



# ALUMNINEWS

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at the SC Governor's School  
for the Arts and Humanities

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## FROM the PRESIDENT

Dear Alumni,

On behalf of the entire Governor's School community, I bring you greetings from Greenville! Following a series of very successful summer programs throughout the state and a strong opening to the fall semester, I'm pleased to say that there is a level of energy on the campus this year that is unlike any that I've experienced. With so many new and exciting opportunities planned for the year, I know that this will be another year of great accomplishment for the Governor's School.

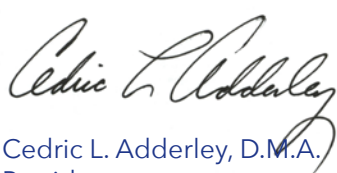
We welcomed 122 new Govies in August, and they wasted no time in getting acclimated to life in their new home for the year. Along with our returning students, they were thrilled to see our newly renovated dining hall. The project included a full restructuring including outside dining, food service stations, and modernized interior seating for up to 204 people. Modifications to the courtyard include a covered patio, ceiling fans, heaters, and planters for an herb garden. The revitalized space has become even more of an out-of-class gathering space for the student body and is a welcome change to our campus facilities.

I'm also eager to share that, after several months of planning and research, our Board of Directors approved a new strategic plan for the campus at our September meeting. I'd like to thank all of you who participated in the surveys, focus groups, and research in developing the plan, as we could not have completed the process without the assistance of all stakeholders in the Govie community. Our priorities for the next five years will continually strengthen our arts and academics on the campus while, at the same time, further enhancing awareness and access of our work throughout the entire state of South Carolina and beyond.

You'll be pleased to know that our Office of Outreach continues to extend the boundaries of their work on multiple levels. Last year the Outreach team reached a record breaking 216,946 individuals in all 46 counties of the state and, of that total, 43% of our impact points were in rural communities. This speaks volumes of our commitment to fully realizing the mission of the Governor's School as we continue establishing our statewide school footprint and develop additional partners in all 46 counties of South Carolina.

As always, I invite you to attend a Governor's School event on campus or elsewhere throughout the state as your schedule permits. The 2026 fall performance and event calendar can be found at the following link - <https://www.scgsah.org/calendar/events>. I sincerely appreciate your continued support of the Govie community and look forward to your continued interaction with us.

Sincerely,



Cedric L. Adderley, D.M.A.  
President



**About the Cover:**

As a part of the dining hall renovation, a covered outdoor seating area was created to make outdoor dining possible throughout the year.

# CAMPUS NEWS



The Columbia Museum of Art (CMA) has officially unveiled a newly commissioned painting by Paul Yanko titled "Extend Brace Expand."

Created in honor of former CMA Executive Director Della Watkins, this massive 6x9-foot masterpiece, composed of acrylic and collaged canvas, was just installed above the grand staircase in the museum's lobby!

Read more about Mr. Yanko's commission here:



Extend  
Brace  
Expand



Congratulations to our Office of Outreach's Spark team for receiving the Theatre Advocacy Award from the South Carolina Theatre Association!

This award is presented annually to an individual or organization that has an outstanding record of advocacy for theatre across South Carolina.

Learn more about the award-winning Spark program:



Spark  
Program

In September, Mayor Knox White joined us

for a special community meeting and shared the inspiring story of how a once-forgotten waterfall, hidden beneath a highway bridge, was transformed into the beloved Falls Park. He also reflected on how that same spirit of community collaboration continues with Unity Park, where community leaders came together to envision and create a beautiful public space for everyone to enjoy.



The Dance Department hosted guest artist Bianca Melidor from Hubbard Street Dance Chicago.

They partnered with the Peace Center to host a masterclass for our Dance Govies and other talented young Upstate dancers. For 48 years, Hubbard Street has been one of the most original forces

in contemporary dance - bringing top choreographers and works to Chicago and beyond. Ms. Melidor has been a company member since 2024 and previously performed as a main company member at the Dallas Black Dance Theatre.

# EMPLOYEE RETIREMENTS



*JOSÉE  
GARANT*

After more than a decade of dedicated service to the Governor's School, we celebrate the retirement of Josée Garant, whose extraordinary leadership, artistry, and commitment to dance education have left a lasting mark on our school and on the broader dance community in South Carolina.

Ms. Garant joined the Governor's School in 2012, serving as Dance Department Chair for 12 years and as a member of the modern dance faculty for 14 years. Throughout her tenure, she was a visionary leader and educator who helped shape the future of dance at the school.

Ms. Garant did far more than lead the Dance Department—she helped usher it into a new era. While honoring the department's classical foundations and rigorous pre-professional standards, she also challenged students and colleagues to imagine new possibilities for dance education. Her leadership fostered an environment where tradition and innovation could thrive side by side.

Her influence extended well beyond the Governor's School. Ms. Garant founded the statewide Grand Jeté dance competition, bringing together dancers and studios from across South Carolina and creating new opportunities for young artists to connect, perform, and grow.

We are deeply grateful for Ms. Garant's many years of service, her unwavering dedication to her students, and the vision and passion she brought to our community. Her legacy will continue through the countless dancers she inspired, the programs she strengthened, and the South Carolina dance community she helped build.



*BETSY  
BEAM*

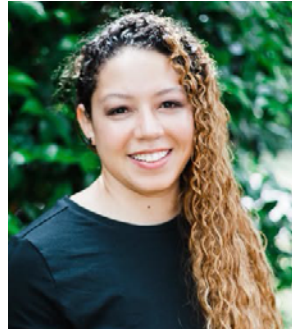
We are delighted to celebrate the retirement of Betsy Beam, who has served as the Governor's School's Vice President for Finance & Administration since 2021. During her tenure, Betsy has been an exceptional steward of the school's financial resources and an invaluable member of our leadership team.

With thoughtful leadership, Betsy has overseen the institution's budget and finances while also providing supervision of the **Offices of Facilities, Dining Services, Information Technology, Campus Safety, and our Production Team**. Her work has touched nearly every aspect of campus life, ensuring that our operations remain strong, efficient, and prepared to support our students and programs.

Betsy's expertise and leadership have also been instrumental in advancing the school's capital projects. From planning and budgeting to implementation, her careful oversight has helped turn important campus improvements into reality—including the **newly renovated Dining Hall**.

While much of her work has taken place behind the scenes, its impact has been felt throughout our entire community. We are incredibly grateful for all that Betsy has contributed to the Governor's School and for the care and commitment she has brought to her work over the years.

# KEEP YOUR EYES ON THESE GOVIES



**Stephanie Cureton** (Dance, '07) was recently appointed as Executive Director of Dance Collaborative located in Greenville, SC. As Executive Director, Stephanie will oversee the Dance Collaborative mission of making dance accessible to everyone through classes and workshops held across the Carolinas.

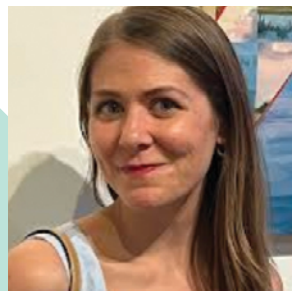


**Dr. Douglas Temples** (Music, '12) will be joining Lander University's faculty as a Lecturer for applied violin and viola as well as teaching Music Appreciation

Administrative Assistant to the Office of Communications and the Visual Arts Department **Mary-Bryant Charles** (Creative Writing, '17) has been recognized as a **#SchoolPR Hero** by **SocialSchool4EDU!**



**Dr. Megan Murph's** (Music, '05) book *Experiencing Sound and Environment in the Works of Max Neuhaus* offers the first comprehensive study of the life, work, and lasting impact of American sound artist and musician Max Neuhaus (1939–2009). Widely recognized as a pioneer of site-specific auditory works and coining the term "sound installation," this work follows Neuhaus's first career as an experimental percussionist before turning towards sound art, where he helped define the field.



Govie alum **Emma Barnes** (Visual Arts, '10) has been recognized for her impact on the arts community of Beaufort, SC. Take a look at some of the exciting things Emma is doing as an artist and educator!

[LEARN MORE](#)

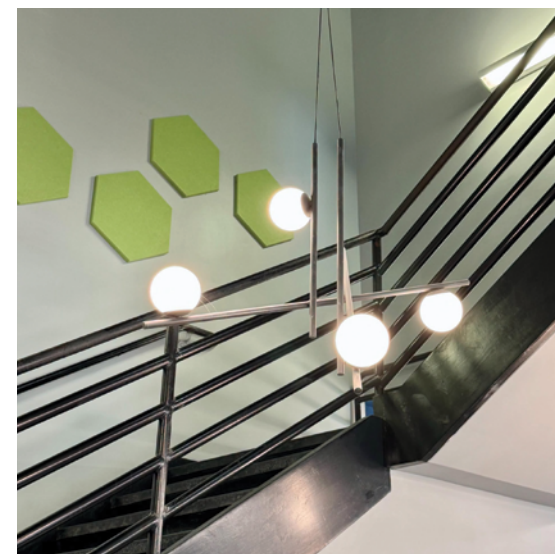
Govie grad **Stella Zgonc** (Dance, '26) was recently recognized at the 2026 National Honor Society for Dance Arts Awards. Stella received an Honorable Mention for her Ballet/Contemporary solo! She is one of only a few of NHSDA members nationwide to be recognized for her exceptional artistic merit, leadership, and academic achievement.



**Lee Burgess** (Music, '11) has been named Director of Youth Programs and Education with the Springfield Symphony Orchestra in Massachusetts! Lee brings a wealth of experience in music education, conducting, curriculum development,

and band instruction. Most recently, he spent five years as director of bands and music technologies at STEM Middle Academy in Springfield and has also led band programs in South Carolina and North Carolina.

[READ MORE HERE:](#)



## *DINING HALL RENOVATION IS COMPLETE!*

We're excited to share the wonderful news that the dining hall renovation is officially complete! After months of planning and construction, this much-anticipated project has transformed the dining hall into a brighter, more welcoming, and more versatile space for our community to gather, connect, and enjoy a meal together.

One of the most exciting additions is the new covered outdoor seating area, designed to make outdoor dining comfortable throughout the year. Equipped with both heaters and fans, the new space can be enjoyed in every season.

Inside, the dining hall received a much-needed facelift as well. A completely refreshed layout features new food stations, additional seating, and all-new décor and furnishings, creating a more functional and inviting environment. The updated design offers more options for dining and gathering while giving the space a fresh, contemporary feel.

This renovation represents an exciting investment in our community and in the everyday experience of the students, faculty, staff, and visitors who use the dining hall. We're thrilled to see the finished space come to life and look forward to all the meals, conversations, celebrations, and memories that will take place there for years to come.

# *CLASS of 2026*



# CLASS of 2026 DESTINATIONS

**Isabella Agudelo** | University of South Carolina

**Yazlynn Aguilar** | Clemson University

**Karinne Julia Alleyne** | University of South Carolina

**Morgan Elise Allord** | CLI Conservatory

**Amirah Baxter** | Furman University

**Cecilia Heyward Belser-Vick**

**Jayden Benenhaley** | Berea College

**Danika Kaye Bomeline** | Workforce

**Riley Bond** | Long Island University Brooklyn

**Sadie Bridges** | College of Charleston

**Tatum-Rose Bronson** | Belmont University

**Ellie Brooks** | University of South Carolina

**Anthony Andre Brown** | Francis Marion University

**Ella Margaret Burns** | Colorado School of Mines

**Jack Deacon Callahan** | Warren Wilson College

**Chiara Aurelia Peschiera Carl** | Clemson University

**Jayden Mafor Che** | Tri-County Technical College

**Morgan Rion Clark** | University of Georgia

**Sun Elyon Clark** | Bennington College

**Eliora Aiko Cobb** | Southern Methodist University

**Anne-Solene Juliette Courrier** | University of Maryland, College Park

**Jamie Crosby** | Midlands Technical College

**Jade Samuel DeFeo**

**Addison Hope Dickson** | Gap year

**Kate Louise Douge** | College of Charleston

**Ky Duggan** | Berklee School of Music

**Bryce Dunham** | Winthrop University

**Max Grace Dunlevy** | Gap year

**Caden Wayne Edwards** | Workforce

**Essence Noel Epps** | Coastal Carolina University

**AB Flaherty** | Converse University

**Kendall Pressley Fulton** | Winthrop University

**Alexandria Victoria Lee Gandy** | Northeastern University

**Raegan Elizabeth Gandy** | Kansas City Art Institute

**Keith Garrett**

**Tristyn Sean-David Gibson** | Bard College

**Jaelyn LeShay Gill** | Kent State University

**Corrine Evelyn Glenn** | Spelman College

**Sean Robert Gomiscek** | Durham University (UK)

**Mildred Ballew Grugan** | Belmont University

**Icarus Halliwell** | Western Carolina University

**Jay Hallman** | Converse University

**Faith Serenity Ham** | Coastal Carolina University

**Josiah Austin Hill**

**Vi Hix** | Ithaca College

**Brianna Fay Hudgens** | Furman University

**Avery Walker Jackson** | Winthrop University

**Louisa-Elisabeth Jayne** | Bard College

**Mary Kathryn Jenkins** | Fordham University

**Emma Johnson** | Clemson University

**Keira Catherine Johnson** | University of South Carolina

**Teagan Yara Johnson** | South Carolina State University

**Julien Carol Jones** | Mount Holyoke College

**Naiya Rose Jones** | Montclair State University

**Nasiah Kyree Jones** | Brenau University

**Sarah Kelley** | Biola University

**Anwyn Elizabeth Kiblinger** | Oklahoma University

**Ngmenviel Rachel Kuuseg** | University of South Carolina

**Madalene Elizabeth Lange** | Arizona State University

**Iggy Larkin** | Winthrop University

**Jacob Walker Lesley** | College of Charleston

**Camden Edward Liston** | Horry Georgetown Technical College

**Charlotte Lofton** | Clemson University

**Joheney Madrid** | University of South Carolina

**Olivia Joy Marseil** | Bowdoin College

**Tegan Madelyn Rae McAlister** | Cleveland Institute of Art

**Madison Rose McCarthy** | Otterbein University

**Angus Elijah Messinides** | Workforce

**Jayson Mikkelson** | Bowling Green State University

**Alayna Minier** | Middle Tennessee State University

**Catryne Maryallis Missick** | Winthrop University

**Olivia Mixon** | Hollins University

**Melody Anna Morais** | Anderson University

**Hayden Thomas Morrical** | Workforce

**Tyrik Ezekiel Myers** | N.C. A&T State University

**Kayla Mae O'Toole** | University of South Carolina

**Catherine Henley Olmert** | Skidmore College

**Lil Oxenrider** | Indiana University

**Malachi Sloan Pancoast IV** | University of Central Florida

**Luis Paredes**

**Kennedy Drew Parker** | University of South Carolina

**Sophia Cyan Parriott** | Gap year

**Robert Ellison Peace** | Washington College

**Lyla Rhett Pickens** | Coastal Carolina University

**Claire Olivia Quackenbush** | College of Charleston

**Evann Elizabeth Regan** | Digipen Institute of Technology

**Miguel Reyes Jimenez** | Southern Methodist University

**Try'Nev Robinson** | Winthrop University

**Mariagustina Rodriguez** | Sarah Lawrence College

**Brayden Lohr Ryan** | University of South Carolina

**Gauthier Pierre Henri Saintigny** | University of South Carolina

**Miko Jetta Scheuer** | Hollins University

**Aiden Elizabeth Sewell** | Hollins University

**Andrew William Sexton**

**Whittaker Lane Simon** | Savannah College of Art and Design

**Marlie Sisk** | University of South Carolina

**Zoey Ann Smith** | Gap year

**Amelia Jane Squires** | Hollins University

**Madison Alexandra Stallworth** | Converse College

**Melanie Stogner** | United States Air Force

**Justyce Divine Silas Swatzell** | Boston College

**Dylan Stone Thompson** | Converse University

**Rowan Delilah Tinker** | Pace University

**Taylor Michelle Toliver** | Clemson University

**Willie Tozzi** | College of Charleston

**Santiago Eduardo Vazquez** | Gap year

**Liana Katriel Viera** | Cleveland Institute of Art

**Augusta Rease Watson** | University of Cincinnati

**Cooper Harrison White** | East Tennessee State University

**Caley Spring Wilder**

**Sage Rose Wilson** | Winthrop University

**Zoe Grace Winston** | Louisiana State University

**Lilith Wolsleger** | Tri-County Technical College

**Madelyn Yausm** | Furman University

**Eric Zelmer** | The University of North Carolina School of the Arts

**Estelle Jeanette Zgonc** | State University of New York Purchase College

# GOVIE GIVERS

A heartfelt thank-you to the members of the Govie community who were Govie Givers during the 2025-26 fiscal year! Your generosity is helping create incredible opportunities for today's students and strengthen the Govie experience for generations to come. We're so grateful for your commitment to giving back and making an impact.

*Haven't given yet?* Join your fellow alumni and become a Govie Giver today. Every donor will receive a Govie Giver Sticker as a small token of our appreciation!

CREATIVE WRITING

Jayden Benenhaley ('26)  
Ellie Brooks ('26)  
Maura Capps ('03)  
Charlotte Clark ('26)  
Iain Espey ('14)  
Tristyn Gibson ('26)  
Jaelyn Gill ('26)  
Corrine Glenn ('26)  
Luke Hodges ('11)  
Katie Shaw Howell (Summer Honors '90)  
Louisa-Elisabeth Jayne ('26)  
Angus Messinides ('26)  
Da'Shawn Mosley ('12)  
John Ott Jr.\* ('09)  
Lillian Oxenrider ('26)  
TyLa' Jha Robinson ('26)  
Mariagustina Rodriguez ('26)  
Amelia Squires ('26)

DANCE

Morgan Allord ('26)  
Traysie Amick (Summer '91)  
Barry Brannum ('09)  
Anna Catherine English\* (Summer '02, '03)  
Harleigh Warner Hyde ('09)  
Keira Johnson ('26)  
Nasiah Jones ('26)  
Anwyn Kiblinger ('26)  
Miguel Reyes Jimenez ('26)  
Gauthier Saintigny ('26)  
Taylor Toliver ('26)  
Jonnikia Wilson ('03)  
Estelle Zgonc ('26)

DRAMA

Isabella Agudelo ('26)  
Riley Bond ('26)  
Sadie Bridges ('26)  
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Ella Burns ('26)  
Kate Douge ('26)  
Bryce Dunham ('26)  
Nancy Gallman (Summer Honors '84)  
Violet Hix ('26)  
Mary Jenkins ('26)  
Teagan Johnson ('26)  
Naiya Jones ('26)  
Olivia Marseil ('26)  
Madalene Lange ('26)  
Susanne McDonald\* ('16)  
Gracyn Mix ('08)  
Hassiem Muhammad ('14)  
Lyla Pickens ('26)  
Claire Quackenbush ('26)  
Samuel Roberts ('08)  
Carrena Spann\* ('23)  
Justyce Swatzell ('26)  
Rowan Tinker ('26)  
Augusta Watson ('26)  
Jay Will ('16)

FILM

Tatum-Rose Bronson ('26)  
Addison Dickson ('26)  
Millie Grugan ('26)  
Sarah Kelley ('26)  
Andrew Sexton ('26)  
Whittaker Simon ('26)  
Eric Zelmer ('26)

MUSIC

Yazlynn Aguilar ('26)  
Coleman Alexander ('11)  
Karinne Alleyne ('26)  
Travis Allison (Summer Honors '89)  
Blakely Francis Baker ('12)  
Amirah Baxter ('26)  
Christophe Beaumier ('11)

Kathryn Breazeale Black ('09)  
Anthony Brown ('26)  
John Callahan ('26)  
Chiara Carl ('26)  
Morgan Clark ('26)  
Willow Cobb ('26)  
Anne-Solene Courier ('26)  
Jamie Crosby ('26)  
Jackson DeFeo ('26)  
Kylie Duggan ('26)  
Payton Dziekan\* ('18)  
Margaret Files ('04)  
Abby Gantt ('01)  
Sean Gomiscek ('26)  
Victoria Hyder\* ('18)  
Avery Jackson ('26)  
Julia Jacobsen ('20)  
Andrew Brett Knauer ('01)  
Jacob Lesley ('26)  
Camden Liston ('26)  
Charlotte Lofton ('26)  
Stacie Louis-Jacques ('11)  
Joheney Madrid ('26)  
Madison McCarthy ('26)  
Jayson Mikkelson ('26)  
Melody Morais ('26)  
Hayden Morrical ('26)  
Kristen Murdaugh\* ('12)  
Christian Josh Myers\* ('11)  
Kayla O'Toole ('26)  
Kennedy Parker ('26)  
Taylor Peterson\* ('11)  
Cheryl Polk ('05)  
Stephanie Mundy Self ('03)  
Marlie Sisk ('26)  
Dylan Thompson ('26)  
Derek Priestester Tovar ('12)  
Lauren Vaughn ('06)  
Cooper White ('26)  
Caley Wilder ('26)

Zoe Winston ('26)  
Lilith Wolsleger ('26)

VISUAL ARTS

Norah Che ('26)  
Aiden Devers ('24)  
Amelia Dunlevy ('26)  
Caden Edwards ('26)  
Essence Epps ('26)  
Audrey Flaherty ('26)  
Raegan Gandy ('26)  
Katelyn Garrett ('26)  
Jay Geddings (Summer Honors, '87)  
Daigan Hallman ('26)  
Faith Ham ('26)  
Rachel E. Inman ('07)  
Emma Johnson ('26)  
Angela Larkin ('26)  
Nichole Maple ('02)  
Tegan McAlister ('26)  
Alayna Minier ('26)  
Olivia Mixon ('26)  
Catherine Olmert ('26)  
Luis Paredes ('26)  
Sophia Parriott ('26)  
Mary Catherine Pflug ('12)  
Carly P. Porter Phinizy ('01)  
Evann Regan ('26)  
Aiden Sewell ('26)  
Zoey Smith ('26)  
Madison Stallworth ('26)  
Melanie Stogner ('26)  
Jessie Peterson Tarazi ('02)  
Willie Tozzi ('26)  
Liana Viera ('26)  
Haley Wilson ('26)  
Madelyn Yausm ('26)

*\*indicates a member of the Alumni Advisory Council*



### Become a Govie Giver!

No matter where life has taken you since your time at the Governor's School, you can help make the Govie experience possible for the students who come next. Become a Govie Giver with a gift of any amount and join fellow alumni in supporting the opportunities and experiences that make the Governor's School so special.

*And there's a little something for you, too... every alumni donor will receive their new 2027 Govie Giver stickers in the mail!*





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## CLASS NOTES:

BIRTHS:

Congratulations to **Blakely Francis Baker** on the birth of a son, Hudson Wells Baker.

DEATHS:

It is with sadness that we announce the passing of **Mr. Arthur B. Nyanfor, II**, a 2021 graduate of SCGSAH. Arthur graduated from the Eastman School of Music in Rochester, NY, in May 2026, with a Bachelor of Music in Applied Music (Viola). A celebration of Arthur's life was held on Saturday, August 29, 2026, in Columbia, SC.



## OUTREACH

### Alumni in the Field! River McGee (Creative Writing, '25) Joins Outreach Team for Summer Programming

The Office of Outreach hosted its third year of **Coastal Creatives** programming in Conway this past July. Offered as a part of the school's mission to be a resource to the state of South Carolina, we are excited to highlight the important role of Governor's School alum and program intern, River McGee.

**Coastal Creatives** is a weeklong summer outreach experience for students who live in the Pee Dee region. Held on the campus of Horry-Georgetown Technical College, this summer day program for rising 8th-10th grade students focuses on creative exploration, using activities that weave together drama, visual arts, sound, writing and movement. Students are challenged to step out of their comfort zone and use arts-based principles to collaborate, build community, and solve challenges. No prior arts experience or audition is necessary for participation.

Having a Governor's School alum on staff adds an opportunity for participants to learn alongside a college student with a lived, in-depth background in the arts. As part of her role, River assisted our full-time staff and provided Creative Writing experiences for the attendees. She was able to call on her time as a student to inform her teaching style, as well share some of the Creative Writing activities she learned while at the Governor's School.

When asked to reflect on how working with this program impacts her college experience she said, "I think I want to continue living with the joy and openness that I felt during camp. At Coastal Creatives, there is no wrong way to do something. The end goal is to have fun and be creative, and I genuinely miss that so much. I tend to put a lot of pressure on myself to be perfect, but beauty is found in imperfections. I remember at a community meeting we were once told that zig-zags still move forward. And this camp reminded me of that quote. It's okay if my direction veers a little off-course, I'm still moving forward and I just need to have fun while doing so."

Thank you to River for lending her expertise to our outreach camp this summer. To learn more about the Office of Outreach and Coastal Creatives, please visit

[scgsah.org/outreach/coastal-creatives](http://scgsah.org/outreach/coastal-creatives)

# ALUMNI ENGAGEMENT

Alumni engagement was a significant highlight of the summer, with 16 SCGSAH alumni returning to campus specifically for the summer to serve as instructors, residential life coordinators, and program assistants. This summer cohort, together with the alumni who work on campus during the regular school year, reflects the strong and ongoing connection between SCGSAH and its graduates. Their involvement provided this summer’s younger students with relatable role models, encouragement, and firsthand insight into the SCGSAH experience and the opportunities that can follow.

Alumni engagement also extended beyond students’ daily program experiences through a campus-wide alumni panel. Participating alumni shared candid reflections on their experiences at SCGSAH, their college and career decisions, and the realities of pursuing careers as working artists. An engaging question-and-answer session allowed students to explore topics ranging from the decision to attend SCGSAH to navigating professional challenges and opportunities after graduation.

The participation of SCGSAH alumni strengthened the overall student experience while demonstrating the school’s enduring impact. By connecting current students with relatable role models who have successfully navigated many of the same educational and career pathways, the alumni presence reinforced the lasting value of the SCGSAH experience and the strength of its alumni community.

#### DEPARTMENT CHAIR:

Lauren Vaughn\* - (Music, '06) - Music

#### ARTS INSTRUCTORS:

Christina Brown - (Music, '20)  
Chloe Compton - (Visual Arts, '15)  
Ashley Felder - (Visual Arts, '11)  
Aidan Forster - (Creative Writing '18)  
Zack Fike Hodges (Drama, '11)  
Evan Jacobi\* - (Music, '06)  
Elaine Quave\* - (Visual Arts, '01)  
Annabelle Martin Ventura - (Music, '14)

#### PROGRAM ASSISTANTS:

Skye Flodder - (Visual Arts, '24)  
Ava Grace Hart - (Dance, '25)  
Corban Irons - (Creative Writing, '24)  
Sophia Myers - (Visual Arts, '25)  
Angel Watson - (Drama, '25)

#### SUMMER RLC’S

Xia Bowens\* - (Music, '20)  
Lynn Hanchon - (Music, '25)  
Claire Harvey - (Visual Arts, '24)  
Elise Higgins - (Music, '23)  
Natalie Hope McElhinny\* (Drama, '21)  
Robert Owens\* - (Creative Writing, '23)  
Sal Varquez-Paulk - (Visual Arts, '24)

#### COMMUNICATIONS OFFICE

Mary Bryant Charles\* - (Creative Writing, '17)  
Zac Pelicano\* - (Drama, '05)

*\* indicates a 12-month  
SCGSAH employee*

## A fresh *new look* for our Alumni Network!

We are excited to announce that our alumni platform has gotten an upgrade! We have officially moved to **Monarch**, a beautifully redesigned edition of our 360Alumni platform.

Our community space now has a modern, clean look that makes staying connected easier and more intuitive than ever. Here is a sneak peek at what you will experience:

**A MODERN LOOK:** A fully updated site design that is visually clean and much easier to navigate.

**UPGRADED TOOLS:** A more responsive layout for our Interactive Alumni Map, Job Boards, and Event Registration.

**SEAMLESS TRANSITION:** Your existing profile, connections, and data have already moved over safely.

#### What you need to do:

Simply log in using your same credentials at <https://scgsah.360alumni.com/auth/signin> to explore the new layout!

Haven’t activated your profile yet? Now is the perfect time! Keeping your contact details current helps ensure you receive school updates, event invitations, and special alumni mailings throughout the year.



## ADMISSIONS ANNOUNCEMENT

*Spread the news!* The application for Residential High School and Summer Programs at SCGSAH is now open! Please share this information with anyone you know who may be interested.

Applications can be found on the school’s website:

<https://www.scgsah.org/admissions>

## Interested in Getting *Involved?*

### BECOME A CLASS AGENT!

Want to stay connected  
with your classmates  
and make a difference  
in the SCGSAH alumni  
community?

*Become a Class Agent!*

Class Agents help  
strengthen connections  
among alumni while  
keeping classmates  
engaged and informed.  
It’s a great opportunity  
to reconnect with  
former classmates, build  
meaningful relationships,  
and support your school  
community.

### What Does a Class Agent Do?

Class Agents serve as a liaison between the Alumni Coordinator and their classmates. They help:

- ▶ Keep classmates informed about SCGSAH news, activities, and events
- ▶ Share alumni updates, ideas, and concerns with the Alumni Coordinator
- ▶ Encourage classmates to attend school-sponsored alumni events and gatherings
- ▶ Invite classmates to submit updates and news for the quarterly alumni newsletter
- ▶ Work with members of the Alumni Advisory Council (AAC) to increase alumni participation
- ▶ Help foster a strong sense of community among SCGSAH graduates

### What Support Will You Receive?

The Alumni Office will provide Class Agents with:

- ▶ Classmate contact lists
- ▶ Information about upcoming events and activities by city
- ▶ Support in organizing alumni gatherings
- ▶ News, updates, and information to share with classmates

### Ready to Get Involved?

Become a Class Agent and help keep your class connected! Your involvement can make a meaningful difference in strengthening the SCGSAH alumni community.

*Interested in  
serving as a  
Class Agent?*

Contact **Anna King**  
to learn more at  
[alumni@scgsah.org](mailto:alumni@scgsah.org)

### How do I get a transcript?

South Carolina Governor's School for the Arts and Humanities alumni may purchase a high school transcript for \$3.50 using Parchment. Simply click the Order Records button below and create an account. You will be able to request a transcript to be sent directly to a college or university. Please allow a turn around time of 2 business days.

Contact the school's Registrar at (864) 282-3720 for more information.

### Can I visit campus as an alumni?

We welcome alumni to visit the Governor's School campus! Throughout the year, there will be designated events for our alumni community, and alumni are always welcome and encouraged to attend public performances.

If you would like to visit campus at another time, please make an appointment in advance with the person you are planning to see. All alumni visitors must have a campus host or escort while on campus and should check in at the Visitor's Center reception desk upon arrival to meet their host. Unfortunately, we cannot guarantee tour availability or allow campus access for unscheduled visits.

These procedures help us maintain a safe and welcoming environment for our students, faculty, staff, and visitors.

## FAQ'S

### How do I update my contact information?

Update your mailing address and other contact information in the SCGSAH 360Alumni network:

<https://scgsah.360alumni.com>

Whether you’ve recently moved, changed jobs, or switched email addresses, keeping your profile current ensures you’ll receive the latest news, event invitations, and holiday updates from your Govie community.

**Don't want to share your information with everyone?** No problem! You can easily adjust your privacy settings to share as much—or as little—as you’d like.

**Need help activating your profile or logging in?** Contact the Alumni Office anytime at [alumni@scgsah.org](mailto:alumni@scgsah.org).



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