



ORANGEBURG PREPARATORY SCHOOLS, INC.

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Summer 2024



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COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES

MAY 17, 2024

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Eleven 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 or higher for each of seven semesters. Fifteen students are graduating with high honors which means they have a cumulative grade point average of 4.0 or higher.

Furthermore, Orangeburg Prep has one student receiving the Palmetto Fellows Award. To receive the Palmetto Fellows Award, a student must score at least 1200 on the SAT or 25 on the ACT, earn a cumulative 3.5 GPA or higher, 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 Fellows Award by scoring either 1400 on the SAT or 31 on the ACT and earn a cumulative 4.0 GPA or higher.

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**Katherine Lillian Lambrecht
Valedictorian, Class of 2024**

The Valedictorian for the Class of 2024 is Katherine Lillian Lambrecht. Katherine is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Sam Lambrecht. She is a Palmetto Fellows Scholar, member of the National Honor Society where she serves as Vice-President. She was a Graduation Marshal



in the 2023 Orangeburg Preparatory School's Graduation Ceremony and a delegate for Palmetto Girls State. Katherine received the Hugh O'Brian Leadership Award and the Tommy Wannamaker Scholarship. She has been recognized academically by several colleges and universities including The University of South Carolina Upstate Junior Scholar, Presbyterian College Fellows Award, and Converse Scholar. Katherine will attend Clemson University in the fall majoring in nursing.

**Payton Lain Schurlknight
Salutatorian, Class of 2024**



The Salutatorian for the Class of 2024 is Payton Lain Schurlknight. Payton is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dain Schurlknight. She is a member of the National Honor Society where she

served as Treasurer. Payton was a Graduation Marshal in Orangeburg Preparatory School's 2023 Graduation Ceremony. She was the recipient of the DeDe Bullard Wallace Scholarship. She has also been recognized academically by several colleges and universities including the University of South Carolina Upstate Junior Scholar, Presbyterian College Fellows Award, and Converse Scholar. Payton will attend Lander University in the fall majoring in exercise science.



Class of 2024

The Road Ahead



First

Last

Institution Attending

Timothy	Alexis	Newberry College
Kylee	Bonnett	Clemson University
Sellars	Bryant	University of South Carolina
Anna Katherine	Evatt	Converse University
Caden	Garrick	Orangeburg Calhoun Technical College
JuliAnn	Griffith	University of South Carolina
Austin	Hall	Orangeburg Calhoun Technical College
Harris	Holstein	Winthrop University
Thomas	Kemp	The Citadel
Katherine	Lambrecht	Clemson University
Jahmari	Locke	South Carolina State University
CarriAnn	Martin	Midlands Technical College
Daytron	Moorer	The Citadel
Latron	Moorer	Newberry College
Emory	Myers	Clemson University Bridge Program
Brij	Patel	The University of South Carolina
Kush	Patel	The Citadel
Jay	Plummer	Orangeburg Calhoun Technical College
Payton	Schurlknight	Lander University
Jacob	Smith	Presbyterian College
John Colston	Strickland	The University of South Carolina
Colston	Thomas	Wofford College
Davis	Turner	Clemson University
Bradin	Williams	Clemson University
Ethan	Williams	Georgia Southern University
Kai	Yang	Orangeburg Calhoun Technical College



Among colleges and universities that our graduates have been accepted to: Charleston Southern University, Clemson University, Clemson University Bridge Program, College of Charleston, Columbia International University, Converse University, Ferrum University, Furman University, Georgia Southern University, Lander University, Midlands Technical College, Newberry College, Orangeburg Calhoun Technical College, Presbyterian College, South Carolina State University, The Citadel, University of South Carolina, University of South Carolina Beaufort, University of South Carolina Upstate, Virginia State University, Winthrop University, Wofford University of Miami, University of Mississippi, Valdosta State University, Voorhees College, and Wofford College.



On April 12, 2024, OPS held their junior/senior prom at the Orangeburg Fine Arts Center. The theme for the night was Met Gala. The space was decorated with navy and gold as well as a balloon wall for photo ops. The

flowers were donated by Corbett's Flowers. Special thank you to all those who helped and went above and beyond to make this year's prom a special night and success. Crowned Prom Queen was Kylee Bonnett with Prom King Thomas Kemp (pictured right).



Class of 2024 Senior Class Picnic

The Class of 2024 celebrated the end of their senior year with a picnic on Sunday, April 28th, at the McMillan River House. They enjoyed good company and a great southern fried chicken meal with all the trimmings. Congratulations, seniors!





Seniors Visit Riverbanks Zoo

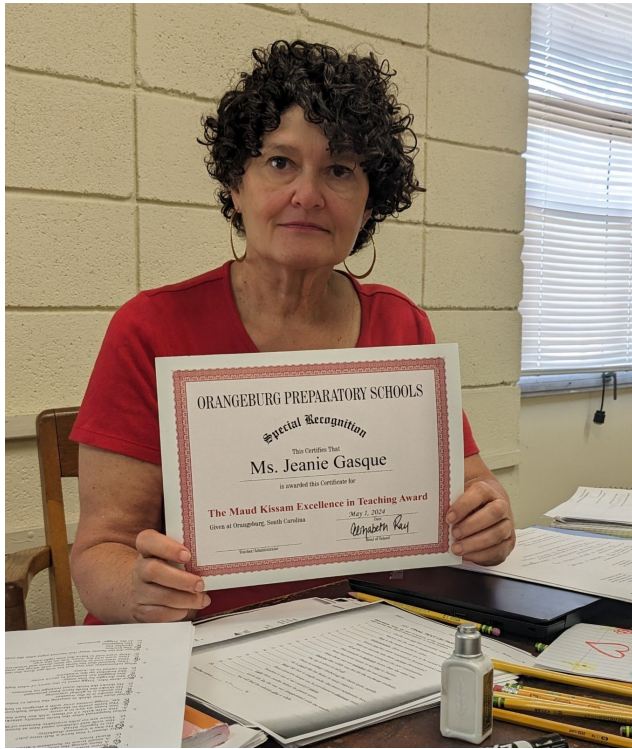
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MARSHALS
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To be considered, the student must have attended Orangeburg Prep in the 9th, 10th, and 11th grades. Eligibility is determined on the basis of a cumulative grade point average of 4.0 and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

Pictured in the left photo left to right are:
Front row: Adi St. John, Aniyah Greene, Lily-Katherine Felkel, Emma Doremus, Abby Seaton, and Payton Bordenkecher.
Second row: John Inabinet, Jane Walker Yonce, Morgan Sharpe, Izzy Exum, Elizabeth Allen Brailsford, and Jack McConnell.



Excellence in Teaching

The Maud Kissam Excellence in Teaching Award

Orangeburg Preparatory Schools is proud to announce the establishment of the Maud Kissam Excellence in Teaching Award, named in

honor of the esteemed retired teacher, Maud Kissam. This award is funded by the Kissam family in honor of Maud Kissam and seeks to recognize and celebrate educators who embody the exceptional qualities that define Mrs. Kissam's distinguished career.

Mrs. Kissam was renowned for her unwavering commitment to excellence in education. She set high expectations and standards for both herself and her students, inspiring them to reach their fullest potential. Her leadership within the school community was exemplary, demonstrating professionalism, self-discipline, and respect for all.

The Maud Kissam Excellence in Teaching Award aims to honor teachers who exhibit these outstanding qualities, enriching the lives of their students and inspiring a love for learning. The teacher will receive money to use for continuing education, training, or classroom needs.

The first recipient of this prestigious award is a deserving educator who embodies the spirit of Mrs. Kissam's legacy. The 2024-2025 recipient is Ms. Jeanie Gasque (pictured left).

Ride Your Bike to School Day



May 15 was National Ride Your Bike to School Day, and this year the middle school revived this old tradition. Six students plus Mrs. Cope and Mrs. Rutland met at the Dollar General on the North Road and were escorted by Officer Jamie Kennerly and Officer Kyle Hardison on the nearly two mile ride to school. It was so much fun we plan to ride again next year! A huge thanks to Ms. Gasque for organizing this event.

2024 May Day Court

6th grade:

Hannah Jo Bair, escorted by Gus Burroughs
Charley McCoy Kinard, escorted by Jay Nexsen
Kennedy Lawton, escorted by Ayden Butler

7th grade

Carolynn Denym Dickson, escorted by Max Cruz
Blakely Addison Garrick, escorted by Todd Edward McElhone
Maci Blake Smith, escorted by Cam Jolly

8th grade

Natalie Yon Hall, escorted by Dakota Logan Boan
Ziva Keyter, escorted by Mac Strickland
Naomi Elizabeth McCutchen, escorted by Charles Williams
Genevieve Ann Riley, escorted by Lewis Council Burroughs

9th grade

Breland Hay, escorted by Conner Temples
Elisabeth Nexsen, escorted by Blake Inabinet

10th grade

Kate Frances Holstein, escorted by Tilden Frederick Riley V
Hannah Margaret Lambrecht, escorted by James Crider Williams
Morgan Leigh Newsome, escorted by Avery Ravenell

11th grade

Emma Grace Doremus, escorted by Trace Carlisle Sanders III
Annabelle Holliday Hunter, escorted by Tate Andrew Jameson
Grayson Abbigail Garrick, escorted by Charles Joseph McCutchen

12th grade

JuliAnn Griffith, escorted by Jacob Rodney Smith
Katherine Lillian Lambrecht, escorted by James Powell Plummer IV
Rebekah CarrieAnn Martin, escorted by Bragg Martin Williams III
Payton Lain Schurlknight, escorted by James Harris Holstein



2024 May Queens

(Pictured left to right)
Junior May Queen: Gee Gee Riley
May Queen: Payton Schurlknight
Maid of Honor: Katherine Lambrecht

Our 2024 May Day Court



May Day Photos
Compliments Keri Smith Photography



Robin Smith & Senior Boys



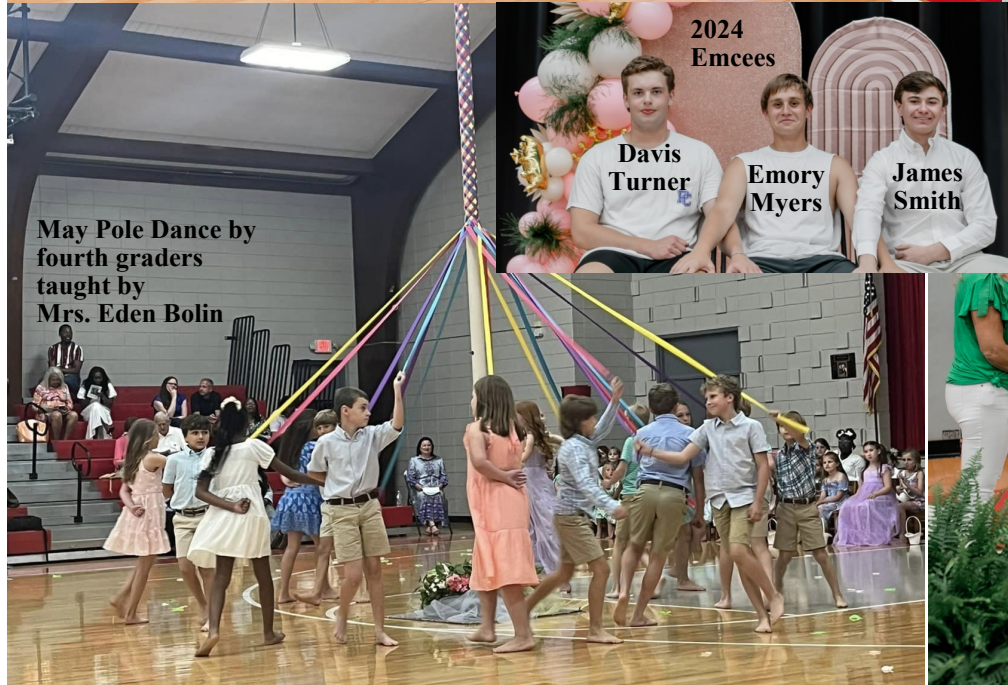
SPECIAL SOLOS

Pictured top right is Emerysen Knight.

Pictured right is Luke Clariday.



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May Pole Dance by fourth graders taught by Mrs. Eden Bolin

2024 Emcees

Davis Turner

Emory Myers

James Smith

Flower girls led by Braelynn Rutland.

2024
2025
Student
Council
Officers

SENIOR STUDENT COUNCIL	
President	Charlie McCutchen
Vice President	Jane Walker Yonce
Treasurer	Lily Katherine Felkel
Secretary	Trace Sanders
JUNIOR STUDENT COUNCIL	
President	Collin Haig
Vice President	Denym Dickson
Treasurer	Blakely Garrick
Secretary	Emersyn Knight

Hours are 8:30-1:00
Monday through Thursday
The office will be closed the
week of July 1st.



Back to School
Open House
August 13, 2024/6-7:00 p.m.

Important School Opening Information

Thursday, August 15
Wednesday, August 21
Tuesday, August 27
Wednesday, August 28

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

Orangeburg County Community of Character



Naomi McCutchen



Anna Katherine Evatt



Coach Jan



Coach Shelley

The character trait for the month of April was compassion. The Junior Student Council voted on a student and teacher who exemplify this trait. Naomi McCutchen and Coach Jan were nominated.

The character trait for the month of May was inspiring. The Senior Student Council voted on a student and teacher who most exemplify this trait. Anna Katherine Evatt and Coach Shelley have been nominated.

Guy Watkins Best Appointed to American Student Dental Association

Class of 2019 Guy Watkins Best, Jr., was appointed to the ASDA (American Student Dental Association). On April 3, 2024, he and his legislative committee traveled to Montgomery, Alabama. They presented a Proclamation to Governor Kay Ivey.

This committee met with legislators and discussed important issues regarding dental workforce retention in the state in order to improve access to care for patient population. On April 6th, 2024, students from the UABSOD (University of Alabama Birmingham School of Dentistry)ASDA traveled to Washington, D.C. to attend ADA's (American Dental Association) most important day of the year, "Student Lobby Day." Along with winning the award for "Best School Spirit," they also lobbied for the "Action for Dental Health Act 2023, The REDI Act and the Dental Loan Repayment Assistance Act, and The DOC (Dental and Optometric Care) Access Act. These bills are aimed at addressing workforce shortages, student debt issues, and insurance accountability.



**TRADITION
NEVER
GRADUATES**

Are you an alumni who has recently graduated from college, received a job promotion, or would like to share an engagement, wedding, or birth? Please let us know by emailing sreed@orangeburgprep.com.



Boys & Girls State Champs



Four-Year Letter Award Winners

Pictured above left to right are first row: John Colston Strickland, Jay Plummer, Austin Hall, Harris Holstein, and Jacob Smith. Second row: Payton Schurlknight, Katherine Lambrecht, JuliAnn Griffith, and Anna Katherine Evatt.

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ALL-REGION

Track All Region

Boys:

Colston Thomas
Jacob Smith
Latron Moorer
Bradin Williams
J'Syri Parker
James Williams
Avery Ravenell
REGION INDIVIDUAL HIGH
POINTS AWARD: Latron Moorer

Girls:

Anna Katherine Evatt
Emma Doremus
Annabelle Hunter
Anna Bledsoe
Abby Seaton
Kate Holstein
Mary Legare Delaney
Emmaline Dangerfield
Morgan Gue
Naomi McCutchen
Blakely Garrick
Delilah Howe
REGION INDIVIDUAL HIGH
POINTS AWARD: Mary Legare
Delaney

ALL-STATE

Track All State

Boys:

Colston Thomas
Latron Moorer
Jacob Smith
Bradin Williams
Daytron Moorer
J'Syri Parker
STATE INDIVIDUAL HIGH
POINTS AWARD: Latron Moorer

Girls:

Mary Legare Delaney
Anna Katherine Evatt
STATE INDIVIDUAL HIGH
POINTS AWARD:
Anna Katherine Evatt

TRACK & FIELD



Blakely Garrick
400M Hurdle
70.49



Gee Gee Riley
Morgan Gue
Emma Doremus
Mary Legare Delaney
4 x 100 Relay: 52.4



Naomi McCutchen, Blakely Garrick
Emma Doremus, Gee Gee Riley

BOYS	EVENT	RECORD	ATHLETE	YEAR
5000 M	17:02	JACOB SMITH	23	
3200 M	10:32	JACOB SMITH	23	
1600 M	4:50	S. TYSON / J. SMITH	08/24	
800 M	2:08	BRIAN BARNWELL	02	
400 M	59.87	TRENT BARRACK	10	
200 M	22.83	B. SALLEY / L. MOORER	05/24	
100 M	18.86	DEREK ANDREWS	15	
400 HURDLES	59.7	S. UNION / L. SCOTT	06/19	
110 HURDLES	15.00	IAN SCOTT	10	
SHOT PUT	51.7'	BRIET FOGLE	04	
DISCUS	145'3"	RYAN BOYKIN	05	
LONG JUMP	27'0.5"	A.J. ANDREWS	01	
TRIPLE JUMP	46'7"	IAN SCOTT	10	
HIGH JUMP	6'8.25"	KYLE CASSIDY	01	
POLE VAULT	12'0"	W. RICHARD / E. ST.	17/10	
4X100M RELAY	45.51	BARRACK-KYZER	10	
4X400M RELAY	3:35.91	W. SMITH/BOOR / BARRACK-THOMPSON	10	
4X800M RELAY	8:57.66	HUFFSTETLER-SMITH / J. YANG-KYANG / B. WILLIAMS - J. SMITH	10	
JAVELIN	144'05"	BRAYDEN GRAMLING	24	

Jacob Smith
1600 M: 4:50.85

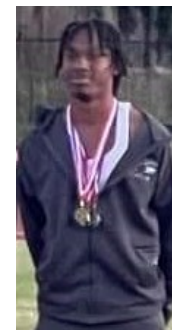
SPORTS RECORD BOARDS



Brayden Gramling
Javelin:
144'08"



Kai Yang
Bradin Williams
Jacob Smith
Bennie Yang
4 x 800 M Relay
8:57.66



Latron Moorer
200 M: 22.83

BASEBALL ALL-REGION

Morrison Burroughs, Tadd Jameson
Charlie McCutchen, T Riley



Charlie McCutchen
T Riley

Colston Thomas Signs with Wofford

Orangeburg Prep's Colston Thomas signs an athletic scholarship with Wofford College's Track and Field. Pictured left to right in the picture at the left are **Front row:** Shannon Brown, Colston Thomas, and Dannie Thomas. **Second row:** Lib Fanning, Terry Fanning, Jennifer Thomas, and Coach Brooks Smith.



WOFFORD
TERRIERS



Varsity Softball finished the 2024 season 19-4 and were SCISA AAA State runners up, falling to Pee Dee Academy in the State Championship Season. The Lady Indians earned their berth to the state championship series by defeating Carolina Academy (11-1), John Paull II (13-3), and Thomas Sumter (15-0) in the SCISA State Tournament held at Patriot Park in Sumter. They finished region play undefeated and were crowned Region IV-AAA Champs for the second consecutive season. Lauren Ballew, Calee Hartzog, Hannah Lambrecht, Katherine Lambrecht, and Prestan Schurlknight were named to the All-Region team, while senior Payton Schurlknight was named Region Player of the Year for the second year in a row. Lauren Ballew, Calee Hartzog, Payton Schurlknight, and Prestan Schurlknight were all selected to participate in the North/South All-Star game. We are so very proud of these girls and all of their accomplishments.

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"Ceremonial Hat Toss"

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Upper Campus Awards Day

was held on May 1, 2024, in the gym. For a complete listing of award recipients, please copy/paste the link below in your browser.

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



TRIBAL TRIBUTE

Mrs. Henderson (2nd grade teacher) has been nominated for the Tribal Tribute. Mrs. Henderson truly cares for her students and wants nothing but success for all of them. When students are out sick, she makes sure they don't fall behind in any school work. Ms. Henderson is also quick to respond back to any questions. The best is how she supports her students out of school at athletic events, recitals, and other programs to cheer them on. Thank you for all you have done this school year.

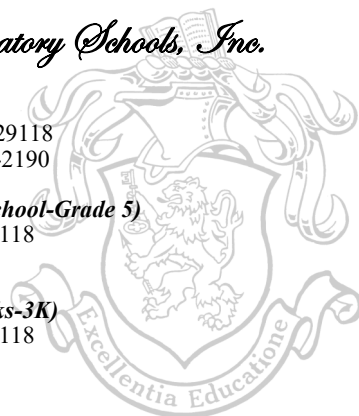
Have a Great Summer!

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Phone: 803/536-3000

Child Development Center (Six weeks-3K)
168 Prep Street, Orangeburg, S.C. 29118
Phone: 803/536-0490



Mrs. Libby Ray, Head of Schools
Mrs. Connie Porth, 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

This newsletter serves to inform parents, faculty, staff, students, alumni, and friends of Orangeburg Prep. Suggestions for articles, stories, etc. may be submitted by contacting Sandy Reed at 803.534.7970 or sreed@orangeburgprep.com.

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