



April 29<sup>th</sup>, 2022

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*Dear Generals,*

We are heading into the home stretch. The month of May brings an even larger flurry of activity than other months here on “the Hill.” The last day of school for seniors is May 13<sup>th</sup>. For those who will need to take a final, their exams will be May 13<sup>th</sup>. The Class of 2022 has Baccalaureate Service May 15<sup>th</sup> and graduation is May 21<sup>st</sup> – right around the corner. The message from chapel yesterday was “finish strong.” So, let’s finish strong.

Positive story on COURAGE:

**Get out of the crowd and reach new heights:** John and his friends used to go mountain climbing once every year. This time they have decided to climb mountains in the Swiss Alps. They reached the famous mountain spot in the Swiss Alps and were surprised to see many people climbing the mountains. John and his friends started wearing all the mountain climbing gear and started climbing. In no time, they reached the top of the hill. After reaching there, friends decided to camp there. Then John saw another mountain where only a handful of people were trying to climb it. He told his friends, “Let us go and climb that mountain also. It will be fun and challenging instead of camping here.” A friend replied, “No way, I have heard people talking about that mountain. It seems the path is difficult to climb, and only a few people can able to climb.”

People nearby hearing the conversation made fun of John and said, “If it was easy to climb, why we were sitting idle here.” Hearing them, John took that as a challenge and went alone towards climbing the peak. Two hours later, he reached the top of the hill. People who were already there welcomed John with a round of applause. John was happy having climbed the peak. He could see the beautiful views of nature from the top. He started a conversation with people and asked them, “While climbing this peak, I felt it was not so difficult. Then why only a handful of people here?”

If people could climb the below peak, they can climb here also if they put in some effort.” A veteran climber replied, “Most people in the crowd right there are happy with what they find easy. They never think that they have the potential to achieve more. Even people who are not happy there do not want to take any risk. They think if we take risks, they will lose what they already have. But to reach a new peak, we need to put in our effort. Many of them do not show any courage, and they remain part of the crowd the whole life. And keep complaining

about the handful of courageous people and call them lucky.” Hearing this, John thanked the veteran for explaining the importance of courage in our life.

**Moral of the story:** In our life, many of us stay in our comfort zone. But to achieve something big, we need effort and courage. We should never stop, have the courage to push ourselves out of the crowd.” <https://winnersstory.com/short-stories-about-courage-1/>.

**For seniors,** we are 15 school days (and a wake-up) from graduation.

Our character trait for the month of May will be SERVICE. Bible verse about service: Acts 20:35: “In everything I did, showed you that by this kind of hard work, we must help the weak, remembering the words the Lord Jesus himself said: ‘It is more blessed to give than receive.’ ”

Generals – Are you Ready? – YES, WE ARE!

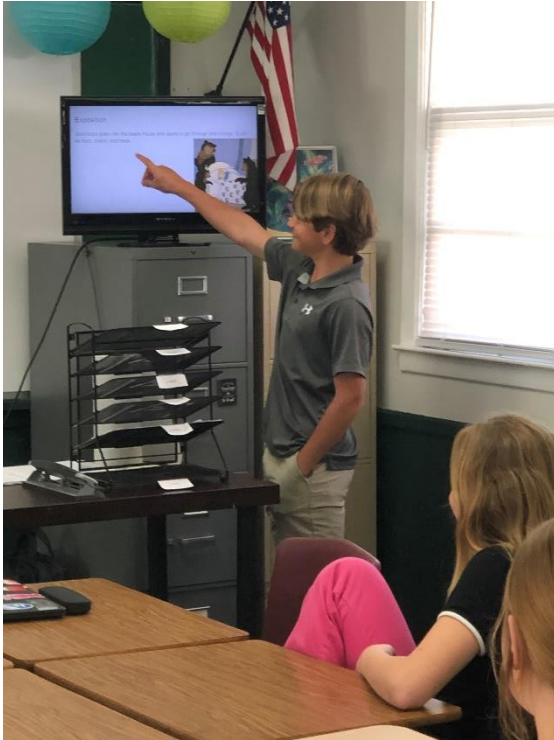
**Tenacity. Supports. Achievement**

**PROUD TO BE A GENERAL**

*Dr. F.L. Martin III*



# Week 33



# Upcoming Events

**April 29<sup>th</sup>**

**“Camelot and Camelittle” – Auditorium (7:30 PM)**

**April 30<sup>th</sup>**

**Sporting Clays State Championship –Richburg**

**TSA Pageant**

**May 2<sup>nd</sup>**

**TSA Art Show**

**May 4<sup>th</sup>**

**Senior Chapel (Dress-Up Day)**

**Class Elections for Student Council**

**May 5<sup>th</sup>**

**Dance Recital – Patriot Hall (7:30 PM)**

**May 7<sup>th</sup>**

**Track State Finals @ Porter-Gaud School**

**Denotes Sporting Event**



*Welcome to the Family, Generals!*

*Evie Hackett — 4<sup>th</sup> Grade*

*We've added some new Generals to our TSA Family! We're so excited to have them and their families as a part of our wonderful school!*

# *Alumni Spotlight – Allie Lindler*



*Earlier this week, TSA alumna Allie Lindler (TSA c/o 2018) was awarded the SC Space Grant Research Award and Graduate Research Fellowship. Allie is a current senior at Clemson university So excited for you and your future.*

*Congratulations Allie!*



# Prom





## ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT – JARRETT BUTZER



ALUMNUS JARRETT BUTZER (TSA C/O 2019) WAS AMONG CADETS SELECTED FOR THE 2023 SUMMERALL GUARDS AT THE CITADEL.

“AFTER WEEKS OF TRAINING AND TRYOUTS, THE PLATOON WAS INTRODUCED MARCH 26 AND THE RISING-SENIOR CADETS HELD THEIR FIRST PERFORMANCE DURING THE CORP DAY RIFLE-EXCHANGE CEREMONY WITH THE 2022 GUARDS. BUTZER WAS ALSO SELECTED TO SERVE AS THE UNIT’S 1ST SERGEANT.”

CONGRATULATIONS, JARRETT!



# Track Senior Night



*Our Varsity Track team hosted their Senior Night ceremony following their Regional Meet on Wednesday. These 10 seniors have made an incredible impact on this program! We look forward to seeing their success with all of their future endeavors!*

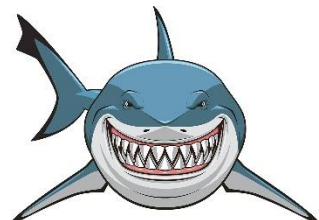
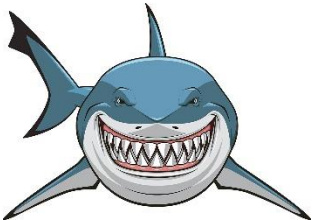


# **Alumni Spotlight – Will Crowson**



**TSA alumnus Will Crowson (TSA c/o 2017) had the opportunity to join the University of South Carolina @ Beaufort's most recent shark expedition. A senior at USCB, Crowson had the opportunity to tag sharks and learn from some of the south's greatest marine biologist.**

**Awesome work, Will!**





# **“Senior” Skip Day**



**Mrs. Brinson, Mrs. Twitty, Mrs. Henderson, and Mrs. Davis enjoyed their own version of Senior Skip Day today! Looks like our 12th graders weren't the only ones that got away for a bit!**



# LS Character Trait Winners!



**Pre-3 :** Charlotte Lesley

**Pre-4 :** Brooklyn Greenwood & Damian Pickens

**Kindergarten:** Rachel Blackwood, Juniper Creed, & Charlotte Lawson

**1<sup>st</sup> Grade:** Summer Cato & Hudson Smith

**2<sup>nd</sup> Grade:** Lane Russell & Kyle Amerson

**3<sup>rd</sup> Grade:** Lawton hill & Bailey Talbert

**4<sup>th</sup> Grade:** Evie Hackett & Brooklyn Moore

**5<sup>th</sup> Grade:** Audrey Allen & Fabian Gomez

**Our Character Trait for the month of April is Courage! Congrats to all  
our Lower School Winners!**

## Alumni Spotlight – Jana Marie Faircloth



***Congratulations to TSA alumna Jana Marie Faircloth (TSA c/o 2018) on being named Wofford College's Panhellenic Woman of the Year!***

## *Congrats to our Upper School Character Trait Winners!*

### February (Individuality)

6<sup>th</sup> – Riya Patel and Eden Stokes

7<sup>th</sup> – Ava Bukauskas and Elyas Chatriwala

8<sup>th</sup> – Isabella Boshers and Sophia Fackelman

9<sup>th</sup> - Mary Grace Hilditch and Peter Carino

10<sup>th</sup> - Savannah Byrd and Ava Teeters

11<sup>th</sup> - Nina Williamson and Zakary Dukette

12<sup>th</sup> - Lily Matthews and Nathan Corns



### March (Cooperation)

6<sup>th</sup> – Fendley Kimbro and Wade Johnson

7<sup>th</sup> -Irelyn Baumgartner and Elyas Chatriwala

8<sup>th</sup> – Weston Shaffer and Sophia Fackelman

9<sup>th</sup> - Jaylyn Casselman and Hannah Burnside

10<sup>th</sup> - Allison Culick and Karsen Krammer

11<sup>th</sup> - Grace Beasley and Emily Holladay

12<sup>th</sup> - Catelyn Dunavant and Matthew Hawkins

### April (Courage)

6<sup>th</sup> – Fendley Kimbro and Bob Smith

7<sup>th</sup> – Nate Livingston and Paisley Hill

8<sup>th</sup> – Hannah Giddings and Mikayla Razor

9<sup>th</sup> - Lindsey Laity and Wilson Britton

10<sup>th</sup> - Tyler Bryson and Steven Kirby

11<sup>th</sup> - Alex Cook and Jensen Jennings

12<sup>th</sup> - Jamie Huntley and Louis Wright





## ***They're Poets and Didn't Know It!***

***Several of our TSA students entered the poetry contest, and eight of them made it as finalists! These students will be reading their poetry (published in the following pages), along with other finalists from Sumter Schools, on Saturday, April 30, at USC Sumter.***

***Congratulations to our eight finalists!***

***Madi Nichols***

***Kenji Stanton***

***Meg Reber***

***Allison Culick***

***Kelsey Martin***

***Alaina Anderson***

***Eva Halloran***

***Vera Fitzke***

## Pristine Future

From a place that was perceived as  
wilted and diminished,  
Something will start flourishing  
In hopes of acceptance.

Something radiant and  
Bright will overpower  
the shadowed and discontented,  
With elaborate plans for the things  
That were once disconnected.

After washing away the facade of sorrow,  
Only comfort and serenity will follow.

By Madi Nichols



## Rain

Rainfall fills the nighttime air,  
Along with darkness, gloom, and despair.  
Rainfall fills the morning dew,  
As the sun rises with a day that's new.

As darkened clouds fill the sky,  
Birds decide they must fly  
Away to their humble nest.  
The rain passes as they rest.

I do not mind the rain  
Even if it has some dark distain.  
It hides people's smiling faces  
Or blesses us with spring's graces.

In the rain there is mystery.  
A dark shape we can't see.  
The rain can also bring laughs.  
Jumping over puddles and muddy gaps.

The rain can bring pleasure and malice.  
A Ying to a Yang, perfect balance.  
It brings new life and also sorrow.  
Carries on through to the morrow.

By: Kenji Stanton



## Remember

He stands crooked, a cane by his side  
His friends did not come back many have died.  
He kissed his mom, with tears she waved  
Would she see him again, would his life be saved?

The flag means everything, the red, white, and blue  
He fought for freedom for me and for you.  
Will we remember? His name or his pain?  
He received nothing, no glory or fame.

But I choose to notice, I choose to see  
To thank him for freedom for you and for me.  
A handshake, a thank you, a promise to say  
I'll remember your name and my freedoms each day.

By: Megan Reber



## Summer

It starts on the day school ends,  
It's the feel of the sun knowing you can stay in it all day long,  
It's freedom and it's fun.

It's the feeling of happiness and peace,  
It's the squeezing of lemons, and the clouds being shy.  
It's when rain pours down unexpectedly.  
It's when I jump into the car and blast the radio, the volume up so high.

It's the slap of mosquitos on your skin,  
The long sweat trickling down your neck,  
It's the feeling of wonder just as it's the feeling of decay.  
Soon the summer will pass away, and freedom come to an end,  
Just one more day I pray and pray.

But with the end comes memories of great things too...  
Days we passed the time away in some far-off place with skies so blue.  
Summer may end but it will soon begin again, someplace new.

It is the flowers that stay, the breath that's saved,  
It is the sting of the sun and staying up late.

Here comes summer and I can't wait.

By: Allison Culick





## Summer

Much I Marveled  
at the friendless brook  
on that day my spirit  
arose.

Month-long Deep  
into blackness being  
when I thought of  
summer.

I Awakened and Cast  
the cold wave  
into a kingdom of obscurity.  
Summer,  
oppressor of my dreams.

By: Kelsey Martin



## I Am From

(Inspired by the poem, "Where I'm From," by George Ella Lyon)

I am from worn-out ballet shoes,

From slides and swings.

I am from truth and trust.

I am from the small lemon tree that grows in the backyard.

I am from Texas BBQ & Pecan Pie;

I am from last-minute Wurstfest during the autumn time.

I'm from, "Enjoy your young years!"

And "Mary Had a Little Lamb"

Even here,

I am from home in Texas

And my worn-out ballet shoes.



By Alaina Anderson

I Am From  
(Inspired by the poem, "Where I'm From," by George Ella Lyon)

I am from boxes

From bicycles and goggles  
I am from loyalty and bookrooms,

I am from endless beaches  
(Palm trees with pinnate leaves, gently swaying in the wind. Warm sand  
between my toes, and

cold, refreshing shaved ice in my hands.)  
I am from Honolulu,

Rice & malasadas.  
I am from climbing tall trees so high you don't want to look down.

I am from "Don't stay up late."  
And "I should probably go to bed."

Even now, I am from rainbows, blue skies, sprinkling rain showers, warm turquoise oceans, and palm  
trees with their large pinnate leaves, gently swaying in the wind.

By Eva Halloran



### July

It's fireworks on a cool night.  
It's watermelon by the pool.  
It's late-night talks under the street light.  
It's running around acting like a fool.

Trips upon trips if you're lucky,  
Maybe you'll see family in Hawaii.  
Ride around and race friends in a shopping buggy.  
Just don't sit around and watch the opportunities pass by.

It's the most eventful month of summer.  
As the hot sun shines down,  
Surrounded by friends as you look around  
Ensure that your summer will not be a bummer.

Or if you'd prefer to get lost in a good book  
As the story opens new gates to the mind,  
feel free to just unwind.  
You've got all the time.

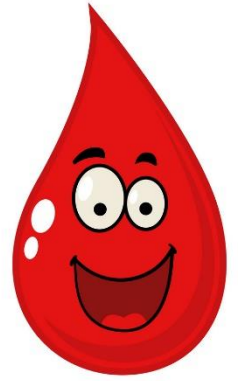
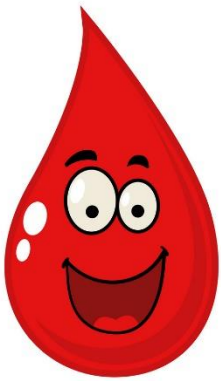
It's the month to define it all.  
It's smores & laughter by the fire.  
It's red, white, and blue repped big & small.  
It's July.

By Vera Fitzke



# American Red Cross Blood Drive

On Tuesday, T&A hosted its Spring Blood drive, sponsored by the American Red Cross. Thank you to everyone that donated! Your generosity is unmatched!







**TSA Book Fair!**

**Interested in substitute teaching?  
Know of someone that is?**



**If you or someone you know is interested in  
being added to the TSA Substitute Teacher List,  
contact either Sandi Dixon  
([sandi.dixon@thomassumter.org](mailto:sandi.dixon@thomassumter.org)) or Amanda  
Arnold ([amanda.arnold@thomassumter.org](mailto:amanda.arnold@thomassumter.org)) for  
more information.**

**All Grades Available!**

# Senior College Acceptances

**Ayden Allen:** USC Columbia, UNC Asheville, Auburn University, UNC Wilmington, UNC Charlotte

**Brandon Bailey:** Charleston Southern University, Clemson University, USC Columbia

**Randall Bock:** Horry Georgetown Technical College

**Jhylil Bradford:** Limestone University

**Carter Brazell:** Montana State University, Trinity Valley College, Clemson University, Auburn University, Texas A&M

**Madeleine Britton:** College of Charleston, Tri-County Technical College, Clemson University

**Brandon Burns:** Francis Marion University, Charleston Southern University, Spartanburg Methodist College, University of Alabama, Wingate University, West Virginia University, Winthrop University, Lander University, Gardner Webb University, Coastal Carolina University, Newberry College, Presbyterian College, USC Columbia

**Stephanie Carges:** Hollins University, Barton College, Mary Baldwin University, Presbyterian College, College of Charleston, Furman University, Wofford College, USC Columbia

**Nathan Corns:** Francis Marion University, Miami University of Ohio, Furman University, Wofford College

**Jacob Crowe:** Presbyterian College, Furman University, College of Charleston

**Lindsay Daniel:** University of Alabama, University of Georgia, USC Sumter, Furman University, USC Columbia, College of Charleston, Wofford College, Clemson University, Auburn University

**Jack Dennis:** Anderson University, Clemson University, The Citadel

**Catelyn Dunavant:** Danville Community College

**Hailee-Rhodes Eargle:** USC Upstate, Converse University, Charleston Southern University, USC Sumter, Presbyterian College, Coastal Carolina University, USC Aiken, Winthrop University, College of Charleston, Clemson University

**Libby Gore:** Charleston Southern University, Wingate University, University of Alabama, USC Aiken, USC Columbia, Clemson University, College of Charleston

**Matthew Hawkins:** Limestone College, Erskine College, Coker University, USC Beaufort

**Cason Holman:** Coastal Carolina University, USC Columbia

**Jamie Huntley:** Central Carolina Technical College

**Ben June:** USC Columbia, College of Charleston

# Senior College Acceptances... cont'd

**Porter Laney:** Anderson University, University of Alabama, Charleston Southern University, Lander University, Presbyterian College, USC Columbia, College of Charleston, Clemson University

**Clay Marshall:** Full Sail University

**Lillian Matthews:** Francis Marion University, Winthrop University, Warren Wilson College, College of Charleston, UNC Asheville

**Gracie McCaskill:** Charleston Southern University, USC Beaufort, University of Tennessee, Clemson University, Virginia Tech, USC Columbia, USC Beaufort Honors College

**Ally Moses:** USC Columbia, Wofford College, Clemson University

**Dev Patel:** College of Charleston

**Logan Scruggs:** USC Upstate, USC Aiken

**Leah Stokes:** Coker University, North Greenville University, USC Sumter, Lander University

**Cameron Eron:** USC Beaufort, Coastal Carolina University

**Jacob Walters:** Charleston Southern University

**Louis Wright:** University of Oregon, West Virginia University, University of Alabama, Charleston Southern University, Clemson University



# SAT / ACT DATES

SAT Date	Registration Deadline	Deadline for Changes
May 7 <sup>th</sup> , 2021	April 7 <sup>th</sup> , 2021	April 26 <sup>th</sup> , 2021
June 4 <sup>th</sup> , 2021	May 5 <sup>th</sup> , 2021	May 25 <sup>th</sup> , 2021

ACT Date	Registration Deadline
June 11 <sup>th</sup>	May 6 <sup>th</sup>
July 16 <sup>th</sup>	June 17 <sup>th</sup>

## Quote of the Week:

"It's not the will to win that matters—everyone has that. It's the will to prepare to win that matters."

-Paul Bryant.



## Big Shout Out:

To our Mrs. Suchomski and our Theatre Department for their incredible first showing of "Camelot and Camelittle!" We cannot wait for tonight's showing!