



**BLEEDING DISORDERS ASSOCIATION OF SOUTH CAROLINA
16th ANNUAL
STATE ADVOCACY DAYS**

**COURTYARD BY MARRIOTT
COLUMBIA DOWNTOWN AT UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA
630 Assembly Street
Columbia, South Carolina 29201**

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2025 and WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2025

Tuesday, February 25, 2025

4:00 pm: **Hotel Check-in**

4:30 pm: **BDASC Registration / Social Hour** (*Richland Ballroom Upstairs*)
~ Please locate your last name on our tables and sit accordingly. You are being assigned seating with your legislative meeting teams ~

5:30 pm: **Welcomes and Introductions**
Sue Martin, Executive Director, BDASC
James Romano, Legislative Coordinator, BDASC
BDASC, Advocacy Chair

5:45 pm: **2025 Legislative Priorities**

Hemophilia Assistance Program (HAP) Updates
Malerie Hartsell, Program Manager Hemophilia Assistance Program, Children with Special Health Care Needs, Department of Health

Access to Hemophilia Treatment Centers
Welcome Dr. Stephanie Ambrose and Robin Jones, RN, Prisma Health Hemostasis and Thrombosis Center of SC - Midstate

Local and National Advocacy

Passing SC Bills – Accumulator Adjustors
Sue Martin, Executive Director, BDASC, State Advocacy Lead
Nathan Schaefer, Senior Vice President of Public Policy and Access, National Bleeding Disorders Foundation

Introducing Team South Carolina : NBDF 2025 Washington Days Team

Shelley and Lucas Crisp- District 1
Candi and Noah Mitchum - District 2
Kristin and Danny Shelton – District 2
Taylor Upton – District 3
Sue Martin – District 4
Eric Townsend – District 5

*Cori Ann Harris and Adolina Adams – District 6
Whitney and Cole Galloway – District 7
James Romano- Legislative Coordinator, BDASC*

- 6:45 pm: Dinner Buffet
Tell Your Story – Living with a bleeding disorder means you must advocate for yourself. Learn how to tell your story by crafting meaningful and compelling personal messages.
*Presented by Shelby Smoak, Ph.D. Community Relations & Education Manager,
Sponsored by Sanofi*
- *(During Dinner) Teen and Tween Advocacy Training (Designated area)
Erin Van Nostrand & Sue Martin*
- 7:30 pm: **Welcoming Our Legislative Guests**
TBD-
- 7:45: pm: **Why Your Story Matters – Voices of our Advocates**
- *Advocate: Guests*
 - *Advocate: Teen Leadership Alliance*
- 8:00 pm: **Understanding Your Advocacy Packet and Leave-Behind Folders
Best Practices for Impactful Meetings**
*James Romano, Legislative Coordinator, BDASC
Sue Martin, Executive Director, BDASC*
- Meeting Schedule & Navigating the State Capitol (map)**
*James Romano, Legislative Coordinator, BDASC
Sue Martin, Executive Director, BDASC*
- 8:30 pm: **Wrap up and questions: Walking and Bus Instructions**

Wednesday, February 26, 2025

- 6:30 am: **Breakfast** *(Richland Ballroom)*
- 7:30am: **Hotel Checkout**
- 8:00 am: **Assemble in the Lobby - Group Photo**
- 8:20 am: **Travel to Capitol Grounds Walk & Hotel Shuttle**
- 8:30 am: **Photo on the Capitol Steps** - *(Side Capitol steps facing Pendleton Street, near the Blatt and Gressette buildings - Everyone is invited!*
- 9:00am – 12:00pm: **Legislative Meetings**
- Proclamation Meet and Greet with Lt. Governor Pamela Evette (front of her Capitol office– Rotunda) TBD
- 10:00am: SC House Recognition - TBD *(House Balcony)*

12:00am: SC Senate Recognition – TBD (*Senate Balcony*)

1:30 - **Lunch and Debriefing** (*Marriott Richland Ballroom*)
3:00pm:

Calling a Legislator from the House or Senate Floor: Say who you are and who you would like to speak to (name of the Representative or Senator)

Example: Senatechamber@scsenate.gov This is Constituent Sue Martin, with Bleeding Disorders Association of SC, for Ross Turner, and I would like to speak to him please, regarding (bill number).

Senators:

senatechamber@scsenate.gov

Representatives:

housepage@schouse.gov

All Participants and Guests can wear **Red** to support our **Going RED for Bleeding Disorders Campaign** to recognize our community's support of **March, National Bleeding Disorders Awareness Month**. *Post on your Facebook page and be sure to send it to Sue (sue.martin@bda-sc.org, text to 864-350-9941) so we can post on social media.*

Press and social media sharing: #BDASC2025Advocacy

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