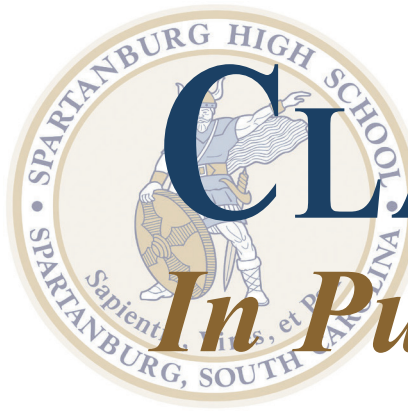


# SPARTANBURG HIGH SCHOOL

US News & World Report's "Best High Schools"



# CLASS OF 2023

## In Pursuit of Excellence

## Academics ...

The Class of 2023 continues to honor this community's long-standing commitment to the best educational opportunities for all students. Scholarships based on merit have been awarded to 273 seniors (69% of the class) and total \$19.6 million when projected over a four-year college career. This senior class had 27 students named as Palmetto Fellows, 136 Life Scholarship Qualifiers and 136 Hope Scholarship Qualifiers.

### Valedictorian

**Anna Buchert**  
Attending Lenior Rhyme



AP Scholar with Distinction; Palmetto Fellows Recipient; Most Intellectual; National Beta Club; National Honor Society; Mu Alpha Theta; Envirothon; French Outstanding Student Award; Language Arts Honor Student; Phi Beta Kappa Award and Scholarship; J.G. McCracken Scholar Award; SC Academic Honor Award; Presidential Award for Academic Excellence; Clarke AP Scholar; All-Region (5x) & All-State (4x) Swimmer

### Salutatorian

**Aaron Grieshop**  
Attending College of Charleston

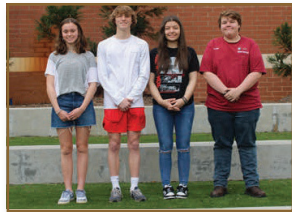


Palmetto Fellows Recipient; AP Scholar with Distinction; SC Academic Honor Award; Presidential Award for Academic Excellence; Harold M. Jeter, Sr. Memorial Scholarship; Math Faculty Award; Most Intellectual; Academic Team; Academic Team Excellence Award

### U.S. Presidential Scholarship Nominees

**Academic Nominees:**  
Anna Buchert  
Will Eaton

**Career/Technical Nominees:**  
Briannah Ellis  
Nathaniel Scruggs



### College Board AP Scholars Seniors

42 of the record 125 total for 2022-23

Omar Alchab  
Ezra Anderson  
Olivia Bishop  
Abigail Brown  
Anna Buchert  
Leah Chandler  
Madison Cooksey  
Ford Daniels  
Andrew Dantin  
Tamaria Dawkins  
Will Eaton  
Jerome Falcon  
Ellen Fields  
Luke Fisher  
Abigail Graham  
Julia Graham  
Aaron Grieshop  
Jackson Griffith  
Eliza Hammett  
Sierra Hufford  
Mary Jordan  
Janeski

Amelia Joyner  
John Kuntz  
Lawson Kyle  
Lydia Lawrence  
Samiah Lewis  
Felix McAninch  
Caris Mitchell  
Lillian Morris  
Nathan Moseley  
Peyton Naylor  
Malaysia Otero  
Dev Patel  
Riley Regnier  
Ben Saad  
Chase Staley  
Rookieie Sullivan  
Wes Sutton  
Thomas Van Vleet  
Anslley Vereen  
Eli Waters  
Elliott Wesson

### National Merit Scholarship Finalists



Hannah Keen & Sierra Hufford

### National Merit Commended Students

Ellen Fields, Lou Lou Morris,  
Thomas Van Vleet & Elliott Wesson

### South Carolina Academic Honor Award

Ezra Anderson  
Charlie Bradley  
Anna Buchert  
Andrew Dantin  
Will Eaton  
Jerome Falcon  
Ellen Fields  
Aaron Grieshop  
Jackson Griffith

Sierra Hufford  
Hannah Keen  
Lydia Lawrence  
Lou Lou Morris  
Lauren Murdoch  
Ben Saad  
Weston Sutton  
Elliott Wesson

### Class of 2023 Department Awards

Zoily Salazar – *Viking Printing Employee of the Year*  
Selena Mok – *Vikings Unlimited Employee of the Year*  
Briannah Ellis– *Virtual Enterprise Employee of the Year*

Autumn Johnson – *Business Education Department Award*

Lydia Lawrence – *Language Arts Achievement Award for Creative Writing*

Lily Boucher – *Language Arts Achievement Award for Expository Writing*

Eli Waters – *Language Arts Achievement Award for Oral Presentation*

Anna Buchert – *Language Arts Honor Student*  
Zaniya White – *Jacqueline M. Blackburn Memorial Scholarship*

Elliott Wesson – *Steve Jeffords Award for Achievement in Science*

Nick Tipton – *Outstanding Student in Chinese*

John Mullen – *Chinese Merit Award*

Anna Buchert – *Outstanding Student in French*  
Miguel Junco Saenz – *Outstanding Student in German*

Charlie Millinor – *Charles I. Blackburn Memorial Scholarship*

Aaron Grieshop – *Math Faculty Award*

### SHS Organizations Scholarship Awards

Abigail Graham – *Beta Club Service Scholarship*  
Julia Graham – *Beta Club Foundation Scholarship*  
Thomas Van Vleet– *National Honor Society Service Scholarship*  
Riley Regnier – *National Honor Society Leadership Scholarship*

### Other Individual Awards

Sa'Jatta Williams – *Doris & Claude Tidwell Scholarship*

Anna Buchert – *Clarke AP Scholar Award*

Samiah Lewis – *McCracken Beta Club Scholarship*

Will Eaton, Peyton Naylor & Taylor Woodruff – *Andrew Allen Scholarship*

Matthew Beyer – *Ella Poats Scholarship*

Addie Kate Martin – *Eileen Baird Scholarship*

J.D. Cash – *Vance Jones Teaching Scholarship*

Tip Phetbouroom – *Evan and Ashley Baird Scholarship*

Aniya Bell – *Charles H. Humphries Scholarship*

Lars Harris – *Eric Hudson Neely Scholarship*

Eryn Wagner – *Jeffrey T. Stevens Academic Scholarship*

Jamariah Tinsley & Sydney Williams– *Terrence Littlejohn Scholarship*

Riley Regnier – *Alexina Atkins Jenkins Pine Street Scholarship*

Anslley Vereen - *Elizabeth Ward Cannon JBE Scholarship*

Rookieie Sullivan - *Nth Degree Orthodontic Health Science Scholarship*

Noah Banks – *The Booker Family Scholarship*

Leah Chandler – *Zachary Maddox Memorial Scholarship*

Beauty Littlejohn – *The Wake 2 Grace & Grateful Scholarship*

Anna Buchert, Drek Carter, Selena Mok & Tony Webb – *Class of 1944 Scholarships*

Ezra Anderson – *Class of 1945 Scholarship*

Terrian Nelson– *Class of 1947 Scholarship*

Adamaris Ortiz – *Class of 1948 Scholarship*

Julia Graham – *Class of 1954 Scholarship*

Abby Brown – *Class of 1960 Scholarship*

Sha'Leiyah McClintock – *Class of 1962 Scholarship*

Lydia Lawrence – *Class of 1965 Scholarship*

Ellen Fields – *Class of 1966 Scholarship*

Ford Daniels – *Class of 1967 Scholarship*

Sierra Hufford & Alviona Smith – *Class of 1970 Scholarships*

Tristan Rodgers - *W.G. "Dub" Foster Scholarship*

Richardson Sturkey - *Dr. Cooper Smith Scholarship*

Anna Buchert – *Phi Beta Kappa Award and Scholarship*

Aaron Grieshop – *Harold M. Jeter Sr. Memorial Scholarship*

### The Presidential Award for Educational Excellence (3.5 GPR or higher)

Omar Alchab +~\*  
Ezra Anderson ~\*  
Adam Atkins  
Noah Banks +\*  
Sallie Barre +\*  
Auskin Barrera-Corral \*  
Aniya Bell  
Matthew Beyer\*  
Olivia Bishop ~\*  
Lily Boucher ~\*  
Charles Bradley +~\*  
Thomas Brobson+  
Abigail Brown ~\*  
Dakhori Brown  
Anna Buchert +~\*  
Rylee Burnett  
Emory Butehorn +\*  
Bre'Onna Butler  
Isabelle Caldwell  
Za'Kiyah Campbell  
Daekwon Carpenter-Bishop+  
Logan Carr  
Carman Carson \*

Radrekus Carter +  
Jakob Cash +\*  
Joseph Cash +\*  
Leah Chandler \*  
Jayden Coleman +  
Joseph Collins  
Madison Cooksey +~\*  
Jermaine Cranmo  
Cecy Cruz Santana \*  
Fordham Daniels \*  
David Dantin +\*  
Fred Darby  
William Darwin +  
Donterian Davis +  
Duncan Dawkins +  
Tamaria Dawkins \*  
Annelix Diaz Rivas  
Selena Dinacci  
Eldimar Dominici Cortes  
Antonia Dover  
T'Daria Drummond +  
Trenasia Duncan  
William Martin +~\*  
Briannah Ellis +  
Allegria English  
James Evans  
Mary Mae Evans +\*  
Jerome Falcon +~\*  
Nathan Fernanders \*  
Ellen Fields +~\*  
John Fisher +  
Tania Fowler  
Robert Fulmer +  
Galliea Garcia  
Kameryn Geter-Whiteside  
Mattilyn Gilliam +  
Jaylen Glenn  
Mynah Glover +  
Breonni Gory \*  
Kayla Gowan +  
Abigail Graham +~\*  
Julia Graham +~\*  
Christopher Greenway +  
Aaron Grieshop ~\*  
Jackson Griffith  
Elizabeth Hammett \*  
Ella Hammond +  
Nathaniel Hamms

Michael Harris +\*  
Arianna Hedmond +  
Isaiah Henry  
Marianna Hernandez \*  
Abby Hogue \*  
Christian Holmes \*  
Reliegh Hoover \*  
Sierra Hufford ~\*  
Courtney Hughes  
Christian Hunter \*  
Amajae James \*  
Juled James  
Mary Jordan Janeski ~\*  
Jamaria Jeter ~\*  
Jenasis Jeter \*  
Autumn Johnson \*  
Mysheelen Johnson  
Samarrah Johnson  
Kadence Jones  
Michael a Jones  
Amelia Joyner \*  
Miguel Junco Saenz  
Hannah Keen ~\*  
Mason Kemp \*  
Cooper Kimbrell  
Sarah Kneisley  
Andrew Kongkeo \*  
Jennifer Koval  
Jack Krydynski +\*  
Jenna Kunat  
John Kuntz ~\*  
Lawson Kyle ~\*  
Cedar Lamy  
Journnee Lawhorn \*  
Lydia Lawrence ~\*  
Tyler Lee +  
Samiah Lewis \*  
Cameron Long \*  
Erionica Long  
Charlie Lonon  
Gracyn Lunsford  
Preston Macklin \*  
William Maeder +\*  
Grayson Mann  
Laxaviyion Manning  
J'bari Miller +  
Chase Martin  
Karina Martinez \*  
Jacob Masters  
Felix McAninch +  
Sha'Leiyah McClintock  
Nicholas McDowell-  
Hames  
Liam McEnroe +  
Isabella McQueen  
Sophia McQueen  
J'bari Miller +  
Rashaun Miller +\*  
Charles Millnor +\*  
Caris Mitchell ~\*  
Ava Mobley +  
Selena Mok \*  
Lillian Morris ~\*  
Nathan Moseley +  
Wesyleie Moss \*  
John Mullen +  
Lauren Murdoch ~\*  
Abigail Murray  
Gates Myers \*  
Peyton Naylor +\*  
Anthony Niemiec  
Kian Oreowski +

\*Seniors with 4.0 GPA or higher through end of first semester

+Seniors named SCHSL Scholar Athletes.

~Seniors named Palmetto Fellows

The designation of Palmetto Fellows recipients in any media is preliminary, based on information provided by the high schools and students at the time of this printing, and is subject to final confirmation and approval by the eligible higher education institution and/or the South Carolina Commission

### Dual Enrollment Program Graduates

VIKING EARLY COLLEGE			
CLASS OF 2023 - Cohort VII			
			
			
Spartanburg County Early College High School			
CLASS OF 2023			
			
The Scholars Academy at USC Upstate			
CLASS OF 2023			
			

### Daniel Morgan Technology Completers

**Automotive Technology:** Silas Nelson & Juan Zepeda  
**Business Technology/Finance:** Ke Mya Fuller  
**Business Technology/Marketing:** Crstian Angulo Ramirez  
**Carpentry:** Matthew Aponte Alvarez & Thomas Brobson  
**Cosmetology:** Tomaria Cunningham, Zaniya Gooden, Erionica Long, Paris Moore & Ashlyn Russell  
**Culinary Arts:** T'Daria Drummond, Ashton Quintnye, Jayla Swindler & Parker Young  
**Graphics Communication:** Jenasis Jeter, Cooper Kimbrell, Tydus Pouagith, Venus Witcher  
**Health Science:** Doselin Carrillo, Mynah Glover, Michael'a Jones, Marquitta Meredith, Jordan Rice & Alicia Williams McKinney  
**Machine Tool Technology:** Nathaniel Scruggs  
**Mechatronics Integrated Technology:** Jamar Evans, David Junco, Mehki Orr, Nathaniel Scruggs, Aregus Stewart & Bryson Wise-Furtek  
**Programming/Software Development:** Rylee Burnett, Christian Holmes, Cooper Kimbrell, Dy'Qwan Mills & Luis Peynado Ibes

### Ethics Bowl - State Champions



Front Row: Madison Cooksey, Anna Beeson, Eli Waters, Avery Gilley, Rookhie Sullivan; Back Row: Adviser Susan Plonski, Adviser Erin Hubbell, Seth Miller, Will Eaton

### S.C. Teaching Fellows



Sallie Barre, Katie Reynolds, Matthew Beyer, Malaysia Otero

## Fine Arts ...

Spartanburg High School's four orchestras, chamber orchestra, marching, concert, symphonic and jazz bands, colorguard, winterguard, choir groups and show choir win numerous awards each year. All groups bring honor to the school by being invited to perform at local, state and national competitions.

### Principal's Awards for Fine Arts

The following seniors were honored with SHS's 2023 Principal's Awards for Fine Arts:

ORCHESTRA	ART	BAND
Noah Banks Leah Chandler Selena Dinacci Kameryn Geter-Whiteside Mary Jordan Janeski Nick Tipton	Leah Chandler Madison Cooksey Amajae James Mary Jordan Janeski Sarah Kneisley Lydia Lawrence Kristin Lowe Sophia McQueen Caris Mitchell Abigail Murray Jamaria Tinsley Zoe Townsend	Kameryn Geter-Whiteside Julia Graham Nathaniel Hamms Lawson Kyle Sha'Leiyah McClintock Chase Martin Grayson Sandrock Anna Claire Transiskus Thomas Van Vleet Zaniya White
CHOIR		
Abby Brown Annelix Diaz Rivas Andrew Kongkeo Lawson Kyle Grayson Mann Anne Phillips Allison Ward		



### All-State Orchestra

Ezra Anderson, John Kuntz



### All-State Choir

Zaniya White, Noah Banks, Olivia Bishop, Abby Hogue



### All-Region Band

Nathaniel Hamms, Lawson Kyle, Chase Martin, Grayson Sandrock, Thomas Van Vleet

### Theatre Odyssey Awards

		
Chase Martin Excellence in Technical Theatre Award	Mia Weathers Arts Advocacy Award	Olivia Bishop Academic Excellence Award
		
Abby Hogue Distinguished Service Award	Talon Beltran Outstanding Male Actor	Ella Hammond Outstanding Female Actor

### AP Art Show Exhibitors

Leah Chandler, Madison Cooksey, Mary Jordan Janeski, Sarah Kneisley, Caris Mitchell, Abby Murray, Zoe Townsend

### Individual Fine Arts Awards

			
John Kuntz Orchestra Director's Award	Ezra Anderson National School Orchestra Assoc. Award; William R. Scott Scholarship	Noah Banks American Choir Director's Assoc. Award	Zaniya White American Choir Director's Assoc. Award

			
Olivia Bishop Arion Award	Julia Graham Director's Award	Thomas Van Vleet Semper Fi Award	Chase Martin Louis Armstrong Jazz Award

			
Lawson Kyle John Philip Sousa Award	Sha'Leiyah McClintock Addie B. McWhirter Award	Madison Cooksey 3D Art Student of the Year	Mary Jordan Janeski 2D Art Student of the Year

### Publications Awards

Matthew Beyer & Will Eaton– *Norse News Publisher's Award*

Dev Patel - *Norse News Outstanding Business Staffer Award*

Lars Harris - *Norse News Outstanding Staffer Award*

Sallie Barre, Katie Reynolds & Rookhie Sullivan – *SAGA Outstanding Journalistic Contribution Award*

Mac Russell – *SAGA Outstanding Staffer Award*

Eliza Hall Hammett, Autumn Johnson & Selena Mok – *Viking Photography Publisher's Award*


Mason Kemp, Adamaris Ortiz & Nevaeh Wynn - *Viking Photography Outstanding Staffer Award*

Olivia Wilson – *Literary Excellence Award for Best Submission to First Circle*

Cedar Lamy – *Literary Club Sponsor's Award for Greatest Overall Contribution to First Circle*

## Leadership ...

Spartanburg High School clubs and organizations contribute hundreds of hours of service to charitable causes and community initiatives.

		
Ellen Fields Student Body Vice President	Ford Daniels Student Body President	Zaniya White Senior Class President

### Individual Awards for Service

Ford Daniels – *Best School Citizen*

Chase Staley–*American Legion Citizenship Award Runner-Up*

Charlie Millinor – *Daughters of the American Revolution, Battle of Cowpens Chapter, Citizenship Award*

Mary Jordan Janeski & Caris Mitchell – *James K. Mancke Service Scholarship*

James Goode & Ajyia Wright – *Gilman S. Hooper Award*

J.D. Cash & Tamaria Dawkins – *Edward N. Barksdale Awards*

### SHS Organizations Awards

Aaron Grieshop– *Academic Team Excellence Award*

Sallie Barre – *Anchor Club Member of the Year*

Samiah Lewis – *Black History Honor Member*

Richardson Sturkey– *Black History Member of the Year*

Sydni Williams– *Viking Step Team Member of the Year*

Noah Banks, Abby Brown & Micah Harris - *FCA Outstanding Leadership Awards*

Omar Alchab – *International Club Outstanding Senior*

Ellen Fields – *SAC Senate Member of the Year*

Ford Daniels – *SAC President's Gavel*

### Governor of Palmetto Boys State



Ford Daniels

Elected by his peers at Palmetto Boys State to serve as Governor

### Palmetto Girls State



Samiah Lewis  
Mary Jordan Janeski  
Ellen Fields  
Rookieie Sullivan

### Palmetto Boys State



Front Row: Lars Harris, Daniel Stephens, Ford Daniels, Daekwon Carpenter-Bishop, Charlie Bradley

Back Row: Charlie Millinor, Will Eaton, Isaiah Henry, Mac Russell

### JROTC

In its 30th year, the Viking Battalion of the Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps continues to grow and prosper as cadets volunteer for community service.



Lily Boucher  
Battalion Commander

Lily Boucher – *Joseph P. and Edna B. Clarke Memorial JROTC Scholarship; Superior Cadet Award; Superintendent's Award; Principal's Award; Daughters of the American Revolution Award*

Robert Owensby – *American Legion Award for Military Excellence; Military Order of World Wars Award*