

## 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](http://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 2013-2014 during the Annual Conference at Kiawah Island, SC.

**Elizabeth DiGiacomo**, English teacher, is South Aiken High School Teacher of the Year for 2013.

**Craig Coelho**, choir teacher, is South Aiken High School's First-Year Teacher of the Year for 2013.

**Coach Paul Waters**, head soccer coach, reached his 200th win at South Aiken High during the 2012-2013 school year.

## Calliope Awards

SAHS Literary, Art, and Multi-Media Magazine

- ★ South Carolina Scholastic Press Association: 2012-2013 Superior Award
- ★ Southern Interscholastic Press Association: 2012-2013—Excellent
- ★ National Council of Teachers of English: 2012-2013 Superior: Highest Award
- ★ American Scholastic Press Association: 2012-2013 First Place with Merit (the highest national award given)



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Mr. Bryan Skipper  
Principal

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

**SAHHS**  
**2012-2013**



## Club Accomplishments

The **Drama Club** produced a full-length drama production in December, *The Mouse Trap*, by Agatha Christie.

The **South Aiken DECA Chapter** had twenty-six award winners at the state competition with eighteen members qualifying to attend the international competition in Anaheim, California. Lauren Scott, SAHS DECA member, was elected President of the SC DECA for 2013-2014.

The **NJROTC Orienteering Team** placed fourth at the National Orienteering Competition. The **NJROTC Rifle Team** placed sixth in the Area Six Championship. The **NJROTC Academic Team** placed first in the National Academic Competition. The **NJROTC CyberPatriot Teams** placed second and third in the South Carolina All-Service Division.

**Mu Alpha Theta (Math Honor Society)** placed 1st in the All-Day Sprint, placed 2nd in the Chemistry Sprint, won the Estimation Station Challenge, placed 1st in the Math Marathon, placed 1st and 2nd in the Physics Sprint, placed 1st in the Written Level 3 test, and placed 1st in the Clemson Calculus Challenge.

The **Boys' Soccer Team** ranked third in the state and thirty-second in the national ranking.

**SAHS Band** had ten students selected to participate in the SCBDA Region 2 Honor Band held at Lexington High.

The **SAHS Academic Team** won the Aiken County Championship for the third year in a row.

**South Aiken FBLA Chapter** had five state winners at the state leadership conference with four members qualifying to attend the national competition in Anaheim, California.

The **Varsity Volleyball Team** won 1st place in the Silver Division at the Hilton Head Island Bash.

## 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*, *SAHS Blood Drive*, and *Golden Harvest Food Bank*.

### Student Accomplishments

#### Legion of Valor Bronze Cross for Achievement

**Grace Thompson**

#### Henry Middleton Chapter DAR Good Citizen Award

**August Price**

#### All-Region Volleyball Players

**Bailey Parker & Elizabeth Marie Butler**

#### SAHS T-Bred Volleyball Award

**Katlyn Serago**

#### WJBF Scholar Athlete of the Week

**Macey Bosley**

#### National Merit Finalists

**Andrea Esselman & Rachel Beeson**

#### Clash of Carolinas All-Star Soccer Game

**Macey Bosley and Michael Ulmer**

#### North/South All-Star Game

**Alaina Gay**

#### All-State Girls' Golf

**Taylor Dodson**

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#### SCBDA All-State Band Members

**William McAlhany**

**Michelle Koval & Chester Taylor (alternates)**

#### Romanian Math Competition

**David Stoner (member of the winning team)**

## Terrific Teachers

There are twelve 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 75%. The first-time HSAP passage rate is 85.5%, and the longitudinal HSAP passage rate is 97.6%.
- ★ The Class of 2013 earned over **\$11,500,000** in Scholarships!

SAHS will offer eighteen 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 second consecutive year by the State Board of Education.**