



ORANGEBURG PREPARATORY SCHOOLS, INC.

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Summer 2021



Class of 2021

We congratulate our 49 seniors on their accomplishments.

Fifteen students are being recognized by the South Carolina Independent School Association as SCISA Honor Graduates for having scored at least 1100 on the SAT or 24 on the ACT while obtaining a 3.5 grade point average for each of seven semesters. **Thirty-one** students are graduating with high honors which mean they have a cumulative grade point average of 4.0 or higher. Furthermore, Orangeburg Prep has **three** students receiving the Palmetto Fellows Award. To receive the Palmetto a student must score at least 1200 on the SAT or 27 on the ACT, earn a cumulative 3.5 GPA, and rank in the top six percent of their class. A student who is not in the top six percent of his/her class may earn the Palmetto by scoring either 1400 on the SAT or 32 on the ACT and earn a cumulative 4.0 GPA. Commencement was held on May 21, 2021, in McAlister Gymnasium.

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The Valedictorian of the Class of 2021 is Sam Brenn. Sam is the son of the late Ms. Laurie Brenn and Mr. James Brenn. He is a Palmetto Fellows Scholar, member of the National Honor Society, Varsity Bowling Team, High School Math Team, Chess Team, and Quiz Bowl Team. He was selected to the College Board National Recognition Program. As a junior, he served as a Graduation Marshal. He was recognized for academic achievement by several South Carolina institutions including Furman Scholar, Wofford Scholar, Presbyterian College Fellows Award, Lander University Junior Fellows, Converse College Scholar, Coker College Scholar, and USC Upstate Scholar. Sam will attend the Clemson University Honors College in the fall and major in Engineering.



Sam Brenn, Valedictorian



Brady Crider, Salutatorian

The Salutatorian for the Class of 2021 is

Brady Ashton Crider.

Brady is the son of Ms. Stephanie Crider and Mr. Corey Crider. He is a Palmetto Fellows Scholar, member of the National Honor Society, High School Math Team, Chess Team, and Quiz Bowl Team. He was selected to the College Board National Recognition Program. As a junior, he served as a Graduation Marshal. He was recognized for academic achievement by several South Carolina institutions including Furman Scholar, Wofford Scholar, Presbyterian College Fellows Award, Lander University Junior Fellows, Converse College Scholar, Coker College Scholar, and USC Upstate Scholar. Brady will attend the University of South Carolina and major in Biological Sciences.



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Anderson University	Taylor Fogle, Madison Weeks
Clemson Bridge Program	Abby Thackston
Clemson Honors College	Sam Brenn
Clemson University	Tanner Garrick, Joanna Hinds, Gabrielle McCoskey, Matthew Murdaugh, Evelyn Myers, Landon Toole, Cate Williams
Coastal Carolina University	Emily Kruger
Coastal Carolina University Bridge Program	Dylan Wilson
College of Charleston	Skyler Jeffcoat, Reagan Merritt
Midlands Technical College	Bhagvat Patel, Logan Anderson
North Greenville University	A.J. Tolbert
Orangeburg-Calhoun Technical College	Copeland Furtick, Stokes Kirby, Parker McDougal, Ashlyn Smith, Colby Thomas
Presbyterian College	Sidney Adicks
Texas State University	Chase Williams
The Citadel	Ben Journey
The University of South Carolina	Brison Ardis, Noland Boney, Brady Crider, Zack Felkel, Elliott Fogle, Kenneth Fogle, Hammond Gladd, Jace Hiers, Peyton Inabinet, Charlotte Laird, J.T. Robertson, Garret Shelton, Noah Thoma
The University of South Carolina Beaufort	Cailey Crosby
The University of South Carolina Sumter	Matthew Zeigler
The University of South Carolina Pathway Program	Nick Shafer
Tri County Technical College	Olivia Strickland, Dakota Tyson
Trident Technical College	Alissa Myers
Undecided	Caden Bramblett, Skylar Roe, Graham Smith
Universal Technical Institute	Jackson Hutto



2021 Senior Class Trip

The Class of 2021 enjoyed their senior class trip the week of March 8th -12th. Points visited were Colonial Williamsburg, Jamestown, Mount Vernon, and the Holocaust Museum in Richmond, Virginia. They saw lots of monuments in D.C on our walking tours. Although the Capital was still closed, the highlight of the tour was when we saw Senator Scott on the sidewalk and he took time to come talk to the Seniors.

The seniors thought it was going to be extremely cold as multiple reports were calling for potential snow, but it turned out to be rather nice for the entire trip. It was a great trip and a most memorable one for the Class of 2021. A special thank you to the chaperones: Mrs. Barbara Askins, Mrs. Michelle Waters, Mrs. Nancy Chandler, and Mr. Scott Chandler.



Tim Scott
@SenatorTimScott

It's been a while since I've met with a school group here in DC but I just so happened to run into this senior class trip from Orangeburg today on my way to vote. My day was made seeing these South Carolinians in our nation's capital — Y'all stay safe!



In the past, College Awareness Day has been an amazing opportunity for our students to hear from College Admissions Counselors and to learn about the exciting things that are going on at each institution. Our students are able to get a glimpse of what each school can offer as well as requirements to be accepted. Like most everything in our world today, College Awareness Day looked a little different at OPS. Because we understood that it would not be safe for multiple classes and admissions counselors to be in the gymnasium together, a College Awareness page was created on Google Classroom for grades 8-11 in an effort to continue reaching our college-bound students. Students could continue to learn about entrance requirements, majors, tuitions, special scholarships, athletics, and anything else that would promote different institutions or give guidance to students who may wish to attend. With admission processes changing within the last year as well as the plans for future admission processes being up in the air, it is essential to keep students informed. It is so important that students hear it from the admissions counselors and how it uniquely affects each institution. Each day a different institution was featured on the College Awareness Google Classroom page including Furman University, The University of South Carolina, Clemson University, Coastal Carolina University, Wofford College, College of Charleston, Presbyterian College, Converse College, The University of South Carolina Beaufort, Winthrop University, Orangeburg-Calhoun Technical College, and Spartanburg Methodist College.

Early College Awareness

COLLEGE
It's not a dream, it's a plan!
★★★★★



Brison Ardis Accepted Into UofSC Gamecock Pharmacy Assurance Program

Brison Ardis (pictured left), Class of 2021, has been accepted into the Gamecock Pharmacy Assurance program at the University of South Carolina College of Pharmacy. The GPA program is an early assurance program that rewards graduating high school students who have achieved academic distinction by issuing a provisional early acceptance into the College of Pharmacy's Doctor of Pharmacy (Pharm D program). GPA program students will complete a rigorous curriculum of pharmacy prerequisites and a variety of required activities that focus around pharmacy career exploration, leadership development, and professionalism. OPS is proud of you, Brison!



2021 Graduation Marshals left to right:

Front row: Cate Fogle, Ryn Grubbs, Elizabeth Williams, and Nidhi Patel.

Second row: Sarah Tant, Blakely Valentine, Paige Bordenkecher, Lara Pugh, and Kelcey Lake
Back row: Conner Brandon, and Cade Wiles.

Not pictured is Isabelle Wassell. NHS adviser is Mrs. Lynn Garrick.

To be considered, the student must have attended Orangeburg Prep in the 9th, 10th, and 11th grades. Eligibility is determined on the basis of a cumulative grade point average of 4.0 and is ranked in the top 12 of their class.

TOMMY WANNAMAKER AWARD: This award is the highest award any student can attain at Orangeburg Preparatory Schools, Inc. The award is given in memory of Thomas Elliot Wannamaker, Jr. who was born November 3, 1933, the son of the late Dr. and Mrs. Thomas Elliot Wannamaker and the brother of the late Lyall Wannamaker Plumb, the late Robert Boyd Wannamaker, and Dr. Braxton Bryant Wannamaker. Tommy died at the age of 31 in November of 1964. Mr. Wannamaker's profound interest and personal assistance during the early days of Wade Hampton Academy, one of our parent schools, is commemorated by the annual presentation of the award to a member of the senior class. This award is based on scholarship, service, leadership, character, and citizenship. Part of the criteria for the Tommy Wannamaker Award is one's contribution to the school.

*Each year a plaque symbolizing this award is presented at graduation to a student in the senior class nominated by the faculty. This year's recipient is **Noland Boney**.*

Noland Boney is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Boney. Noland is a member of the National Honor Society and currently serves as Student Body President. He was the recipient of the Hugh O'Brian Leadership award as a Sophomore and a Palmetto Boys delegate as a Junior. He represented the Class of 2021 as their President his freshman, sophomore, and junior years. Noland has played football and run track since ninth grade.



**FIELD TRIP TO ATLANTA
APRIL 24-25**

Students in the eighth grade and ninth graders (who were unable to go on this trip last year due to Covid guidelines) are pictured above.

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Congratulations to our 2021 May Queen Court!

Pictured left to right are: Lily-Katherine Felkel, Junior May Queen; Abigail Thackston, May Queen; Joanna Hinds, Maid of Honor



Our senior boys provided the entertainment for our May Court. A special thanks to Mrs. Robin Smith for teaching this group their dance and for organizing the May Day event.

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2021 May Day Court



Fifth Grade Maypole Performers



Ring Bearer and Flower Girl



A special thanks to Mrs. Rebekkah Brailsford for teaching the Maypole Dance!



These beautiful photos were taken by Keagan Riser James.

Class of 2017



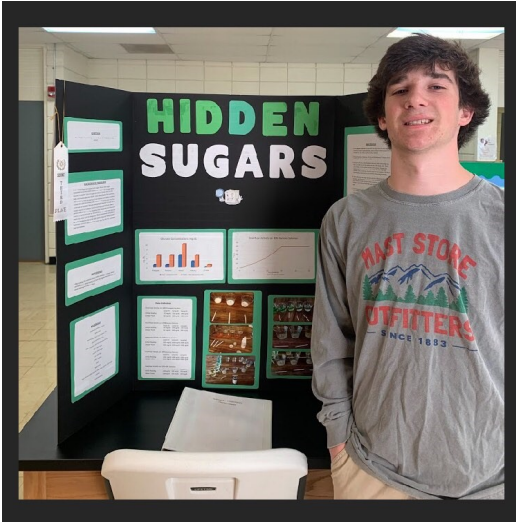
Emily Irick, Class of 2018
Singing "Rockin Robin"

Master of Ceremony: Jack Bryant
Usher: Thomas Gladd
Programs and Door Greeters: Emory Myers, Jacob Smith, and James Smith

A special thank you to: Barbara Askins, Celeste Bryant, Sellars Bryant, Evergreens, Scott Chandler, Sandy Reed, Robin Smith, and Tori Smith

Thanks to Hammond Gladd for operating our sound system.

Link to gallery:
<https://keaganriserphotography.pixieset.com/orangeburgprepmayday2021/>



Take a look at our list of **SCIENCE FAIR** winners!

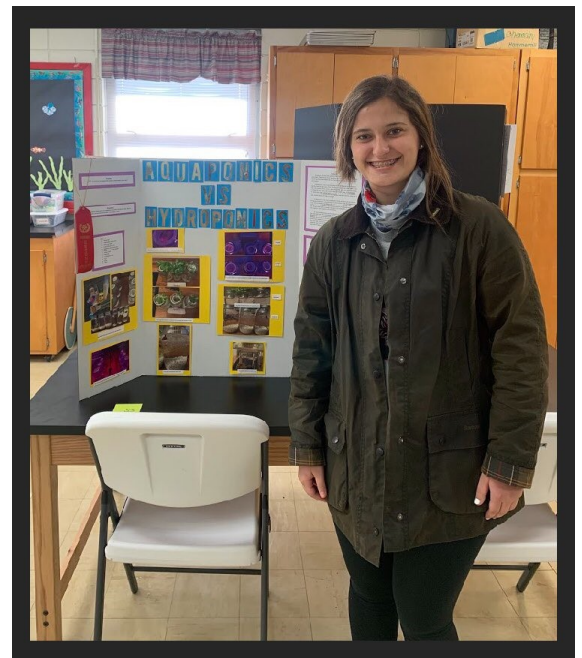
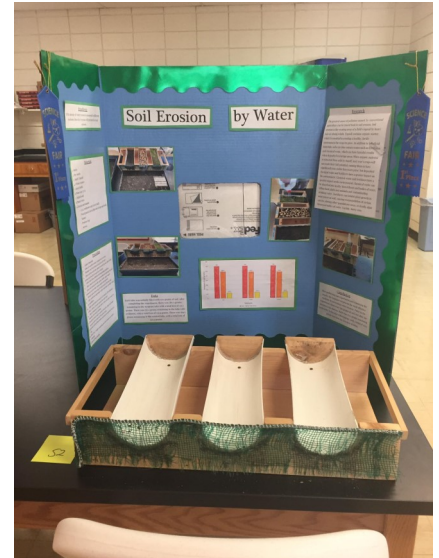
Congratulations to all of the OPS Science Fair participants and winners!

The middle school division winners are:

- 1st place- Calee Hartzog
- 2nd place- Paige Bonnette and Lauren Tant
- 3rd place- Zoe Wingard

The high school division winners are:

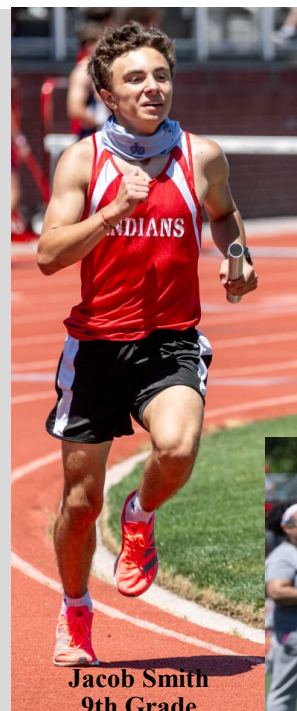
- 1st place- Tanner Garrick, Evelyn Myers, and Brison Ardis
- 2nd place- Rebecca Ann Fairey
- 3rd place- Thomas Gladd



State Champs!!!



OPS Girls Track



Jacob Smith
9th Grade

SCISA AA Region I
Boys placed second
Girls placed first

STATE MEET
Boys placed third
Girls placed first



Christian Rutland
11th Grade



Matthew Zeigler

Inks With USC Sumter

Matthew Zeigler, a senior golfer at Orangeburg Prep, signed a national letter of intent on Thursday to attend and play golf for USC Sumter. Those attending Zeigler's signing included, seated from left, Mike Zeigler (father), Matthew Zeigler, Mary Jo Zeigler (mother), standing from left, Britton Taylor (brother-in-law), Morgan Zeigler Taylor (sister), and Al Hay (OPS golf coach).

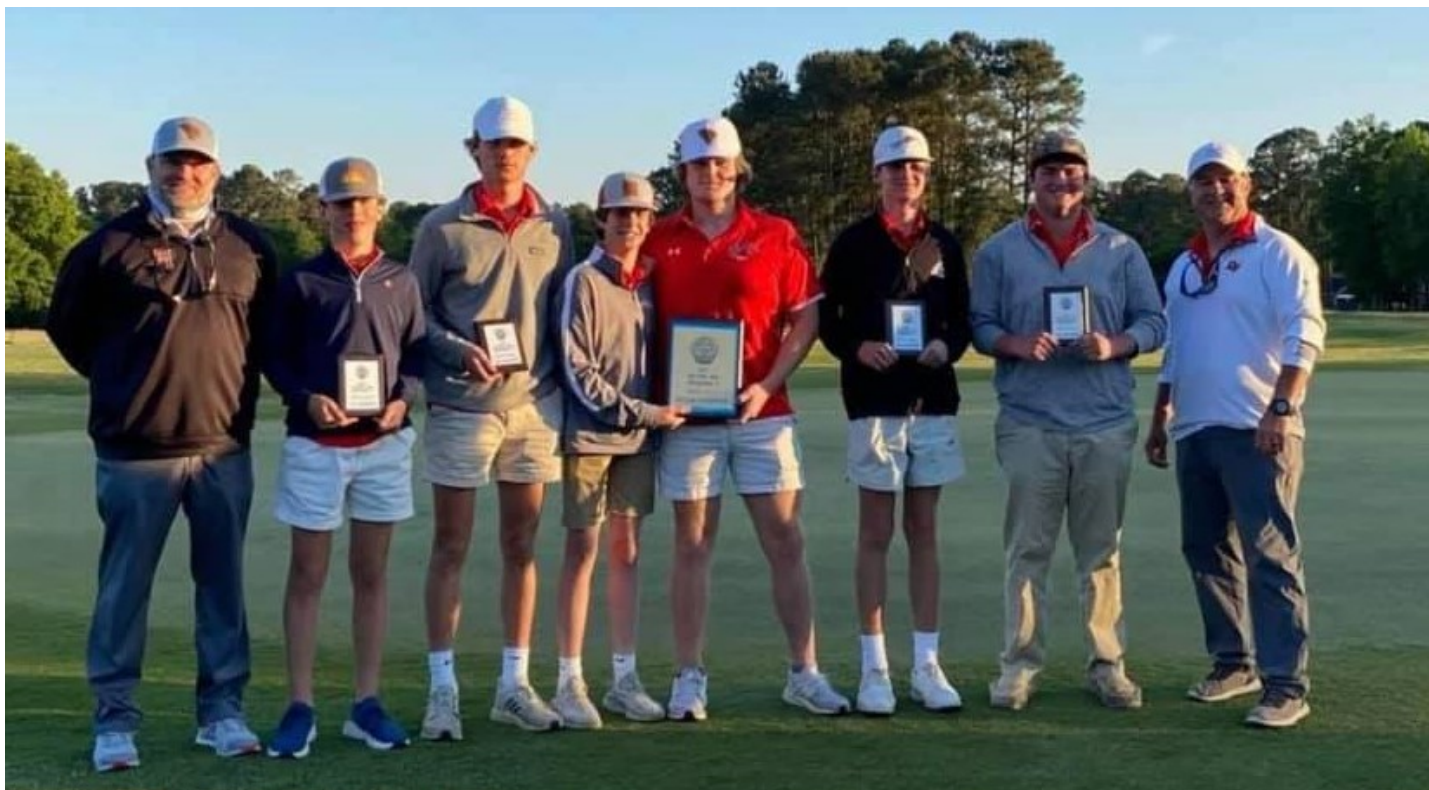


OP BASS ANGLERS getting it done on Lake Marion in the season finale. **Congratulations** to Joshua Rider on winning the events BIG FISH AWARD. Way to go team! Tony Gray is the sponsor of the OPS Bass Anglers.



SCISA STATE TRAP CHAMPIONS

Pictured left to right: Justin Gleaton, Matthew Zeigler, Zack Felkel, Jace Hiers, and Ayden Westbury.



Region Champs!

Congratulations to our OPS golf players who have been named the Region 1AA Champions and also had a strong third finish at the State Tournament! The team finished with a 30-6 overall record. Pictured above left to right are Coach Al Hay, Walt Mims, Andrew Hunter, Jody Gillam, Kenneth Fogle, Harris Holstein, Matthew Zeigler, and Coach Mike Zeigler.



Varsity softball athlete Lauren Ballew and junior varsity softball athlete Layla Garrick have both hit their first out of the park home runs with the Lady Indians this season. Congratulations Lauren and Layla!

2A SCISA All Stars

Baseball: Copeland Furtick, Peyton Inabinet, Colby Thomas, A.J. Tolbert, and John Mack



Softball: Payton Schurlknight, Katherine Lambrecht, Ryn Grubbs

The All Star games were hosted by OPS and were played on Saturday, May 15th.



Lauren Ballew



Layla Garrick

Sports Physicals
Pediatric Clinic (pictured right) & OPS Athletic Director held two consecutive sports physical days. Seventy student athletes were



cleared to participate in sports for 2021-2022 athletic year.

70 physicals in two days.

Thanks to Denise Fleming and Coach Jan Stoudenmire, Athletic Director.

Four-Year Senior Athletic Awards



The above senior student athletes received their four-year award in the sport they participated in since their freshman year (consecutive years.) Pictured left to right are:

Front row: Copeland Furtick, Ben Journey, Ashlyn Smith, Charlotte Laird, Kenneth Fogle, Nick Shafer, and Noland Boney.

Second row: Matthew Zeigler, Joanna Hinds, Sidney Adicks, Cate Williams, Peyton Inabinet, and Brison Ardis.

Third row: Evelyn Myers, Madison Weeks, Hammond Gladd, Zack Felkel, Stokes Kirby, and Colby Thomas.

Fourth row: Elliott Fogle, Olivia Strickland, Abby Thackston, Tanner Garrick, Landon Toole, and A.J. Tolbert.

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Dorsey Craft Olbrich Earns Ph.D

Dorsey Craft Olbrich, Class of 2009, graduated from Florida State University with a Ph.D in Creative Writing (Poetry) and a minor in Feminist Criticism. Her dissertation, *Plunder* (Bauhan 2020), was selected by the poet Deb Gorlin as the winner 2019 May Sarton New Hampshire Poetry Prize from a pool of over 300 manuscripts. Dorsey's poems have appeared in such journals as *Alaska Quarterly Review*, *Colorado Review*, *Gulf Coast*, *Massachusetts Review*, *Poetry Daily*, *Southern Indiana Review* and elsewhere. She formerly served as Poetry Editor of *Southeast Review* and currently serves as an Assistant Poetry Editor for *AGNI* magazine. She continues to teach composition at FSU and lives with her husband, Kyle, in Jacksonville, FL. They are expecting their first child this summer.

Jolles Making Big Move

Ward Jolles (Class of 2017,) Digital Content Producer at WACH Fox in Columbia, SC, is excited to announce that he will be making the big move to Madison, WI at the beginning of June to work as a Reporter/MMJ at WKOW 27 News.



Murphy Recipient of Scholarship

NAIOP, the Commercial Real Estate Development Association, has selected Jasmine Murphy as a recipient of its annual Diversity Student Scholarship. Jasmine Murphy, Assoc. AIA, is a graduate student in the Master of Real Estate Development program at Clemson University and a NAIOP Member at Large. Jasmine earned a Bachelor of Fine Arts in Architecture from Savannah College of Art and Design (SCAD) and is a 2015 graduate of Orangeburg Preparatory School (Salutatorian). She will join Orange Capital Advisors during the summer of 2021 as a development intern. Jasmine is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Murphy of Orangeburg, SC.

CHARLESTON
SCHOOL OF LAW

Hinds Earns Law Degree With Honors

Mark Hinds, Class of 2014, graduated with honors from Charleston School of Law, Saturday, May 15, 2021. Mark was also awarded the Author G. Howe Trial Advocacy Award. He was a member of Law Review. Mark is the son of Erik and Jill Hinds.



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Mr. & Mrs. Hobie Dennis

Hobie Dennis, Class of 2013
Ali Stephens, Class of 2014
Married April 10, 2021

The Dennis' reside in Orangeburg.



Mr. & Mrs. Dylan Fowler Duke

Victoria Williams, Class of 2016
Married April 10, 2021
Victoria teaches at
Shaw Heights Elementary.
The couple resides in Sumter.



Vicki Lynn Oberholtzer Class of 2011

Engaged to Jacob Broderick Bartoo

2015 graduate of Clemson University with a B.A. in Elementary Education and a 2020 graduate of the University of GA with a Masters in Reading Education. She is currently employed as a 3rd grade teacher at Gaines Elementary School in Athens. The wedding is planned for May 27, 2021.



Hudson Morris Nettles

Son of
Kandice Collins Nettles
(Class of 2010)
and Patrick Nettles
May 5th, 2021, at 7:41 AM
7 lbs 11 ounces
19 1/4 inches
Welcomed home by
big brother Hayes,
three years old.



Ryan Arthur Swaim II ("Ras")

son of Mandy Mims Swaim
(Class of 2005)
and Ryan Swaim
March 22, 2021, @ 2:58 PM
10 lbs. 4 ounces / Atrium Health
Welcomed home by
big brother Ryker Lee Swaim
(almost three years old.)



Madison Katelyn Milhouse

daughter of Mr. and Mrs.
Chad Milhouse (Class of 2003)

April, 12 2021
6 lbs 10oz and 20 inches

The Milhouses live in
Matthews, North Carolina.



Clifford Porter Hewitt

Son of Jason &
Anna Sanders Hewitt
(Class of 2002).

March 9, 2021
8 lbs 2 oz.

He was welcomed home by big
brother Waylon. The Hewitts
reside in Orangeburg.



Eliza Addison Porter

Daughter of Ainsley and Webb Porter (Class of 2004)
March 16th, 2021 / 11:53 a.m.
Lexington Medical Center
6 lbs. 13 ounces
19 and 3/4 inches long.
Welcomed home by big brother Bennett who is three years old.

Brynlee James Rutland

Daughter of Josh (Class of 2009) & Kayla Stephens Rutland (Class of 2009)
7 pounds 9 ounces
20.5 inches
Lexington Medical Center
She was welcomed home by big sister Braelynn Victoria Rutland (age 3)
The Rutlands reside in North, S.C.



Upper Campus Awards Day was held on May 3, 2021, in the gym. For a complete listing of awards recipients, please copy/paste the link below in your browser.

http://orangeburgprep.com/Academics/academic_awards.html



2021-2022 Officers

President
Vice President
Secretary
Treasurer

Emma Fogle
Cate Fogle
Ryn Grubbs
Chayse Altman



**Weather Alert Day
Virtual School
March 18, 2021**



begin June 2nd.

Hours are 8:30-1:00 Tuesday through Thursday.

The office will be closed May 27th through June 1st and the week of July 5th.



President; T Riley
Vice president: Chris Glover
Secretary: Virginia Ann Smith
Treasurer: Cammy Adicks



Open House

August 17, 2021

Important School Opening Information

Thursday, August 19
Wednesday, August 25
Thursday, September 2
Friday, September 3

School Opens (4K-12th) 11:30 Dismissal
Pictures for Grades 6th through 11th
Pictures for Grades 1st through 5th
Pictures for 4K, 5K,
Child Development Center

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Leigha Maier
8th Grade
2020 Teen
Princess of Roses
Orangeburg, SC



Leigha Maier
8th Grade
2021 Teen
Miss Grits
St. George, SC

Prom 2021

On March 26, OPS hosted the prom at Sulit Luxe Affairs in Orangeburg. The theme was Masquerade, quite fitting as students had to maneuver through this year's many "new normal." Special thanks to our DJ and our sophomore waiter/waitress staff for providing an entertaining dance performance. Pictured right are Copeland Furtick and Abigail Thackston who were crowned Prom King and Queen. A very special thanks to our sponsors, Mr. Pollock and Mr. Chandler!



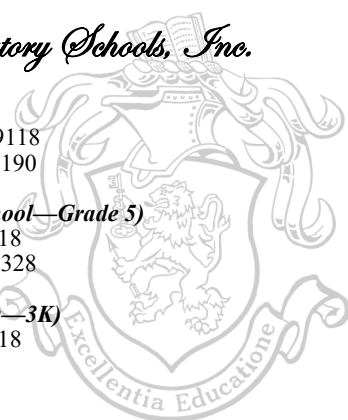
Good Luck, Class of 2021!

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Child Development Center (Six weeks—3K)
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Mrs. LaDan Brown, Head of School
Mrs. Leslie Whitlock, Lower Campus Administrator
Coach Jan Stoudenmire, Athletic Director
Mrs. Taylor Riley, Guidance Counselor
Mrs. June Kemp, Child Development Center Director
Mrs. Sandy Reed, Tribal Talk Editor

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