



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

COURTYARD BY MARRIOTT, COLUMBIA DOWNTOWN AT USC

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

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

Hemophilia Assistance Program (HAP) Updates
Malerie Hartsell, MPH, CHES, APM, Section Director, Children and Youth
With Special Health Care Needs, Bureau of Maternal and Child Health
Programs
S.C. Department of Public Health

Recognizing our Hemophilia Treatment Centers
Welcome Dr. Stephanie Ambrose and Robin Jones, RN,
Prisma Health Hemostasis and Thrombosis Center of SC – Midstate

**H. 3934 & S. 330 - Cost Sharing
Banning Accumulator Adjustment Programs, Maximizers, Alternative Funding
Programs**
James Romano and Sue Martin

6:15pm: **Welcoming Our Legislative Guest**
Representative Chandra Dillard (D) District 23 Greenville County

6:45 pm: Dinner Buffet: Sponsored by Sanofi
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,*

➤ *(During Dinner) Teen and Tween Advocacy Training (Designated area)*

7:30 pm: **National Advocacy: State Challenges and Successes**
Nathan Schaefer, Senior Vice President of Public Policy and Access, National Bleeding Disorders Foundation
Sue Martin, Executive Director, BDASC, State Advocacy Lead

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

7:45: pm: **Why Your Story Matters – Voices of Our Advocates**
➤ *Advocate: Candi Mitchum, Advocacy Coalition*
➤ *Advocate: Teen Leadership Alliance members*

8:00 pm: **Recapping our Priorities:**
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**
- 7:30 am: **Assemble in the Lobby - Group Photo**
- 8:00 am: **Travel to Capitol Grounds Walk & Hotel Shuttle**
- 8:15 am: **Photo on the Capitol Steps** - (*Side Capitol steps facing Pendleton Street, near the Blatt and Gressette buildings - Everyone is invited!*)
- 8:30 – 1:00pm **Legislative Meetings**
Proclamation Meet and Greet with Lt. Governor Pamela Evette (front of her Capitol office– Rotunda) TBD
- 10:00am: SC House Recognition - TBD- Carla Schuessler (R) District 61 (*House Balcony*)
- 12:00am: SC Senate Recognition – TBD – Senator Larry Grooms (R) District 37 (*Senate Balcony*)
- 1:30 – 3:00pm **Lunch and Debriefing** (back at the *Marriott Richland Ballroom*)

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 Senator Jason Elliott, and I would like to speak to him please, regarding bills **H. 3934 or S. 330.**

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. Tag BDASC!*

Press and social media sharing: #BDASC2025Advocacy

With Appreciation to the South Carolina Hemophilia and Bleeding Disorders Advocacy Coalition members, BDASC Ambassadors, Our National Organizations, Our Guests, and Our SPONSORS!

