

## HIGHLIGHTS

### Arts

The *Band of Thunder* placed third at the South Carolina Band Directors Association (SCBDA) 3A Upper State Championships and sixth at the State Competition. The band received a Superior Rating at the Concert Band Music Performance Assessment and won the Outstanding Performance Award.

The *Stallion Corral Concert Choir* received Superior Ratings in both Performance and Sight-Singing at the annual State Festival. They placed second place in Sight-Singing with a score of ninety-nine.

Stallion Repertory Theatre Department students won the SC Theatre Association's Best Actor, Best Supporting Actor, and All Star Cast Award for "*Interrupting Vanessa*."

### Athletics

Of the ninety-two seniors who participated in athletics this school year, forty-seven made the South Carolina High School League's Scholar Athlete list – requiring that they letter in two sports and maintain a 3.5 GPA for seven semesters. The South Pointe Varsity Football Team won the 2015 3A State Championship. Four student-athletes won individual state championships. Fourteen signed to play at the college level.

### Journalism

*South Pointe in the News (SPiN) Wired* was named Best Online Media in the state for the second year in a row and achieved an All-State ranking by the South Carolina Scholastic Press Association (SCSPA). SPiN staff brought home five of seven first place Online Individual Competition Awards: Best Feature; Best Digital Storytelling; Best Photography; Best Review; and Best Videography.

For its magazine edition, *SPiN* earned a superior rating and first place for Features, second for Sports, and third for Photography. Individual journalists won third place for Layout, Art, and Photography; Second place for Feature and for Computer Graphics.

South Pointe's *Impulse Literary Magazine* was named All-State, Best in State, and received the Palmetto Award from the South Carolina Scholastic Press Association.

## 2015-2016 SIC Members

### Teachers

Joe Koon Kristina Pihanich

### Students

Kia Currence Megan Austin

### Parents

Dan Ballou Michael Bala Marian Garner  
Tyrone Hart Jenette Kettlewell Audrey Lightner  
Brett Martens Christi McMillan-Goodwin  
Jennifer Norby Ruth Anne Pitt Tammy Potter  
Felicia Robinson Noreen Ruff  
Rebecca Gilleland, Chairperson

### Community Members

Ray Lowder Jeff Nicholson Rick Norwood

### Ex-officio Members

Elissa Cox, Assistant Principal  
Kay Runyans, Guidance Chairperson  
Al Leonard, Principal

### *Summary of 2015-16 SIC Initiatives*

- *Members of the SIC served on the district's High School Equity Committee that recommended that South Pointe receive additional funding to ensure equitable opportunities for our students. The school board approved that recommendation.*
- *The SIC Marketing Committee planned several activities to disseminate information regarding the many positive aspects of South Pointe's academic, arts, and athletics programs. In addition to inviting realtors to a school drama production, they provided rising freshmen with school paraphernalia and a spring picnic.*

### Purpose of the Report

"This report is issued by the South Pointe School Improvement Council in accordance with South Carolina law to share information on the school's progress in meeting various goals and objectives, the work of the SIC, and other accomplishments during the school year."

# South Pointe High School



## School Improvement Council

### Annual Report to Parents 2015-2016

### **South Pointe's Mission Statement**

*South Pointe High School will provide all students with challenging work that will authentically engage them in the learning process and prepare them for successful futures.*

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## SIC ANNUAL GOALS

### Data Room

In an effort to increase student achievement, South Pointe has successfully designed and implemented a data room to be utilized for the strategic planning of initiatives and instruction to meet the identified needs of targeted groups of students. The data room houses and displays various types of school data, including individual student data, that enables faculty and staff to determine the current needs and goals to be addressed within the School Improvement Plan and to monitor the progress of meeting the established goals. The data room also serves as a meeting room for school-wide staff development and continuous collaborative work among teachers and administration.

### On Pointe Program

As part of our mission to help all students succeed in the classroom, South Pointe teachers, administrators, and staff have implemented an enrichment program, called ON POINTE! This program provides tutorial services and enrichment opportunities. Our goal is for every student to work up to his/her potential. ON POINTE! is divided into two components: **A.I.M.** and **I.C.U.**

#### A.I.M. (Achievement is Mine)

Students are assigned to attend the A.I.M. room during their respective lunch time to make up tests or quizzes, complete retakes, or complete assignments that do not require the assistance of their teacher.

#### I.C.U. (Intensive Care Unit)

Students are assigned to I.C.U. after school on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 3:45 p.m. until 4:45 p.m. if they have an average in any class below a 77, have zeros for any assignments, and/or have failed a test. Students may also attend voluntarily on the scheduled days to get extra help from a teacher. Transportation is provided.

## STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

### Class of 2015 Graduation Rate

South Pointe's four-year graduation rate for the Class of 2015 was 83.6%, an increase over the previous rate of 80.5%. It was also above the state's average graduation of 80.3% for that year.

### Class of 2014 Graduates Enrolled in a Two- or Four-Year College

According to the most recent data available to regarding high school graduates, 72.8 % of South Pointe's 2014 graduating class enrolled in a two- or four-year college or technical college pursuing an associates degree, certificate, or diploma in Fall 2014. That rate compares favorably to the district average of 70.7% and the state average of 70.3%

### State End-of-Course (EOC) Examinations

The examinations, which comprise 20% of the student's final grade in each state-designated course, include Algebra 1/Math for the Technologies 2, English I, Biology I/Applied Biology 2, and US History and Constitution. The 2014 EOC administration indicated that 74.0% of students tested received passing scores on these examinations.

### Life Scholars

The Legislative Incentive for Future Excellence (LIFE) Scholarship is a merit-based scholarship program. To qualify, students must have at least a 3.0 grade point average (GPA), a score of 1100 on the SAT or composite score of 24 on the ACT, and rank in the top 30% of their respective class. At the conclusion of the 2014 – 2015 school year, 63.8% of South Pointe High School's senior class were eligible for the LIFE scholarship compared to the district average of 61.5 % and to 42.2% of the students eligible for LIFE scholarships at schools considered to have student populations most like South Pointe

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### College & Military Signing Day

South Pointe hosted the York County area's first College and Military Signing Day. Over ninety students were joined by family members and college representatives as they signed certificates that were symbolic of their commitment to two or four-year colleges or the military. This annual event signifies South Pointe's renewed emphasis on recognizing our students for their academic perseverance and success.

### The Class of 2015

Ten South Pointe students graduated with honors and seventeen graduated with highest honors. Thirty-four students took Advanced Placement (AP) exams while thirty took at least two or more International Baccalaureate (IB) examinations. Sixty-seven students were Gold Seal Endorsement recipients, having earned a minimum of 28 units in grades 9-12 with no grade lower than a C or with a cumulative GPA of 4.2 or higher. The 2015 South Pointe High School Senior Class generated over \$7.45 million dollars in scholarship offers, an amazing amount for a class of only 298 seniors. Many seniors worked toward college credit in over 12 different college-level courses offered through the Rock Hill School District's partnership with USC Lancaster. Fifty-one students completed a minimum of four units in an approved Career and Technical Program of study. Thirteen graduates were inducted into The National Technical Honor Society through the district's Applied Technology Center, having completed a Career and Technical program of study and met the eligibility criteria.