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## TL&LC welcomes new board members

The Literacy & Learning Center is pleased to announce the addition of two new members to its Board of Directors: Cal Isaacs and Tracy Wade. They were selected after a rigorous selection process that involved reviewing their qualifications, interviewing them, and considering their potential contributions to TL&LC.

Cal Isaacs, a Human Resources veteran with experience in various industries, brings a wealth of knowledge and expertise to the TL&LC Board. Having served

in leadership roles at Eckerd Drugs/Rite Aid Pharmacy, GameStop, Spring Mobile, and Performance Food Group, Cal deeply understands human resources management, including recruitment, employee relations, and organizational development.

Tracy Wade, a recent full-time Highlands resident, brings a diverse professional background to the Board. With successful career in marketing, banking, and the insurance industry, Tracy has held leadership positions at companies like Maxum

Specialty Insurance Group and Navigators. Her extensive business experience and commitment to community service will be invaluable assets to TL&LC.

Both Cal and Tracy's dedication will be instrumental in guiding TL&LC's continued success in providing essential learning programs to children and adults in Macon County.



Cal Isaacs



Tracy Wade

## HS varsity swim team finishes 3rd out of 19 preps for regional

By Steve Hott  
Head Coach

On Saturday, January 25, the Highlands Varsity Swim Teams finished their 2024-2025 regular season.

Swimming in a meet with 19 schools, all of them bigger than Highlands, the Boys team of Finneaus Garner, Aniah McKim, Jack Sumner and Jesus Mendoza-Tentle finished 3rd. The boys finished 25-10-0 for the season. The girls' team of just two girls, Layla Babac and Trinity Fernandez-Faust tied for 12th with a season record of 2-29-4.

The boys were led by Jr. Olympians Aniah McKim and Finneaus Garner. McKim won the 200 IM and the 100 breaststroke. Garner won the 50 freestyle and

finished 2nd in the 100 freestyle. The four boys teamed up to score 3rd and 4th in the 200 Medley Relay and the 400 freestyle relay respectively.

Babac and Fernandez-Faust both had best times in the 100 breaststroke.

Next up 2025 NCHSAA 1A-2A West Regionals Friday, January 31.

All four of the boys plus Paolo McRae, who was unavailable for this meet, have qualified with automatic times for regionals in various events.

Babac and Fernandez-Faust have qualified for regionals with consideration times. Final determination of if they are eligible to swim at regionals will be made after press time.



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Photo by Marty Boone

### Meet Barney!

Barney is a handsome 10-year-old Beagle and one of the most affectionate dogs at the Cashiers-Highlands Humane Society. Barney loves every person he meets and he gets along just fine with dogs and cats, too. To give this sweet dog a loving forever home, please complete the adoption application online at [chhumane-society.org](http://chhumane-society.org) or call (828)743-5752 for more information.

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