

CHARLESTON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

2021

High School Valedictorians

Academic Magnet High School



Lily Adele Lassiter

COLLEGE PLANS

To double major in chemistry and music at Yale University

CAREER PLANS

To become a medical doctor

INTERESTS & HOBBIES

Spending time with family and pets; classical and jazz piano; volunteering; reading; playing backgammon

SCHOOL INVOLVEMENT

Music Outreach Club Co-President; National Honor Society President; Raptors Reading Club Founder; School Improvement Council; French National Honor Society; Mu Alpha Theta; Wellness Club Secretary; Future Medical Professionals Club

FAMILY MEMBERS

Jane Zazzaro Lassiter, mother; Kerry Lassiter, father; Mia Lassiter, twin sister; Adele Greene, grandmother

MESSAGE TO FELLOW CLASSMATES

“If you want to be a true professional, you will do something outside yourself. Something to repair tears in your community. Something to make life a little better for people less fortunate than you. That’s what I think a meaningful life is – living not for oneself, but for one’s community” - Ruth Bader Ginsburg

UNIQUE STORY

Named a 2021 U.S. Presidential Scholar. Lassiter is the second Raptor in four years to receive this award.

Allegro Charter School of Music



Kinsey Page

COLLEGE PLANS

I plan to attend the University of South Carolina's Darla Moore School of Business for International Business and Marketing

CAREER PLANS

Looking forward to learning new things and growing in the business field

INTERESTS & HOBBIES

Riding horses; playing the piano and singing; taking and editing photos

SCHOOL INVOLVEMENT

Yearbook photographer; fitness club; advanced strings; advanced choir; student council treasurer

FAMILY MEMBERS

Gene Page, father; Olga Page, mother; Joseph Page, older brother; Bruce Stemerman, stepfather; Amy Riley, stepmother; Mary Gail Riley, stepsister

MESSAGE TO FELLOW CLASSMATES

I want to thank my fellow students for all the laughs and fun times you gave me, it has truly been the best four years of my life. Congratulations to everyone for completing this huge achievement in life. I encourage you to just take every day one step at a time. You will be amazing at whatever you choose.

UNIQUE STORY

Recipient of the Valedictorian Scholarship for the University of South Carolina and the LIFE scholarship

Baptist Hill Middle High School



Jessica Delgado

COLLEGE PLANS

To major in Biology at the University of South Carolina

CAREER PLANS

To become a Physician Assistant

INTERESTS & HOBBIES

Learning about other cultures, foreign traditions, and celebrations; movies; traveling to expand my perspective on the world; spending time with family

SCHOOL INVOLVEMENT

Volleyball Captain; Yearbook Club; National Honor Society; Soccer; Trident Technical College Dual Enrollment

FAMILY MEMBERS

Maria Delgado, mother; two sisters and two brothers

MESSAGE TO FELLOW CLASSMATES

I truly wish the best for them all. I hope that their futures consist of bliss and satisfaction.

UNIQUE STORY

At a very young age, I lost my father. This was extremely hard to cope with. I am still very much affected today, even after 10 years. I would have loved very much to grow up with him by my family's side. Through this experience, however, I became resilient, driven, and dedicated to making my mother proud and happy.

Burke High School



Kyla Cheyenne Hutchinson

COLLEGE PLANS

To study mass communication at Winthrop University

CAREER PLANS

To become a writer of short stories, scripts, speeches, and more

INTERESTS & HOBBIES

Writing short stories and poems; reading historical fiction or romance novels

SCHOOL INVOLVEMENT

Captain of the Academic Bowl Team; Libero of the Volleyball Team; Softball Team Pitcher

FAMILY MEMBERS

Thuane Bonaparte, mother; Denise Bonaparte, grandmother; Michael Hutchinson Jr., Dayah, and Dakari Meyers, siblings

MESSAGE TO FELLOW CLASSMATES

Success is relative and another's success is not an absence of your own.

UNIQUE STORY

I'm from Charlotte, NC, but moved down to Charleston, SC to live with my grandmother for personal reasons. Most of my life, I've moved from school to school or state to state, but I didn't let it deter me from succeeding academically.

Charleston Charter School for Math and Science



Kelsea Bridget Carmichael

COLLEGE PLANS

To study ocean engineering at the University of New Hampshire

CAREER PLANS

To lead research on climate change and the impacts on the living creatures in the ocean and coastal communities

INTERESTS & HOBBIES

Guitar, fishing, drawing, watching *The Office*

SCHOOL INVOLVEMENT

SeaPerch Team; VEX Robotics Team; Guitar Club; National Honors Society; Health Science Club (HOSA)

FAMILY MEMBERS

Mary Carmichael, mother; John Carmichael, father; Liam Carmichael, brother

MESSAGE TO FELLOW CLASSMATES

Virginia Woolf once said, "My own brain is to me the most unaccountable of machinery- always buzzing, humming, soaring, roaring, dividing, and then buried in mud. And why? What's this passion for?" Well, I think each one of us has felt this way at some point in our last four years in high school. Our brains have been pushed to buzz, hum, and soar. We've roared through adversity. We've divided our talents to accomplish great goals. And, we've been buried in mud, giving us the chance to ask ourselves why we should get up. We got up because we're passionate. Passionate about everything.

UNIQUE STORY

I was recruited from CCSMS' VEX robotics team to help the SeaPerch Team with their preparations for a competition a few years ago and soon found myself immersed in the world of submersible robotics. Our team has qualified for the international SeaPerch competition three years in a row and was awarded third place in the international course competition on the same day as our graduation. While I had generous offers from universities across the country, the School of Marine Science and Ocean Engineering at the University of New Hampshire offered access to participate in research in their giant wave tanks and on a fleet of research vessels. I am the recipient of the Tyco International Engineering Scholarship, which is the top honor for incoming first-year students in Engineering at the University of New Hampshire and covers all tuition, room and board, and fees for my four years of study.

Charleston County School of the Arts



Michelle Kristen Schultze

COLLEGE PLANS

To study Economics at Duke University

CAREER PLANS

Financial or political analyst

INTERESTS & HOBBIES

Writing; reading; running; geopolitics; foreign languages; Girl Scouts;
Folk Dancing at Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox church

SCHOOL INVOLVEMENT

Students in Action, Co-President; Quiz Bowl, Captain; National Honor Society

FAMILY MEMBERS

Lisa Schultze, mother; Jeffrey Schultze, father

Greg Mathis Charter High School



Aaliyah Candace Head

COLLEGE PLANS

Joining the military

CAREER PLANS

Becoming a lawyer in the military

INTERESTS & HOBBIES

Photography; listening to music; knitting and crocheting; playing the clarinet and the trumpet

SCHOOL INVOLVEMENT

National Society of High School Honors

FAMILY MEMBERS

Kishonya Caldwell-Head, mother; Kiyana, sister; Neema, sister

MESSAGE TO FELLOW CLASSMATES

I want to leave all seniors with a thought from someone who is very important to me. "Your life is like a canvas. At this moment it is blank. You have just acquired the tools to paint and as we all walk our separate paths, the strokes of the brush will begin to paint that big white canvas with each decision made. The canvas will evolve as life continues. However, the only thing that will determine the beauty of the painting is you."

James Island Charter High School



**Katelyn Grace
Xiangmeng Wyandt**

COLLEGE PLANS

To study computer science at the University of a South Carolina Honors College

CAREER PLANS

To pursue a career in software development and entrepreneurship

INTERESTS & HOBBIES

Baking and cooking; learning/playing music; art; reading

SCHOOL INVOLVEMENT

National Honors Society; Marching Band; Symphonic Band; Keep it Kind Club

FAMILY MEMBERS

Debra Reeves, mother; Timothy Reeves, father; Mikayla Kizer, sister

MESSAGE TO FELLOW CLASSMATES

“It is with passion, courage of conviction, and strong sense of self that we take our next steps into the world, remembering that first impressions are not always correct. You must always have faith in people. And most importantly, you must always have faith in yourself. Congratulations class of 2021 - we did it!” - Elle Woods

Military Magnet Academy



Kaytron Aziyah Holmes

COLLEGE PLANS

To major in Sports Medicine at Coastal Carolina University

CAREER PLANS

To become a commissioned officer in the US National Guard and pursue a career as an athletic trainer

INTERESTS & HOBBIES

Basketball; track and field; weightlifting; listening to music; community service projects

SCHOOL INVOLVEMENT

Volleyball Captain; Yearbook Club; MMA JROTC Battalion Commander; Yearbook Photographer; National Honor Society; North Charleston Rotary Interact Club; CCSD CTE Completer; Co-Captain Varsity Basketball Team (State Champions); Enlisted member of the US National Guard; Varsity Track (State Champion)

FAMILY MEMBERS

Robin Williams, mother; Keria Gibson, aunt

MESSAGE TO FELLOW CLASSMATES

In life you have to take risks to become successful, and your hard work will pay off.

North Charleston High School



Theresa Davanna Jones

COLLEGE PLANS

To attend the College of Charleston and major in hospitality and tourism

CAREER PLANS

To become an event planner or hotel manager

INTERESTS & HOBBIES

Reading; listening to music; singing; playing video games

SCHOOL INVOLVEMENT

Captain of the JROTC Unarmed Drill Team in Houston, TX; member of the National Society of High School Scholars;
Russian Team

FAMILY MEMBERS

Mia Nguewetcha, mother; Mike Jones, Martin Jones, Lonza Jones, Hope Jones, Destiny Jones, siblings

MESSAGE TO FELLOW CLASSMATES

To my fellow classmates, as Ralph Waldo Emerson says, "Don't go where the path may lead.
Go, instead, where there is no path and leave a trail."

R.B. Stall High School



Hunter Don Kirby

COLLEGE PLANS

To attend the United States Air Force Academy and study history

CAREER PLANS

To be a pilot in the Air Force

INTERESTS & HOBBIES

Running; video games; anime

SCHOOL INVOLVEMENT

JROTC; Track and Field; Cross Country; National Honor Society; Beta Club; Academic Team

FAMILY MEMBERS

Angela Kirby, mother; Don Kirby, father; Haedon Kirby, brother; Holdon Kirby, brother

MESSAGE TO FELLOW CLASSMATES

"Believe It!" - Naruto Uzumaki

St. John's High School



Bruna Vitoria Messias De Jesus

COLLEGE PLANS

To study nursing at Agnes Scott College

CAREER PLANS

To become a nurse

INTERESTS & HOBBIES

Taking pictures of school events; listening to music; dancing

SCHOOL INVOLVEMENT

National Honor Society; National Technical Honor Society; Student Council

FAMILY MEMBERS

Rogério DeJesus, father; Line Messias Gleece, Rogério Henrique Messias De Jesus

MESSAGE TO FELLOW CLASSMATES

You can do whatever you want if you put your mind to it!

UNIQUE STORY

My first day at St. John's, the art teacher, Ms. Dowling, was dressed as Wonder Woman and I thought that the teacher was showing her creative side and then I went to Algebra and the Math Teacher, Ms. Harpe, was dressed in a Minions Costume and I thought that was strange. They were having Spirit week and I was not familiar with this type of activity since I am from Brazil.

Wando High School



Aaron James Lemke, Jr.

COLLEGE PLANS

To major in mechanical engineering at Georgia Tech (Georgia Institute of Technology)

CAREER PLANS

Undecided

INTERESTS & HOBBIES

Playing guitar; traveling the world; playing various sports

SCHOOL INVOLVEMENT

Beta Club; National Honors Society member; AP Academy Leadership Board member; Varsity Football; Varsity Soccer

FAMILY MEMBERS

Steph Lemke, mother; Aaron Lemke, father; Brooks Lemke, brother; Kelsey Lemke, sister

MESSAGE TO FELLOW CLASSMATES

Don't get caught up focusing on one thing. The world has so much to offer and you'll never know what you truly enjoy unless you try new things. This year I quit club soccer so that I would be able to branch out. I ended up playing football for the first time, learning guitar, and traveling around the country while still being able to play varsity soccer in the spring. Broadening my interests and hobbies this year was one of the best decisions I've made, and I suggest my fellow classmates do the same.

Wando High School



Elise Morgan Petit

COLLEGE PLANS

To pursue architecture and French studies at Brown University

CAREER PLANS

To become an architect and Disney Imagineer

INTERESTS & HOBBIES

Ballet; drawing; painting; sculpting; embroidery; listening to music; baking; reading; spending time with friends; violin; French

SCHOOL INVOLVEMENT

Wando Honors Orchestra; Wando Student Council (General Member); Wando AP Academy; AP Academy Mentor; Beta Club; National Honor Society; Co-Creator and Secretary of the Wando Chocolate Milk Club; Wando Warrior Ambassador; Peer tutor; 1st Place team member at University of South Carolina Project Lead the Way Engineering Competition (2018); Wando Golden Warrior (three-time recipient); Wando Junior Marshal (for Class of 2020 graduation ceremonies); National Merit Commended Scholar; College Board AP Scholar; AP Scholar with Distinction, and AP with WE Service Recognition; REENVISIONED Panelist for “100 Days of Conversations” virtual dialogue; Outstanding Student Award for French Language; Silver Seal of Biliteracy; Wando Senior Hall of Fame

FAMILY MEMBERS

James and Renee Petit, parents

MESSAGE TO FELLOW CLASSMATES

As we all move forward, be aware of the past and mindful of the future, but always try to live in and appreciate the present. Congratulations, Class of 2021! Cheers to everything we have accomplished!

West Ashley High School



Katie Ann Fulmer

COLLEGE PLANS

To study Marine Biology at College of Charleston

CAREER PLANS

To do research, animal rehabilitation, or teach

INTERESTS & HOBBIES

Watching cartoons; listening to podcasts; reading

SCHOOL INVOLVEMENT

Volleyball Captain; Yearbook Club; National Honor Society Vice President; Student Government Association;
American Sign Language Club

FAMILY MEMBERS

Ronnie Fulmer, father; Eleanor Fulmer, mother; Trey Fulmer, brother; Riley Fulmer, sister; Avery Fulmer, sister;
Ellie Fulmer, sister

MESSAGE TO FELLOW CLASSMATES

Never stop learning, and go Wildcats!