



May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2022

Thomas Sumter Academy

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*Dear Generals,*

One week thru May. As a reminder, 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> and possibly the 16<sup>th</sup> depending on the number of exams they must take. I ask that you review the handbook for further details. The Dance Recital last night was amazing. The performers did extremely well, and I know the audience enjoyed every minute of each performance. A huge shout out to Freed School, and specifically Andrea and Toni for their dedication to our students. Another shout out to all our spring sport coaches for jobs well done. We could not have had our sports spring season without you! Thank you so very much. Positive story on **SERVICE**:

A man was driving his car, when he saw an old lady, stranded on the side of the road. He saw that she needed help. So, he stopped his Pontiac near her Mercedes and got out. He smiled, while he was approaching her, still she was worried, as nobody had stopped for hours. Moreover, he did not look safe, as his appearance was so poor and shabby. He could see, how frightened she was, so he tried to calm her. “I ‘m here to help you, don’t worry. My name is Bryan Anderson.”

The tire was flat, so he had to crawl under the car. While changing the tire, he got dirty, and his hands were hurt. When the job was done, she asked how much she owed him for his help. Bryan smiled. He said: “If you really want to pay me back, the next time you see someone, who needs help, give that person the needed assistance. And think of me.” During the same evening, the lady stopped by a small cafe. That place looked dingy. Then she saw a waitress, nearly eight months pregnant, wiping her wet hair with a towel. The waitress had a sweet friendly smile, although she had spent the whole day on her feet.

The lady wondered how someone, who has so little, can be so kind and giving to a stranger. Then she remembered Bryan. The lady had finished her meal and paid with a hundred-dollar bill. The waitress went to get change and when she came back, the lady was gone. She left a note on the napkin: “You do not owe me anything. Somebody once helped me, just like now, I’m helping you. If you really want to pay me back, do not let this chain of love end with you.” The waitress found four more one hundred bills under the napkin.

That night the waitress came home earlier. She was thinking about the lady and the money she left. She was wondering, how the lady could know, how much she and her husband

needed it, especially now, when the baby will soon arrive. She knew that her husband worried about that, so she was glad to tell him good news. Then she kissed him and whispered “Now everything will be all right. I love you, Bryan Anderson.”

<https://www.inspirationalstories.eu/inspirational-stories-about-helping-others/>.

Ralph Waldo Emerson wrote: “The purpose of life is not to be happy. It is to be useful, to be honorable, to be compassionate, to have it make a difference that you have lived and lived well.”

What will your legacy be?

**For seniors**, we are 14 school days (and a wake-up) from graduation.

Our character trait for the month of May is SERVICE. Bible verse about service: **Hebrews 6:10:**  
**10** “God is not unjust; he will not forget your work and the love you have shown him as you have helped his people and continue to help them.”

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

**Tenacity. Supports. Achievement**

**PROUD TO BE A GENERAL**

*Dr. F.L. Martin III*



# Week 34



# Upcoming Events

**May 7<sup>th</sup>**                      **State Track Finals @ Porter-Gaud School (Charleston, SC)**

**May 11<sup>th</sup>**                      **Sports Physical Day – Gymnasium**

- **Current 5<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade:            2:30 – 3:30 PM**
- **Current 9<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> Grade:        3:30 – 4:30 PM**

**May 13<sup>th</sup>**                      **Last Day for Seniors!!**

**General Games**

**Yearbook Signing**

**Middle School Dance (5:00 – 7:00 PM)**

**May 14<sup>th</sup>**                      **Family Fun Day! (5:00 PM)**

**May 15<sup>th</sup>**                      **Baccalaureate – First Presbyterian Church (Sumter, SC)**

**Denotes Sporting Events**





*Good Luck Track!*



*Our Track team had their own water balloon fight and pizza party on Thursday to celebrate their last practice of the season!*

*We wish Coach Rob, his coaching staff, and our Track Generals as they compete in the SCISA Track and Field State Finals this Saturday at Porter-Gaud School in Charleston, SC! Your TSA Family is behind you every step of the way!*

# **Sporting Clays Season: Out With A Bang!**

We had 19 shooters and 9 coaches participate in the sporting clays program this year. Our season began in December and ended last weekend with 6 tournaments under our belt. The highlights of the season included:

Our JV Boys Squad, Wilson Britton, Jack Burke, and Jackson Barnes, placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in the SCISA State Championship.

Madeleine Britton and Logan Scruggs received \$1000 scholarships at the South Carolina Youth Shooting Foundation's State Championship.

Clay Team won a shotgun at the South Carolina Youth Shooting Foundation's State Championship.

Carter Brazell won our team award for Consistent Improvement. Carter improved his score by 20 points from the beginning of the season with a 61 until the end with an 81. Each tournament score was better than the previous.

Wilson Britton won our team award for Most Valuable Shooter. Wilson's lowest score for the season was an 80 and the highest was a 91.

Clay Team won our team award for selling the most raffle tickets in our fundraiser. Our team sold 356 tickets through the South Carolina Youth Shooting Foundation and earned \$1424 dollars in addition to adding \$4000 to our endowment account.

We have 6 Seniors, Randall Bock, Carter Brazell, Madeleine Britton, Jack Dennis, Hayden Poston, and Logan Scruggs. 3 of these seniors made up one squad and their parents are TSA Class of 89 alumnae, James Dennis, Ashleigh Goza, and Charlie Scruggs.

Thank you to our parents, grandparents, and coaches for all the effort, time and money it takes to make this team function!!!

## **Senior Advanced Squad – Coaches Jody and Jennifer Brazell**

Randall Bock, Carter Brazell, Luke Brazell, Hayden Poston

## **Senior Advanced Squad – Coach Ashleigh Goza**

Madeleine Britton, Jack Dennis, Logan Scruggs

## **JV First Year Squad – Coaches Ryan Conyers, Henry Goza, Michael Hill**

Wilson Britton, Jack Burke, Andrew Conyers, Carter Hill



**JV First Year Squad – Coaches Erica and Henry Goza**  
Jackson Barnes, Christian Razor, Roger Scott, Cade Steele

**Intermediate First Year – Coaches Tripp Jackson and Chris Team**  
Ashley Dunavant, Brayden Finan, Emma Jackson, Clay Team

If anyone is interested in participating next season, please contact a coach or shooter. Spaces are limited and sometimes not available. A shooter must be in the 6<sup>th</sup> - 12th grade, have a South Carolina DNR Hunter Education Certificate, have a strong working knowledge of shotgun safety and usage, and be able to handle 100 round tournaments.



# Family FunDay

@ TSA

**Saturday, May 14**

**5:00 pm**

**(GB 6 pm)**

**TSA Football Field**

**\$20 a Family**

**\$5 for single student alone (1 food ticket & cornhole)**

Cornhole Tournament, (2) Golf Balls added to the Drop, (4) Food Tickets, & Family Fun for all.

Sign up for Cornhole Tournament when arrive start 5:30 pm

**Bring your chairs** and enjoy an afternoon of fun with the family.





# PAGAMENT



**TSA PAGANT 2022 WAS A SMASHING  
SUCCESS! CONGRATS TO ALL OUR  
CONTESTANTS!**





# Art Show



*Mrs. Bell and her High School Art Students hosted their annual Art Show on Monday. This incredibly-talented group of young people have worked tirelessly and created some true masterpieces. Great work everyone!*





# Kayaking Trip



**Last Friday, Mrs. Matos' 7<sup>th</sup> grade Pre-Biology class went kayaking for a day of fun and great weather! Thanks for Mrs. Matos' for putting-onm a great fied trip!**





# ***TSA Dance Recital***



***TSA hosted its annual Dance Recital on Thursday at Patriot Hall in Sumter! A HUGE thank you to all our dancers and everyone at Freed's School of Dance for their hard work this year! An awesome show for sure!***



You Are Cordially Invited  
To Celebrate the Grand Opening of

*The Palmetto College iCarolina Lab  
at USC Sumter*

Anderson Library | 200 Miller Road  
Sumter, South Carolina 29150

Tuesday, May 10th  
Time: 4-6PM

Ceremony with Reception to Follow

Contact Kelsie Decker at (803) 938-3808 or [kd70@mailbox.sc.edu](mailto:kd70@mailbox.sc.edu) with inquiries.

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# Cinco de Mayo



**The members  
of the Spanish  
Club 2021-22  
also  
celebrated  
the ending of  
the year in  
Spanish Club  
and "Cinco De  
Mayo" on  
Thursday in  
the gym.  
What an  
awesome  
time!**





## **USC Sumter Poetry Contest**

The following students from Thomas Sumter were selected as finalists in the USC Poetry Contest. Each of these students read their original poems in front of a standing-room only audience last Saturday.

### **HS**

**Allison Culick**

**Kelsey Martin**

**Vera Fitzke**

### **MS**

**6<sup>th</sup> - Eva Halloran, Alaina Anderson**

**7<sup>th</sup> - Madi Nichols**

**8<sup>th</sup> - Meg Reber, Kenji Stanton**

Out of 108 poems received, only 20 were selected as finalists, and 8 of those were from our very own TSA students!

Out of ten middle school students, 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place winners were selected, all three from TSA!

**First Place : Alaina Anderson**

**Second Place: Madi Nichols**

**Third Place: Kenji Stanton**

**Congratulations to Mrs. Kiernan and all our poets!!**

**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, Central Carolina 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, Central Carolina Technical 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

# Senior College Acceptances... cont'd

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

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

**Jamie Huntley:** Central Carolina Technical College

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

**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, Central Carolina Technical College

**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 Honors College, Wofford College, Clemson University, College of Charleston

**Dev Patel:** College of Charleston, USC Columbia

**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, Central Carolina Technical College

**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:

"Winning is not a sometime thing; it's an all the time thing."

-Vince Lombardi.



## Big Shout Out:

To Coach Goza, her coaching staff and our Generals Sporting Clays Team on an outstanding performance last week in the State Championships. Congratulations on a fantastic season!