

The Valedictorian for the Class of 2018 is Alexis Nicole Crider. She is the daughter of Corey and Stephanie Crider. Lexi is a Palmetto Fellows Scholar, a recipient of the Tommy Wannamaker award, president of the Foreign Language Club, secretary of the National Honor Society, and a member of the Junior Cotillion and Key Club. She has taken dance at Mary Jane's School of Dance for thirteen years. Lexi is also a member of Cornerstone Community Church. She will attend Presbyterian College in the fall, majoring in biology.



The Salutatorian for the Class of 2018 is Shrey Bipinchandra Patel. Shrey is the son of Mr. Bipin Patel and Mrs. Jigna Patel. He is a Palmetto Fellows Scholar and the President of National Honor Society. Shrey was also named NHS member of the year this year by the members of NHS. He is also a member of the Varsity Cross Country, Wrestling, and Track teams. Shrey will attend the University of South Carolina Honors College in the fall majoring in Biomedical Engineering.





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The Class of 2018 (pictured left) enjoyed their senior class trip the arctic cold week of March 5th—10th. Points visited during the week were Colonial Williamsburg, U.S. Naval ⇒(lass the Academy, Baltimore, and Washington, D.C.

(Congress, U.S. Capitol, Smithsonian, Union Station, D.C. Monuments, National Cathedral, Pentagon, and Arlington Cemetery, and a performance at the Kennedy Center).

Mrs. Rosemary McGee, senior class sponsor, Mrs. Kelley Wannamaker, Coach Brooks Smith, and Mr. Evan Powell (Head of School) chaperoned the senior class.

The weather started out extremely cold and windy, but ended sunny.

Orangeburg Prep held its first Academic Signing Day on May 3rd in McAlister Auditorium. The student body, staff, and parents watched as Seniors signed to commit to their respective college/university. The students wore their college tshirts and the parents were invited to the table to sign with their student. A backdrop provided the senior's stats as well as all the colleges he or she were accepted to and his or her choice. What a new and exciting tradition for the whole school!

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 Alexis Nicole Crider (pictured right.)





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Mr. and Mrs. Michael (Carlie) G. Nelson
Married April 7, 2018
Santee Cooper Country Club
The couple resides in Santee.
Coach Nelson is a teacher and coach at OPS. Carlie is a teacher at Williams Memorial Elementary School.

Congratulations!

Final Report Information

End-of-year report cards will be available online May 31, 2018. An email will be sent informing you when they are ready to view.

Teacher Appreciation Week April 30th-May 4th

Monday: Pelican's Snowballs Wednesday: Breakfast Treats.

Friday: Lunch Buffett and duty free lunch

Thank you to all the parents who helped make these events possible for the teachers and staff: Jenny Argoe, Amy Delaney, Laura Hewitt, Catherine Gramling, Jennifer Blanchard, Jeffrey Fender, Whitney Thoma, Catherine Cuttino, Jeana Reynolds, Rebekkah Brailsford, Kristi Till, Renee Fowler, Tonya Bruner, Suzanne Wingard, Rebecca Love, Rheta Maier, Courtney Tucker, and Karla Lambrecht.

Summer 2018 Lower & Upper Campus Office Hours



MonThurs.	8:30	to	Noon

Fridays Closed

Closed May 31st, June 4th, June 5th, and the week of July 2nd. Closed Fridays beginning June 1st through August 3rd. Please use the main office drop box for payments/messages after hours. Please plan ahead if you need drivers license waivers, transcripts, or proof of attendance.

LOST & FOUND

Lower Campus: Please remember to check the lost and found area near the main office at the Lower Campus for any lost clothing items or school supplies. Any items left after May 25, 2018, will be donated.

Upper Campus: Please check the area in Building A near the senior lockers for any lost and found items. After May 25th, unclaimed items will be donated to charity.



Spring ConventionOn March 5th and 6th, sixteen

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SCISA

NHS and Student Council members, accompanied by Mrs. Lynn

Garrick and Coach Al Hay, attended the South Carolina Independent School Student Association Spring Convention in Myrtle Beach. This was a learning experience as well as an enjoyable time including beach volleyball and a dance. Students learned how to conduct themselves in a business luncheon setting and in business meetings. They participated in the voting process as we elected the State Board Members for 2018-2019. One of our own, Mason Boney (pictured far right), ran a successful campaign for Second Vice President. He did an outstanding job, and we are extremely proud of him. Our NHS Chapter won Chapter of the Year for schools with enrollment over 350. Our students represented us well and all looked nice in their dress attire. A special thanks to Coach Hay for driving them, and to Mrs. Lynn Garrick for her timeless hours as sponsor.





May Day 2018

Pictured top left is the 2018 May Court. Left to right are Alyssa Bukszar (Junior May Queen), Annie Blair Davis (May Queen), and Mary Catherine Williams (Maid of Honor.) Pictured right is Coach Nelson, our Master of Ceremony. Mr. Philip Ford, Class of 2005, provided our entertainment for the evening with his version of "My Girl." Bottom right are our fifth graders doing the traditional May Pole dance.



May Day Entertainment

Pictured top picture and bottom right are the senior class boys who ended the evening entertaining the May Day Court with their dance medley. Mrs. Robin Smith choreographed the dance. Bottom left is Hollison Smith and Ally Brenn Furtick shagging under the direction of the dance. tion of Mrs. Jean Reid.





May Day Entertainment continued

Pictured top left are Walker Garrick and Diana Svicarovich. Middle left are Andrew Brickle and Sam O'Cain leading "Jump On It." Bill Metts pictured top right has his own version of Elvis Presley's Jail House Rock. Brett Lovern and Ryan Smith (bottom picture) giving their rendition of *Chaka Kahn—I Feel For You* moves.



Palmetto Girls and Boys State will be held June 11-16, 2018, at Presbyterian College and Anderson University. The week is a hands-on application of government and citizenship. The delegates attending participate in mock political activities at all levels of government. Congratulations to these students!

Pictured above left to right:

Front row: Tori Smith, Mary Stack Summers, Madison Sharpe, Mary Tillman Davis, and Jillee Anna Walter. Second row: Evan Lambrecht, John Pascoe, Trace Furtick, John Henry Reynolds, Guy Watkins Best,

Will Connor, and Nick Pascoe.

Insets pictured are top to bottom: Jadyn Murphy and Megan Respass, Delegates. Peyton Bair and Amber White are Alternates.



Announcing OPS Girls State Boys State Delegates





On May 15 and 16 the 8th grade class traveled with Kelly Tours to Atlanta on their class trip. They visited the Georgia Aquarium, the World of Coca Cola Museum, CNN studios, and studied human biological systems at the Bodies exhibition. They also cheered on the Atlanta Braves against the Chicago Cubs! We are proud of the Class of 2022 in how well they represented Orangeburg Prep!

Chaperones were Mrs. Libby Ray, Mrs. Kelly Ridley, Mrs. Michelle Craven, Mrs. Michelle Brickle, Mrs. Jane Evans, Mrs. Ashely Williamson, Mrs. Chi Walling, Mr. Lance Shuler, Mr. Lee Wiles, and Mr. Jared Robinson. Class sponsor is Mrs. Michelle Felkel.

Congratulations to all SCISA Music Festival participants! Our total medal count was 37 gold,14 silvers and a

bronze. The Lower Campus Vocal Ensemble received a gold medal, as did the Middle School Vocal Ensemble and the OPS Band. The High School Girls ensemble received a silver medal.

Band participants were: Payton Bordenkecher, Westley Biber, Izzy Exum, Chandler Gillam, Sean Green, Jack McConnell, Milligan Nance, Lara Pugh, Maurice Wright, and Becky Zheng.

Middle School Vocal Ensemble participants included the following students: Micki Brown, Kylie Bolen, Emily Hughes, Anna Katherine Evatt, Averi Evans, Avery Tucker, Chrysanthe Green, accompanied by Nhi Ngo.

High School Vocal Ensemble members were: Megan Adams, Sofia Andre, Keri Kibodeaux, Shivani Patel, Charlotte Palmer, Kaitlyn Robinson, accompanied by Nhi Ngo

The following soloists won gold medals:

- Sofia Andre- Vocal
- Kelcev Lake- Vocal
- Averi Evans- Piano
- Chrysanthe Green- Piano
- Beckey Zheng- Piano
- Lara Pugh-Snare Drum

These students were awarded silver medals:

- Zealie Kimsey- Vocal
- Erin Holliday- Vocal
- Madison Jumper- Vocal



STUDENT Sponsored by the Kiwanis Club of Orangeburg









Sky Chavis

Kylee Bonnett

Payton Schurlknight

Alyssa Bukszar

Totally Proud of You!







On Tuesday, March 6th, Nick Rivas, Dillon Snelgrove, and Maurice Wright were honored by the VFW for their participation in the Voice of Democracy Speech Contest and Patriot's Pen Essay Contest. We are very proud of all three of our students and their accomplishment. Mrs. Barbara Askins (Social Studies Department Head) and Mrs. LaDan Brown (Assistant Head of School) attended the dinner along with the three recipients.



On April 19, 2018, the AP United States History Classes had an epic matchup against the Fifth Grade. We played "Are you Smarter than a Fifth Grader?" History Edition. It was a fun way to review AP students in preparation for the AP Exam and to allow the Fifth Grade to showcase what they learned this year in Social Studies. The AP Students were afraid they would lose and in actuality, the fifth grade did win by a significant margin. A good time was had by all, and we look forward to doing this again next year.

THE NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY AND SENIOR STUDENT COUNCIL

joined together to sell ferns and geraniums. The sale was an amazing success with 535 plants being sold. The funds will be used to purchase two drinking fountains with water bottle refilling stations. The Class of 2018 will also contribute toward this purchase. These will be used by many students in the future.

Pictured left are Bill Metts (Student Body President) and Shrey Patel (National Honor Society President.)

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2018 College Awareness Day

College Awareness Day 2017 was a great success! OP had twelve representatives from colleges and universities around the state. They included Charleston Southern, Coastal Carolina, Furman University, Clemson University, Lander University, Newberry College, Orangeburg Technical College, University of South Carolina, Erskine College, Wofford College, USC Aiken, and USC Salkehatchie. The students heard brief presentations from the representatives regarding GPA, SAT, and ACT requirements. The representatives also talked about the most popular majors, class size, and financial aid at their respective schools. Students were



given an opportunity to visit each college's table to introduce themselves, ask questions, and collect college materials. The representatives did a fantastic job, and the students were very receptive and interested.





SCISA STATE SCIENCE FAIR Qualifiers pictured left to right: Thomas Kemp, Peyton Inabinet, Brady Crider, Tanner Garrick, Paige Hewitt, Sidney Adicks, and Kelcey Lake.



Pictured above are some of the OPS Science Fair winners. A complete listing of names is on the next page.



Awards Day- Science Fair 2018

Elementary Division, Behavioral/Environmental/ **Physical Science Category** 1^{st:} Madison Damron 2nd: Emma Grace Burleson

3rd: Justin Hallman

Elementary Division, Biological/General Science Cat-

1st: Zoe Wingard 2nd: Dax Reed 3rd: Elizabeth Allen Brailsford

Elementary Division, Team Category

1st: Morgan Gue and Emmaline Dangerfield

2nd: Grayson Garrick, Annabelle Hunter & Bari Cuttino

3rd: Lauren Tant and Virginia Ann Smith



Junior Division, Physical Science Category

1st: Kelcey Lake 2nd: Corey Reynolds 3rd: Timmy McCoskey

Junior Division, General Category

1st: Thomas Kemp 2nd: Zealie Kimzey 3rd: Connor Brandon

Junior Division Behavioral/Biological Science, Inventions/Team Category

1st: Paige Hewitt 2nd: Jacob Powell 3rd: Rynn Grubbs and Anna Brake Plummer

Senior Division, Team Category

1st: Brady Crider and Peyton Inabinet 2nd: Skyler Jeffcoat, Charlotte Laird & Alyssa Myers 3rd: Meg Respass and Dillon Cope

Senior Division, Environmental, Behavioral/Physical Science

1st: Sydney Adicks 2nd: Landon Toole 3rd: Catherine Williams

Senior Division, Biological/General Category 1st: Tanner Garrick 2nd: Sam Brenn 3rd: Abigail Thackston



SCISA State Literary Meet

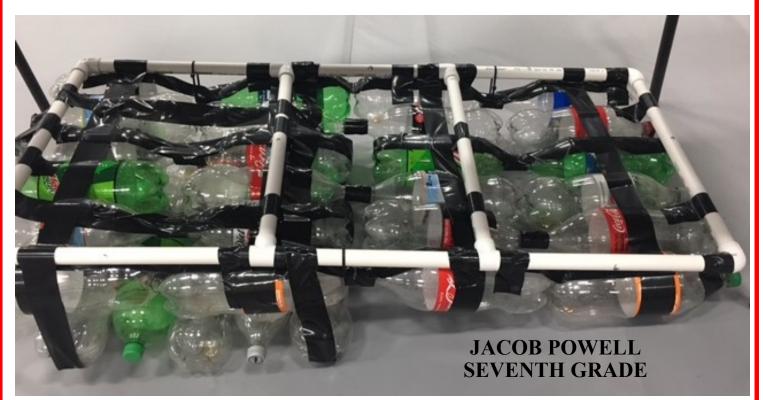


Students from both the Lower and Upper Campus participated in the SCISA Literary Meet on March 7, 2018, at Charleston Southern University in. They were chosen to participate in several categories including storytelling, poetry, oral interpretation, extemporaneous speaking, and essay. Ramsey Albergotti in sixth grade won 1st place in oral interpretation. We are so proud of how well Orangeburg Prep was represented at this event. Left picture:

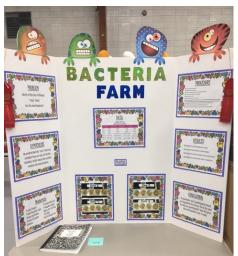
Front Row: Nhi Ngo, Nhidi Patel, Zealie Kimzey, John Wren best, John Colston Strickland, and Conner Brandon.

Back row- Ramsey Albergotti, Kaitlyn Robinson, and Guy Watkins Best.









Some examples of projects that were entered at the OPS Science fair are shown. Over 200 projects were entered from grades three through twelve.



Mrs. Weeks' third grade class came by with a special Dr. Seuss message for us! Happy Birthday, Dr. Seuss, from Thing 1, Thing 2, and Mrs. Gleaton's 4K class.



Morris Maurice Wright, II participated in the South Carolina Future Business Leaders of America Leadership Conference held on March 16-17 at the North Charleston Convention Center/Embassy Suites Hotel in North Charleston.



Maurice placed 4th in the category of Computer Problem Solving (Objective Test). The competencies test consisted of Operating Systems, Networks, Personal Computer Components, Security, Safety and Environmental Issues, Laptop and Portable Devices, Printers and Scanners.

Maurice, who placed 1st at the District Conference in January and won 4th place on State FBLA Leadership Conference on March 17th. He earned an opportunity to compete at the National Leadership Conference scheduled for June 28-July in Baltimore, Md.

The Future Business Leaders of America is the largest student business organization in the world with over a quarter of a million members. The organization provides students opportunities to develop leadership and business skills to excel in any career.





Pictured above: On March 24th, our Interact Club spent their Saturday helping the Healing Species crew clean up the grounds, gave some playful and loving care to the "fur-babies", put together crates and beds, hauled off trash, and so much more! They also supplied needed items such as towels, food, and cedar chips. Thank you students for sharing your love and care with such an integral organization in Orangeburg County!





Pictured left: Back row: Landon Toole, Tanner Garrick, Madison Weeks, and Evelynn Myers
Front row: Chrysanthe Greene, Ramsey Albergotti, and Emily Hughes

Fellowship of Christian Students and Junior Student Council sponsored "LICKS FOR LOVE" a project benefiting the local SPCA. Middle and high school students donated items, such as toys, dog food, cat food, snacks for dogs or cats, towels, and other items needed for sheltered animals. Chrysanthe, Ramsey, and Emily were the advocates behind this successful charity.



FILLING STATION

The Fellowship of Christian Students joined Alyssa Bukszar, Junior Miss South Carolina, in collecting items for a local charity, Filling Station.

Bottom left picture are the officers of Fellowship of Christian Students with Alyssa Bukszar.

Student Life





Congratulations to Thomas Williams,

Nhi Ngo, and Carter Chandler for being Orangeburg Prep's first team to complete in the SC Envirothon held in Columbia on April 20th. A special thanks to Mrs. Melissa Plummer and Mrs. Libby Ray for sponsoring this event for our students.





Meg Respass (pictured left)



SPORTING CLAYS RAFFLE

First Prize Henry Silver Boy .22 Lever Action Rifle was won by Tiffany Drake, Second Prize \$100 won by Mary Jo Zeigler, and Third Prize Browning Knife/Flashlight Combo: Doug Smoak and we added one consolation prize of an additional Browning Knife/Flashlight Combo won by Britton Taylor. Thank you to all who supported this fundraiser.

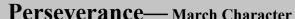
A huge THANK YOU to Woody's Pawn for donating the rifle to be raffled off. Pictured left is Tiffany Drake and her NEW Henry Silver Boy .22 Rifle.

Wall of Character









Upper Campus

Miss Katherine Ashley, Middle School Math Teacher Sawyer Union, 6th Grade

Humility— April Character Trait



Mr. Willie Howard Scott Cooper, 8th Grade



Lower Campus

Mrs. Angie Bair Jenna Blume

Self-control — May Character



Mrs. Libby Ray
Mrs. Lynn Garrick
Shrey Patel, Student Council



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Congratulation to Brandon Weeks and Liam Worley for finishing third overall out of over 120 teams for the Low Country High School Bass Trail. With this finish, they have qualified for the Bass High School National Championship to be held on Kentucky Lake in August. Also congratulations to their boat captain, Brad Weeks (pictured middle.)



Bill Metts took first place in the 110 Hurdles at the SCISA state meet on May 5th for the second year in a row. Ian Scott also took first place in the Triple Jump at the SCISA state meet for the second year in a row. Pictured left to right are Ian Scott, Coach Brooks Smith, and Bill Metts.





RELAY FOR LIFE

rangeburg County Fair



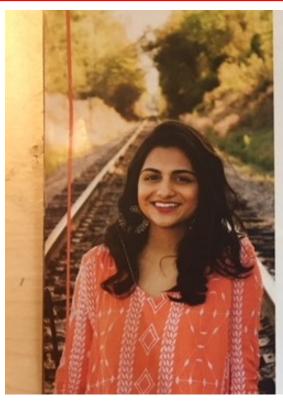
Senior Four-Year Athletic Awards were presented at the Athletic Banquet on Monday, May 14th. Many

thanks to our Athletic Director Coach Jan Stoudenmire, Booster Club representative Shelley Sutcliffe, and The Kuckery for our delicious meal. Pictured left to right are 1st Row: Brett Lovern, Annie Blair Davis, Gabrielle Axson, Mary Catherine Williams, and Hieu Ngo. 2nd Row: Sam O'Cain, Graham Journey, Andrew Brickle, Darby Self, and Collin Bair. 3rd Row: Matheson Wannamaker, Bill Metts, Billy Gardner, Thomas Brandon, and Dillon Cope.



So very proud of Orangeburg Prep's JV and Varsity cheerleading squad participating and leading the Orangeburg County Relay for Life Survivor Lap. A special thank you to the fol-

lowing girls for participating: Pictured left to right Front row: Georgia Ann Craig, Evelynn Myers, Peyton Bair, Jillee Anna Walter, Rebecca Axson, and Carly Walling. **Back row:** Mary Tillman Davis, Ashlyn Buff, Tori Smith, Banks McConnell, Emma Fogle, Laine Grubbs, Madison Childers, Madison Weeks, and Sarah Tant.



ANNIKA GUPTA

Orangeburg Preparatory Schools Class of 2017 | USC Honors College Early College Career Pathway – University Transfer

hen Annika Gupta started the University of South Carolina Honors College in the fall, the 17-year-old already had 44 college credits under her belt – 18 of which she earned through OCtech's Early College.

"Those Early College courses helped me become the student I am today," she said.

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"Getting a head start in college-level classes definitely gave me an advantage over coming to college straight out of high school. Without OCtech's Early College courses, I would not be on my current track to complete a double major in biochemistry and molecular biology with a minor in Spanish and study abroad – all within three years."

Annika took all of her Early College courses online, which she said worked perfectly with her high school schedule. Seeing how successful her brother, Avigeet, was in earning college credits before graduating from high school only made her choice that much clearer.

"I knew if he could do it, I could do it," she said. "My instructors were so helpful. I could always email them and because I was an Early College student, they were very willing to work with me."

"You don't realize how much you're missing out on academically until you take these classes," Annika said. "You don't know how much potential you have until you do it. It's a great opportunity to get ahead and become better prepared for college."



William Banks Smith

Son of Mr. and Mrs. Brooks Smith
(Brooks, Class of 2005)
Banks was born on April 19, 2018
The Regional Medical Center
8 pounds 15 ounces
21 7/8 inches long
The couple resides in St. Matthews, S.C.

We would love to include your alumni news (weddings, births, re-locations, job promotions, class reunions, etc.)
Send your news to Paula Edwards,
pedwards@orangeburgprep.com. Photos are welcome!



Braelvnn Victoria Rutland

Daughter of Josh and Kayla Stephens Rutland
(Josh and Kayla are
graduates of the Class of 2009.)
Braelynn was born on May 10, 2018.
Lexington Medical Center
7 pounds 4 ounces
19 1/2 inches long
The couple resides near North, S.C.

Bits & Pieces



On March 23rd, 24th, and 25th, a few of our students aged preschool to senior performed in the Orangeburg Civic Ballet company's spring production of Peter Pan. This unique ballet featured classical ballet as well as jazz and hip hop routines depicting the story of a boy who never grows up! We're so proud of our students for their part in taking the Orangeburg community on an amazing journey to Neverland!



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Presentations May 8, 2018

Grades 6th—12th
You may view a complete list of recipients by copying and pasting the link below in your browser:
http://www.orangeburgprep.com/Academics/academic awards.html

Pictured left is Mr. M. Evan Powell, Head of School, presenting the Mr. and Miss Indian award to Bill Metts and Mary Catherine Williams.

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