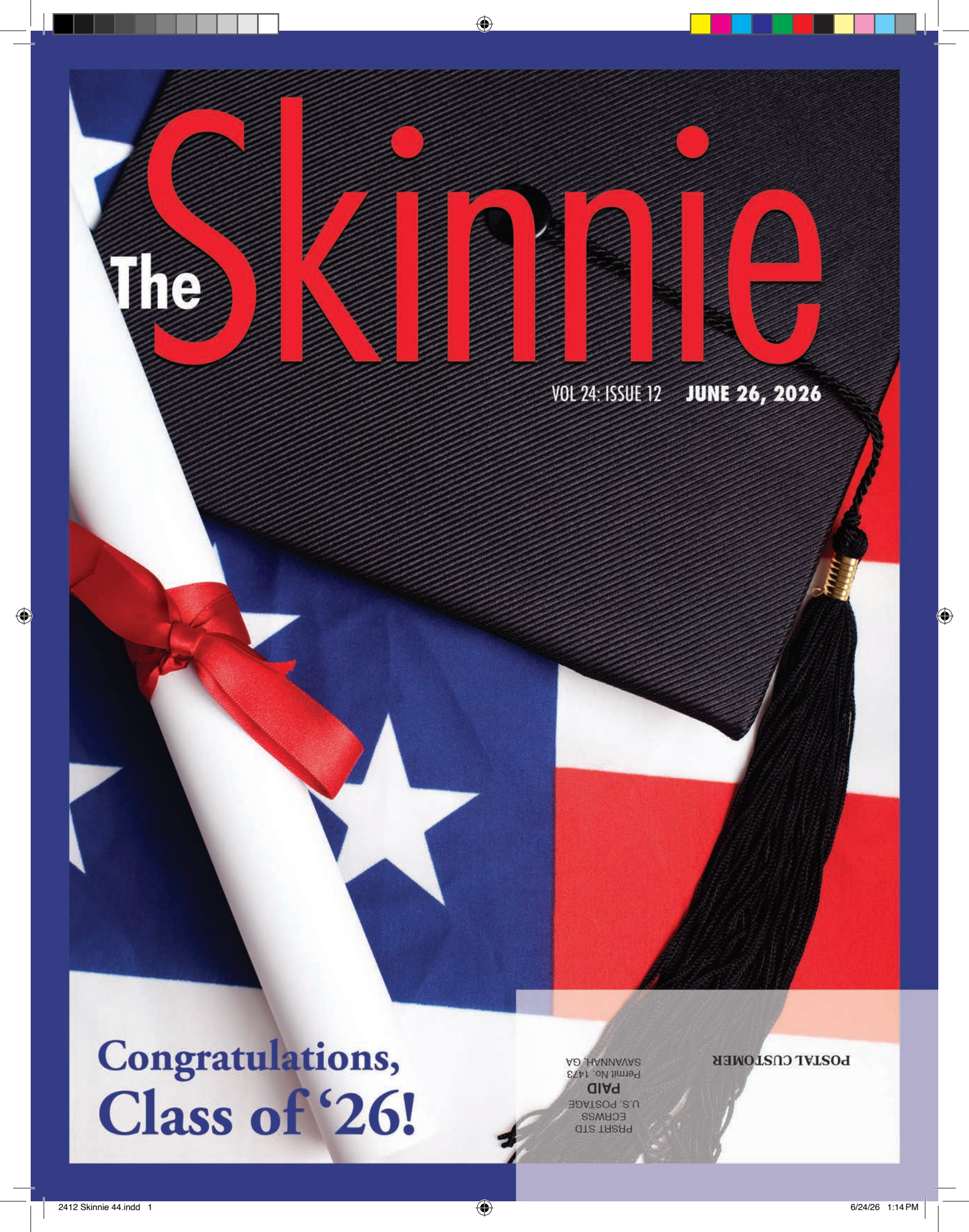




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*We celebrate two distinct milestones in this issue of The Skinnie. America's 250th birthday and high school graduation for Skidaway Island students. I have thoughts about both.*

First, America 250. Some people bristle when they infer political points of view from my writing. I've been given this compliment (?) several times over the years: I enjoy your essays, although I don't always agree with your politics. My essays are, by design, apolitical. They don't endorse specific candidates or parties. If you ask me which system or systems of societal organization is/are likely to produce the "best" results, I'd answer that competition optimizes human nature and liberty is righteous and just. But I recognize that my definition of "best" doesn't necessarily match yours. And I don't think any American political party or politician steadfastly or effectively mirrors or champions my ideals.

I've seen recent reports that many Americans are opposed to celebrating the nation's semiquincentennial. This is – actually – insane. Your brother can be a jerk, but you still send him a card. Your kid acted up; she gets cake and ice cream, nonetheless. As for the United States, we're talking about our homeland – either the life into which we were born or the one we chose as immigrants. Which-ever the origin story, the great good fortune we enjoy is real, unless we make a conspicuous commitment to deny, reject, and denigrate it. Our standard of living is high. We enjoy abundance, mobility, innovation, and shared achievement. We are heirs to hard-won limitless prospects. We can and should be both humble and proud.

The U.S. population is roughly 349 million; there are about 8.3 billion people in the world. So, as a human on Earth, you have a 4.2 percent chance of being American. If you draw three cards from a well-shuffled deck of 52, you have a 4.2 percent chance of getting all hearts. If you're an average baseball team entering the bottom of the ninth inning trailing by one run, you have a 4.2 percent chance of rallying for a win. These things happen, but they are relatively rare. Being American is more like a lottery win than a mini-flush. What fault can you find with the intentions of a society founded on the principles of personal and collective freedoms (liberty) and satisfaction (the pursuit of happiness)? It is our responsibility to honor and perpetuate these founding motivations. If we do, we all win.

Incidentally, it's interesting that the Founding Fathers, through Thomas Jefferson's voice, chose the phrase "the pursuit of happiness." They didn't have the arrogance or naivete to codify "happiness," rather they defined a vir-

tuous nation as one that facilitates the opportunity for its citizens to work towards it. Happiness itself isn't an inherent, guaranteed right. It's the product of plentiful options, wise decisions, consistent effort, and a bit of luck. America provides such options and the spiritual and practical infrastructure to realize them to their fullest extents.

Graduation. It's a marker along an individual's pathway to fulfilment, a measure of success in the pursuit of happiness and a life well-lived. Both a terminus and a point of embarkation. A moment to reflect and celebrate, and a moment to imagine and begin new work.

I couldn't wait to head to college. To be (sort of) on my own. To shed the strictures associated with home life in favor of a self-governed dorm room. To learn things. To meet girls.

I don't remember a shred of sadness when high school ended for me. I was supercharged for what came next. Four years later, I was similarly excited about New York and a new job, though I can still summon the bittersweet emotions swirling through me as my fraternity emptied that final May, a few guys leaving each day, until only three of us were left sitting on our threadbare outdoor couch looking down the empty hill, draining one last pitcher of beer.

That was 40 years ago. Forty amazing years, none of which I would trade or redo. If only youth were permanent, and we could both insatiably experience things and never face the inevitable end.

When we celebrate milestones, we do so with optimism that we will reach more. Here's hoping America's quarter-millennia is the first of four in the first thousand years of an unending run. And each graduation is a special day in a long lifetime comprised of many more special days.

*Scott A. Lauretti*



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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### INTERNATIONAL PERSPECTIVE

Each year I come from Germany to visit my son, George, and his wife, Penny, at the Landings on Skidaway Island. Our hometown, Dortmund, in Germany, used to be a center for coal mining and steel mills, very different from the natural paradise that is the Landings.

With every visit I look forward to reading The Skinnie magazines, which my daughter-in-law keep for me. The recent Mother's Day edition was especially touching for me, with you (Scott) talking about your own mother, as I felt a lot of similarities to my own life.

I am 86 years old, and after the war we younger women felt a bit like a new generation, having to do things differently. But I

was raised by my grandparents, who were not always easy-going. They still had a different view on life. Women of my age (like your mother and I) seem to have experienced life in similar ways, no matter whether in Europe or the U.S.

Thank you for your lovely article for Mother's Day. Please send your mother my best wishes for health and happiness for her birthday and beyond.

Katja Lämmerhirt

*Ed. Note: Thank you for your letter, Frau Lämmerhirt. It is wonderfully gratifying to be reminded that words that attempt to capture experiences and feelings can connect us. We wish you many more annual visits.*

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BY TERRI ESPY



## Landlovers Celebrates and Confers Annual Awards



This year's Auctionmania generated more than \$26,000 in revenue in support of Landlovers' charitable programs.

Each year, Landlovers brings the Skidaway Island community together through fundraising events that build connections and support meaningful change. For the first time, the annual May Awards and Closing Ceremonies were combined, providing Landlovers members opportunity to witness firsthand the meaningful impact these awards and grants will have on the recipients and their future achievements.

May 2025 through May 2026 has been a stellar year, as Landlovers has proudly provided \$120,000 in awards and grants to deserving recipients and community programs. Through its existence, Landlovers has reinvested more than \$2 million in the local community.

Landlovers raised close to \$150,000 this year to support its community-focused efforts. Funds were raised through the following events and programs:

- Flea Market – \$53,816
- Auction Mania – \$26,664
- Tour of Homes – \$40,440
- Sponsorships – \$17,800
- Donations – \$4,935
- Misc. Events – \$4,709

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Students who have garnered recognition and support from Landlovers are making positive impact through volunteer service, academic accomplishments, and involvement in numerous school activities. Merit awards were presented to Reese Bailey, Nicholas Chiozza, Ava Herdon, Asher Herrin, Olivia Keating, Catherine Kristoff, Cara

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McIntosh, Reese Moran, Marci Sayers, and Ben Weisel. Landlovers awarded scholarships to Chris Condame, Emma Bromley, LaMyla Hill, Isaac McDowell, and Marge Peregrina.

Our community has every reason to be proud of these outstanding young people. Please join us in congratulating them on their achievements and bright futures.

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As my term as president concluded on May 31, 2026, I extend my heartfelt gratitude to everyone who contributed to such a successful and meaningful year. Our success is made possible by more than 800 volunteers who worked long hours with enthusiasm and dedication to ensure success and fun for participants. We also thank this year's committee chairs, whose leadership and dedication were instrumental in the success of our events – Kathy Collura and Holly Taylor (Tour of Homes); Janie Florenz (Flea Market); and Judi Threfall and Christin Street (Auctionmania).

Thank you for your time, talent, and commitment to our mission, "Enriching the Community We Love." Together, we have made a lasting impact, and I look forward to seeing the organization continue to grow and thrive in the years ahead.

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Whaddayaknow  
by Jim Toedtman

**1** Who or where were first articulated America's famous "Four Freedoms" – of speech, of religion, from want, and from fear?

- (a) the Constitution
- (b) the Bill of Rights
- (c) Franklin D. Roosevelt
- (d) Abraham Lincoln

**2** Which of the following freedoms is NOT guaranteed by the First Amendment?

- (a) speech
- (b) press
- (c) assembly
- (d) voting
- (e) religion

**3** What do presidential candidates Andrew Jackson, Samuel Tilden, Grover Cleveland, Al Gore, and Hillary Clinton have in common?

- (a) they agree that their home states of Tennessee and New York should have more electoral college votes
- (b) they received a majority of the popular vote, but lost the electoral college vote
- (c) Ivy League degrees
- (d) they served as vice president before running for president

**4** Republicans hold 55 percent of the 180 Georgia state assembly seats (100), 59 percent of the 55 state senate seats (33), and 64 percent of Georgia's 14 U.S. congressional seats (9). What percentage of total votes cast did Republican candidates for Congress receive in 2020?

- (a) 46%
- (b) 51%
- (c) 56%
- (d) 61%

**5** The principle of self-government is made clear by the first words of the Constitution. What are those words?

- (a) We the People

- (b) God Bless America
- (c) With this Constitution
- (d) When in the course of human events
- (e) To create a more perfect union

**6** Which of the following is true? The Electoral College

- (a) convenes every year
- (b) was a compromise between those favoring a direct popular vote for president and those favoring a vote by congress
- (c) has failed to pick a winner in three elections – 1800, 1824, and 1876
- (d) keeps voting until a winner is elected president

**7** When the Constitution was adopted in 1787, women, minorities, and anyone under 21 could not vote, and voters did not directly choose presidents or U.S. senators. Presidents were and are elected by the electoral college. How were U.S. senators originally elected?

- (a) by the electoral college
- (b) by the U.S. House Representatives delegation from each state
- (c) by each state's legislature
- (d) by the president

**8** Match the following quotations with the people who made them.

- a. These are the times that try men's souls.
- b. Remember the women.
- c. There never was a good war or a bad peace.
- d. I only regret that I have one life to give for my country.

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- e. Give me liberty or give me death.  
f. It ought to be solemnized with pomp and parade, guns, bells, bonfires, and illuminations.
1. Nathan Hale

2. Thomas Paine

3. John Adams

4. Benjamin Franklin

5. Abigail Adams

6. Patrick Henry
- 9 Which of the following “Founding Fathers” signed neither the Constitution nor the Declaration of Independence?  
(a) Thomas Paine (d) Benjamin Franklin  
(b) Thomas Jefferson (e) John Adams  
(c) George Washington
- 10 The Native American population in North America dropped drastically between 1492 and 1776. Constitution regards the Native Americans as comparable to states and foreign nations. How did the Declaration of Independence address them?  
(a) “the merciless Indian savages”  
(b) “among foreign nations and the several states”  
(c) “other colonies and colonizers”  
(d) they’re not mentioned
- 11 After declaring the self-evident truths and the right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness, the Declaration of Independence devotes most of its energy to listing “repeated injuries and usurpations all having the direct object the establishment of an absolute tyranny.” That bill of particulars against King George III includes which of the following?

- (a) “endeavored to prevent the population of these states” by restricting immigration and deporting immigrants  
(b) “obstructed the administration of justice”  
(c) “he has kept amongst us, in times of peace,” government troops without local consent; or “quartering large bodies of troops among us” without local consent  
(d) “for cutting off our trade” and imposing tariffs indiscriminately  
(e) “for transporting us beyond Seas” for trial and imprisonment  
(f) all the above
- 12 The highest voter turnout in U.S. history was 82.6 of registered voters in 1872. Voter turnout in 2024 was the highest in over a century since 1908 when it was 68 percent. The percentage dropped because the pool of voters was expanded. Which of the following did not expand the right to vote?  
(a) The Equal Rights Amendment  
(b) the 15th amendment ending race, color, or previous servitude  
(c) the 19th amendment letting women vote  
(d) the 26th amendment dropping the voting age to 18
- 13 Button Gwinnett was a delegate from Georgia who signed the Declaration of Independence. At \$765,000, his autograph has become the most expensive of all the Declaration signers because there are only 51 known documents carrying his signature. How did he die?  
(a) He was shot in the knee during a duel  
(b) he was wounded during the Siege of Savannah  
(c) smallpox  
(d) as a British prisoner
- 14 Teddy Roosevelt established a national club honoring the two people he credited as the genuine authors of America’s history. Who were they?  
(a) George Washington and Abraham Lincoln  
(b) Robert E. Lee and Ulysses Grant  
(c) Daniel Boone and Davey Crockett  
(d) Christopher Columbus and Amerigo Vespucci  
(e) Miles Standish and John Smith
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## A Great Nation's FIRST WORDS

Next week, grateful Americans will celebrate the 250th birthday of the United States. The Declaration of Independence was ratified by the Second Continental Congress on July 4, 1776, when the 56 delegates representing 13 colonies put pen to parchment to courageously sign their names. In case you're wondering about the First Continental Congress, its output is less well remembered. In 1774, delegations from 12 colonies produced a Declaration of Rights and Grievances, saying colonists should be entitled to the same rights as Englishmen, including life, liberty, and property, and denounced taxation without representation. It's interesting to note that Thomas Jefferson reworked "life, liberty, and property" to "life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness" for the Declaration of Independence. Perhaps he was suggesting that money and wealth aren't the keys to contentment, though the Founding Fathers deemed economic self-determination to be fundamental component of an idealized society.

By defying the English monarchy, our Founding Fathers placed themselves at extreme risk, ultimately leading to a bloody war. Nine of the signers died of wounds suffered in battle; five were captured and imprisoned. Many wives and children of the revolutionaries were killed, jailed, mistreated, or left destitute. Twelve of the signers' homes were burned to the ground. Nevertheless, not one of those brave men wavered in his commitment to liberty and independence from British domination.

Jefferson drafted The Declaration of Independence in Virginia, his



Thomas Jefferson

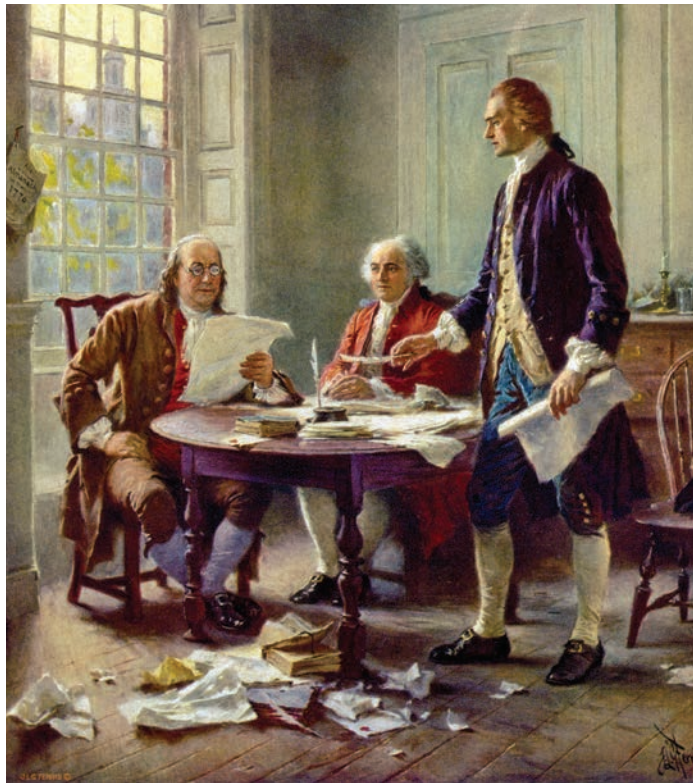
native and home state. As a young man, he displayed innate intellectual gifts, though, by his own admission, he spent too much time dancing, socializing, and otherwise squandering his money during his first year as a student at William and Mary. Disappointed in himself and motivated by mentors who recognized his considerable potential, Jefferson committed himself to 15 hours of daily study as a sophomore. Ultimately, he completed his education and was admitted to the bar as a lawyer. As a representative to Virginia's House of Burgesses, he pursued reforms to slavery, including writing and sponsoring legislation in 1769 to strip power from the royal governor and courts, instead providing masters of slaves with the discretion to emancipate them. This, despite his own family's agrarian enterprise.

The opening words of Jefferson's enduring masterwork are etched forever in the annals of history: *"When in the Course of human events, it becomes necessary for one people to dissolve the political bands which have connected them with another, and to assume among the powers of the earth, the separate and equal station to which the Laws of Nature and of Nature's God entitle them, a decent respect to the opinions of mankind requires that they should declare the causes which impel them to the separation."*

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Writing the Declaration of Independence, 1776, a 1900 portrait by Jean Leon Gerome Ferris depicting Benjamin Franklin, John Adams, and Thomas Jefferson working on the document.

He continues with the declaration's second paragraph: *"We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness. — That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed, — That whenever any Form of Government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the Right of the People to alter or to abolish it, and to institute new Government, laying its foundation on such principles and organizing its powers in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their Safety and Happiness..."*

Following an extensive list of grievances against the King of England (27, by my count), the final paragraph of the Declaration states: *"We, therefore, the Representatives of the United States of America, in General Congress, Assembled, appealing to the Supreme Judge of the world for the rectitude of our intentions, do, in the Name, and by Authority of the good People of these Colonies, solemnly publish and declare, That these United Colonies are, and of Right ought to be Free and Independent States; that they are Absolved from all Allegiance to the British Crown, and that all political connection between them and the State of Great Britain, is and ought to be totally dissolved; and that as Free and Independent States, they have full Power to levy War, conclude Peace, contract Alliances, establish Commerce, and to do all other Acts and Things which Independent States may of right do. And for the support of this Declaration, with a firm reliance on the protection of divine Providence, we mutually pledge to each other our Lives, our Fortunes and our sacred Honor."*

At the time, the British Empire was the dominant economic and military power in the world. But inspired by the Declaration of Independence, the Continental Army, under the command of Gen. George Washington, had strengths the British did not. Many of its soldiers had proven themselves in battle during the French and Indian War. The greatest advantage was the purity of their passionate motivation: They were fighting for their homes, their way of life, and the ideals of liberty, independence, and a new nation. Their determination would eventually earn them support from France, Spain, and the Netherlands, all long-time opponents of Great Britain.

During the several years that followed the Second Continental Congress's bold declaration, the opposing armies engaged in battle up and down the colonies — at Long Island and Manhattan and Saratoga and West Point, New York; at Trenton and Princeton, New Jersey; at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; at Savannah, Georgia and Charleston, South Carolina in the American South. Finally, at Yorktown, Virginia, the British defeat convinced the English crown that its war with the Colonies was lost. However, fighting continued sporadically for the next two years until the Treaty of Paris was negotiated by Benjamin Franklin, John Adams, and John Jay in 1783, bringing a formal end to the Revolutionary War. In defeat, Britain ceded not only the land within the borders of the 13 original states, but also 475,000 square miles that stretched westward to the Mississippi River. On November 25, 1783, the young nation of free and independent states celebrated as the last remaining redcoats sailed away from New York City, and Washington and his Continental Army entered Manhattan Island. A new nation, as stated in 1776 by the Declaration of Independence, was established to flourish for 250 remarkable years and beyond.



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## Healthcare Horizons

New graduates have many careers paths to choose from. You've got your diploma in hand, and the future is wide open. That can be both thrilling and terrifying. Some graduates already have a passion or a calling, and they know where they want to go from here. Others may not be so certain, but they still have a general idea of what they are looking for – a career that offers growth, stability, and the opportunity to make a difference.

As the traditional structure of the workforce continues to evolve, healthcare offers a bright future, and the work is not limited to being a doctor or a nurse. Hospitals are complex systems that rely on a diverse team of

professionals with varying levels of education and diverse skills and interests.

According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, healthcare occupations may add more jobs over the next decade than any other occupational group. For new grads who are weighing their options this summer, it might be worth taking a close look at some of the high-demand opportunities available.

For high school graduates ready to jump straight into the workforce, there are excellent entry-level roles that provide a steady income and the chance to be part of an essential team. These include patient transporters, who safely move patients between rooms and surgical

areas; unit clerks, who manage patient check-ins, answer phones, and coordinate schedules for their units; and medical record clerks, who ensure patient data is securely organized and updated. Hospitals also need skilled co-workers who are utilized for any type of facility or large operation, such as food service, cleaning and sanitation, and security.

For students willing to invest anywhere from one to four years into specialized training, an associate or bachelor's degree unlocks some of the most resilient career tracks in medicine. Registered nurses, for example, are needed more than ever. Nurses play various roles in hospital operations; but, in general, they provide hands-on patient care, coordi-



nate treatment plans, and educate patients and families about various health conditions. Becoming a nurse requires an associate degree in nursing (ADN) or a Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN), and passage of the National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX-RN). The starting salary for nurses is typically around \$52,000 to \$68,000. The median salary for experienced nurses is closer to \$80,000 or more.

Hospitals require a variety of technologists for imaging and laboratory work. One example is radiation technologists, who operate specialized medical equipment to help physicians diagnose, monitor, and treat injuries and diseases. This career combines technical expertise with direct patient care, as technologists help prepare patients for scans and ensure they acquire clear, high-quality images. These roles typically require an associate degree, and new techs in coastal Georgia can expect a starting salary of around \$50,000 annually. Clinical laboratory technologists conduct tests on blood and tissue to detect disease. They play a crucial role in providing data that can help physicians save lives. These professionals have earned a bachelor's degree

and completed heavy coursework in sciences such as biochemistry and microbiology. The starting salary for these technologists ranges from \$38,000 to \$45,000 annually, while the median salary for experienced techs reaches closer to \$60,000 annually. There are technologist roles available in different specialties, such as surgery, anesthesia, cardiovascular care, and neurology.

Some graduates dream of becoming doctors. And, just as with nurses, the need for skilled physicians is enormous. It's important to remember that becoming a doctor requires a long-term strategic timeline, which includes an undergraduate degree and four years of medical school to earn your MD or DO (balancing two years of classroom science with two years of clinical rotations in a hospital). This is followed by a residency program, which can last anywhere from three to seven years, depending on the specialty you choose. St. Joseph's/Candler has developed its own residency program in partnership with the Medical College of Georgia. The program is currently recruiting top medical graduates for the inaugural class of internal medicine residents, with the first class starting just one year

from now. The goal is to graduate physicians who are confident, capable, and prepared to meet the clinical needs of an aging population amid rising rates of chronic disease.

These highlighted roles only scratch the surface of a hospital's network of professionals. For every bedside nurse or physician, there are dozens of hardworking and specially trained people operating behind the scenes. Whether you want to step right into a clinic next month, spend two years earning a degree, or are ready to commit to the long journey to a medical degree, the healthcare field has a path for you.

Some graduates may be surprised to learn that many of the most fulfilled people in healthcare never planned on a medical career. They may have started in administrative support, food services, or facilities management, only to discover that working in an environment dedicated to healing gave them a profound sense of purpose. For many of the people working at St. Joseph's/Candler, it's not just about earning a living; they also enjoy contributing to a community's wellbeing.





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# A Little Pomp and Circumstance HERE'S TO THE CLASS OF 2026

Skidaway Island is home to residents of various ages, interests, and experiences. Sometimes, the Landings is thought of as a retirement community, filled with folks who have lived most of their lives somewhere else. One aspect of Skidaway's appeal – a feature that differentiates the development from so many other recreation-focused gated communities along the Southeastern coast – is its multigenerational makeup.

Each year, we congratulate Skidaway teens who have achieved one of early life's special milestones – high school graduation. We depend upon local schools and our readers to identify each year's cap-and-gown kids. The process is imperfect, but we do the best we can with

the information provided.

The Skidaway Island Class of 2026 has 57 graduates. They come from a variety of schools including Savannah Country Day School (37), Calvary Day School (7), St. Andrew's School (3), St. Vincent's Academy (3), and one each from Benedictine Military School, Bethesda Academy, Forman School, Habersham School, Memorial Day School, Savannah Arts Academy, and Savannah Christian Preparatory School.

Join us in congratulating these young people and their families and read about their aspirations and plans.



**MAGGIE ALLEN**

*Savannah Arts Academy*

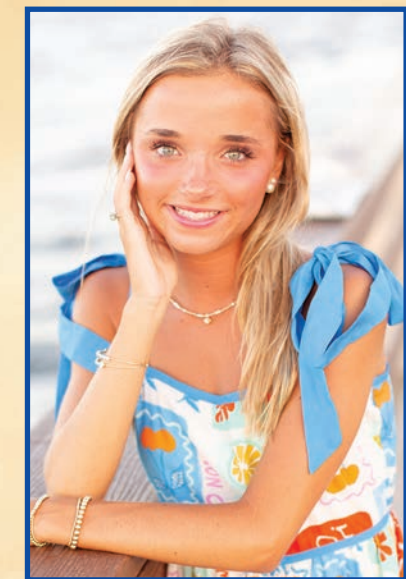
Maggie is an Honors graduate and will study psychology at Emory University.



**REESE BAILEY**

*Savannah Country Day School*

Reese will attend New York University this fall, majoring in biology on the pre-med track.



**LILY BARROW**

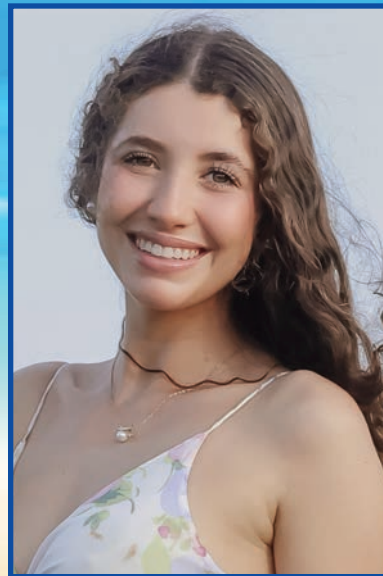
*Savannah Country Day School*

Lily is heading to the University of Georgia to study biology.



**MAX BEAMON**

*Savannah Country Day School*  
Max has enrolled at Georgia Southern University.



**HALEY BIRD**

*Savannah Country Day School*  
Haley is entering the Honors College at Georgia College and State University.



**THOMAS BOYD**

*Savannah Country Day School*  
Thomas plans to major in finance and minor in global trade and commerce at Wake Forest University.



**NICOLAS CHIOZZA**

*Savannah Country Day School*  
Nicolas will major in chemical engineering at Virginia Tech.



**PIERCE BLAKE COLLEY**

*The Habersham School*  
Pierce has been accepted into the Brock Business School at Samford University.



**SLOAN COLLINS**

*Savannah Country Day School*  
Sloan will be attending Georgia Southern University and hopes to become a nurse practitioner.



**EMMA BROMLEY**

*Savannah Country Day School*  
Emma has been accepted to the College of Charleston, where she will continue her soccer career while pursuing a pre-med track.



**ELIZABETH PARHAM BUCKLER**

*Savannah Country Day School*  
"Boots" plans to major in psychology with a minor in politics and international affairs at Wake Forest University.



**MAX CARTER**

*St. Andrews School*  
Max is planning to attend University of South Carolina as a business major.



**MARIN COX**

*Savannah Country Day School*  
A pre-veterinary major, Marin will be attending the University of Missouri's BS/DVM program.



**LORELEI DOWNEN**

*St. Andrews School*  
In the fall, Lorelei is bound for Auburn University with the intention to major in elementary education.



**SHERIDAN GREER FLEMING**

*Savannah Country Day School*  
Sheridan Greer will continue her education in Georgia, pursuing a career as a perfusionist and part-time writer.



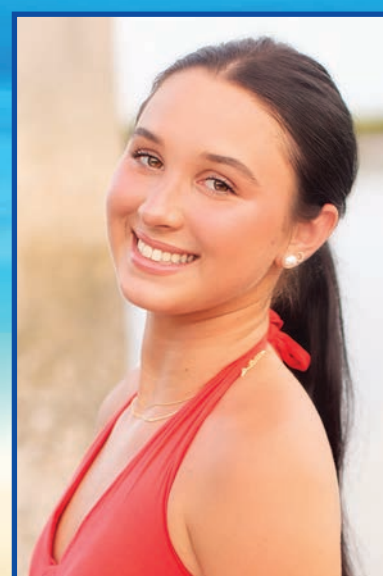
**LUKE FOUNTAIN**

*Savannah Country Day School*  
Luke will be attending Washington and Lee University this fall to study business. Go Generals!!!



**BOWEN FUTCH**

*Calvary Day School*  
Graduating with Honors, Bowen looks forward to attending the University of Mississippi where he will major in business with an emphasis on finance.



**JILLIAN GOLDBERG**

*Savannah Country Day School*  
Jillian will pursue a degree in the medical field at the University of South Carolina.



**JT HILL**

*Savannah Country Day School*  
JT will attend Auburn University where he will major in business.



**LOGAN THOMAS HORN**

*Forman School*  
Logan will continue his education at High Point University.



**COLEMAN HUGGINS**

*Savannah Country Day School*  
This September, Coleman will be attending NYU Tisch School of the Arts for film production.



**HUNTER GOLDSTEIN**

*Savannah Country Day School*  
Hunter is off to the University of Georgia in the fall to major in finance.



**ANSON G. GREER**

*Calvary Day School*  
Anson graduated with high honors and will attend Georgia Institute of Technology this fall to pursue a degree in civil engineering.



**MAEVE EMILY HECHT**

*Savannah Country Day School*  
Maeve has enrolled at the University of Alabama to study speech language and hearing sciences.

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**QUINN JOHNSON**

*Calvary Day School*

Quinn is going to the University of North Georgia on a baseball scholarship. He plans on majoring in physics/engineering.



**ZOI JOHNSON**

*Savannah Country Day School*

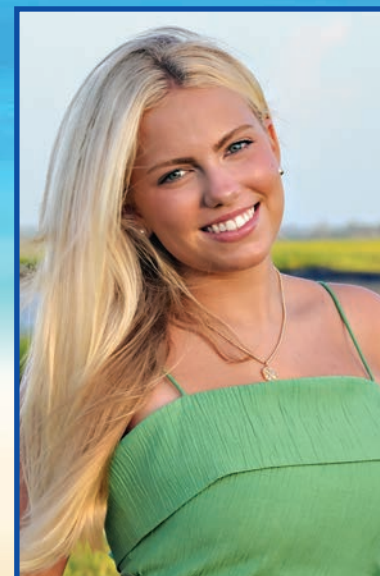
Zoi has chosen to join the family business in real estate acquisition and development. She is pursuing a hands-on education in entrepreneurship, business operations, and development, with aspirations to build her own brand.



**HAYDEN KENT**

*Calvary Day School*

Hayden will be attending Coastal Georgia College in Brunswick to obtain a bachelor's degree in biology.



**LAUREN LEWIS**

*Savannah Country Day School*

Lauren plans to study business at the University of Georgia.



**LARKIN LOTTER**

*Savannah Country Day School*

Larkin is heading to the Horst Schulze School of Hospitality Management at Auburn University.

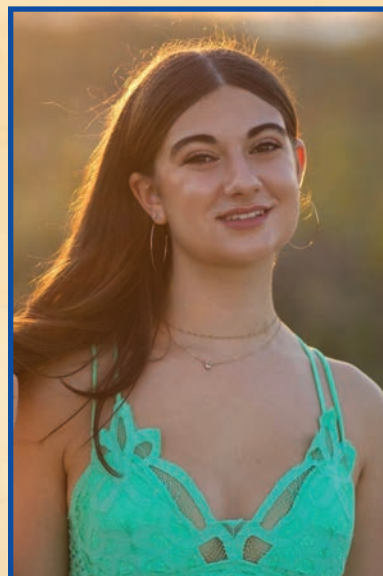


**OLIVIA LOTTER**

*Savannah Country Day School*

Olivia will be attending the Horst Schulze School of Hospitality Management at Auburn University.

*We wish all our graduates the best of luck wherever their future endeavors may take them. We appreciate the opportunity to recognize the young people of Skidaway Island, and thank the graduates and their families for sharing their success stories with our readers.*



**ISABEL KRAUTHEIMER**

*St. Andrew's School*

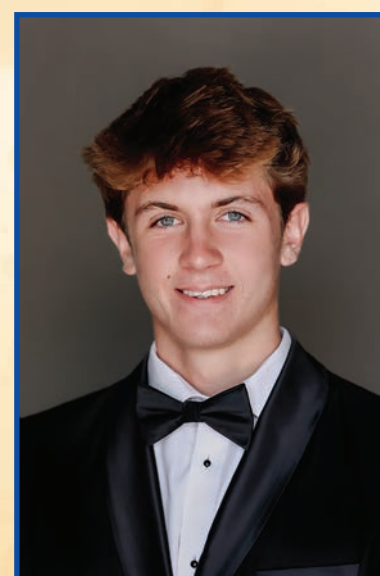
Izzy will pursue a bachelor's in nursing with a minor in Spanish at the University of Miami.



**HARLAN LERCH**

*Savannah Country Day School*

Harlan will major in illustration and sequential art at the Savannah College of Art and Design.



**DAVID REID MANER**

*Calvary Day School*

David will attend Georgia Southern University where he plans to major in business.



**THEO MCGUIRK**

*Savannah Country Day School*

Theo intends to major in chemical and biomolecular engineering at Georgia Tech.



**CARA MCINTOSH**

*Savannah Country Day School*

Cara will attend Georgia College and State University this fall, exploring opportunities in creative and media-related fields.



**ISABELLA MONTAGUE**

*Calvary Day School*

Izzy is very excited to begin her studies at the University of Alabama this fall, where she plans to major in political science. Roll Tide!



**PEYTON ELIZABETH MOORE**

*St. Vincent's Academy*

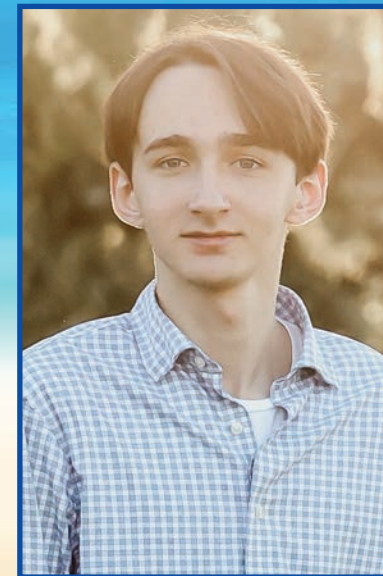
Peyton will be attending Georgia Southern University in the fall to pursue a degree in construction management and interior design.



**REISE MORAN**

*Savannah Country Day School*

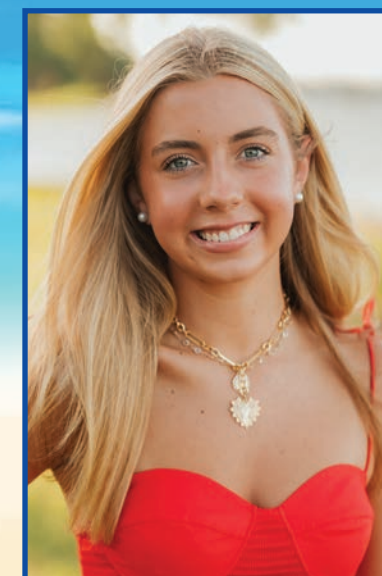
Reise will major in neuroscience at Georgia Tech



**HARRISON PERRY**

*Savannah Country Day School*

Harrison will pursue a degree in astrophysics at Georgia College and State University.



**ELLA PHILLIPS**

*Savannah Country Day School*

Ella plans to attend the University of Georgia as a biology major (pre-med). Go Dawgs!



**MAX "SAGE" RICHARDS**

*Bethesda Academy*

Sage will major in psychology at Oglethorpe University in the fall.



**SOPHIA CAROLINE MYERS**

*Savannah Country Day School*

Sophie will attend Auburn University, Honors College as a Presidential Scholar, and major in biomedical sciences.



**WILL PADEREWSKI**

*Savannah Country Day School*

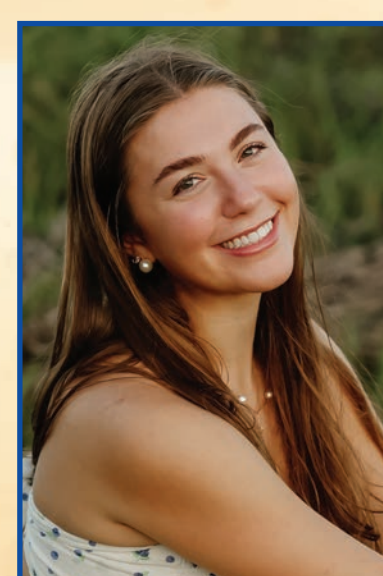
Will has been accepted to the Harbert College of Business at Auburn University.



**AUDREY KATHERINE PASLAWSKI**

*St. Vincent's Academy*

Audrey's headed to Ole Miss in the fall to study business.



**ELANA RUBEN**

*Savannah Country Day School*

Elana will attend Georgia Tech in the fall to study chemical and biomolecular engineering major.



**MARCELLA NICOLE SAYERS**

*St. Vincent's Academy*

Marci will pursue a degree in nursing at Georgia College and State University in Milledgeville and hopes to become a travel nurse.



**ALICIA CHRISTIAN SCHUMAN**

*Memorial Day School*

Christian has enrolled at Georgia Southern University's Armstrong campus.

# ALSO GRADUATING

## HILLARY BUNGER

*Savannah Country Day School*

## THOMAS CLAIRBORNE

*Savannah Country Day School*

## WILLIAM PATTERSON CLINE

*Benedictine Military School*

## MILOS COPIC

*St. Andrews School*

## ARCHIBALD DAVIS II

*Savannah Country Day School*

## KENDALL FOURNIER

*Memorial Day School*

## WILLIAM "TRIPP" FOWLER

*Habersham School*

## SILAS GJEKAJ

*Savannah Country Day School*

## CHARLES FERRELL HELMES

*Benedictine Military School*

## WILLIAM ASHER HERRIN

*Benedictine Military School*

## MILES WRIGHT HOLLIS

*Benedictine Military School*

## WESTON HUGHES

*Savannah Christian School*

## GAVIN LEBLANC

*Calvary Day School*

## LINDSEY NORMAN

*Habersham School*

## MASON ANTHONY O'NEIL

*Benedictine Military School*

## DANIIL PHILLIPS

*Habersham School*

## GEORGIA REED

*Habersham School*

## STEPHEN DOYLE SAUERS

*Benedictine Military School*

## WILSON STAFFORD

*St. Vincent's Academy*

## GEORGE HAMPTON BELL THRELKELD

*Benedictine Military School*



## WILLIAM SPARKS

*Savannah Country Day School*

William will attend Auburn University in the fall as a business major.



## LILLIAN STONE

*Savannah Country Day School*

Lillian intends to major in psychology for pre-med at Auburn University.



## CONNOR UMBEL

*Savannah Country Day School*

Connor will be attending the Pratt School of Engineering at Duke University. His focus will be electrical engineering and computer science with a minor in music.



## LEONELLA RAQUEL VAQUER

*Calvary Day School*

Leonella has enrolled at Georgia Southern University to study forensic psychology.



## MILES VAUGHT

*Savannah Country Day School*

Miles will attend the University of Georgia, planning to major in business administration.



## SARAH SUSSMAN

*Savannah Country Day School*

This summer, Sarah will be working as a camp counselor before heading to Tulane University to study neuroscience.



## HILLIARD TOLER

*Savannah Christian*

*Preparatory School*

Hill graduated Summa Cum Laude and will attend Mercer University in the fall to pursue a law degree.



## ADELINE LUCILLE VETROVSKY

*Savannah Country Day School*

Adeline is headed to Ohio University in Athens, Ohio, to major in biology, pre-medicine.



## BENJAMIN R. WEISEL

*Benedictine Military School*

Benjamin will attend the University of Georgia with an intended major of risk management and insurance.



## BOONE WIESNER

*Savannah Country Day School*

Boone has earned an appointment to the United States Military Academy at West Point.



### MATERIAL GIRLS

**WHAT:** Skidaway Quilters, to learn, share experience and complete projects  
**WHEN:** 3rd Thursday of each month, 2 p.m.  
**WHERE:** Skidaway Community Church  
**HOW MUCH:** Free  
**CONTACT:** Judy Davis, 912.319.2865  
**WHAT ELSE:** Whether you are an experienced quilter or new to the craft, please join us for some handwork, conversation and networking. Bring a project you are working on, show and tell, or just plan to socialize. Learn about quilt shops in the area and local quilt guilds. All members of Landlovers who are interested in quilting are welcome.

### LUNCH BUNCH

**WHAT:** Landlovers Men's Lunch Group  
**WHEN:** 2nd Tuesday of each month  
**WHERE:** Various restaurants around Savannah  
**HOW MUCH:** Based on restaurant  
**CONTACT:** llmenslunchgroup@gmail.com

### STARTING WITH SARAH

**WHAT:** Jewish Women of the Landings (JWOL)  
**WHEN:** Various social and educational events throughout the year  
**CONTACT:** For more information regarding JWOL, contact Carla at 845.216.1543 or crsblumenthal@gmail.com  
**WHAT ELSE:** JWOL is open to Jewish women as well as those connected to someone Jewish through marriage or kinship. We provide opportunities for members to develop new friendships, enjoy a wide range of social activities, educational engagements, and connect with women who share similar interests.

### REEL MEN

**WHAT:** Landlovers Men's Action Movies and Dinner  
**WHEN:** We usually see an action movie once a month.  
**HOW MUCH:** Movie admission  
**CONTACT:** Dave Robinson, dave.robinson16@gmail.com  
**WHAT ELSE:** Men's Action Movies is a friendly gathering of men who want to see movies your wife probably wouldn't want to see. Must be a Landlovers member. Membership is open to all residents of Skidaway Island.

# island hopping

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### HEAR GREAT SPEAKERS

**WHAT:** Kiwanis Club of Skidaway  
**WHEN:** Thursday mornings at 8 a.m.  
**WHERE:** Palmetto Club  
**HOW MUCH:** Free to attend, including any refreshments, which includes coffee/tea (compliments of Morgan Stanley) and occasional pastries from Auspicious Bakery.  
**CONTACT:** Michael Klavon, 912.306.0474 for gate pass  
**WHAT ELSE:** Membership is open to Savannah/Chatham area residents. Visit [www.kiwanisofskidaway.com](http://www.kiwanisofskidaway.com) for more information.

### WHO NEW?

**WHAT:** New Neighbors  
**WHEN:** Visit [www.landingsnewneighbors.com](http://www.landingsnewneighbors.com) to see our calendar  
**CONTACT:** Visit our website or contact Jody at [nnnewmember@gmail.com](mailto:nnnewmember@gmail.com)  
**WHAT ELSE:** The club offers more than 250 different activities from biking, golf, pickleball, walking groups or fishing to Mahjong, Bridge, Needle-arts and Canasta. We have exciting military tours and special events for you to enjoy right here on Skidaway Island.

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY, AMERICA

**WHAT:** Savannah Wind Symphony's Annual Patriotic Concert: "America 250"  
**WHEN:** Sunday, June 28, 3 p.m.  
**WHERE:** Fine Arts Auditorium of Georgia Southern University - Armstrong campus  
**HOW MUCH:** General admission - \$35; Military, EMS, and college students - \$25; Under 18 - \$10  
**CONTACT:** [SavannahWindSymphony.com](http://SavannahWindSymphony.com) for more info  
**WHAT ELSE:** Enjoy an inspiring concert of powerful and familiar American music, featuring guest conductor Col. Andrew Esch of the U.S. Army Band, solo vocalists, a choir, and an honor guard from Fort Stewart.

### TAKE A BOW

**WHAT:** Patriotic red, white, and blue bows for sale  
**WHEN:** Monday, June 29 and Tuesday, June 30, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.  
**WHERE:** Athletic Fields Pavilion and TLA Building, by the Blue Star Memorial  
**HOW MUCH:** \$20 each  
**CONTACT:** Joan Cunningham at [jcunn7016@icloud.com](mailto:jcunn7016@icloud.com)

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**WHAT ELSE:** The Landings Garden Club offers for sale Red, White, and Blue Bows for Freedom in honor of our nation's 250th birthday. These bows are a simple, elegant way to show your support throughout the year. Join us in honoring our country, one bow at a time. Proceeds support local charities and community events sponsored by The Landings Garden Club.

### SEA-PLUS

**WHAT:** Value-added summer programs  
**WHEN:** Tuesday - Friday in June and July, 10-10:30 a.m.  
**WHERE:** UGA Marine Education Center and Aquarium, 30 Ocean Science Circle  
**HOW MUCH:** Included in admission  
**CONTACT:** [gacoast.uga.edu/events/](mailto:gacoast.uga.edu/events/) or Cindy Lingeback at [calingeb@uga.edu](mailto:calingeb@uga.edu) or 912.598.2344  
**WHAT ELSE:** Visitors will have special opportunities to see ambassador turtles, hold marine invertebrates, do fun crafts, and watch the animals get fed. Each day is a new program.

### BEHIND THE SEA-NS

**WHAT:** Behind the Scenes Aquarium Tours  
**WHEN:** Wednesdays in June and July, 2-3 pm  
**WHERE:** UGA Marine Education Center and Aquarium  
**HOW MUCH:** \$15  
**CONTACT:** [gacoast.uga.edu/events/](mailto:gacoast.uga.edu/events/) or Cindy Lingeback, [calingeb@uga.edu](mailto:calingeb@uga.edu) or 912.598.2344  
**WHAT ELSE:** Participants will tour areas that are not typically open to the public, as aquarium staff demonstrates what it is like to care for our ambassador animals.

### SUMMER SALVATION

**WHAT:** Vacation Bible School  
**WHEN:** July 6-10, 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.  
**WHERE:** Messiah Lutheran Church, 1 W Ridge Rd.  
**HOW MUCH:** Free  
**CONTACT:** 912.598.1188 or Peggy Pearson, VBS director at 443.995.1146  
**WHAT ELSE:** Kingdom Quest VBS open to kids 3 (potty trained) to rising 5th graders. Biblical theme: Jesus is the light of the world, overcoming darkness, is expressed in lesson, story, games, song, snacks in Mario meets Minecraft setting. Kids too old for VBS? We welcome pre-teen and teen helpers. Register now at [Messiahsi.org](http://Messiahsi.org).

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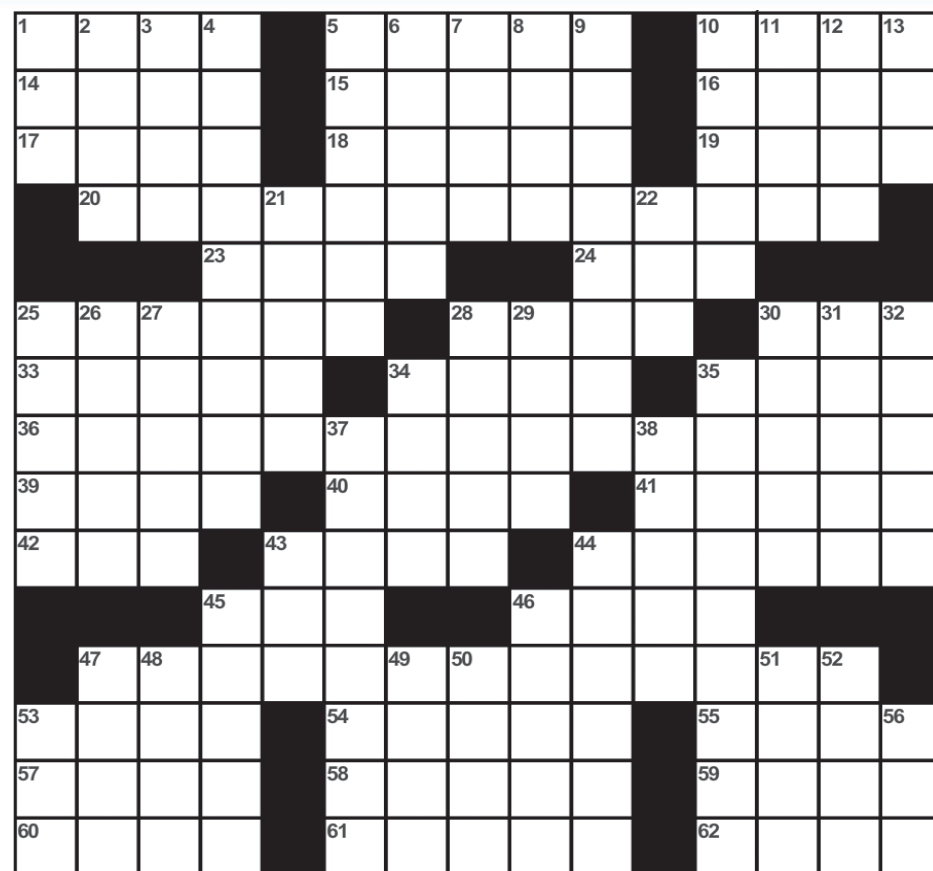
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## ACROSS

1. Ruin James Bond's martini?
5. Towers for storing grain
10. "Looky here!" sound
14. It's opened in saunas
15. Proficient
16. Burn-soothing plant
17. "Right away" in memos
18. Defibrillator operator's call
19. Motown music
20. Person you can trust
23. Wedding cake feature
24. Snoop
25. In the direction of
28. Cassette or scotch
30. \_\_\_\_ Doubtfire
33. Program purveyor
34. Unconvincing, as an excuse
35. Open mouth, insert \_\_\_\_
36. Statistician's presentation
39. Vein
40. Sign of things to come
41. Kent and Lane's co-worker
42. No one has two of them?
43. Fruit-cocktail ingredient
44. Maurice Ravel composition
45. Piece of turf
46. God of War
47. There's no end to it
53. Weight allowance
54. Put on paper
55. Gives a boost to
57. "Author unknown" byline
58. Accuser
59. Lincoln Logs competitor
60. Chromosome part
61. Takes to the hills?
62. Garden with a snake

## DOWN

1. Relaxing vacation destination
2. Throw around
3. What some veterans recall



4. Time-honored
5. Worthy of worship
6. Dynamo's antithesis
7. Wine barrel sediment
8. Common aquarium fish
9. Sharpened, as an old-fashioned razor
10. Pale and \_\_\_\_
11. Astringent fruit
12. Lip-puckering
13. \_\_\_\_ Aviv, Israel
21. Buenos\_
22. Underground treasure
25. Billiards necessity
26. "\_\_\_\_ Melancholy" (Keats)
27. Rolling tracts of open country
28. Get gradually smaller
29. Congregational concurrence
30. Key developer of communications
31. Generic pooch name

32. Transcript source
34. Monk in high places
35. Not miniature
37. Some rural festivities
38. Whisperer of sweet nothings
43. Dish eaten with the fingers
44. Thorny bushes (var.)
45. Ruckus
46. Played a role
47. Rooftop rooster
48. Press
49. Long Russian chain
50. Uncertain number
51. Stretched the truth, so to speak
52. Periphery
53. Price indicator
56. Chip off the old block

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