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Wilson focuses on education, public safety, cutting waste



Alan Wilson talks about what he would do as governor of South Carolina during an interview on July 29 in Greenville.
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Gubernatorial candidate has endorsements of nearly two dozen SC sheriffs

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Editor’s note: The Greenville News invited all current gubernatorial candidates to a sit-down interview on their campaigns and plans for the governor’s office.

South Carolina Attorney General Alan Wilson announced his campaign for governor just over a month ago at a Lexington restaurant alongside family and colleagues.

He has earned the endorsements of nearly two dozen South Carolina sheriffs since starting his campaign. He

touts a campaign focused on cutting wasteful spending, improving government transparency, and strengthening the ties between local and state authorities.

Who is Alan Wilson?

Wilson, born in West Columbia, said there have been three impactful moments in his life that shaped who he is today: losing his biological father in a military training accident when he was young, facing his own mortality during his service in a combat zone in Iraq, and grounding in his faith during his wife’s cancer battle.

Wilson joined the South Carolina Army National Guard right after graduating from Francis Marion University in 1996 — an experience that he said changed his outlook on public service, faith and mortality.

Moreover, he describes the importance of public service in his family after the death of his biological father, a Vietnam veteran, and the work of his adoptive father, Congressman Joe Wilson of South Carolina’s second congressional district.

“My three brother and I, all four of us are Eagle Scouts. All four of us are

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Mace set to make ‘special announcement’ at The Citadel

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Congresswoman Nancy Mace will be at her alma mater in Charleston on August 4 to make a “special announcement.”

Mace was the first woman to graduate from The Citadel in 1999.

Mace’s team sent out a press release teasing an upcoming announcement at The Capers Hall Courtyard at The Citadel.

The first district congresswoman has hinted at a gubernatorial run numerous times on social media and in speeches, but she has not formally announced her bid. Mace said in the past that she may be forced to enter the gubernatorial race because South Carolina is not doing enough to protect women.



Mace

“I see how weak our laws are in South Carolina that do nothing to protect women,” Mace said at a Greenville County bond hearing. “I may be forced to run for governor because of these kinds of issues, because none of our statewide leaders are doing anything to protect us.”

Mace’s political career started in the South Carolina House of Representatives when she won a special election in 2017 to fill Rep. James Merrill’s seat (R-District 99). She won the 2018 general election months later for the same seat, before turning her focus on the state’s District 1 congressional seat.

She has represented the first congressional district since her election in 2020, winning reelection in the subsequent two elections.

“South Carolina continues to face the same challenges as we have for decades with no end in sight,” a press release about Mace’s upcoming announcement stated. “Congresswoman Mace is considering a decision she never anticipated, but one she knows is necessary for the future of South Carolina.”

The South Carolina Policy Council

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Key sign of hurricane activity detected in Atlantic

Doyle Rice
USA TODAY

Hurricanes need warm ocean water to form, and water temperatures in a key section of the Atlantic are really starting to warm up.

“One of the biggest changes I’ve observed in recent weeks is a considerable warming of the so-called Main Development Region (MDR) of the Atlantic above its seasonal averages,” WPLG-TV hurricane expert Michael Lowry said in late July in a Substack post.

That’s a big change from earlier this season.

“To open the hurricane season in June, waters across this bellwether part of the Atlantic where most of our strongest hurricanes get their start were

running average to even below average,” he said.

The Main Development Region, located between the Caribbean and Africa, is a region in the Atlantic where many tropical cyclones – tropical storms and hurricanes – form. This area is key because it’s where many tropical waves, which can develop into hurricanes, originally form.

The warm water in that key region is just one of the reasons hurricane forecasters are warning that hurricane season could soon heat up.

Warm water everywhere

It’s not only the Main Development Region that’s warm: Water across the Gulf of America (also known as Gulf of

Mexico) and the Caribbean Sea are also above average, scientists said.

In fact, closer to home, persistent high pressure has led to some notable warming of the shelf waters around Florida, as well as the nearby southwest Atlantic, Andy Hazelton, a hurricane scientist at the University of Miami, said Aug. 1 on X. This included a 90-degree reading at a buoy near Virginia Key, Florida, near Miami.

“Water temperatures are pretty much warm enough everywhere in the tropical Atlantic to support hurricane formation,” Colorado State University meteorologist Phil Klotzbach told USA TODAY on July 31. “The general consensus is that a temperature of 26.5 (degrees

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Hurricane Florence is seen churning in the Atlantic Ocean in 2018.
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