



November 13th, 2020

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Dear TSA Generals,

Tenacity. Supports. Achievement. The mid-term for the second quarter ends today, and I know there have been a lot of quizzes, tests, and projects over the last several days. Our students are working hard. I want to thank you for your continuous support of TSA! We have a lot of things happening on “The Hill” next week, so be on the look-out for announcements. Thanksgiving is right around the corner. Unbelievable.

I would like to congratulate Ms. Julie Daniel for being selected to compete in the SCISA Middle School Teacher of the Year for the 2019-2020 school year! Last night, I had the distinct pleasure to see her recognized at a SCISA sponsored dinner to honor the 9 selected teachers, three in each area – Lower School, Middle School, and High School. Thank you Ms. Daniel for all you do!

Our Character Trait for November is be HUMILITY: “Nothing is more deceitful,” said Darcy, “than the appearance of humility. It is often only carelessness of opinion, and sometimes an indirect boast.” — **Jane Austen, Pride and Prejudice**. Bible Verse for HUMILITY: [Romans 12:3](#) : “For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned.”

“**Absolute Value Corner:**” Please take a moment and read this story. It fits nicely into our discussion regarding humility: <https://www.today.com/popculture/terry-bradshaw-helps-out-stranger-uplifting-viral-video-t196845>.

Please enjoy your weekend! Be safe...As I pray you know, my door is always open so please stop by. I appreciate your feedback. You may write a review on Google as well as upload pictures. You may also go to “Niche.com,” Yelp, or “Greatschools.org” to write other reviews about TSA. Like us on Facebook and follow us on Twitter, and Instagram. You can follow me on Twitter at @TSA_DrM. #Generalpride.

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Dr. F.L. Martin III



UPCOMING EVENTS

NOVEMBER 17TH	THANKSGIVING DINNERS – MAIN CAMPUS (STUDENTS ONLY)
NOVEMBER 19TH	SCISA VIRTUAL DRAMA FESTIVAL JUNIOR RING CEREMONY (7:00)
NOVEMBER 20TH	SENIOR GENERAL SPEAKS THANKSGIVING “GATHERING” FOR SENIORS THANKSGIVING LUNCHEON – COLUMBIA CAMPUS
NOVEMBER 23RD	START OF THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY
NOVEMBER 30TH	VARSITY BOYS’ BASKETBALL VS. HOLLY HILL
DECEMBER 1ST	VARSITY BASKETBALL @ FLORENCE CHR.
DECEMBER 2ND	CHAPEL (DRESS-UP DAY)
DECEMBER 3RD	MIDDLE SCHOOL HELPING HANDS
DECEMBER 4TH	CHRISTMAS SHOP (4TH & 5TH GRADE) CHRISTMAS BINGO - PTO VARSITY BASKETBALL @ BARON CLASSIC – WILSON HALL
DECEMBER 5TH	VARSITY BASKETBALL @ BARON CLASSIC – WILSON HALL
	SAT

DENOTES SPORTING EVENT



Week 14

UGA Bound!



Jada Mark (12th Grade) officially signed her National Letter of Intent to ride for the University of Georgia's Equestrian team on Thursday! This is an incredible accomplishment and a true testament to Jada's hard work and dedication to her craft. When you see Jada, give her a HUGE congratulations on this special day! Go Dawgs!

Read All About It! - <https://www.theitem.com/stories/thomas-sumters-mark-to-ride-for-georgia-equestrian-team,354634?fbclid=IwAR1nrUwK1Gr-SGCFvhXgnKLeZAZaioHTV5yr8OioTpIWQpINBaw4HjsOOLw>

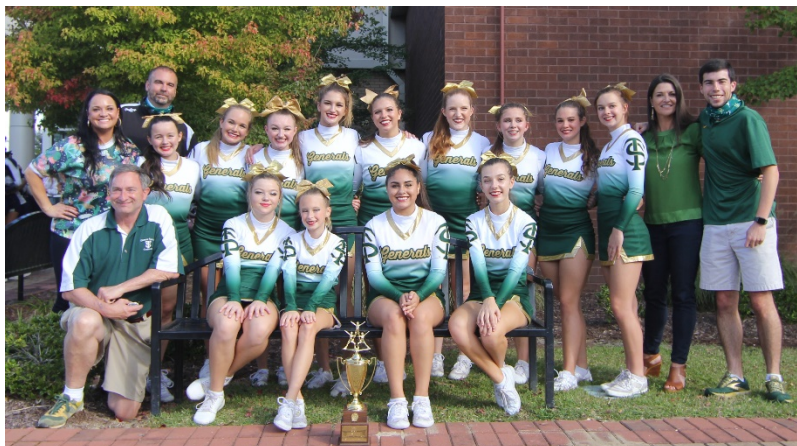


State Runners-Up!



Our Varsity Cheerleading squad took home a Runner-Up finish at SCISA's STATE Cheer Competition last Saturday! Congratulations to Coach Jennifer, Coach Deseree and all the girls on an amazing finish to their season!

Your TSA family is so proud of you and cannot wait to see what the future holds!



Service Saturday



Thank you to everyone that came out last Saturday for our Campus Work-Day. It was a huge success!

Grand-Friend's Day Parade



What a great time celebrating our Grand-Friends! The parade was fantastic! Thanks to everyone that helped make last Friday so much fun!

October Character Trait Winners

6th Grade— Henry Sturkey and Scott David Williams

7th Grade— Isabella Boshers and Lucy Gore

8th Grade— Christian Razor and Trenton Spilker

9th Grade – Augusta Bosone and Alison Culick

10th Grade – Lillian Lindler and Alex Cook

11th Grade – Ally Moses and Nathan Corns

12th Grade – Aliyah Gibson and Ethan Lisenby



For the month of November, we are looking for students exhibiting the character trait of HUMILITY!

Alumni Spotlight: Cameron Dixon



Cameron Dixon, TSA Class of 2020, has been volunteering at St. Luke's Free Medical Clinic for the last few weeks. He is currently attending Wofford College and received the prestigious Wofford Bonner Scholarship. It is amazing to see our Generals making such an incredible impact in the community! Great work, Cam!

Locker Room Make-Over!



*A Big Thank You to Coach Rob, Preston, Dwayne, and Coach Gage for
their work on the Girls' Locker Room! It looks unbelievable!*

Our Maintenance Team is Second-to-None!



NJHS Coats for Christ

November 16 – December 4

NJHS is partnering with Sumter United Ministries to collect gently used coats, hats, scarves, and gloves.



Donations can be placed in the box by the front office.

Thank you for helping us be the hands and feet of Jesus this holiday season!

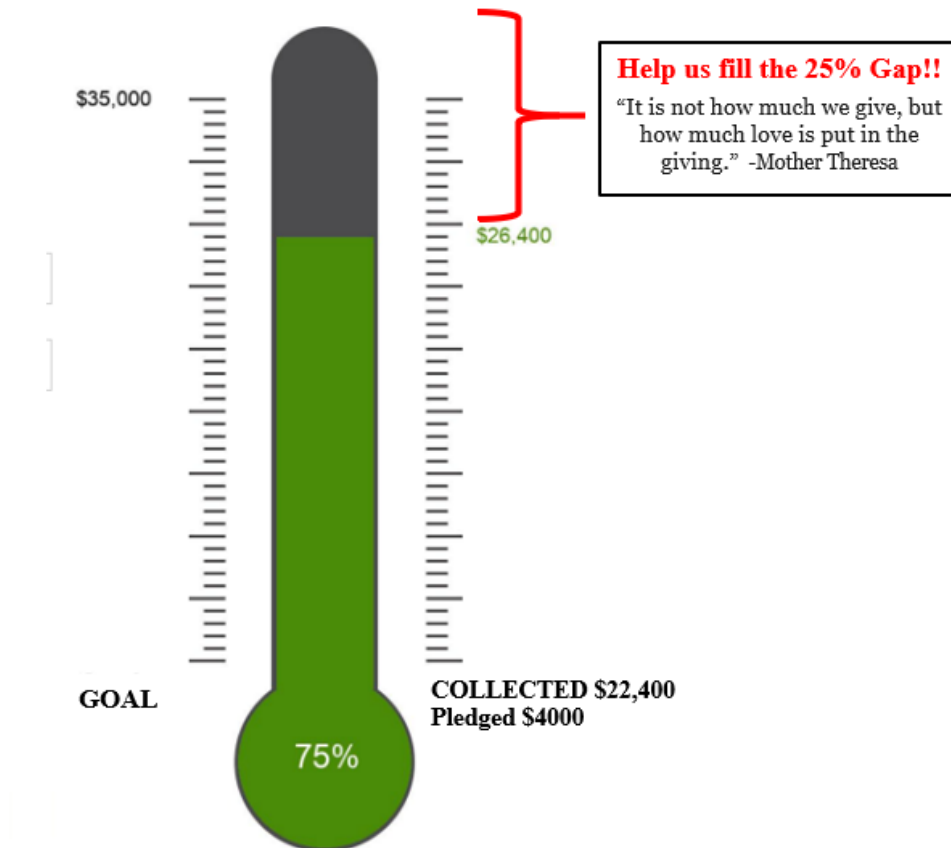
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*Follow the Link to Order your 2020-2021 TSA
Yearbook!*

Thank You for Your Contribution!



Thank you to everyone who answered the call during our Phone-A-Thon.

Please remember to send in your pledges. You may pay online

www.thomassumteracademy.org or mail a check to

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Senior College Acceptances

Zachary Evans- USC-Sumter

Aliyah Gibson- Charleston Southern University

Preston Houser: Coastal Carolina University

Sam Lawing: Charleston Southern University, Lees-McRae College, North Greenville University, Newberry College

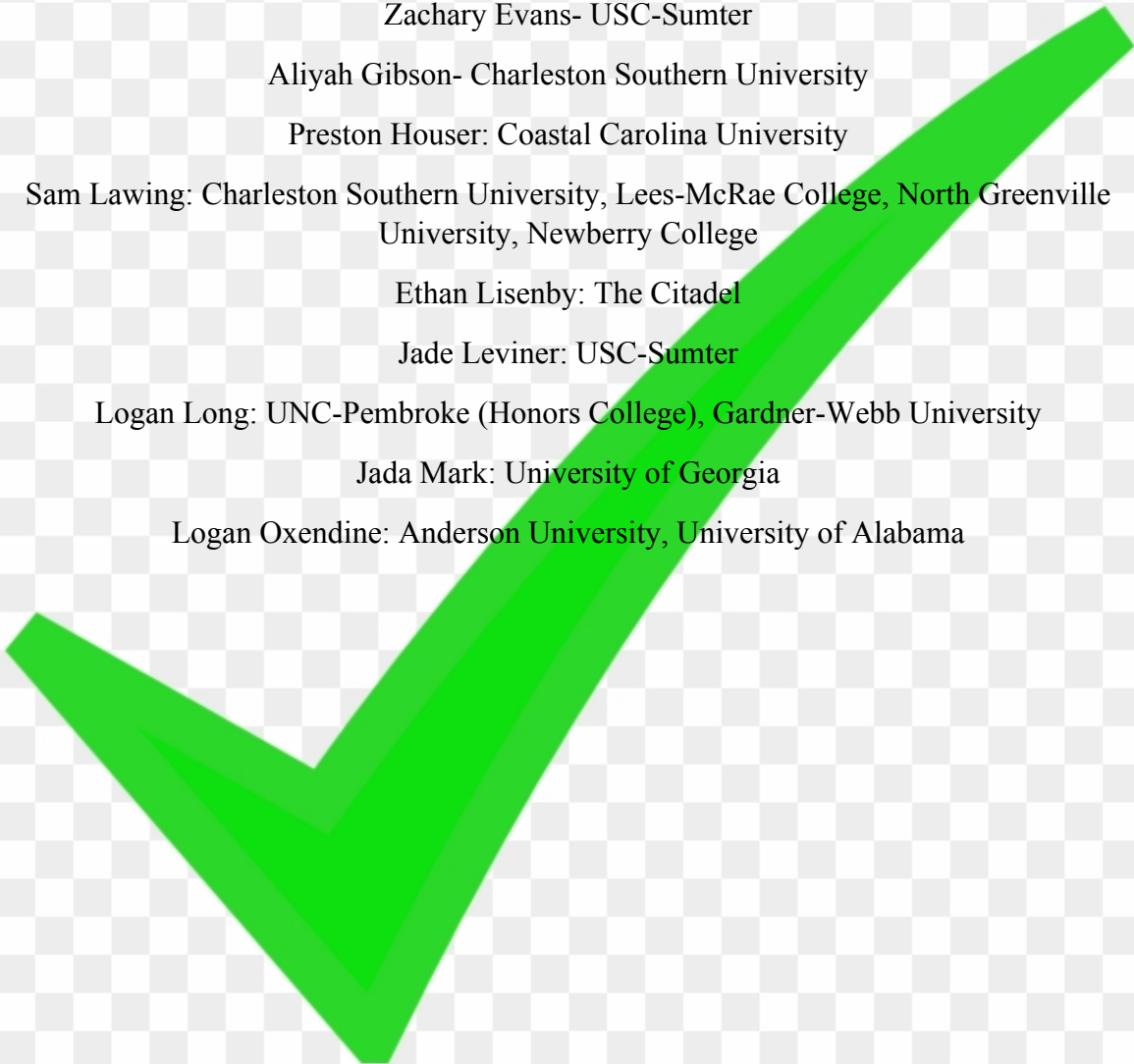
Ethan Lisenby: The Citadel

Jade Leviner: USC-Sumter

Logan Long: UNC-Pembroke (Honors College), Gardner-Webb University

Jada Mark: University of Georgia

Logan Oxendine: Anderson University, University of Alabama



Congratulations, Mrs. Daniel!



On Thursday, SCISA hosted a dinner to recognize finalists for Teacher of the Year in all levels of schooling (Lower, Middle and High School). Our very own Mrs. Daniel was one of nine overall finalists (out of 7,500 teachers) and one of three competing for SCISA Teacher of the Year for Middle School. She took home Runner-Up honors for the award! We could not be happier for Mrs. Daniel and her incredible accomplishment! What an amazing teacher; Go Generals!

TSA Gaiter Scarves for Sale!



The Cross Country & Varsity Girls' Basketball teams are selling TSA gaiter scarves for \$15. See Coach Rob or Coach Brunson for purchasing and more details!



2020-2021, CHILDREN WITH HAIR LOSS CAMPAIGN

Student Name: _____

Student signature: _____

Phone Number: _____

Grade: _____ **Homeroom:** _____

Email address: _____

Friend cutting your hair: _____

OPTIONAL: Will you have a hairdresser attending? If so,

Name of Hairdresser: _____

Name of Hair Salon: _____

*Participants will be limited 2-3 guests this year due to COVID-19. *

Parents.....please sign below to let us know that you are aware that your daughter is participating in the Children with Hair Loss Campaign.

Parent's Name: _____

Parent's signature: _____

Lower School students will have their assembly at 9 A.M. January 13, 2021.
Upper School students will have their assembly at 9:50 A.M. January 13, 2021.

All participants must donate a minimum of 8 inches of hair to participate. Please turn all forms into either Eddy Hyder, Coach Brunson, or Lindsay Daniel.

Clemson vs. Carolina @ The General Bowl

Friday, November 20

The best dressed wins from each team and the team with the most participation will win The General Bowl. Wear your best Clemson or Carolina attire from head to toe. We want you to go ALL OUT...teachers too.



General Bowl winner will be determined by whole school (K3-12 and Faculty & Staff). The team with the most participation school wide WINS!!

Best Dressed Lower School Clemson Fan – Pajamas until Christmas Break
Best Dressed Lower School Carolina Fan – Pajamas until Christmas Break
Best Dressed Middle School Clemson Fan – Dress Down until Christmas Break
Best Dressed Middle School Carolina Fan – Dress Down until Christmas Break
Best Dressed High School Clemson Fan – Dress Down until Christmas Break
Best Dressed High School Carolina Fan – Dress Down until Christmas Break
Best Dressed Faculty/Staff Clemson Fan – Jean/T-shirt Teacher Dress Down until Christmas Break
Best Dressed Faculty/Staff Carolina Fan – Jean/T-shirt Teacher Dress Down until Christmas Break
If students or staff would like to represent another college team, they are welcome to show their school spirit for their college team. They will not be included in The General Bowl tally.

Thanksgiving Dinner!

Thanksgiving on The Hill

Thanksgiving Dinners will be available for students and staff to order on RenWeb this year. To ensure the safety of our students, we will not be able to have our family members gather with us for our feast.

We are sad that we will not be able to have our families join us, but we are so thankful that we have the opportunity to be together as students and staff during this time.

Turkey Dinner to Celebrate with Classmates

Tuesday, November 17

K3-KG Pilgrim & Indian Parade (Facebook Live)

Friday, November 20 9:45 am

Thankful for our Seniors (Senior & 2 Guest only)

Friday, November 20 9:00 am

Please make sure to order your student's Turkey Dinner online through RenWeb by Wednesday, Nov 11



SAT / ACT Dates

SAT Date	Registration Deadline	Deadline for Changes
December 5 th , 2020	November 5 th , 2020	November 24 th , 2020
March 13 th , 2021	February 12 th , 2021	March 2 nd , 2021
May 8 th , 2021	April 8 th , 2021	April 27 th , 2021
June 5 th , 2021	May 6 th , 2021	May 26 th , 2021

ACT Date	Registration Deadline
December 12 th	November 6 th
February 6 th	January 8 th
April 17 th	March 12 th
June 12 th	May 7 th
July 17 th	June 18 th

Quote of the Week:

"The happiness of your life depends upon the quality of your thoughts."

— Marcus Aurelius

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BIG SHOUT OUT:

All of those who helped with the Service Saturday this past weekend. What a great time to work hard and fellowship!

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