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Dear TSA Generals,

**Tenacity. Supports. Achievement.** We are in this e-learning partnership throughout the rest of the year and it is imperative we continue to work together and maximize the academic benefits for



our students. Over the next few days we will provide a schedule of key events and logistical guidance to ensure students are able to safely come on campus to retrieve their personal belongings and drop off books, clean out desks and lockers, etc. Our support of each other through these unprecedented times have brought solace and cheer to many families during this difficult

period. Prayer, resilience and grit will rule the day! The COVID-19 virus has changed our normal into a "new normal." We can do this!

We are finalizing plans for a social distanced Class of 2020 graduation and have decided on a "Drive-up Graduation" for our Kindergarten. More details to follow for these along with awards day, Class Day, etc. Let's please continue to pray for and with each other. As we continue to provide a top-notch education through our dedicated teachers and families, encourage our students to continue to show their very best. If you would like prayer, please send your prayer request to [safety@thomassumter.org](mailto:safety@thomassumter.org). Be safe and stay healthy.

**PROUD TO BE A GENERAL**  
**Dr. F.L. Martin III**

### Upcoming Events

School is closed through the remainder of the year. Special events will be addressed in a separate email addressing processes and procedures for awards, graduations, and collection of personal items in desks and lockers. More information to follow.

### Sporting Events

All Sporting Events have been cancelled. The process to turn-in uniforms will be announced soon.

# SENIOR SPOTLIGHT

## MARYLN HULING

Marlyn has attended Thomas Sumter for two years. She has participated in National Honor Society, Book Club, First Priority, and Anchor Club while attending Thomas Sumter. She has also played Varsity Volleyball during her time at TSA. She is thankful and blessed to have been surrounded by such amazing classmates, teammates, teachers, and coaches during her time at TSA. She will likely attend USC Sumter for her first year of college and later transfer. Her love for children and interest in sign language has motivated her to major in communication sciences and disorders and eventually become a speech pathologist. Although it has been short, Marlyn is thankful for the time she has been able to spend on The Hill. She is also grateful for the impact her teachers and classmates have made in her life. She will not take for granted the priceless memories and unforgettable friendships she has made.

Submitted by The Huling Family

"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



# ELLIE HUNTER

Ellie has attended Thomas Sumter for 13 years. She has played basketball and softball for 6 years, tennis for 3 years, and was a member of the bowling team this year. Ellie has had the honor of receiving the best offensive player award as well as being selected All-Region for softball her Junior year. She has hit over 20 home runs during her varsity career and has played in three Dixie Youth Softball World Series.

Ellie is the co-editor of the yearbook staff and has been a part of the yearbook for two years. She has also been a member of the Anchor Club for two years and was involved with the Spanish Club her Junior year.

Ellie will be attending Columbia College in the Fall where she has earned both academic and athletic scholarships. She has signed to play softball and will major in Speech Language Pathology. Ellie is excited to continue her education while also being able to play the sport that she loves. She is thankful for Thomas Sumter Academy and the friendships she has made. Her experiences at TSA are ones that she will cherish in her heart forever. Submitted by The Hunter Family



# KENZIE HYDER

Kenzie has been a General for fourteen years. She has been loved, encouraged and shaped by so many amazing teachers, coaches and sponsors throughout her days at TSA. Her time on The Hill will always be cherished and looked upon as time that helped make her who she is today. Kenzie has been a part of the Varsity Cheer Squad and was on the Competition Squad when they took Runner Up at State, Varsity Basketball and enjoyed making it to the final round of State in 2019 and tried her skills on the Archery Team this year. She is also a member of National Honor Society, Advanced Dance, Shag Club, Anchor Club, Book Club, First Priority and Bible Journaling. Kenzie was excited to lead the charge to revive the Bible Journaling Club this year and enjoyed her time with friends and Mrs. Hill.

Kenzie will be heading to Anderson University in the fall and plans to major in nursing. During these times that we are experiencing her excitement to become a nurse has grown and looks forward to her time at AU. Kenzie knows that her time on The Hill has been cut short, but she knows that even through these times she has been thoroughly prepared for anything.

Thank you from Kenzie...

Thomas Sumter has become a second home to me. Many of my teachers have created strong relationships with me to encourage my learning. Not only have my teachers taught me the formulas and rules of English and Math, but also how to make it in the real world with real life problems. They have also given me a firm foundation in understanding what the Lord has in store for me, and how to keep a good relationship with Him.



# BLAKE JAYROE

Blake has been at Thomas Sumter for nine years. He has enjoyed his time on The Hill and has been involved with Cross Country, Track & Field, and Varsity Football. Being a part of these teams while in high school have been a great part of his life.

Blake has enjoyed his social time with friends, laughing and joking around with classmates. Some of his favorite class time memories would be in Mr. Smith's classes. The opportunity to have class time that was student led and growing their knowledge together. Mr. Smith was very student relatable and Blake will cherish these times as he gets ready for his next chapter in life.

Blake plans to join the United States Air Force. Thank you for your willingness to serve, Blake.

Submitted by The Jayroe Family





# ALYSSA LAW

Alyssa has been a General for twelve years. She has been involved with the Writing club, Anchor club, And Headmaster's Advisory Council. Alyssa is a member of National Honor Society and the Theatre Department. She is looking forward to her final high school performance in Charlie Brown just as soon as we are all back together again.

Alyssa is just as involved in her community and church as she is at school. Her time with Salkehatchie, Construction Ministries, and other community opportunities have played a great roll in her life. Alyssa will be attending UofSC Columbia: College of Engineering and Computing in the fall. Studying electrical engineering and she is hoping to eventually master's in aerospace or nuclear engineering.

Thank you from Alyssa...

There are so many memories that I couldn't possibly choose one. Overall, I can't think of a better place to have spent basically my whole life going to school. These people are forever friends. We all fight and act like siblings, and I wouldn't have it any other way. Looking back, I miss every moment the good and the bad. They have all made this place so special to me and knowing there's a chance that these are our final days as students of Thomas Sumter is pretty crazy. Both of my sisters graduated from Thomas Sumter. I'm so excited to be following in their footsteps, but I am so sad that it's really over. I remember everyone always looking forward to being a senior and having the perks of being a senior. It was all so momentous. Now that it's here and we may not get it all, it's kind of a letdown, but we will definitely be a class to remember. Class of 2020. The great 38. I love you guys and miss you all so much! Hope to see you soon! Stay healthy! Submitted by The Law Family



# LOGAN MEYER

Logan started his junior year at Thomas Sumter. It was a big change coming from public school in Myrtle Beach, but he was welcomed into the TSA family. Many thanks to Michael Conte for introducing him to his new group of best friends! From video games to Adrenaline to movies, he will remember all of the fun times they've had. Also, the fun times in Mr. Smith's class! After graduating, Logan plans to enlist in the Navy and attend college to major in Computer Programming. Thank you for your willingness to serve Logan!! Submitted by The Meyer Family



# JON MOUZON

Jon has been at Thomas Sumter since K5. He has enjoyed his time with teachers and friends. Jon is an avid outdoorsman and loves all things hunting and fishing. He has been an active member of the Sporting Clays team during his middle and high school days at TSA.

Jon has been inspired by many of his teachers but some of his best memories would be in Coach Mac's classes. Jon plans to attend Horry Georgetown Technical College in Georgetown to study Forestry Management Technology. Submitted by The Mouzon Family



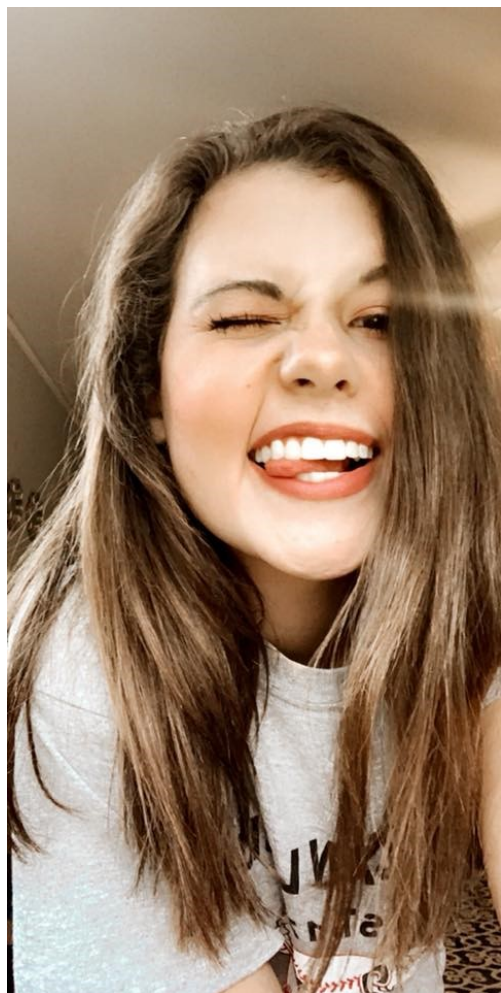


# AVA NEWMAN

Ava has been at Thomas Sumter for 13 years. She has enjoyed every moment while on “The Hill.” While at TSA, Ava has been a part of varsity cheer as a captain, as well as advance dance, she has also been a member of the Headmaster’s Advisory Council, National Honor society, First Priority, Shag Club, Book Club, Anchor Club and the 12-year society.

Ava wants to thank not only her teachers but also those who support Thomas Sumter each and every day. Thomas Sumter has shaped Ava into the Godly woman she is today.

In the fall, Ava will be attending Anderson University to follow the Pre-Physical Therapy Program. She hopes to later study at MUSC to become a pediatric oncology physical therapist. Even though her time at TSA has been cut short, Ava could not be more grateful for the love her TSA family has given her. TSA C/O 2020 Submitted by The Newman Family



# RAJ PATEL

Raj has attended TSA for 6 years. He played JV football, a member of the Archery team for 4 years and qualified for state all 4 times. He won 3 state championships for archery. Raj joined the Varsity Football team his senior. During high school, he has been a part of HAC and was on the yearbook staff.

Raj has many great memories from his time at TSA, but some of his best memories include his time with Coach Mac every day at lunch and the bus rides to and from football games. Raj will be attending The University of South Carolina and majoring in computer science.

Thank you from Raj...

I would like to thank Coach Mac for making me a better person and being a great mentor. To my teachers, I say "Thank You" for helping me through my years at TSA. Last but not least, I thank Thomas Sumter and the Class of 2020 for everything they have done for me. Submitted by The Patel Family



# TIRTH PATEL

Tirth has attended Thomas Sumter for five years. He has made some good friends and memories during his time on The Hill. One of his favorites memories with friends would be the time spent together on class trips.

Tirth will always remember how welcoming and nice everyone was to him at TSA. He will take these memories with him as he heads to Clemson in the fall to major in computer science. Submitted by The Patel Family



# SARA ANNE PRYNNE

Sarah has attended Thomas Sumter for 4 years. She has been a part of many sports teams, school activities, and community clubs.

- \* TSA JV B Ball
- \* TSA Swim Team
- \* TSA Equestrian Team
- \* TSA Archery Team
- \* TSA Theater Program
- \* TSA Miss General Pageant
- \* Lower Richland 4-H Horse Club
- \* Central Carolina Equestrian Team
- \* Lebanon United Methodist Church Youth Group
- \* Salkehatchie Summer Camp with the United Methodist Church
- \* National Honor Society Member
- \* Central Carolina President's List

Sarah has been accepted to the University of South Carolina -Aiken this fall and is planning on riding for USC-A IHSA Equestrian Team.

Sarah loves volunteering, her animals, her friends, and her family. She will miss TSA but will excel at whatever she puts her mind to because of ALL the support from her Thomas Sumter Academy Teachers, Coaches, and Counselors. Submitted by The Pryne Family

Go GENERALS!! Class of 2020

Go PACERS!!! Class of 2024



# KAYLEE ROSE

Kaylee has been a General for 11 years. During high school, she has been a member of the TSA Archery team and the Varsity Volleyball team. She was a part of the Anchor Club and enjoyed this time serving alongside her classmates. Kaylee was crowned Junior Miss General in 8th grade, and then won the title of Miss General in 2019 as a junior!

Kaylee is still unsure of what college to attend, but she may be starting her fall classes at USC Sumter until she knows where she wants to finish her degree of pediatric physical therapy. Submitted by The Rose Family





# MADELINE ROSS

Madeline has been at TSA since the tender age of three... and she would like to thank each and every teacher for helping mold her into the person she is today. She feels very blessed to have attended a small, Christian school where morals and values are not only taught but encouraged. She knows that the life lessons learned 'On the Hill' have made her stronger and more apt to face future endeavors.

While at TSA, Madeline was involved in several activities/clubs... Anchor Club, Book Club, JV/Varsity Cheer, Intermediate/Advanced Dance, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, First Priority, Headmaster's Advisory Council, Spanish Club and Yearbook Staff. She was also a member of the National Honor Society. Madeline proudly represented her school at Palmetto Girl's State and was honored to have been chosen.

As for college... Madeline is still struggling with that decision. While Charleston Southern was her top pick, the degree she is leaning toward is not offered there. With all the uncertainty of today, Madeline is strongly considering attending USC Sumter her first year where she has been awarded a scholarship with plans to transfer to either Columbia College or USC Columbia to receive her undergraduate and master's degree in Speech Language Pathology. Her parents (Gary, TSA Class of '84 & Leigh, TSA Class of '87) have advised her to take the quickest/most cost-effective path to becoming a gainfully employed, positive influence on society.

Madeline just recently learned that she will graduate 7th out of 38. She will have the privilege of sharing a devotion at her graduation commencement. This brings her great joy! She will strive to deliver a heartfelt message of faith, hope and encouragement during these unprecedented times.




To her classmates and underclassman friends... I miss seeing each of your beautiful, smiling faces! Hang in there! Keep the faith and never take for granted that special fist bump, handshake or hug. It has been a pleasure going to school with you guys. Submitted by The Ross Family



# Check Out the Class of 2020 Featured in Sumter Living

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**Class of 2020**  
**100% COLLEGE ACCEPTANCE**

**COME SEE WHERE TSA CAN TAKE YOU!!**

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# Celebrating Earth Day



Lucy Gore is recycling at home to help save our Earth!



Leia Branham has planted a garden at home to celebrate Earth Day!





# Pre-K4 In Action



Maxie Newman shows off her Science work.



Lydia Boan learning about caterpillars and the world outside.



Averi Crockett working hard on her reading and letter sounds.

**SHOUT OUT TO:**  
OUR ENTIRE TSA FAMILY. FOR  
YOUR SELFLESS LOYALTY  
AND SUPPORT TO EACH  
OTHER AND TSA. KEEP YOUR  
FAITH AND HOPE ALIVE IN  
CHRIST!

## Quote of the Week:

*"Courage is the most important of all virtues because without courage, you can't practice any other virtue consistently." ~ Maya Angelou*

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