

HIGHLIGHTS

Athletics

Of the one hundred ten seniors who participated in athletics this school year, forty-three 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 2017 4A State Championship, its fourth in a row and sixth in ten years. Our Competition Cheer, Football, Girls' Swimming, Boys' Swimming, Girls' Cross Country, Wrestling, and Baseball each won Region championships this year. Seventy-nine student-athletes made their All-Region teams and nine were named to All-State teams. Twelve signed to play at the college level.

Journalism

South Pointe's Journalism Department is deservedly known as one of the best in the state. The 2016-2017 *Equestrian* received an Honor rating from the South Carolina Scholastic Press Association. South Pointe's *Impulse Literary Magazine* received a Superior rating for the 2017 edition and second place for best article and spread design. One SPSHS student was selected as the SCSPA President and another as the Literary Magazine representative.

South Pointe in the News Magazine earned first, second and third place awards in the Excellence in Scholastic Newspaper Awards yearly contest, earning a third place in the state overall in the ESNA Sweepstakes contest.

SPiN Wired received its fourth consecutive South Carolina Scholastic Press Association (SCSPA) All-State ranking. The staff earned many individual first, second, and third place awards for videography, writing, photography, and digital storytelling. One student was named the *Scholastic Journalist of the Year*,

2017-2018 SIC Members

Teachers

Joe Koon Kristen Kunde

Students

Scott Robinson Zoe Mullins

Parents

Dan Ballou Portia Chisolm
Jennifer Norby Ruth Anne
Pitt
Felicia Robinson
Rebecca Gilleland, Chairperson

Community Members

Tyrone Hart Ray Lowder
Jeff Nicholson Rick Norwood
Noreen Ruff

Ex-officio Members

Michael Belk, Assistant Principal
Kay Runyans, Guidance Chairperson
Dr. Al Leonard, Principal

SC-SIC 2017 Riley Award Winner!



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 2017-2018

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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The *Stallion Corral Concert Choir* earned a Superior with Distinction rating for performance and sight-singing at the South Carolina Music Educators Association (SCMEA) Choral Performance Assessment. Seven students were selected for All-State Chorus.



The *Band of Thunder* placed fifth at the SCBDA State Championships with a Superior rating, first in class at The Spartan Southern Classic, and second in class at the Olde English Festival of Bands and The



Reservation Tournament of Bands. They earned Superior with Distinction at the Concert Band Music Performance Assessment and

won the Outstanding Performance Award for the sixth year in a row.



The South Pointe Orchestra participated in Solo & Ensemble festival and earned three Excellent and four Superior ratings by students playing solos and duets.



South Pointe art students won second place for their window display of “*Alice in Winter Wonderland*” at Christmasville in downtown Rock Hill.



The *Stallion Repertory Theatre Department* competed at the South Carolina Theatre Association Festival and the Palmetto Dramatics Association Festival, earning two



individual event superiors and qualifying for the International Thespian Festival. The year was highlighted by its wonderful production of *Addams Family, the Musical*.

MAJOR SCHOOL INITIATIVES

Convergence Media

South Pointe has taken major steps this year to begin the implementation of the convergence media concept. Convergence media is designed to do the following:

- Increase student access to digital technology to support STEAM choice schools.
- Increase the methods of promoting South Pointe High School both internally and externally.
- Increase the level of collaboration for teachers and students through the media program.
- Increase the sharing of media technologies across school programs.
- Merge elements of Business and Marketing programs with the Media programs.
- Increase opportunities for students to express their creativity through digital media.

The South Pointe television studio received a major

upgrade this year in location and equipment in order to provide the infrastructure necessary to facilitate convergence media. In addition to the *South Pointe in the Morning* news crew using this new



state-of-the-art facility to produce its daily broadcast, student SPiN journalists utilize the cameras and networking capabilities to create videos that tell the “South Pointe story.” Examples include student media coverage of band and chorus performances which can now be shown on the new televisions that are located throughout the school, as well as on the SPiNwired website. Many South Pointe students had never seen their classmates perform before and were amazed by their talent. That is the power of convergence media.



ADDITIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

College & Military Signing Day

South Pointe hosted its third annual College and Military Signing Day. Over one hundred 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 emphasis on recognizing our students for their academic perseverance and success.



The Class of 2018

Twenty-three South Pointe students graduated with honors and twenty-four graduated with highest honors. One hundred students took Advanced Placement (AP) exams while twenty-nine took at least two or more International Baccalaureate (IB) examinations. Ninety 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



2018 South Pointe High School Senior Class generated over \$8.4 million dollars in scholarship offers, an amazing

amount for a class of only 278 seniors. Ninety-six seniors worked toward college credit in over 12 different college-level courses offered through the Rock Hill School District’s partnership with USC Lancaster. Seventy-seven students completed a minimum of four units in an approved Career and Technical Program of study. the eligibility criteria.