia as a BSN-RN candidate, with the hopes of pursuing masters in nursing soon after.  
**Career Goal:** NICU nurse / Neonatal Nurse Practitioner  
**Scholarships:** LIFE scholarship, Elaine Fogle Scholarship, Merit Scholarship of USC  
**Favorite Quote:** "Wherever you go, no matter what the weather, always bring your own sunshine." - Unknown.  
**Remarkable High School Memory:** Becoming president of the National Honor Society was one of the best memories for me. Academics was a big part of my high school experience and taking on the biggest leadership role in the biggest academic club in school was extremely rewarding for me.  
**Best Piece of Advice for Underclassmen:** Focus on doing the things that fulfill you and make you happy.  
**Impactful Teacher(s):** The teachers who have had the most positive influence on me during high school are Ms. Mundell and Ms. DeLong. They were both my clinical teachers. As an aspiring nurse, this experience served to push me to strive to be as great as I can be, in any role in healthcare.



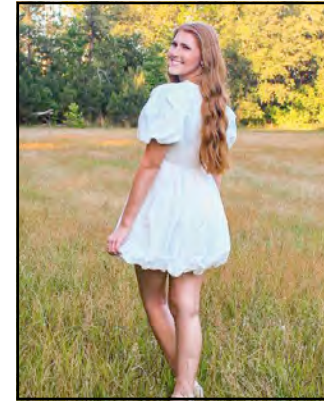
**LAUREN FUJIA REYNOLDS**  
Daughter of Mickie and Kirk Reynolds, Walterboro  
**GPA:** 4.96  
**Class Rank:** No. 8  
**College Plans/Major:** Clemson Honors College majoring in pre-professional health science.  
**Career Goal:** To become either a pediatrician or cardiologist  
**Scholarships:** College of Charleston Merit Scholarship, Bell Tower Scholarship, Wofford Gold Scholarship, Davidson Belk Scholarship  
**Favorite Quote:** "I'd rather have a life of 'oh-wells' than 'what-ifs.'" - Katie Dressler Nehl  
**Remarkable High School Memory:** Going to sporting events when I could, because it was a fun way of getting together after school and creating memories as we watch our peers do what they love.  
**Best Piece of Advice for Underclassmen:** Get involved with the school even if you don't want to, I promise it will make high school more memorable.  
**Impactful Teacher(s):** The teachers who most impacted me was Ms. Brawley, Mrs. Robinson, Mrs. Mundell, and Mrs. DeLong. These teachers helped me through high school by making sure I was on top of all my assignments, knew the subject, and checked up on me.



**LAURA CATHERINE BUNTON**  
Daughter of Jenny and Jamie Bunton, Walterboro  
**GPA:** 4.89  
**Class Rank:** No. 9  
**College Plans/Major:** Clemson University majoring in performing arts and theater.  
**Career Goal:** Performing art or theater.  
**Favorite Quote:** "What would life be without a song or a dance, what are we?" - Mama Mia  
**Remarkable High School Memory:** Winning State Winter Percussion CWEA during my freshman year. Also, getting back on stage with the chorus and performing Mama Mia after COVID-19.  
**Best Piece of Advice for Underclassmen:** Always be true to yourself and who you are.  
**Impactful Teacher(s):** Stephanie Drawdy, Eddie Peebles, Emily Cano, Gary Stroupe, Holly Hiers, and Jenny Bunton.



**HALEY ELIZABETH JACKSON**  
Daughter of Carolette and David Jackson, Ruffin  
**GPA:** 4.87  
**Class Rank:** No. 10  
**College Plans/Major:** Converse University with plans to major in musical therapy.  
**Career Goal:** To become a musical therapist.  
**Scholarships:** Converse Endowed Academic Scholarship, Converse Scholar Award, Music Academic Scholarship, and LIFE Scholarship.  
**Favorite Quote:** "Hearts are like guitar strings. They won't play if they are too loose. You have to wind them up until they are about to break, and that is when they become a wave that hits your eardrums." - Unknown.  
**Remarkable High School Memory:** Receiving the rally rag from Mr. Cannon for graduation.  
**Best Piece of Advice for Underclassmen:** Upkeeping your mental health is just as important as your physical health.  
**Impactful Teacher(s):** Mr. Nick Infinger.



**JULIE LYNN BRYAN**  
Daughter of Kimberly Mullinax, Walterboro, and Jamie and Nicole Bryan, Walterboro  
**GPA:** 4.85  
**Class Rank:** No. 11  
**College Plans/Major:** USC -Salkehatchie with plans to pursue an associates degree in science  
**Career Goal:** Radiology technician  
**Scholarships:** Life Scholarship  
**Favorite Quote:** "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you a hope and a future." - Jeremiah 29:11  
**Remarkable High School Memory:** Football games in the student section.  
**Best Piece of Advice for Underclassmen:** Don't take a single moment of high school for granted. It moves by very quickly and you'll miss it. You'll do greater things in life than whatever problem you're having now. Do not worry about the future and live in the moment.  
**Impactful Teacher(s):** Mr. Luke Weindorf, Ms. Bria Burke, Mr. Samuel Hammer, Mr. Jegadeesh Kumar, and Ms. Madeline Brawley.



**KAITLYN GRACE DUBOIS**  
Daughter of Lyndsey Myers, Walterboro  
**GPA:** Not listed  
**Class Rank:** No. 12  
**College Plans/Major:** Clemson University with a major in secondary education.  
**Career Goal:** I want to be a high school English teacher.  
**Scholarships:** St. Helen Infinger Scholarship, Homer and Peggy McConnel, Clemson Palmetto Pact, Life Scholarship  
**Favorite Quote:** "Draw a monster. Why is it a monster?" - Unknown  
**Remarkable High School Memory:** Having Madeline Brawley with me as I played my favorite sport, attend both my proms, and my tennis and soccer senior night.  
**Best Piece of Advice for Underclassmen:** Even though it is repeated continuously, and you probably will not understand until your senior year, my advice is to stop caring what others think.  
**Impactful Teacher(s):** Madeline Brawley and Heather Mushrush.



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**VALEDICTORIAN.** First Honor Graduate, Sierra Obenaus, gives her Valedictory to the Class of 2022 closing by saying, "Everything that society and the world has thrown at us, we have taken it head on. We have never faltered, and we have never stopped fighting. And because of that, we are where we are today. We are the class that will not be forgotten, and we are the class that will take the world by storm."

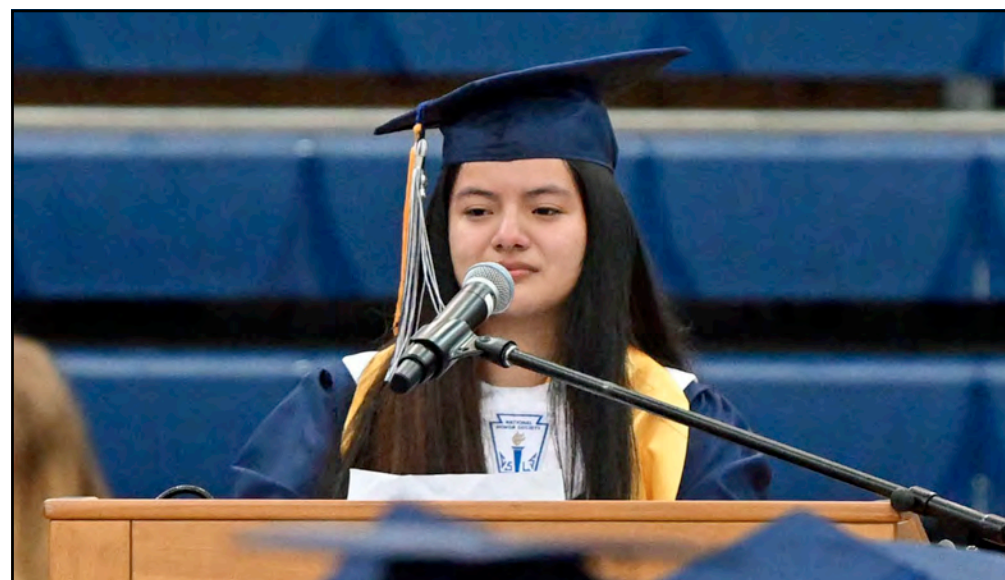


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**SALUTATORIAN.** "As a child of immigrant parents, who never passed secondary education, they have taught me the value of an education." - Kelly Leyva, CCHS Salutatorian.

## CCHS holds Class of 2022 Commencement

By Cindy Crosby

Colleton County High School held the Class of 2022 Commencement Ceremony Saturday, June 4, 2022, at Cougar Gymnasium at 8:30 a.m. With limited tickets for graduates due to the threat of inclement weather, the ceremony was the culminating event for the Class of 2022.

The Class of 2022 had 312 ranked graduates that combined for \$11,163,216.00 in scholarship offers which included external, institutional, Palmetto Fellow, Life, and Hope Scholarships. There were eight Distinguished Honor Graduates with a minimum 4.9 GPA or higher and 19 Honor Graduates with a cumulative GPA between 4.5-4.89.

The Class of 2022 boasted 158 Career and Technology Completers including 33 double completers. These numbers include 55 health science completers and 14 biomedical science completers. In addition, 116 completers received at least one national or industrial certification.

Following the Processional of Graduates, the Colleton County High School NJROTC gave the Presentation of Colors. The Band of Blue then performed the National Anthem.

Third Honor Graduate, Hope Elizabeth Crosby, gave the Invocation.

The Colleton County High School Chorus presented a musical selection entitled "I am Still Your Dreamer," followed by the Recognition of Military Enlistees.

Kelly Leyva, Salutatorian, welcomed guests saying, "I am so very proud of us all. I would like to begin by thanking my family and friends for supporting me throughout everything. Congratulations to the Class of 2022. As a child of immigrant parents, who never passed secondary education, they have

taught me the value of an education."

Leyva went on to say, "We should stop worrying about what others are doing and focus on ourselves and our growth. It is comforting to know everyone does not have their plan mapped out yet. Everyone, hang in there, okay. You have all done so well, everything will pay off in the end. Move at your own pace, steadily, one step at the time. If there is anyone out there who does not know where they should go from here, I urge you to listen to your heart."

Senior Class President, Sierra Obenaus, presented the Class of 2022 gift to Mr. Maurice Cannon Sr.

First Honor Graduate, Sierra Blaze Obenaus, gave her Valedictory address for the Class of 2022. Obenaus opened saying, "Good Morning Class of 2022, welcome teachers, staff, friends, parents, aunties, uncles, cousins, grandparents, great-grandparents, and even great-great grandparents, because while this gym is packed, there are even more family members in the Pac and the Aux gym to celebrate with us today. I do understand why we have so many here today, it is because you are here celebrating the accomplishments of these phenomenal students."

Obenaus went on to say, "The Class of 2022 are rocks - and I do not mean pebbles or stones. I am talking about boulders. One of the most important things about the Class of 2022, is we are the class who persevered through a world pandemic. Through all the obstacles, the Class of 2022 never faltered. We spent our entire junior year online. We went through google meets, Edmentum, Wi-Fi and computer problems, online lectures, and testing, and yet we still overcame all of it together. These ladies and gentlemen before me, have overcome challenges that most adults have never experienced. These graduates, my classmates, my peers, and my friends, have not only achieved what was expected of

them, but have also surpassed those expectations. We are the rocks and stones that make up the Class of 2022, and we are the pieces that survived and overcame COVID-19."

In closing, Obenaus said, "Everything that society and the world has thrown at us, we have taken it head on. We have never faltered, and we have never stopped fighting. And because of that, we are where we are today. We are the class that will not be forgotten, and we are the class that will take the world by storm. And as we bask in our accomplishments, I would like to remind all of us to look to the future. Look where we are going, and who we are going to become. Never stop being those rocks, never give up and never surrender. Every single one of us has so much to give. We need to take our initiative and drive with us into the future to become the thinkers, builders, improvers, producers, and leaders of the next generation - our generation. Class of 2022, we are going to be an unstoppable and unshakable force. But for today, let us celebrate and live in this moment, because these moments are so precious and fleeting. Congratulations Class of 2022."

Presentation of the 2022 Graduation Candidates was given by Principal Cannon, followed by the Presentation of Diplomas and Certificates by Cannon, Dr. Vallerie Cave, Superintendent of Schools and Mr. William Bowman, Chairman of the Colleton County School Board, Mr. Shon Johnson, Ms. Tina Briz, and Mr. Ryan Pearson. They were assisted by the CCHS Counselors and the Class of 2022 Advisors.

Following the Turning of the Tassels, led by Sierra Obenaus, the Class of 2022 followed tradition, tossing their white carnations into the air. Following the singing of the Alma Mater, Kaitlyn Encalade, Student Body President, led the Benediction.

The Class of 2022 Recessional, "War March of the Priests" by Felix Mendelssohn, closed the ceremony.



# Colleton Preparatory Academy Graduates



Ackerman, Christian

Blubaugh, Nathaniel

Bootle, Haley

Brown, Wescoat

Carelock, Robert

Carr, Bennett

Corbett, Cooper

Craven, Cassandra



Crews, Jeb

Daniels, Colton

Frank, James

Hardee, Peyton

Hooker, Matthew

Hughes, Jessica

Johnson, Tyler

Kinard, Gracen



Murdaugh, Andrew

Napier, Cadence

Pellum, Conner

Stanley, Carson

Sumner, Thomas

Tomedolskey, Taylor

Warren, Kaylee

Wilson, Emily





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Barnett, Meosha    Barreto, Quiroz Citlalli    Barros, John    Beach, Charleston    Bell, Elizabeth    Bellingier, Kamori    Benton, Reagan    Berry, Dakari



Black, Emma    Blackshear, Russunde    Blocker, Deshaun    Boseman, Robert    Bostic, Jada    Bostic, Jordan    Bostrom, Lillie    Bowman, Makel



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Crosby, Bryan    Crosby, Hope    Crossland, Joseph    Cullen, William    Daniels, CardAir    Davis, Arianna    Drain, Kevionya    DuBois, Kaitlyn



Dunigan, Amyah    Edwards, Deanna    Elliott, Dominic    Elliott, Jeremiah    Elliott, Madison    Ellison, Camille    Elliott, Anya    Encalade, Kaitlyn



Erwin, Justin    Erwin, Nathan    Fanchette, Sean    Farmer, Delven    Fender, Michael    Ferguson, Daizon    Ferguson, Damian    Ferguson, Sammy



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Gethers, Jayden    Gilliland, Allison    Grant, Charliyah    Grant, Essence    Green, Alexander    Green, Gabrielle    Green, Timya    Griffin, Paris



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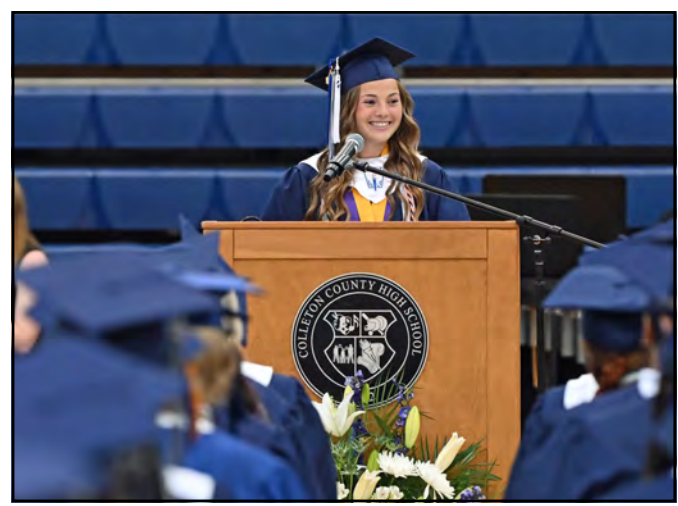
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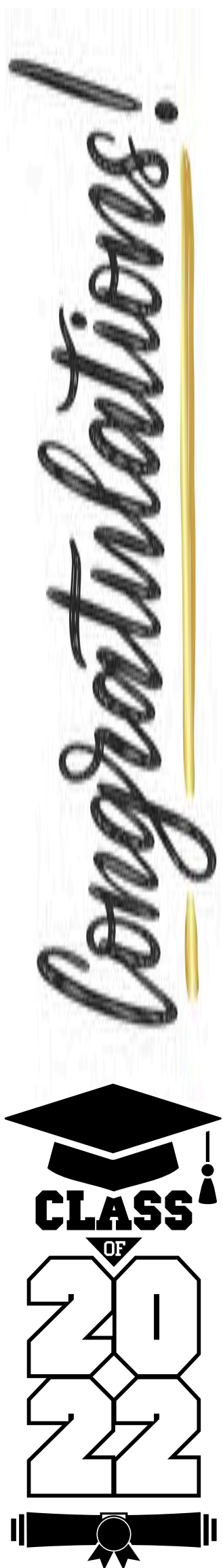
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## Band of Blue musicians are honored

By Heather Ruppe

Band of Blue students were recently recognized for their hard work during the last year. On May 27th, the Band of Blue Booster Club hosted its annual awards program at the Performing Arts Center at Colleton County High School. This was the 35th annual Band of Blue Awards Program put on by the Band of Blue Booster Club.

The band is led by Director Tom Finigan, who inducted this year into the 2022 South Carolina Band Directors Association Hall of Fame. Finigan has taught band in Colleton County for 36 years. "I'd like to thank all of the band parents for allowing us to be a part of your family's life," said Finigan, at the award ceremony. "I'd especially like to thank the senior parents for the sacrifices they've made so that their children could be in band."

The Band of Blue will be back for the 2022 season, with band camp starting on July 18th.

Recognized at this year's award ceremony are:

### 2021-2022 Band of Blue Booster Officers

Booster Club President: Randall Ballew  
 Booster Vice Presidents: Stephen Boyert, Jerry Edens and Bobby Connelly  
 Secretaries: Kim Padgett and Lena Holmes  
 Treasurer: Chelsea Edens

### New 2022-2023 Officers

Booster Club President: Randy Ballew  
 Booster Vice Presidents: Stephen Boyert, Jerry Edens and Bobby Connelly  
 Secretaries: Lena Holmes and Shelby Padgett  
 Treasurer: Chelsea Edens

The Danette Chubb Memorial Blue Big Scholarship recipient is Stephanie Arnold.

### Eighth Grade Marchers

Eighth grade Band of Blue marchers who were recognized at the award ceremony are: Emma Bailey, Leo Cox, Zach Ballew, Brantley Padgett, Gabby Brown, Adien Risher, Charley Crabb, Jazmin Soto, Deshaad Fishburne, Carly Barnes, Kian Hill, Morgan Stewart, Sarah Wilson, Alaina Brown, Nevaeh Smith, Grayson Catterton, Jacob Deshane and Sheldon Canady.

### The 2022 SCBDA All Region Band recipients are:

Nigwee Agina, Clinic Band Award; Thomas Hiott, Senior Band Award; and Shawn Jacques, USC Honor Band Award.

### Color Guard Awards

Guard Captain- Krysta Padgett

Most Improved Guard Members: Nora Yosnick

The Slam Guard Award: Lily Boyert  
 The Toss Guard Award: Khaliah Johnson  
 The Spin Guard Award: Addy Smoak  
 Most Outstanding Color Guard: Callie Rhodes

**Band Of Blue Band Captain:** Amyah Dunigan and Dooley Hiott

### Woodwind/Brass/Percussion Sergeants:

Kamron Longfellow, Dayzanae Neals, Jemetrica Lewis, Harly Vargas, and Zoe Buckner

### Woodwind/Brass/Percussion Lieutenants:

Sammy Ferguson, Jamiyah Lawton, Raquel Morales, Sean Fanchette, and Fantasia Hodges

### Woodwind/Brass/Percussion Captains:

Peyton Taylor, Kashawn Lambright and Stephanie Arnold

### Equipment Quarter Masters:

Dooley Hiott, TreQuan Stokes, Edward Jacques, and Kevin White

### 2021- 2022 Band of Blue Drum Majors:

Sierra Smart and Peyton Grant

### 2022 Incoming Rookies for 2023:

Kadence Garvin; Grayson Catterton; Shaniyah Crosby; Tula Hildebrand, Sophie Varn, Sarah Carden; Kanya Shephard; Sheldon Cannady; DeShaad Fishburne; Nevaeh Smith; Alaina Brown; Emma Bailey; Aiden Risher; Camila Perez; Barbara Martin; Morgan Stewart; Dakota Edens; Leo Pablo-Cox; Charley Crabb; Jacob Dehsane; Zahriana Gethers; Isabella Smith; Allie Sluss; Kiana Hill; Brantley Padgett; Sarah Wilson; Maeli Reeves; Nathan Langdale; Samuel O'Quinn; Jaden Garvin; Savannah Ross; Zachariah Ballew; Nick Bazzle; Aundre James; Tatyana

Martin; Abigail Feather; Amaia Pierce; Carley Olivia Barnes; Gabby Brown; Hailey Saranella; Katherine Sanchez  
 Lillianna Nava; Marissa Goette; McKenna Yonosik; Melinda Nunes; Savanna Torres; Summer Jacobs; and Sydney Nichols.

### Band of Blue Letter Recipients for 2021-2022

First-Time Letter Recipients: Nigwee Agina; Alex Green; Julie Deshane; Alex Claxton; Carla Harrison; Dakota Holt; Marissa Hill; Sean Nunez; Shannon Smoak; Nora Holmes; Jade Amundson; Adrian Jenkins; Maddux Phelps; Miracle Barksdale; Jada Christian; Mackayla Connelly; Serenidi Ferguson; Avery Floresca; Dominick Jackson; Stephen Arnold; Tibbie Walling; Ethan Nichols; Willis Stivender; Logan Hale; Marquez Kirkland; Sambhuv Kumar; Giselle Cortez; Atreyal Hollman; Brionna Pollard; Nora Yonosik; Shawn Jacques; and Josh King.

### Second-Time Letter Recipients:

Harly Vargas; Ally Stephens; Arika Deshane; Ashley Garcia; Zoe Buckner; Ianeshesqua Perez; Kamron Longfellow; Cameron Thigpen; Marissa Hill; Cameron Ballew; Derek Oliver; Chris Stanley; Carlos Soto; Kadence Koger; Abraham Greene; Sean Fanchette; Kaliyah Johnson; Sandy Morrall; Lily Boyert; Callie Rhodes; Josie Cole; Alysia Breland; Addie Smoak; Morgan Edens; Sierra Smart; Sammy Ferguson.

### Third-Time Letter Recipients:

Delaine Ford; Kevin White; Stephanie Arnold; Jamiyah Lawton; Peyton Grant; Dooley Hiott; Dayzanae Neals; Trequan Stokes; Eddie Jacques; Amber Parker; Peyton Taylor; and Fantasia Hodges.

### Four Year Lettermen:

KaShawn Lambright and Krysta Padgett

### Class of 2022 Band of Blue Seniors:

Stephanie Arnold; Amayah Dunigan; Anya

Elliott; Sean Fanchette; Sammy Ferguson; Dooley Hiott; Fantasia Hodges; KaShawn Lambright; Jamiyah Lawton; Jemetrica Lewis; Kelly Leyva; Raquel Morales; Krysta Padgett; Iyonna Smalls; Sierra Smart; and Peyton Taylor.

### Most Improved Awards

Most Improved Rookie – Avery Floresca and Sam Kumar  
 Most Improved Percussion – Ethan Nichols  
 Most Improved Woodwind – Arika Deshane, Ally Stephens and Alex Green  
 Most Improved Brass – Cameron Ballew  
 Most Improved Guard: Nora Yonosik  
 Most Improved Jazz Band – Abe Greene, Peyton Grant and Harly Vargas  
 Most Outstanding Woodwind: Nigwee Agina  
 Most Outstanding Brass Player: Edward Jacques  
 Most Outstanding Percussionist: Carlos Soto  
 Most Outstanding Big Blue Jazz – Dominick Jackson

### USMC "Semper Fi" Musicianship Award:

Sean Fanchette and Delaine Ford

### Band of Blue Rookies of The Year:

Nigwee Agina and Shawn Jacques

### The Most Outstanding Sophomores:

Iannayshqua Perez and Marissa Hill

### The Most Outstanding Junior:

Trequan Stokes and Kevin White

### The 2022 William T. Young Jr. True Blue Award:

Sierra Smart, Sammy Ferguson, Fantasia Hodges and Ka'Sahwn Lambright

### The 2022 Directors Award for Excellence:

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### The 2022 John Philip Sousa:

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# USC Salkehatchie celebrates commencement

USC Salkehatchie awarded 138 associate degrees at a commencement ceremony on the Salkehatchie Commons at the Allendale campus on April 29. In addition, 29 bachelor's degrees were presented through the University of South Carolina's Palmetto College and in partnership with other USC campuses. The 145 graduates represented nine states and included 13 high school students.

Dr. Sarah Miller was recognized as the 2022 USC Salkehatchie Outstanding Professor and Jacob Horn was recognized as the 2022 USC Salkehatchie Outstanding Student. Dr. Susan Elkins, Chancellor of Palmetto College, awarded Morgan Johnson with the President's Scholarship, a \$5,000 award given to

students who exhibit academic excellence and community service.

The ceremony included remarks from Interim Dean John Catalano and University of South Carolina Interim President Harris Pastides who congratulated the graduates on their successes and challenged them to set high goals.

In his remarks, President Pastides provided the Class of 2022 a blueprint for success: set specific goals and work with excellence to achieve them, be a critical and independent thinker, develop resilience, keep a positive attitude, and take good care of yourself.

"Set goals high, allow yourself to dream and give yourself credit not only when you achieve them, but for getting close to a goal that was set with a high bar," Pastides said. "You are the heart of USC Salkehatchie – and the heart of the University of South Carolina. Because of you, I know that not only is Carolina's future bright, but our nation's is as well!"

For more information, contact Stephanie Gruber, Coordinator of Communications and Marketing, at grubersi@mailbox.sc.edu.



**CONFERRING OF DEGREES:** Dr. Susan Elkins, Chancellor of Palmetto College, and Interim Dean John Catalano congratulate Ashley Bennett on her degree during commencement. Bennett is one of 13 high school students earning associate degrees from USC Salkehatchie.



**CONFERRING OF DEGREES:** Dr. Susan Elkins, Chancellor of Palmetto College, and Interim Dean John Catalano congratulate Genesis Fraizer on her degree during commencement. Fraizer is one of 13 high school students earning associate degrees from USC Salkehatchie.



**GROWING OUR OWN:** Kerry Hiers Deloach celebrates receiving her Bachelor of Science in Nursing with Dr. April Cone. Deloach is one of 13 students who earned their BSN from USC Beaufort at the USC Salkehatchie campus.



**KEEPING TRADITION:** Student Government Association President Ashlyn Langdale signifies the beginning of the commencement ceremony by placing the University of South Carolina Mace. The mace is carried in procession on occasions of outstanding importance, such as commencements, convocations, and formal dedications.



**PROFESSOR OF THE YEAR:** Dr. Sarah Miller is recognized as USC Salkehatchie Outstanding Professor. Dr. Miller has been elected by the student body as Outstanding Professor of the Year six times, and she has also received two of Palmetto College's prestigious faculty awards, including the John J. Duffy Excellence in Teaching Award.



**STUDENT OF THE YEAR:** Dr. Brandon Wright, Interim Assistant Dean of Student Success, recognizes Jacob Horn as USC Salkehatchie Outstanding Student. Horn earned his Associate of Science and will transfer to USC Aiken to complete his degree in Industrial Process Engineering.

## Mothers-Daughters learning together



Having a mother-daughter duo attend college together is rare. The chances of having 3 mother-daughter duos attend classes at the same college and at the same time is almost unheard of. To have 2 of the 3 duos share their graduation day is priceless.

Two mother-daughter duos, Susan and Kristina Fisk and Jamie and Angela Williams received their degrees from USC Salkehatchie this spring. Another duo, Madison Garren and Barbara Hollingsworth, missed the opportunity to walk the stage together by one semester, with Madison graduating this spring and Barbara graduating in fall 2022.

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# Colleton County's 2022 homeschool graduates



**CODY HUNTER EVANS**

Amariyan graduated from the Christian Homeschoolers Association of South Carolina.

**Homeschool Association:** At home in the Lowcountry

**Hometown:** Walterboro

**Future plans:** He is attending Palmetto Training, Inc. for a welding certification



**NOAH TRAVIS GIVENS**

**Homeschool Association:** Christian Homeschoolers' Association of South Carolina

**Hometown:** Islandton

**Future plans:** He is attending the Technical College of the Lowcountry to pursue welding



**AMARIYAN PERSAD**

Amariyan graduated with honors and has already graduated from USC as a dual-enrollment student with an Associates' Degree in science and in the arts.

**Homeschool Association:** At home in the Lowcountry

**Hometown:** Cottageville

**Future plans:** She is attending Anderson University on a full scholarship

## Colleton student graduates from S.C. Governor's School

PRESS RELEASE. The South Carolina Governor's School for Science & Mathematics (GSSM) is pleased to announce that a local student graduated from its advanced, residential STEM program on Saturday, May 28, 2022, at the Deloach Center at Coker University in Hartsville.

Stephen Galaida, whose parents are Elizabeth Galaida and Greg Galaida, will attend Clemson University. The GSSM Class of 2022 hails from 29 counties across South Carolina and 74 high schools. Many of this year's graduates include received prestigious institutional merit-based scholarships, including the Hollingsworth Scholarship at Furman University, Presidential Scholarship at the Rochester Institute of Technology, Clemson Breakthrough Scholar, Clemson National Scholar, Gates Millennium Scholarship, Johnson Scholarship



at Washington & Lee University, Presidential Scholarship University of Alabama, Stamps Scholarship at the University of Miami, Carswell Scholarship at Wake Forest University, appointment to the US Military Academy, and US Navy and US Air Force ROTC Scholarships. In total, the Class of 2022 received more than \$29.6 million dollars in scholarship offers.

More than half of GSSM graduates will pursue undergraduate degrees in state, at Clemson University, Coastal Carolina University, College of Charleston, Francis Marion University, Furman University, Greenville Tech, Lander University, University of South Carolina-Columbia, Winthrop University, and Wofford College.

GSSM President Danny Dorsel reflected on the Class of 2022's accomplishments at the school's 33rd Commencement, "Decisions. We make them every day. Two years ago, the members of the GSSM Class of 2022 decided to take the opportunity and enroll at one of the most challenging schools in the country. We now get to celebrate their hard-earned accomplishment. They met the challenge head-on and with a realization that they needed to work together. Both approaches will pay dividends as they encounter what life has in store for them. I am proud of the Class of 2022 and, as a fellow GSSM graduate, I eagerly welcome them into the esteemed GSSM Alumni Association," said President Danny Dorsel. GSSM scholars will also attend institutions around the country and across the globe. Applications are being accepted for the GSSM Class of 2024 at scgssm.org.



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<b>EMILY MARTIN</b> Clemson University	<b>HALEY JACKSON</b> Your Touchstone Energy® Colleton County High
<b>MARLEY KIRSTEN DEKLE</b> Pinewood Christian Academy	

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*Graduates!*



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