

**Lauren (Burks) Zidon**  
**CLASS OF 2002**

Lauren was a three-sport letter winner at Park participating in cross country, track and field and basketball. She was a state qualifier in both cross country and track all four years of high school. Lauren's highest finishes at the state meet were third place in cross country and fourth place in track in the 3200-meter run, both in her senior year. She was a four-year MVP for the cross country team and received many conference and section awards.

She continued her running career at the University of Georgia, earning multiple SEC honors in both sports including the 2002 SEC Female Athlete of the Year for cross country after becoming the first Lady Bulldog to qualify for the NCCA Championships since the team qualified in 1997. In 2003, Lauren earned All-SEC Second Team honors for cross country and, in 2006, she helped the team claim its first SEC indoor and outdoor track titles. Academically, Lauren was on the SEC Honor Roll and received one of the SEC NCAA Postgraduate Studies Scholarship. Lauren earned a BA in Spanish and a BS in biology.

Lauren and her husband, Kelly, have three children: Will, Fiona and George.

Introduced by Amanda Johnson