

School Improvement Council

Find out by joining us! *School Improvement Council* (SIC) is a great way to stay informed about programs and events at South Aiken High School. If you would like to be a member of SIC, contact the school office at 803-641-2600.

Our *School Improvement Council* includes parents, staff members, administrators, and community leaders. We meet once a month at SAHS after school hours. We welcome your participation, suggestions, concerns, and ideas.

During the current school year, South Aiken High School's School Improvement Council has made a difference by:

- ◆ Increasing the amount of information available to parents on the school website (sahs.acps.schoolfusion.us/).
- ◆ Raising funds and coordinating a school beautification project.
- ◆ Providing input on our implementation of the *High Schools That Work* reform initiative.
- ◆ Serving as a conduit for parent and community concerns.



Teachers Recognized for Their Accomplishments

Ginger Dunker, English teacher, was named President of the South Carolina Council of Teachers of English for 2014.

Dee Dee Redd, mathematics teacher, is South Aiken High School Teacher of the Year, and has been selected for the Honor Court for 2014.

Oscar Rushton, welding teacher, is South Aiken High School's First-Year Teacher of the Year for 2014.

Calliope Awards

SAHS Literary, Art, and Multi-Media Magazine

- ★ Superior Award and also received the Highest Award from the National Council of Teachers of English
- ★ The Most Outstanding Magazine for 2013 from the American Scholastic Press Association
- ★ First Place with Merit from the American Scholastic Press Association
- ★ Excellent award from the Southern Interscholastic Press Association
- ★ Superior Rating from the South Carolina Scholastic Press Association



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U.S. News and World
Report 2013 ranked
SAHS as the #7 High
School in SC in its
annual Best High
Schools report.

2013-2014



Club Accomplishments

The **Drama Club** won Best Play at the 2013 Garcia Festival for *The Boor*. They also won Best Set and Best Actress. The drama club presented a full-length drama in December 2013, *And Then There Were None* by Agatha Christie.

The **South Aiken DECA Chapter** had 22 students win awards at the state competition with 10 first place winners and 17 qualifying to attend the International competition. Kaitlyn Laird and Amy Hayden were elected to serve as new state officers. Outgoing state president Lauren Scott won the SC DECA state scholarship award as the top state DECA member. Lauren also won the National DECA Emerging Leader Award and a \$2000 National DECA scholarship.

The **NJROTC Orienteering** placed fourth at the National Orienteering Competition. The **NJROTC CyberPatriot Team** was the Southeast Region champions.

The **Mu Alpha Theta (Math Honor Society)** won the Mandelbrot Math Challenge, the USC math meet, and the College of Charleston math meet in multiple events including sprint, physics, marathon, and written test. The calculus team won the Clemson Calculus Challenge three years in a row. The president-elect, David Stoner, was on last year's USA national team that placed first in the Masters of Mathematics in Romania; he is still in the testing stages for the IMO this year.

The **Boys' Golf Team** were 2013 4A State Champions.

The **SAHS Band** had 17 students selected to participate in the Region 2 Honor Band. The band received a Superior rating at the USC-Aiken Concert Band Festival and the 2014 State Concert Band Festival.

The **FFCLA** had three Gold Medal Award winners at the State Culinary Arts Competition; the winners were Parshaad Reed, Edward Pajerski, Nicholas Sasso.

The **South Aiken Thoroughbred Chorale** earned an Excellent rating at South Carolina State Choral Festival.

The **Girl's Golf Team** finished sixth in the state and had three All-Region members.

The **FBLA** had a First Place winner and two Second Place winners at the FBLA State Conference. Devang Patel placed first in computer applications, and Zachary Markiewicz along with Kris Byrne placed second in management information systems.

The **Academic Team** won Third Place in the state championship. They also won the county championship for the fourth year in a row.

Terrific Students

South Aiken High School students serve the greater Aiken community through service learning, volunteerism, and club activities. They are also active supporters of the *Make-A-Wish Foundation, Relay for Life, Special Olympics, and Golden Harvest Food Bank.*

Student Accomplishments

Legion of Valor Bronze Cross for Achievement

Hayley Neiling

U.S. Naval Academy

Daniel Zaremba

Henry Middleton Chapter DAR Good Citizen Award

Lauren Howard

USCA Volleyball Scholarship

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S.C. State Fair Scholarship

Will Holbrook

WJBF Scholar Athlete of the Week

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All-Region Girls' Golf

Brooke Hutto, Madison Giacobone,

Anna Freeman

SCBDA All-State Band Members

William McAlhany & Eric Esselman

SC All-State Chorus

Adam Beckum

Terrific Teachers

There are 12 teachers at SAHS with **National Board Certification**. Our faculty members are rated *Highly Qualified* by the SC State Department of Education to teach their subjects.

★ Graduation rate is 85%. The first-time HSAP passage rate is 89.1%, and the longitudinal HSAP passage rate is 96.8%.

★ The Class of 2013 earned over **\$13,100,000** in Scholarships!

SAHS will offer 18 AP courses next year. Over one hundred South Aiken High School students attend the Aiken County Career Center.

South Aiken High School won state SAT and ACT awards for exceeding state and national averages.

On the SC State Report Card, SAHS absolute rating was excellent.

SAHS was awarded the Palmetto Gold Award for the third consecutive year by the State Board of Education.