



WILSON HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION – FLORENCE CHAPTER
Post Office Box 538 ■ Florence, South Carolina 29503-0538

January 16, 2026

Theme: “*Celebrating 160 Years and the Story Continues*”

Dear Alumni and Friends:

Celebrating 160 years of our Alma Mater’s existence is indeed a milestone in history. Please plan to join us for this momentous experience as the Anniversary Committee has planned a spectacular schedule of events to ensure that this anniversary will forever be etched in your memory.

Local hotels are awaiting your arrival with discounted rates throughout the city. We have included a list of available hotels for your convenience. Please make your reservations prior to the designated deadlines to qualify for the specials.

The Golf Tournament will kick off the weekend at 7:00 am on Friday morning, July 3, 2026 at the Country Club of South Carolina. Registration fee is \$80 per person (includes lunch) with the deadline set for June 5, 2026.

A Parade of Classes down the original route on Dargan Street is scheduled for 4 pm Friday afternoon in downtown Florence followed by a block party in the 200 block of North Dargan Street! Oh, everyone is included – there’s a Kids Zone in the parking lot of the Community Grocery Store. The Purple and Gold Ball will be held Saturday evening, July 4th at the Florence Darlington Technical College SiMT building. Worship services are on Sunday, July 5th at Cumberland United Methodist Church culminating with a gospel concert featuring Vicki Winans on Sunday afternoon at the Francis Marion University Performing Arts Center.

The cost of the commemorative packet is \$160 to include tickets to all activities except the golf tournament along with a specially designed anniversary polo shirt and a copy of the keepsake souvenir journal. This contribution will enhance our donation to Wilson. Packets and parade numbers will be available for pickup on Thursday, July 2, 2026, from 5-9 pm Willie T’s, 210 N. Dargan Street, Florence, SC. Of course, you may also purchase individual tickets as well.

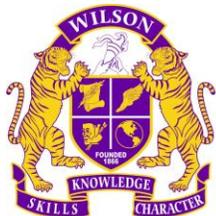
The registration deadline is May 22, 2026. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact a member of the Anniversary Committee. Thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,

Bryant D. Moses, Chairperson
160th Anniversary Committee
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Enclosures

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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

THURSDAY, JULY 2, 2026

7 PM – 10 PM MEET AND GREET
Willie T’s @ Thompson’s Plaza
210 North Dargan Street, Florence, SC 29501

FRIDAY, JULY 3, 2026

7:00 am – 2:00 pm GOLF TOURNAMENT
The Country Club of South Carolina
3525 McDonald Boulevard, Florence, SC 29506

10:00 am – 2:00 pm PICK UP PACKETS
Willie T’s @ Thompson’s Plaza
210 North Dargan Street, Florence, SC 29501

4:00 pm – 5:00 pm PARADE – DOWNTOWN FLORENCE
From Poynor to Baroody Street

5:00 pm – 10:00 pm BLOCK PARTY
Featuring *DJ Righteous Rampage*
200 Block of North Dargan Street

6:00 pm – 8:00 pm KIDS ZONE
Community Grocery Store Parking Lot
310 N. Dargan Street, Florence SC 29501

SATURDAY, JULY 4, 2026

8:00 pm – 12:00 am PURPLE AND GOLD BALL
Featuring *DJ Righteous Rampage*
Florence-Darlington Technical College SiMT Building
1951 Pisgah Road, Florence, SC 29501

SUNDAY, JULY 5, 2026

Meet @ 9:30 am WORSHIP SERVICES @ 10 am
Cumberland United Methodist Church
163 S. Coit Street, Florence, SC 29501

Doors open @ 4 pm GOSPEL CONCERT
5:00 pm – 7:00 pm Featuring *Vicki Winans*
Francis Marion University Performing Arts Center
201 S. Dargan Street, Florence, SC 29501