

CHARLESTON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

2022

High School Valedictorians

Charleston > excellence is our standard
County SCHOOL DISTRICT

STUDENTS ARE
THE HEART

OF OUR WORK!

Academic Magnet High School



Huiwen Wang

COLLEGE PLANS

To double major in Computer Science and possibly Math at Duke University

CAREER PLANS

To become a software engineer

INTERESTS & HOBBIES

Piano, reading, video games, movies and anime, basketball

SCHOOL INVOLVEMENT

Chess Club President, Ultimate Frisbee, National Honor Society, French National Honor Society, eSports Club, Asian Awareness

FAMILY MEMBERS

Gavin Wang, father; Qing Zhao, mother; Dora Wang, sister

MESSAGE TO FELLOW CLASSMATES

Keep flying high, Raptors. I can't wait to see what you all do!
"It's no use going back to yesterday, because I was a different person then." - Lewis Carroll

Allegro Charter School of Music



Thomas Chapman

COLLEGE PLANS

To attend University of South Carolina to major in Psychology

CAREER PLANS

To work in the field of Experimental Psychology Research

INTERESTS & HOBBIES

Music, guitar, video games

SCHOOL INVOLVEMENT

Music

FAMILY MEMBERS

Mom, dad, brother

MESSAGE TO FELLOW CLASSMATES

Nice job, y'all.

Baptist Hill Middle High School



Aiden Elijah Bailey

COLLEGE PLANS

To attend Milligan University and major in Graphic Design

CAREER PLANS

To become a graphic designer and work for companies such as Disney, Pixar, etc.

INTERESTS & HOBBIES

Competitive bowling, baking, youth ministry, and boating

SCHOOL INVOLVEMENT

Trident Technical College Dual Enrollment Student, National Honor Society, Yearbook, 2022 Men of Color Summit

FAMILY MEMBERS

Shannon Bailey, mother; Bowling Bailey, father; Adelyn Bailey, sister; Asher Bailey, brother; Axel, dog

MESSAGE TO FELLOW CLASSMATES

Expectations are not there to prohibit you, they are there to make you reach your full potential. So when you work towards any goal in life, do your best at it and the outcome will produce itself due to your dedication.

UNIQUE STORY

I earned an Associate of Arts degree from Trident Technical College before receiving a high school diploma. I bowled a perfect 300 game in bowling. I was named a recipient of the \$5,000 South Carolina State Bowling Scholarship.

Burke High School



Caitlin Morgan Forkerway

COLLEGE PLANS

To attend Claflin University on a debt-free scholarship

CAREER PLANS

To help people no matter what I decide to do

INTERESTS & HOBBIES

Volleyball, sewing, listening to music

SCHOOL INVOLVEMENT

Student Government Association President, HOSA (Health Occupation Students of America) member, Varsity Volleyball Captain and Setter, and Student Athletic Training Captain

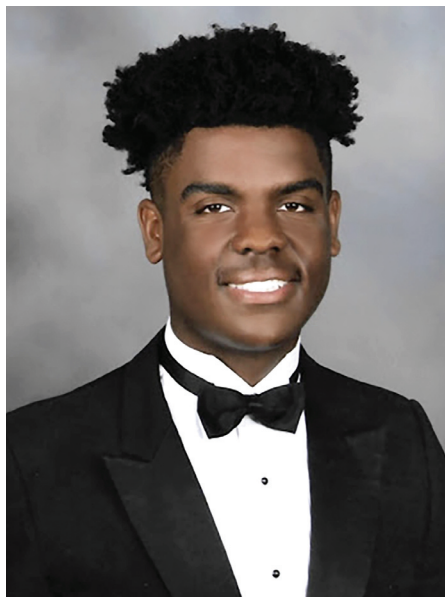
FAMILY MEMBERS

Karva Beasley, mother; George Forkerway, father; Chloe Forkerway; sister

MESSAGE TO FELLOW CLASSMATES

Once a Bulldog, always a Bulldog! Remember success is inevitable.

Charleston Charter School for Math and Science



Darrian Wilson

COLLEGE PLANS

To attend Clemson University and earn a degree in Mechanical Engineering, and to earn a master's degree in Aerospace Engineering

CAREER PLANS

To pursue a career at NASA

INTERESTS & HOBBIES

Playing sports, listening to and creating new music, spending time with friends, and playing video games

SCHOOL INVOLVEMENT

National Honor Society, President of National Society of Black Engineers Jr. Chapter, and captain of the football and basketball teams

FAMILY MEMBERS

Jackie Wilson, mother; Darrell Wilson, Sr., father; Darrell Wilson, Jr., brother

MESSAGE TO FELLOW CLASSMATES

In life obstacles will arise, don't sit around moaning and pouting. Get up and get around that obstacle, even if it takes six months. That time will pass anyway, time will not stop for anyone. Instead of wasting your time sitting and looking for someone to help you, get up and help yourself. It's never too late to accomplish your goals.

Charleston County School of the Arts



Elaina Hope Gable

COLLEGE PLANS

To major in Violin Performance with a minor in Biology at the Johns Hopkins Peabody Institute

CAREER PLANS

To become a violinist in a major orchestra, a chamber musician, and/or a biological researcher

INTERESTS & HOBBIES

Reading, playing piano, violin, and other instruments, spending time with family, creating pottery and jewelry, tennis, solving puzzles

SCHOOL INVOLVEMENT

National Honor Society Arts Outreach Leader, Concertmaster of SOA Symphony Orchestra and Sinfonietta, Students In Action club member

FAMILY MEMBERS

Jennifer Gable, mother; Wayne Gable, father; William Gable, brother; Katie Gable Robinson, half sister; Ben Gable, half brother

MESSAGE TO FELLOW CLASSMATES

We have achieved so much this year, artistically and academically, despite the hardships arising from the pandemic. We have proven our strength and resilience and have come out on the other side stronger and wiser. As you embark on the next chapter of your lives, carry this strength everywhere you go and keep healing the world through art. Congratulations, Class of 2022!

Greg Mathis Charter High School



Shaina Nadia Clark-Gable

COLLEGE PLANS

To study business at Trident Technical College

CAREER PLANS

To become a Realtor

INTERESTS & HOBBIES

Listening to music and reading

FAMILY MEMBERS

Sunshine Gable, mother; Jazlyn Clark-Gable, sister; and Althea V. Hamilton-Gibbs, bonus mom

MESSAGE TO FELLOW CLASSMATES

You can't be old and wise if you were never young and crazy.

James Island Charter High School



Claudia Anna Baicu

COLLEGE PLANS

To attend Clemson University Honors College and major in Bioengineering

CAREER PLANS

To attend medical school and pursue a career as a physician

INTERESTS & HOBBIES

Riding horses, reading books

SCHOOL INVOLVEMENT

International Baccalaureate Diploma Program, National Honor Society, French National Honor Society, French Club, and the Environmental Sustainability Club

MESSAGE TO FELLOW CLASSMATES

"No matter what people tell you, words and ideas can change the world." - Robin Williams

Military Magnet Academy



Byron Lionel White

COLLEGE PLANS

To study Engineering and Design at the North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University (NCA&T)

CAREER PLANS

To pursue a professional career in the field of Engineering and work with organizations that have multi-million dollar assets

INTERESTS & HOBBIES

Basketball, working, 21st Century technology (devices, programs, and apps)

SCHOOL INVOLVEMENT

Regimental Commander XO, National Honor Society, Senior Class Officer, CCSD Board Scholar

FAMILY MEMBERS

Byron White, father; Karen White, mother; Xavier White, brother

MESSAGE TO FELLOW CLASSMATES

Hard work beats talent, when talent does not work hard!

UNIQUE STORY

I will be attending NCA&T University as a member of the honors college with scholarships for my academic achievements.

North Charleston High School



Cindy Perez Ventura

COLLEGE PLANS

To attend Winthrop University to study Human Nutrition

CAREER PLANS

To become a registered dietitian

INTERESTS & HOBBIES

Spending time with family, watching and taking pictures of the sunset, working out, shopping, and spending time with my dog, Rocky

SCHOOL INVOLVEMENT

NJROTC, drill team, captain of girls varsity softball team

FAMILY MEMBERS

Isidro Perez, father; Ana Ventura, mother; Roger Perez Ventura and Eyvi Perez Ventura, brothers

MESSAGE TO FELLOW CLASSMATES

“I encourage you to live with life, be courageous, adventurous. Give us a tomorrow, more than we deserve” - Maya Angelou.
Through tough times we did it. I am extremely proud of every one of you. Congratulations!

UNIQUE STORY

When I was five years old, my parents dropped me off at kindergarten; all of a sudden, I just started speaking English.

R.B. Stall High School



Abigail Eleanor Manuel

COLLEGE PLANS

To attend the USC-Upstate

CAREER PLANS

To major in Biology, with an emphasis in Pre-Veterinarian

INTERESTS & HOBBIES

Volunteering with the Department of Natural Resources, kayaking, writing

SCHOOL INVOLVEMENT

National Honor Society, Recycle Club

FAMILY MEMBERS

Brian J. Manuel, father; Robyn O. Manuel, mother

MESSAGE TO FELLOW CLASSMATES

“It's time for your next adventure” - Robin Williams

St. John's High School



Abigail Elizabeth Adajar

COLLEGE PLANS

To attend College of Charleston to study Biology and complete prerequisite courses for the MUSC College of Pharmacy Early Assurance Program

CAREER PLANS

To earn my Doctorate in Pharmacy and become a pharmacist

INTERESTS & HOBBIES

Learning, reading, traveling

SCHOOL INVOLVEMENT

National Honor Society

FAMILY MEMBERS

Lucky Fulk, father; Miranda Adajar, mother; Callista Adajar, sister; Kaden Fulk, brother

MESSAGE TO FELLOW CLASSMATES

Move at your own pace. Other people's success is not your failure.

Wando High School



Ryan Teachman

COLLEGE PLANS

To attend Duke University to double major in Biomedical Engineering and Electrical and Computer Engineering

CAREER PLANS

To start a Biotech Company that develops treatments for trauma-induced paralysis. My eventual goal is to create synthetic nerves to make trauma-induced paralysis a thing of the past with a complete cure

INTERESTS & HOBBIES

Running track and cross country, engineering, coding, and space

SCHOOL INVOLVEMENT

Leader of the ECCAS's TechRise Team, team captain of the Track and Cross Country teams, leadership for Mu Alpha Theta, leadership for the Math Team, leading member of the NASA WEAR team, orchestra, honors orchestra, Beta Club, AP Academy, and National Honor Society

FAMILY MEMBERS

Robert Teachman, father; Cindy Teachman, mother; John Teachman, and Zachary Teachman, brothers

MESSAGE TO FELLOW CLASSMATES

You all are some of the most amazing people in this world. High school was awesome, and college will be even better. Stay focused and fun. I will miss you all.

UNIQUE STORY

I had the idea of creating a device to remove blood in space surgeries. I created a team to help me construct this device and we entered a national NASA competition. Our device won the competition, and the device will now be tested in space. In my sophomore year, I began having weakness in my right arm. After getting it looked at, it was evident that I had severe spinal cord compression resulting in a slight paralysis of a few muscles in my arm and chest. I needed a two-level spinal fusion to uncompress my spinal cord, and it was this event that prompted me to pursue biomedical engineering and work to end paralysis as a whole.

West Ashley High School



Sullivan Denver Markland

COLLEGE PLANS

To study Mechanical Engineering at Clemson University

CAREER PLANS

To work as an automotive engineer in a racing organization such as IMAA or Formula 1

INTERESTS & HOBBIES

Listening to music, reading, and auto racing

SCHOOL INVOLVEMENT

Student Government Association, National Honor Society, West Ashley High Robotics Team, Student Ambassadors, Academic Bowl Team, Game Club, Philosophy Club, and Student Senate

FAMILY MEMBERS

Brandon Markland, father; Christine Markland, mother

MESSAGE TO FELLOW CLASSMATES

Thank you all for making these past four years so special.

