



# SUMTER HIGH SCHOOL

*Home of the Fighting Gamecocks!*

## 2022-2023 SIC Report to the Parents



International Baccalaureate World School



AVID Scholar School



PLTW Project Lead the Way School



Advanced Placement - The College Board

*The mission of Sumter High School, the hallmark in Academics, Arts, & Athletics, is to provide Exemplary Learning Experiences to ensure that each Student has the skills to compete in our Global Society.*



**Learners Today,  
Leaders Tomorrow,  
Gamecocks Forever!**



### School Improvement Council

**2022-2023 Members:**

- Natalia Penridge (S.I.C. Chair)
- Kyle Austin (Vice-Chair)
- Anamaria Sandor (Principal)
- Keisha Scriven (Asst. Principal)
- Paul Riggs (Asst. Principal)
- Ruth Creech (Teacher of the Year)
- Tiffany Brunson (Teacher)
- Kerrington Pinckney (Secretary/ Student)
- Kelly Gristwood (Student)
- Anna Puzewski (Student)
- Laurie Merchant (Parent)
- Gloria Riggs (Parent)
- Cedric Kirkman (Parent)
- Tammy Achziger (Community)
- Luther Barnett (Community)
- John Bradley (Community)

Dear Parents, Guardians & Community,

Sumter High School plays a vital role in our community, helping our students grow academically, in athletics, within the fine arts, technical skills, community service and in leadership. This school year our School Improvement Council has set new goals to reach. We aim to improve our school, further encourage our students to be “college and career” ready, and grow our relationship with our community. Together, Sumter High with the Sumter Community can foster the next generation on their pursuit towards excellence. Sincerely, thank you for all you do for the students of Sumter High School.

**Anamaria Sandor**

Sumter High School, Principal

**Kyle T. Austin**

School Improvement Council, Vice-Chair



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### Mrs. Anamaria Sandor, Principal

Mr. John Bradley, Assistant Principal

Mrs. Nicole Fuller, Assistant Principal

Dr. Gregory Jones, Assistant Principal

Mr. Walter Lide, Assistant Principal

Mrs. Dana Mitchell, Assistant Principal

Mr. Paul Riggs, Assistant Principal

Mrs. Keisha Scriven, Assistant Principal

Mr. Crasten Davis, Athletic Director

### 2022 Work Keys Results

304 Students Tested

7.2% Platinum Certificate

10.9% Gold Certificate

26.3% Silver Certificate

78.6% Bronze Certificate

### 2022 EOC Results

	Passed	2022 Goal
<b>Algebra 1</b>	25.09%	+10%
<b>Biology 1</b>	36.99%	+10%
<b>English 2</b>	72.32%	+10%
<b>U.S. History</b>	35.97%	+10%

### 120 Teachers / 2,100+ Students

6 Guidance Counselors

4 Career Specialists

3 Gear Up Specialist

6 Doctorate Degrees

80+ Masters Degrees

8 National Board Certificated

15 IB Certificated



### Afterschool Tutoring

Offered Monday - Thursday afternoons for subject areas in: English, Math, Sciences, Social Studies, Modern Languages, Fine Arts & CATE GEAR UP Specialist are also available to assist all 11th grade students before, during and afterschool.

### Academic Highlights

- A.P. Exams, Earned 3 or Higher
  - 4 English
  - 4 European History
  - 4 Music Theory
  - 1 Psychology
  - 6 U.S. History
- I.B. Exams, Earned 4 or Higher
  - 15 English
  - 2 French
  - 6 Spanish
  - 13 History
  - 9 Psychology
  - 12 Biology
  - 1 Chemistry
  - 9 Math
  - 2 Theatre

### Perfect Score on the State EOC

#### Fall Semester 2023

- 8 students — **Biology 1**
- 15 students — **English 2**
- 4 students — **US History**
- 1 student — **Algebra 1**

**14 Students Qualified for Palmetto Fellows**



### Faculty & Staff Spotlight

Mrs. Ruth Creech—Teacher of the Year, 2022-23

Mrs. Alice Norris—SCASL Library Paraprofessional of the Year

Mrs. Ann Francis Brown—Sumter Chamber of Commerce, Educator of the Year

Mr. Kelly Melton —PDA Hall of Fame for 20 Years of Service

Mr. Kyle Austin —Junior Civitan International, Advisor of the Year

Mr. Herbert Johnson —Clinician for the 2023 Charlotte Mecklenburg Schools Middle School Honors Choir, Directed HBCU choirs at the 2022 Governors Tree-Lighting Ceremony, State Capital & SSD Board of Trustees Fine Arts Committee appointee

Mrs. Amanda Blankenship—PEBA Board Member, appointed to represent active teachers in SC

Ms. Brianna Laney—Teacher of the Month, awarded by Morris College

### Class of 2023 Reports Earning Over \$3,773,000 in Scholarships

### Class of 2022-23 Students' Goals Post Graduation:

4-year College	34%
2-year College	10%
Technical College	12%
Military	6%



### Student Spotlight

Kerrington Pinckney —President of State Student Government Association  
 Sheriyah Hicks — State President for SC Future Business Leaders of America  
 Jeshua Espiritu— Co-Director of FL, GA & SC, Junior Civitan International



- ◆ Bryson Fink, Orchestra. Received full ride to UNC program.
- ◆ Kayla Consuegra & Piper Libby both earned SC All-State Chorus 2023
- ◆ Superior rating from the Palmetto Dramatics One Act Play Competition
- ◆ Mikayla Blake and Kelly Gristwood won acting awards for their roles in the play “The Spot.”
- ◆ Angelina Hinkle—E-steam Art Contest winner
- ◆ SHS continues 20 years of Original Theatre production
- ◆ ‘Walk the Art’, student artwork on display in Downtown Sumter
- ◆ Sumter High Orchestra hosted SCMEA Concert Performance Assessment & earned Superior Rating with Distinction for the 13th consecutive year.
- ◆ Wind Ensemble received Superior with Distinction, perfect score at the annual Concert Performance Assessment, South Carolina Band Directors Association
- ◆ Superior Rating for the Play "Guilty" at the SC Thespian Festival
- ◆ Four Students won Ribbons for their Art in the 2022 Sumter County Fair
- ◆ Kayla Consuegra—full ride to Newberry College in Choral Music
- ◆ Marching Band received the Excellent Rating at the 5A State Championship
- ◆ Sumter’s Walk of Art included the artistic work from our special education students who created glazed pots & planted them with flowers they grew.
- ◆ Mia Davis—selected as Concertmaster of the Region V Orchestra
- ◆ Bryson Fink—selected as Principal Bassist of the Region V Orchestra
- ◆ Aiden Kim—selected as Principal Violist for the SC-State Orchestra
- ◆ 6 students selected for the SC All-State Orchestra
- ◆ Honors Orchestra—13th Consecutive Superior rating at SCMEA Performance Assessment, performing Grade VI Literature
- ◆ Chamber Orchestra & Concert Orchestra—Excellent rating at SCMEA Performance Assessment
- ◆ 5 Superior Ensemble Ratings Performances at SCMEA Solo & Ensemble Festival



## Sumter High School Library

Our collection houses over 24,000 copies, including eBooks & audiobooks. The two-level library has its own computer lab (upstairs) with 50 computers, and over 25 computers in the main library. The library offers many reading incentives throughout the year such as: Book in a Jar, Blind Date with a Book, Reading Badges, & Book Tasting.

We host a book club twice a month after school and also support & promote the SCASL YA Book Award Nominees.

Resources include: Destiny Library Catalog, DISCUS (provided by the State Library). Flipster Digital Magazines, The Item & The State Newspapers

## Club Highlights

- Drill Team Won 2nd Place in Unarmed Flight Division & 3rd place in Unarmed Element Category
- SHS FBLA Hosted District III Leadership Conference at Sumter High, over 100 members inducted during District-wide induction
- SHS SGA Hosted SCASC State Convention
- 1st place, Community Project of the Year— Junior Civitan International
- Key Club held a collect drive to collect jeans to donate for those in need
- Jeshua Espiritu—Club Officer of the Year, awarded by Junior Civitan International
- First Priority held 'See you at the Pole' for the National Day of Prayer.
- Black Heritage fed Sumter's Homeless over Thanksgiving Break.
- Key Club held its annual Pancake Breakfast fundraiser.
- SHS Junior Civitan raised \$7,370 for the Civitan International Research Center, which helps individuals with disabilities.
- The Black Heritage Club read to students at Millwood Elementary School for Read Across America Week
- Key Club participated in the MLK walk for nonviolence
- 2022 Full Staff Award from the South Carolina Scholastic Press Association: All-State Rating
- McKinley Thames—3rd Place for Student Life Spread, awarded by SC Scholastic Press Association
- Nathaniel Gaertner—3rd Place for Sports Copy, awarded by SC Scholastic Press Association
- National Honor Society led a Teacher Appreciation Drive in December
- Key Club supplied food to feed two families during the Holidays
- IB CAS raised \$250 for the Sumter SPCA
- The Black Heritage Club for Custodian Appreciation Week cleaned the Commons for our custodial staff
- IB CAS raised \$600 for the Sumter YWCA through the annual Walk Against Domestic Violence
- Starfish Club created Valentines for our special education students
- PEEPS Club held both Monster Mash & Valentine's Day events for our special education students
- Key Club in conjunction with Sumter Kiwanis participated in the Salvation Army Ringing of the Bells
- Gay-Straight Alliance commemorated the National Day of Silence
- Nathan Smith—Awarded the J-100 scholarship, JROTC



## ATHLETICS HIGHLIGHTS

- ◆ Lady Gamecocks played in the Lower State Finals
- ◆ Caleb Jenkins & BJ Brown — Achieved All-Region Team for Boys Basketball
- ◆ Rickell Brown — Achieved All State, & Regional Player of the Year
- ◆ Shamira Andrews — North/South All Star Player & Pee Dee All Star Player, All Region Player for Volleyball & Basketball
- ◆ Kiara Croskey — All State Player
- ◆ Alyssa Johnson, Rickell Brown, Keziah Sanders, Dalashia Brunson, and Jailyln Williams — picked for Pee Dee All Star
- ◆ Remi Wang — All Star Player, Girls Tennis
- ◆ Camden Brooks — committed to SMC
- ◆ Nicole Wells — signed to Appalachian State for Track
- ◆ Crystal Mitchel — signed to Allen University for Wrestling
- ◆ Torrie Chapman — signed to USC Sumter for Golf
- ◆ Bryce Coulter — signed to Florence-Darlington Tech for Baseball
- ◆ Olivia Kirkman — signed to USC Sumter for Softball
- ◆ Peyton Morris — signed to USC Union for Softball

### 2022 Region VI 5A Champions, Football

#### State Quarter Finals

Zyeir Gamble - Region VI - 5A Player of the Year  
 Coach Mark Barnes - Region VI 5A Coach of the Year  
 Coach Mark Barnes - 5A Lower State Coach of the Year

#### SCHSL All Area Team

John Peeples - Running Back  
 Mason Gregg - Offensive Line  
 Judah Keaton - Place kicker  
 Alijah Brown - Defensive Line  
 Jamal Taylor - Linebacker  
 Marquis Lane - Linebacker  
 Zyeir Gamble - Defensive Back

#### 5A - All State Team

Alijah Brown - Defensive Line  
 Zyeir Gamble - Defensive Back  
 Mason Gregg - Offensive Line

#### North/South All-Star Game

Mason Gregg - Offensive Line  
 Alijah Brown - Defensive Line

#### Shrine Bowl Game

Zyeir Gamble - Defensive Back

#### Palmetto I-20 Classic All-Star Game

Genesis Johnson - Defensive Back  
 Fred Edwards - Receiver

Trevor Ingram - Offensive Line  
 Nate Butler - Defensive Back

#### College Signees

Zyeir Gamble - Appalachian State University  
 Mason Gregg - Newberry College  
 Marquis Lane - Coffeyville Community College  
 Alijah Brown - Coffeyville Community College  
 Jordan Heyward-Yeadon - Blinn College  
 Nate Butler - Limestone College  
 Fred Edwards - St. Andrews University  
 Jamal Taylor - Catawba College  
 Judah Keaton — Anderson University

