

York Comprehensive High School continued its commitment to excellence focusing on higher levels of student learning and achievement while ensuring a "college going and career-readiness" culture. As a result of expanding opportunities and improving performance, YCHS was recognized as a Palmetto Gold recipient for Excellent Absolute Rating and Growth Rating on the state report card.

The driving force behind this year's success was once again our mission statement: "Working with the community, we will provide a diverse, innovative education in a safe environment enabling students to become responsible citizens in a global society." As in prior years, we are thankful for the strong unified support of our community, parents and school board. This is evidenced by our state of the art high school which includes a performing arts center, an athletic complex and The Floyd D. Johnson Technology Center.

YCHS has continued to make our vision, "Building the foundation for tomorrow by sparking potential and inspiring success", a reality. The Class of 2014 set the pace for high levels of academic achievement. Eight seniors received SC Academic Honor Awards and Forty-eight seniors were honor graduates. One hundred seventy-nine seniors were potential Life Scholarship recipients. Nineteen received Palmetto Fellows. Seventy-seven seniors received a Diploma with Distinction. For the seventeenth consecutive year, our NJROTC was recognized as a Distinguished Unit. Concert Choir, Chamber Singers, and Women's Choir earned 5 of the 6 awards at this year's All-State Chorus. No other school has ever achieved that success. World language students received National and state recognition. The band won the SCBDA "Outstanding Performance Award". Close to \$8 million in scholarships was offered to our seniors with approximately ten athletes receiving scholarships.

The YCHS 100% highly qualified faculty and staff realigned the curriculum to focus on common core state standards incorporating a framework for meeting individual graduation plans. In addition, mentors were provided to each student thru "PRIDE", an advisor/advisee program while an academic reinforcement center offered students extra-time and extra help. Strategies to improve student performance on HSAP, EOC, COMPASS, WORKKEYS and SAT/ACT including embedded professional development on common core standards, were also implemented. Additionally, YCHS intensified its commitment to provide a safe and secure environment by the continued use of random drug dog searches, professional development on safe schools and implementation of new "best safety" procedures. YCHS provides a diverse and innovative education for our students to become responsible citizens in a global society. Please visit our website for additional information. www.york.k12.sc.us

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