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ALUMNI NEWS

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The tradition continues! Each year the graduating class signs a rubber duck at the Senior Send-off dinner. The duck floats in the fountain on graduation day.

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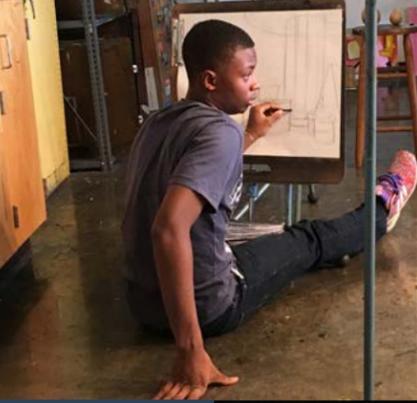
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Your Art Area

Show your love for your department by giving directly to their discretionary fund. Your gift will support entry fees, field trips, and other opportunities vital to the Govie curriculum.



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Scholarships

Give future Govies the opportunity to follow their art, pursue their dreams, and achieve their goals by donating to the Virginia Uldrick Scholarship Fund.



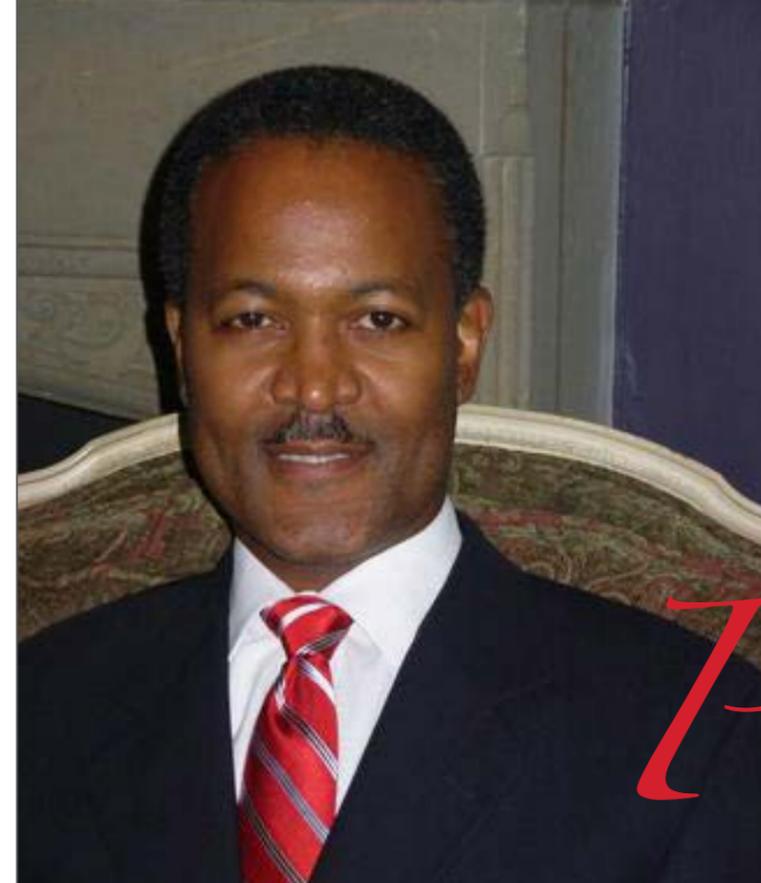
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Guest Artists

The guest artist fund brings master artists to campus to work directly with our students.

This is one of the most unique opportunities given to Govies and you can help make it happen!

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From the President

Dear Alumni,

As we bring the 2018-2019 academic year to a close, it gives me great pleasure to bring you greetings from the Governor's School for the Arts and Humanities! It's been one of the most outstanding years of activity on the campus with students and faculty performing and presenting their work throughout the state and across the globe.

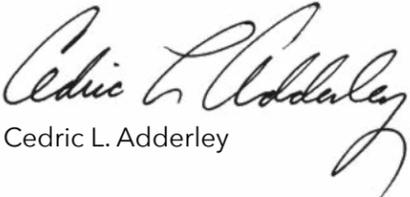
We were pleased to graduate 109 Govies at the Peace Center in May and, with over \$27 million in scholarships, their awards and achievements are representative of true scholars and artists of the highest caliber. The Class of 2019 included a *US Presidential Scholar in the Arts*, seven gold and seven silver medalists in the *Scholastic National Art & Writing Competition*, three 2019 *YoungArts Finalists*, forty-two inductees into the *National Honor Society*, and seven *National Merit Finalists*.

Collaborations throughout the state continue to extend the reach of the Governor's School as we fully engage our mission with the students and teachers of South Carolina. We recently hosted the Dance Teacher as Artist Institute on the campus as well as our fourth annual teacher retreat for arts teachers from around the state. Our Outreach programs continue to serve more students in high-need areas of the state with summer initiatives in five counties, including new programs in Marion and Jasper counties.

I encourage you to make a special effort to stay connected with us for the next several months, as the 2019-2020 academic year will mark the 20th year of the residential high school. A number of special events and performances are scheduled for the year-long celebration, including a *Founder's Day Convocation*, the grand opening and ribbon cutting for the new Music building, a Showcase Fundraiser on Hilton Head Island, and a student/alumni performance showcase at the Peace Center.

As always, I invite you to join us for a performance or event on the campus. It's always a pleasure to meet our alumni and I look forward to continued interaction with those of you who visit often. As always, I thank you for your support of the Governor's School, and I hope to see you soon! Thank you for your continued support of the Governor's School.

Sincerely,


Cedric L. Adderley

BRANDON MICHAEL HALL



In April, Brandon Micheal Hall, star of the CBS series *God Friended Me*, was back on campus for the first time since he graduated in 2011. Brandon was selected as the recipient of the 2019 President's Alumni Award. This award is bestowed on an accomplished graduate who has shown a commitment to the arts and artistic achievement while embodying the Governor's School's key values. This includes continuing to cultivate a personal responsibility for intellectual growth, maintaining a keen intellectual curiosity about the world, and evolving positively as a thinker and artist, while also contributing in positive ways to the community.

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While he was on campus, Brandon spent time reuniting with his former teachers, doing interviews, and leading a master class with our Studio IV Drama students. He said that while he was honored to receive the alumni award, the real reward for him was getting to work with our Govies.

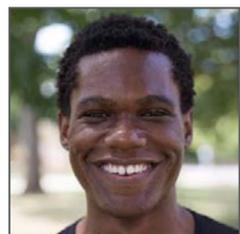
At the Artists In Bloom event, Brandon spoke with emotion about the impact the school made on him during his high school career. He shared how it takes one degree for water to turn from boiling to steam, and steam can power a locomotive. "They gave me one chance to follow my dream. I came to this school, and I worked hard, and I did it. And I'm still doing it.... This school gives these kids the one degree to follow their dreams."



KEEP YOUR EYE ON THESE GOVIES!



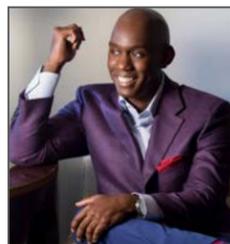
Visual Arts alumnus (2018) **Wes Quattlebaum** won the South Carolina State Award at ARTFIELDS! Wes created this winning piece, *Self Portrait*, as his senior concentration project which was also selected for the 18th Annual SCGSAH Visual Arts Student Exhibition last May. It was his first time creating a woodblock print.



The Alliance for Young Artists & Writers has announced that **Da'Shawn Mosley** (Creative Writing, 2012) has been selected by author and writer Kiese Laymon as one of the 2019 recipients of A Suite of One's Own: A Writer's Residency. Made possible by the support of Amazon Literary Partnership and The Roosevelt Hotel, this annual writer's residency enables two alumni of the Scholastic Art & Writing Awards to travel to New York City and spend five nights at the historic Roosevelt Hotel. Over the course of the residency, Da'Shawn will be granted the time and space to focus on his writing projects, and will receive opportunities to meet with literary professionals. More [here](#).



Congratulations to 2018 Govie Drama Alumna, **Kelis Herriott!** Kelis was recently crowned Miss South Carolina Plus America for 2019. She also took first place in the Talent Contest, singing "Don't Rain on My Parade" from the musical *Funny Girl*.



Berkeley Symphony has announced that **Joseph Young** (Summer Honors Program, 1999) has been named Music Director of Berkeley Symphony beginning with the 2019-2020 Season.



2007 Drama alumna **Danielle Brooks** took on the role of Beatrice in Tony winner Kenny Leon's new staging of *Much Ado About Nothing*. The production ran from May 21 through June 23 in Central Park's outdoor Delacorte Theater.



In May, [Historic Columbia](#) announced **Cory J. France** (Music, 2009) as its new director of marketing and communications. In this role, Cory will lead Historic Columbia's marketing department and will serve as a spokesperson for the organization.



Justina Adorno (Drama, 2009) has landed a role that could possibly change her career. Justina will be starring in *Grand Hotel* which is produced by Eva Longoria and stars Demian Bichir and Roselyn Sanchez. Learn more [here](#).



May was a great month for 2004 Music alum **Jonathan Ice**. He was promoted to Major in the USAF and graduated from the USAF F-15E B-course. He is one of about five people on active duty

who has flown both the U-2 and a fighter and the only former "space-man" flying the Strike Eagle.



2002 Music alumnus **Kevin Brown** has been selected to join the administration team at Lavilla School of the Arts in Jacksonville, Florida, as one of two assistant principals. Kevin says he "... is truly excited to have the opportunity to work with and support some of Jacksonville's most talented teachers and students!"



Just as she did at the Governor's School, 2016 Music alumna **Sarah Massengale** enhances the learning experience for teachers and students at the University of South Carolina. Learn more [here](#).

Class Notes

Where Are They Now?

Congratulations!

2004 Music alumna **Hannah Dykes Markwardt** welcomed a daughter, Ada Pearl.

Emily Rzepka Vara (Music, 2014) recently welcomed a new baby girl, Abigail Cecylia.

Maggie Gould Wilson (Music, 2008) was married in May.

Richard Williams (Music, 2004) welcomed a baby boy, Johnson Parker, to his family.

DEPARTMENTAL & CAMPUS NEWS



We are very excited to share that **Dr. Jennifer Thomas** has accepted the position of Dean and Vice President for Arts and Academics at the Governor's School. Dr. Thomas was our founding Department of English Chair and served as Academics and Humanities Chair.



We are pleased to announce that **Faye Schober** has accepted the position of Vice President for Finance and Administration. Ms. Schober comes to us with an extensive background in finance and accounting with Branch Banking and Trust Company (BB&T) as well as with the Greenville County Disabilities & Special Needs Board.



At the end of this school year, we bid farewell to three beloved members of the Govie community who are venturing into retirement life. Human Resources Director **Deborah Franks** (left) has served the Governor's School for 13 years. Dean and Vice President of Arts and Academics **Julie Allen** (center) was our founding social studies chair and has served as dean for the past 10 years. Science Instructor **Alice Moraes** has taught at the Governor's School for five years. They have each made a positive and lasting impact on our school, and we're grateful for their service. We're so happy for them and wish them all the best!



Our 26 **Visual Arts seniors** had a very productive year and were recognized in several significant competitions regionally and nationally. In the Scholastic Art Awards they received 59 awards in the region-at-large competition and 5 awards in the national competition. They participated and placed in the 29th Annual Upstate High School Art Exhibition and the 2019 Converse College Young Women in Art exhibition. One student, **Kushbu Jivan**, was a 2019 YoungArts Finalist and participated in National YoungArts Week in Miami. In addition to having three outstanding student exhibitions in the Lipscomb Gallery during their senior year, they also created site-specific drawings for a year-long exhibition at the NEXT Innovation Center.



Our 43 **Music seniors** have placed in regional and national competitions, performed with various ensembles including the Carolina Youth Symphony and the Greenville County Youth Orchestra, and participated in master classes with such luminaries as the Berlin Philharmonic Woodwind Quintet, Louise Toppin, Ivano Ascarì, and Paul Sanchez. Many of them participated in the music tour of Germany over spring break, presenting public concerts in Leipzig, Dresden, and Berlin. After graduation, they will attend prestigious schools in the United States to pursue majors in music and in other areas of study.



Our 16 **Drama seniors** had an incredible year filled with high-caliber guest artists – David Rambo, Adam Tate, Liza Bennett, Brandon Micheal Hall, Andrew Pastides – a Studio IV Scene Showcase, multiple sold-out performances of Shakespeare's *Twelfth Night*, and a trip to Chicago for the Unified Theatre Auditions where they were heavily recruited by premier college and university programs with scholarship offers. All seniors took and passed the Dueling Arts

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CLASS OF 2019



CLASS OF 2019 DESTINATIONS

Isaiah Rafael Adderholdt | *George Mason University*

Paulina Francesca Aparicio | *Gap Year*

Sarah Katherine Bacevich | *Smith College*

Xavier Lewis Baker | *Eastman School of Music*

Nathan Gage Banks | *Furman University*

Jillian McKayla Boyd | *Piedmont Technical College*

Audrey Denise Boyles | *Appalachian State University*

Maya Elizabeth Britton | *Clemson University*

Eric Alexzander Vladimir Bromberg | *Wheaton College*

Rowan Grace Brown | *Lehigh University*

Jaxon Alexander Casey | *Berklee College of Music*

Benjamin Stephen Clark | *Clemson University*

Katherine Nicole Clark | *University of Denver/Lamont School of Music*

Kevin Richard Clausen | *Savannah College of Art and Design*

Malcolm Troy Davis, Jr. | *Lawrence University*

Catherine Elizabeth Dawes | *Furman University*

Carolyn Rae Docherty | *Dartmouth College*

Michaela Grace Driggers | *Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts*

Priscilla Campbell Dukes | *Case Western Reserve University*

Wayne Emanuel Ellerbe | *Clemson University*

Kevin Minze Feng | *Duke University*

Samuel James Fenner | *Undecided*

Sara Quinn Filler | *Brandeis University*

Kenya Denise Flippin | *Southern Methodist University*

Justin Thomas Floyd | *College of Charleston*

Raekwon Malik Talib Fuller | *Fordham University*

Haley Coughlin Gavin | *New York University*

Ricky Jakob Gibson | *Appalachian State University*

Tyler Elizabeth Gillespie | *University of Georgia*

Emma Shay Graham | *Fashion Institute of Technology*

Morgan Wvette Hair | *Winthrop University*

Destiny Nashya Harris | *Berklee College of Music*

Ta'Shaun Anthony Harris | *Greenville Technical College*

Emma Elizabeth Hatchell | *Clemson University*

Jayden Mae Hitzelberger | *Davidson College*

Aniston Sterling Hoffman | *New College of Florida*

Drew Taylor Hogan | *College of Charleston*

Maclean Blake Hueske | *Scripps College*

Grace Ruth Ingham | *Case Western Reserve University*

Zeyvion Aa'mir Ingram | *Military, Navy*

Kennedy Victoria-Geneva Jackson | *University of North Carolina School of the Arts*

McKenzie Jeter | *Georgia State University*

Kushbu Amish Jivan | *Fashion Institute of Technology*

Joshua Ronnie Johnson | *Coastal Carolina University*

Turner Nathaniel Jones | *Wake Forest University*

Payton Larson Kennemore | *Florida State University*

Honor Providence Kerley | *Clemson University*

Andrew Warren Kevic | *University of Michigan*

Rose Elizabeth Hamilton Khoury | *Virginia Commonwealth University*

Kaylie Elizabeth Kilpatrick | *Furman University*

Elizabeth Shaker King | *University of Utah*

McKenzie Elizabeth Kothe | *University of South Carolina*

Zachary David Kushubar | *Southern Methodist University*

Emma Louise Lacey | *University of South Carolina*

William Thomas Lance | *Cleveland Institute of Art*

Caroline Rose Lee | *Clemson University*

Riley Thomas LePere | *Western Carolina University*

Rohshaye Caleb Lincoln | *Warren Wilson College*

Amber Noel Magnuson | *Columbia University*

Taryn Juliette Marks | *Furman University*

Major Charles McCarty | *Gap Year*

Alyssa Nicole McCaslin | *University of Alabama*

Emma Clare McClain | *College of Charleston*

Jontel Quensuan McKay | *University of Missouri-Kansas City*

Luke Grayson Melnyk | *Oberlin Conservatory*

Jessica Lynn Merkel | *Warren Wilson College*

Sarah Peyton Mettler | *Clemson University*

Jasmine Elizabeth Moe | *North Carolina State University*

Carson Leeann Mohler | *College of Charleston*

Austen Elisabeth Money | *Tufts University*

Brian Christian Morris | *Sewanee: The University of the South*

Irina Virginia Moul | *College of Charleston*

Jeremiah Gabriel Moultrie | *College of Charleston*

Briana Denise Mouzon | *Winthrop University*

Kenna Lynn O'Brien | *Converse College*

Emily Claire Oliver | *College of Charleston*

Maggie Aileen Olszewski | *Smith College*

Eliza Grace Pagel | *Fordham University*

Gregory Ethan Pan | *East Carolina University*

Anna Miciah Pendarvis | *Clemson University*

Jessica Evelyn Perkins | *Rhode Island School of Design*

Lindsay Brooke Phillips | *The Juilliard School*

Emily Grace Poore | *Catawba College*

Jesse Alexander Quales | *Florida Southern College*

Hollings Anne Rankin | *Emerson College*

Annabelle Louisa Ravenscroft | *Coastal Carolina University*

Dylan Jeffrey Reynallt | *Cincinnati Conservatory of Music*

Jonathan Foster Richey | *Oberlin Conservatory of Music*

Alfredo Anthony Rojas | *Clemson University*

Kaylin Elijah Sabina | *University of South Carolina*

Emily Claire Seconi | *Converse College*

Logan Mclver Shainwald | *Oberlin College*

Cassandra Ann Sherbert | *Loyola Chicago University*

Erin Elaine Springs-McCottry | *Ringling College of Art and Design*

Laurel Mary Stone | *West Virginia University*

Sydney Elizabeth Strader | *Millikin University*

Caroline Marie Sykes | *High Point University*

Elijah Root Valter | *California Institute of the Arts*

Corinne Anna Vicario | *Pomona College*

Morgan Ann Vuknic | *James Madison University*

Hallie Gayle Walters | *Southern Methodist University*

Aysia Mackenzie Walton | *Oberlin College and Conservatory*

Maila Seabourne Watson | *Bridge to Clemson*

Matthew Alexander Watson | *Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University*

Michael Thomas Wheeler | *Gap Year*

Mary Claire Whitley | *SUNY Purchase College*

Corin Lide Wiggins | *Coastal Carolina University*

Caitlyn Joi Wilson | *Pace University*

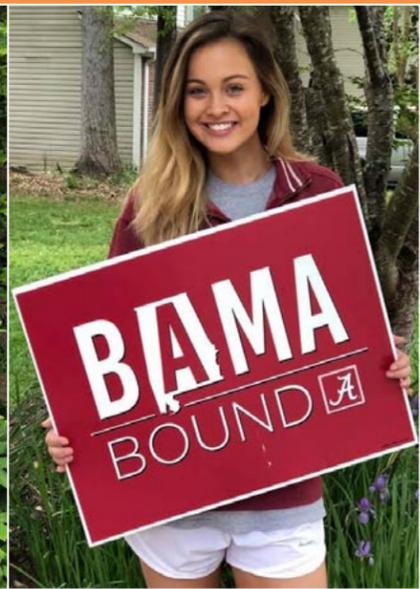
Finleigh Grace Zack | *SUNY Purchase College*



DECISION DAY 2019



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DECISION DAY 2019



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Interested in getting involved? Become a Class Agent!

The Class Agent Program is designed to engage alumni in the wider school community through ongoing interactive communication. Becoming a Class Agent is beneficial both to alumni and to the school on many levels.

Class Agents connect with former classmates, as well as establish a rewarding network of friends and colleagues. Class Agents, moreover, help increase class participation at alumni events. Finally, Class Agents work to build a sense of community among SCGSAH graduates.

Frequently Asked Questions

What are Class Agents?

Class Agents act as liaisons between the Alumni Coordinator and their classmates.

What is the purpose of the Class Agent Program?

The Class Agent Program provides a network of classmates to ensure that alumni keep in touch with each other. Class Agents also play an active role in keeping classmates up-to-date on events and news.

How do Class Agents help?

Class Agents can help the Alumni Coordinator by:

- Keeping alumni aware of school activities
- Informing the Alumni Coordinator of activities and whereabouts of alumni
- Encouraging alumni to attend school-sponsored events

What are typical activities of Class Agents?

- Encouraging classmates to email updates for the quarterly newsletter
 - Informing the Alumni Coordinator of alumni ideas and concerns
- Working with members of the AAC to increase alumni participation

What support will the Alumni Office provide?

The Alumni Coordinator will supply:

- Lists of class members
- Notification of upcoming events by city
 - Organization of alumni gatherings
- Communication of news and updates about SCGSAH alumni

Contact Anna King for more information!
alumni@scgsah.org or 864.282.3724

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International and/or Society of American Fight Directors Skills Proficiency tests and became Certified Combatants.



Our 11 **Dance seniors** have worked so hard this year and their honors, scholarship offers, and acceptances to the top dance programs in the nation are solid proof. Highlights of their accomplishments include **Lindsay Phillips'** acceptance to The Juilliard School, as one of 12 female dancers accepted worldwide; **Hallie Walters'** honorable mention recognition by the 2019 National Dance Education Organization Artistic Merit, Leadership, and Academic Achievement Awards; and **Finleigh Zack's** choreographic work's selection, as one of 12 out of 100 high school and university students nationwide, for the New Century Dance Project in Salt Lake City, Utah. Also, nine of our seniors were inducted into the National Honor Society for Dance Arts.



Our 13 **Creative Writing seniors** have been recognized widely for their talents and hard work. Their accolades include an international winner of the Foyle Young Poets of the Year, a National YoungArts finalist, one U.S. Presidential Scholar in the Arts, an overwhelming number of National and Region-at-Large Scholastic Writing awards, both first and second place wins in Ringling College's Storytellers of Tomorrow Contest, along with multiple publications in literary journals. But, most importantly, congratulations to **Hollings Rankin** for winning the department's most prestigious honor, the Foiled Again Award.

Furthering Their Education and Careers

Much of this issue is dedicated to celebrating our 2019 high school graduates, but we also want to recognize alumni that graduated from college or earned advanced degrees this year.

Alex Adams | Master of Arts, Columbia University

Emilio Alverson | Furman University

Anthonio Brady | SUNY Purchase

Alessandra Gomez | Master of Arts, Columbia University

Michaela Jenkins | Kenyon College

Laura Lynn Brickle King | Furman University

Grant McClure | Wofford College

Ben Merritt | Minneapolis College of Art and Design

Cameron Messinides | Kenyon College

John Ott | Master of Education, Converse College

Annie Park | University of South Carolina

Xavier Westergaard | Yale University

ON THE HORIZON

Alumni Day

Saturday, October 12, 2019



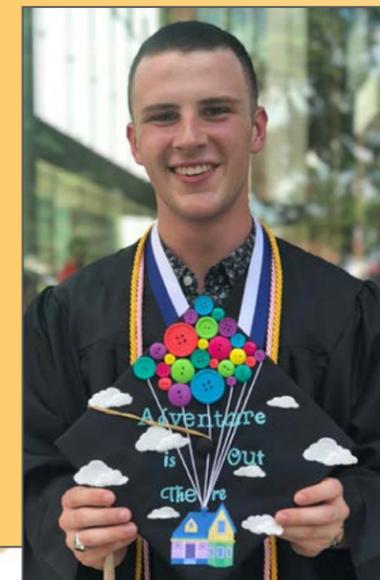
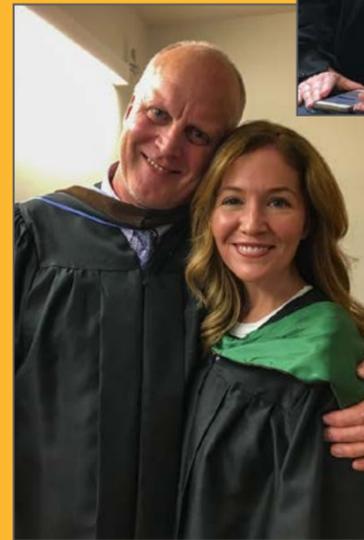
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How You Can Help

Spread the Word

Shout it out from the rooftops, include your love for SCGSAH when you're talking to your friends or family, or mention us on social media. We love when people give us a shout out!

Join the Alumni Council

Join the Alumni Advisory Council. Let the Alumni office know you're interested by getting involved. We welcome your ideas, help and input to keep an engaged alumni group.

Keep Us in the Loop

We want to hear about you! What are you up to now? Tell us about your successes and how you have benefited from SCGSAH. Tell us how we can translate that experience for others who have the same dreams and aspirations as you. Supporters respond to stories. Tell us yours!

Stay Up To Date

Be sure to keep up with what is happening on campus by making sure the Alumni Office has your most current contact information. Visit the Alumni section of the [website](#) for current news. For additional information, you can also sign up to receive the Foundation's [newsletter](#).

Advocate for SCGSAH

If you still live in the Palmetto state, contact your member of the state legislature and the Governor to share what the Governor's School means to you and our state. Not sure who to contact? [Check out this website for more information.](#)

Donate to the Governor's School Foundation

Be a onetime donor, or a monthly donor. Support a specific arts area, program, or fund. Set up a fundraiser at your favorite location that supports SCGSAH. Give small, give big. Everything donated directly helps fund artists, activities, and students. Find out more [here](#) about other ways to give.

Attend a Current Event

Come back, reminisce, and bring friends and family with you. Find the upcoming performance calendar on our website.