

Northwestern prides itself in providing opportunities for all students to be successful academically, artistically, and athletically while developing world class skills described by the life and career characteristics identified in the Profile of the South Carolina Graduate. Being supported by a school board elected to enact the wishes of providing the very best facilities, instructional materials, staffing, and program opportunities for student success, our faculty and staff delivers targeted instruction to a diverse group of young adults at very high levels. Their dedication to instructional delivery has earned the staff acclaim noted by honors received locally, statewide, and nationally. Our school site program of studies offerings like CATE, Honors, Advanced Placement, International Baccalaureate, and Project Lead the Way gained school wide awards and recognition. Accredited by 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. Our students' talents are showcased with state honors being recognized for "Visions" literary magazine. In the 2016 graduating class, 27 seniors graduated with highest honors, 40 graduated with honors, 18 completed the academic and extracurricular requirements for the International Baccalaureate Diploma, 48 took three or more Advanced Placement Exams, 123 were awarded a Gold Seal Diploma, 17 were awarded the SC Academic Achievement Honors Diploma, 100 completed all requirements in a specialized area of study and were classified as a completer in their program of study, and 24 were recognized as Palmetto Fellows. The combined monetary value of all scholarships awarded to the Class of 2016 exceeded \$11,000,000.

Northwestern's Performing and Visual Arts program produced many All-State performers. Our students exhibited artwork in local and state competitions with many pieces receiving top honors. One of our student's work currently hangs in the US Capital as a representation of the talents fostered at Northwestern. Our school's Orchestra program gained state and regional recognition by scoring superior ratings on the highest level of performed music in the SC Music Educators Association competition. The choral students entertained our community with a winter holiday and spring concerts, along with other many requested community events. In state competition, our Troubadours and Trouveres earned Superiors in Performance and Sight Reading at the 4A State Choral Festival. Our Theater Department performed multiple shows for the school and community as well, gaining honors and recognition at the 2016 Blumey Awards. The Band program, consisting of over 200 students combined in the marching, concert, jazz, and winter guard, advanced through state and regional competitions, helping our total Band program secure The Outstanding Performance Award given by the SC Band Director's Association for the 24th consecutive year.

As a result of the competitive spirit of our over 600 student athletes and 20 varsity teams, Northwestern continues to perform well in the SCHSL Director's Cup competition which recognizes the classification's most competitive athletic programs. Over half of our varsity teams were successful in gaining a berth in postseason play. Northwestern finished the school year with four region championships (football, baseball, boys and girls track), a state third place finish in boys track, and our fifth state championship in football. The SC High School League recognized and awarded Northwestern athletes and coaches, a state leading 56 Scholar athletic certificates, 62 All-Region athlete awards, four Region Coaches of the Year awards, 18 All-State Athlete certificates and medallions, four North All-Star athlete selections, and two Shrine Bowlers. Sixteen seniors in this year's graduating class have been offered athletic scholarships to compete at the collegiate level.

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

Ms. Tanya Tucker – SIC Chair

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