

Northwestern prides itself in providing opportunities for all students to be successful academically, artistically, and athletically while developing world class skills described by the college and career characteristics identified in the *Profile of the South Carolina Graduate*. Our faculty and staff effectively provide targeted instruction to a diverse group of young adults. Their dedication to instructional delivery has earned faculty members local, state, and national honors and awards. Programs of studies at our school include CATE, Advanced Placement, International Baccalaureate, and Project Lead the Way. Accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools and the High Schools That Work Technical Assistance Visit team, Northwestern has been annually recognized as a Palmetto Silver Award recipient for academic excellence. In the 2017 graduating class, seniors completed their course of study finishing with statuses and accolades of Highest Honors, Honors, International Baccalaureate Diploma, Advanced Placement Scholars, Gold Seal diploma, SC Academic Achievement Honors Diploma, and Palmetto Fellows. Due to the hard work of our 2016 graduates and staff, our combined monetary value of all scholarships awarded exceeded \$11 million.

Northwestern High School's performing and visual arts program produces many South Carolina All-State performers. Our students exhibited artwork in local and state competitions with many pieces receiving top honors. One of our student's artwork currently hangs in the United States Capitol as a representation of the talents fostered at Northwestern. Our school's orchestra program gains state and regional recognition by scoring superior ratings on the highest level of performed music in the South Carolina Music Educators Association competition. The choral students entertain our community with winter and spring concerts, and in state competition. Our theater department performs multiple shows for the school and community as well, gaining honors and recognition at the 2017 Blumey Awards. The band program consisting of over two

hundred students who are involved in marching band, concert band, jazz band, or winter guard, advances through state and regional competitions, helping our total band program secure The Outstanding Performance Award given by the South Carolina Band Director's Association for the 26th consecutive year.

As a result of the competitive spirit of our six hundred plus student athletes and twenty varsity teams, Northwestern continues to perform well in the SCHSL Director's Cup competition, which recognizes the classifications' most competitive athletic programs. Over half of our varsity teams were successful in gaining a berth in post-season play. Northwestern finished the school year with four region championships (girls golf, football, baseball, and boys track). The SC High School League awards Northwestern athletes and coaches with state leading Scholar Athletic certificates, All-Region and Region Coaches of the Year awards, All-State certificates and medallions, North-South All-Star and Shrine Bowl selections. Multiple seniors graduate with opportunities to compete at the collegiate level.

It is Northwestern High School's mission to provide the greatest educational experience for its students, staff, and community.

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