

## WHS 2012-2013

Woodruff High School students have developed their talents and now possess the fundamental knowledge necessary to make our world and community a better place. Their efforts have resulted in making our school the envy of many of our neighbors. Their hard work, leadership and commitment to excellence have paid off. Their accomplishments are endless. Let me share just a few of the 2012-2013 highlights with you:

- This class ranked at the top in South Carolina in the percentage of students enrolled in Advanced Placement courses.
- 24 R. D. Anderson students were recognized for their academic accomplishments, Honor and Outstanding Student Awards, Director's Awards, perfect attendance, and various scholarships.
- 6 seniors were named Palmetto Fellows.
- 4 seniors received the SC Academic Award
- One senior was the winner of the Archibald Rutledge Visual Arts Scholarship Competitions. This competition recognized a Woodruff High Student as the top visual arts student in South Carolina
- 4 seniors were named Gold Key for Full Portfolio in the All State Scholastic Art Awards.
- 1 senior was awarded Honorable Merit Award in S.C. All State Scholastic Arts Awards
- 1 senior won first place at the Converse College Art competition
- 1 senior won the Spartanburg County Water Conservation Photo Contest

- 2 seniors won first and second place at the Limestone College art competition.
- 1 senior was selected as the winner by Converse College for their Young Women in the Arts Biennial Show
- WHS art students won honors at the Greenville Tech Upstate High School Exhibition, the S.C. State Scholastics Exhibition and the Spartanburg Artist Guild Focus on Youth Exhibit.
- One senior received the Citizenship Award.
- Two seniors were nominated for the Wendy's High School Heisman Award.
- This year's senior class led Woodruff High School in receiving an excellent rating on the S. C. Report Card and also the Palmetto Gold Award from the state of SC for the eleventh year, the only Spartanburg county high school which has done so.
- This senior class led the WHS Marching Band in receiving several trophies in fall competitions and achieving second place at the Upper State Band Competition. Additionally, the Woodruff High Cadets earned a seventh overall rating in State competition.
- The senior class led WHS to be ranked at #671 in the WASHINGTON POST ranking of America's top 1600 high schools. This ranking is sixth of all SC High Schools.

In the area of athletics:

This senior class has led our student body in producing the following athletic honors:

- 30 South Carolina High School League Scholar Athletes
- 1 team earned region championship
- 3 teams were a region runner-up

- 1 student was selected as region player of the year
- 49 students were named All Region athletes and 3 were named All State athletes
- Anchored by senior leadership, WHS athletes reached the playoffs in 9 sports.
- 3 seniors were selected to a State All Star team.

Many of our seniors this year will be receiving special recognition from the state of South Carolina. HOPE Scholarships of \$ 2800, LIFE Scholarships of approximately \$5000, and Palmetto Fellows Scholarships of \$6700 to South Carolina four-year colleges may be awarded to students who meet specific criteria.

It is obvious that this year's senior class has been outstanding. In fact, as of today, a cumulative total of **\$3,158,488 dollars** in scholarships has been awarded to our seniors. The vast amount of scholarship money awarded is testament to the academic caliber of the WHS class of 2013. Moreover, 122 out of 175 seniors received some type of scholarship. This represents over 69 percent of the graduating class.

On behalf of the 2013 graduates and the WHS faculty, we are grateful to YOU, our family and friends, for your outstanding support of WHS and its students. Our community and parental support is second to none. With your encouragement, this senior class has worked diligently to maintain the pride and tradition of Woodruff High School.