

School Achievements

ECHS named National School of Distinction
EESA Award 2021

Jan Howard, cafeteria worker, was named
our 2021-2022 Support Staff Member of the
Year.

Karen Thompson, a ninth grade AVID
teacher, was named ECHS Teacher of the
Year for 2021-2022.

Nelson Ramos Ruballos- University of
Chicago (Full Ride) & Gates Scholar
Recipient

Carolina Vasquez- Elon University (Full Ride)

Brandon Faulk-North Carolina A & T (Full
Ride)

Mary Ou- New York University (Full Ride)

Marquis Hemingway- Dell Scholars (20,000)



Early College High School

SIC Members Elected and Appointed
Members:

Chair: Kelly Johnson, Assistant Principal

Co-Chair: Eartha Beech

Na'hari Harris, Student
Rosmery Yac-Ti, Parent

Hope Wofford, HGTC Representative
Marsha Griffin, BE2 Representative

Lorelei Rautsaw, Teacher
Karen Thompson, Teacher
Kelly Wagner, Teacher
Adam Powley, Teacher

Tyheia Phillips. Parent

Ex-Officio Member:
Demetrius Williams, Principal

Purpose of the Report

*"This Report is issued by HCS Early College
High 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."*



HCS Early College High School

Annual School Improvement Council "Report to the Parents" 2021-2022

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HCS Early College High School's mission is to provide a small, personalized learning community that accelerates our diverse student population to become responsible citizens who are strong critical thinkers, collaborators, and communicators who can successfully meet and face the challenges of competing in an ever-changing global society.

SIC Annual Goals

One major goal of SIC this year was to review the five year school improvement plan, which is currently up for renewal. The SIC committee provided insight on items that were no longer relevant and items that needed updating for the Cognia process.

Another major goal for Early College High School's School Improvement Council ECHS was to increase student enrollment numbers. ECHS hosted two AVID Family Night events and five open house nights for student and parents to tour our school. ECHS representatives visited middle schools and invited the rising 9th graders to visit ECHS during the school day to tour both ECHS and the campus of HGTC.



A Year of Firsts...

ECHS has welcomed new opportunity and has experienced a year of firsts. The faculty and staff and student body have expanded their school and community leadership opportunities and opened and exceeded expectations by implementing new high school experiences for students.

This year ECHS hosted its first ever Trunk or Treat, its first College Fair to 7th graders and their parents of HCS middle schools, its first campus and school tour to its rising freshmen class, and its first ever senior walk. ECHS plans even more leadership opportunities for students during the 2022-2023 school year.



Alexis Del Castillo
Ocean Bay Middle School

HCS 2023 Rookie Teacher of the Year

Congratulations to Alexis DeCastillo, Horry County Schools 2023 Rookie Teacher of the Year! Alexis Del Castillo is a 6th-grade science and 7th-grade math teacher at Ocean Bay Middle School and began his teaching career at HCS in 2020. Alexis is a graduate of Coastal Carolina University where he earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Middle Level Education in Math and Science. Alex is a former graduate of Early College High School.