

## School Improvement

### Council

The **School Improvement Council** (SIC) is a great way to stay informed about programs and events at South Aiken High School. It includes parents, staff members, administrators, and community leaders. We meet once a month at SAHS after school hours. If you would like to be a member of SIC, contact the school office at 803-641-2600.

This past school year the SIC presented South Aiken with more than \$4,000 in grants.

### South Aiken DECA Wins Awards at State

Congrats to the 24 members of South Aiken DECA Chapter who participated in the South Carolina state competition in Charleston. All members placed at the event. First Place: Peyton Lynce, Emily Metzger, Lydia Terlizzi, Elena Minolfo, Delta Pennington, Anna Shealy, Jordan Clendenen, Scout Faugl, Tori Shekastehtband, Julie Scott, Audrey Thomas, Taylor Cheeks. Second Place: Keittaro Brealon, Brooke Thomas, Kaylee Jones, Sumter Sessoms, Virgil Hart, Emma Loftus, Max Carroll, and Bryn Metz. Third Place: Dora Yang, Mikka Maja, Nikki Holdren, and Clayton Smith. They are all qualified to attend DECA International Competition in Nashville, TN. Also the SAHS DECA Chapter was awarded the Thrive Level Certification, the highest level certification awarded by national DECA, to recognize the top performing chapters in each state in the areas of membership, promotion and community service.

### South Aiken FBLA Attends FBLA District and State Leadership Conferences

South Aiken students attended FBLA District Leadership Conference at the Lexington High School Technology Center. Zachary Markiewicz, Ricky Martinez de Adino, Tori Peacock, and Mique Diaz placed first; Darius Davis placed third; and Andrew Markiewicz placed 4th. South Aiken FBLA also attended the FBLA State Leadership Conference held in North Charleston. Tori Peacock placed first and Zachary Markiewicz, Ricky Martinez de Adino, and Mique Diaz placed second.

## Teachers Recognized for Their

### Accomplishments

**Lisa Colquitt**, science teacher, is South Aiken High School Teacher of the Year, and has been selected for the Honor Court for 2016.

**Beth DiGiacomo**, English teacher, received the "Golden Apple Award" from Channel 6 in Augusta, GA.

**Josh Snipes**, social studies teacher, is South Aiken High School Induction Teacher of the Year.

**Gloria Brown**, Paraprofessional, is South Aiken High School Staff Member of the Year.



### Calliope Awards

#### SAHS Literary, Art, and Multi-Media Magazine

- ◆ **The Highest Award: The National Council of Teachers of English**
- ◆ **First Place: The American Scholastic Press Association**
- ◆ **Excellent: The Southern Interscholastic Press Association**
- ◆ **Superior: The South Carolina Scholastic Press Association**

#### Freshman Academy

- ◆ Our academy successfully assists students as they transition into the high school environment.
- ◆ Freshmen schedules are focused to ensure small class sizes and placement of 9th grade students in core classes at the beginning of the day.
- ◆ The teachers in the freshman academy work in cross-curricular committees to target specific areas of concern.



## 2015 - 2016

### **South Aiken High School Improvement Council**

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**Mrs. Jill Jett  
Principal**

# SAHHS

SC State Board of Education  
Presented SAHS with the  
2014-2015  
Palmetto Gold Award for  
General Performance

## Club Accomplishments

The **Drama Club** had a great year! They won Best Play, Best Actor (Alonzo Hay), and Best Director (Samantha Cartin) for their Garcia Theater Festival production of "The Phony Physician." Acting medals were also awarded to Lessie Day and Elora Yochum. In December, the group staged the play, *The Diary of Anne Frank*. Mrs. Judith Evans, a Holocaust survivor, spoke at the Drama Club's dinner theater on December 5, 2015. The Drama Club performed one scene of the play at the Adath Yeshurun synagogue's annual Hanukkah party.

The **NJROTC Orienteering Team** placed 5th at the Navy National Orienteering Championships in Tacoma, Washington. The Rifle Team placed 12th at the Area Six Championships (2-states: North and South Carolina) Rifle Championship in Lexington, SC. Academic Team placed 3rd in the Brunswick Invitational meet and the Cyber Team continues its march toward the National Championship and the Palmetto Cyber Defense Competition. The Orienteering Team also defended their Blueridge Orienteering Trophy and brought it home for the 4th time in the last 5 years. They also placed 2nd at the Hilton Head Invitation.

The **Mu Alpha Theta (Math Honor Society)** placed 1st at the College of Charleston math meet. David Stoner also helped the US team win 1st place in the International Mathematic Olympiad for the first time in 21 years.

The **SAHS Band** had 10 students selected to participate in the Region 2 Honor Band. The band received a Superior rating on stage at the 2016 State Concert Band Festival, and the Marching Band received two Superior ratings along with two 2nd place finishes at both the Midland Valley and Orangeburg-Wilkinson competitions.

The **South Aiken Thoroughbred Choral** received a superior rating for the first time in school history at the State Choral Performance Assessment in March.

The **Boys' Golf Team Member, Jake Carter** finished in 3rd place in the Golden Bear Invitational from across South Carolina and Georgia.

The **Boys' Track Team Member, Andrew Emory** is ranked #1 in the state in the 2 mile run.

The **Boys' Basketball Team** played in the Lower State Semi-finals (record 18-6). They also won the Savannah River Shoot Out.

**SAHS Serteens member, Anthony Williamson**, was named Sandhills District Serteen of the Year. He volunteered for more than 200 hours with more than 15 partner agencies in his first two years with SAHS Serteens. All 50 members volunteered over 1400 hours in the 2015-2016 school year.

The **Welding Fabrication Team** finished 3rd in the SC SKILLS USA event. This team consisted of Paul Mazzel, Layton Woody and Quinton Walber. Victoria Shekastehband placed 3rd in Welding Sculpture at the SC SKILLS USA event.

## Student Accomplishments

SC Governor's School for the Performing Arts  
**Elora Yochum, Nathan Noel, Lizzie Diaz**

SC Governor's School for the Math and Science  
**Anna Hewitt**

U.S. Air Force Academy  
**Benjamin Duncan**

### Region 2 Honor Band Performers

**Olivia Esselman, Sarah Warren, Samantha Oakley,  
Lauren Park, Natalie Snyder, Palmer Rowan,  
Chase Berley, Laura Kate Reid, Frankie Reid,  
Sara Quarles**

U.S. Air Force ROTC Scholarship  
**Andi Brown**

Aiken Sertoma Scholarship  
**Ally Gray**

SAHS Young Entrepreneur Scholarship  
**Mique Diaz**

Trenton Chapter NSDAR Good Citizen Award  
**Andi Brown**

WJBF Scholar Athlete of the Week  
**Alex Karius**

Wendy's High School Heisman Winner  
**Avery Ofoje, John Tiffany**

SCBDA All-State Band Member  
**Eric Esselman**

SC All-State Chorus  
**Elizabeth Diaz, Joseph Heyward, Jessica Kirschner, Rion Long-fellow, Andrew Melton, Charity Moore, Nathan Noel**

All-Region Cross Country Team Members  
**Andrew Emery, Olivia Esselman**

North/South All-Star Soccer Player  
**Avery Ofoje**

## Class of 2015-2016

- ◆ Two National Merit Finalists earned over \$1,000,000 in scholarships each: Alex Karius, and Payton Carter.
- ◆ Class of 2016 earned over \$13,000,000 in scholarships.
- ◆ Class of 2015 beat district scholarship record with \$19.2 million.

## National Blue Ribbon Award

South Aiken High School is one of the five schools nominated by the State Department to apply for the prestigious National Blue Ribbon Award. South Aiken High School recently submitted their completed application for High School Academic Performance. The winners will be announced September 2016.

## 2016 College Acceptances

Anderson University	North Greenville University
Aquinas College	Northwestern University
Arizona State University	Oklahoma University
Arm Strong State University	Oral Roberts University
Auburn University	Presbyterian College
Belmont Abbey College	Queens University of Charlotte
Boston University	Savannah College of Art & Design
Charleston Southern University	Southern Wesleyan University
Claffin University	Spartanburg Methodist College
Clemson University	Stanford University
Coastal Carolina University	Texas A&M University
College of Charleston	The Citadel
Colorado School of Mines	Truett-McConnell College
Columbia College	University of Alabama
Columbia International University	University of Ashville
Converse College	University of Central Florida
Duke University	University of Georgia
Eastern Kentucky University	University of Kentucky
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University	University of Maryland BC
Emory University	University of North Dakota
Florida State University	University of North Texas
Francis Marion University	University of Oklahoma
Furman University	University of South Carolina
George Mason University	University of Tennessee
Georgia Regents University	University of Texas Dallas
Georgia Tech	University of Virginia
Harvard University	U.S. Air Force Academy
High Point University	USC Aiken
Johnson C. Smith College	USC Beaufort
Johnson & Wales University	USC Upstate
Lander University	Vanderbilt University
Lenoir-Rhyne University	Wesley College
Mississippi State University	Western Carolina University
NC State University	Wingate University
Newberry College	Winthrop University
	Wofford College