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**BLEEDING DISORDERS ASSOCIATION OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
17<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL  
STATE ADVOCACY DAYS**

**COURTYARD BY MARRIOTT, COLUMBIA DOWNTOWN AT USC**

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2026 - WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2026**

**Tuesday, February 24, 2026**

- 4:00 pm: **Hotel Check-in**
- 4:30 pm: **BDASC Registration / Social Hour** (*Richland Ballroom Upstairs*)
- 5:30 pm: **Welcomes and Introductions**  
*Sue Martin*, Executive Director, BDASC  
*Candi Mitchum*, Advocacy Chair, BDASC  
*James Romano*, Legislative Coordinator, BDASC
- 5:45 pm: **2026 Legislative Priorities**
- **Bleeding Disorders Education Awareness**
  - **Passing H. 3934 & S. 330 - Cost Sharing Bills  
Banning Accumulator Adjustment Programs, Maximizers, Alternative  
Funding Programs**  
*James Romano and Sue Martin*
  - **Supporting Our State Hemophilia Assistance Program (HAP)**  
*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
- 6:15pm: **Welcoming Our Legislative Guest**  
*Representative Chandra Dillard (D) District 23 Greenville County*  
*Potential – Lt Governor – Pamela Evette*
- 6:45 pm: **Dinner Buffet: Sponsored by CSL Behring**  
**Best Practice: Telling Your Story**  
*Emily Ogden, Government Affairs, CSL Behring*
- (During Dinner) Teen and Tween Advocacy Training (Designated area)*  
*Teen Leadership Alliance members*

- 7:30 pm: **National Advocacy: State Challenges and Successes; Passing Accumulator Legislation**  
*Matthew Delaney, Government Relations Manager, National Bleeding Disorders Foundation*
- **Introducing Team South Carolina: NBDF 2026 Washington Days Team**  
*Sue Martin*
    - Shelley Crisp- District 1*
    - Candi and Noah Mitchum - District 2*
    - Taylor Upton – District 3*
    - Sue Martin – District 4*
    - Dustin and Jessica Howell and family – District 5*
    - Whitney Galloway – District 7*
    - James Romano- Legislative Coordinator, BDASC*
- 7:45: pm: **Why Your Story Matters – Finding Your Voice and Style**  
 ➤ *Sharing Our Advocacy Skills (Gather with your teams)*
- 8:00 pm: **Understanding Your Advocacy Packet and Leave-Behind Folders**
  - **Recapping our Priorities**
  - **Best Practices for Impactful Meetings**
  - **Meeting Schedule & Navigating the State Capitol (map)***James Romano, Legislative Coordinator, BDASC*  
*Sue Martin, Executive Director, BDASC*
  - *Presenting Youth and Teen Certificates of Advocacy Training*
- 8:30 pm: **Wrap up and questions:**
  - Walking and Bus Instructions

**Wednesday, February 25, 2026**

- 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 – 2:00pm **Legislative Meetings: House and Senate**  
 Proclamation Meet and Greet with Lt. Governor Pamela Evette (front of her Capitol office– Rotunda) TBD
- 10:00am: **SC House Recognition** - (*House Balcony*)

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

2:00 – 3:30pm **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](mailto: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](mailto:senatechamber@scsenate.gov)

**Representatives:**

[housepage@schouse.gov](mailto: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](mailto:sue.martin@bda-sc.org)), text to 864-350-9941) so we can post on social media. Tag BDASC!*

Press and social media sharing: #BDASC2026Advocacy

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

