

# HCS Early College High School

## 2011-12 School Summary Report

April 30, 2012



Mission Statement: 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.

This 2011-12 School Summary Report to parents is issued by the ECH School Improvement Council in accordance with South Carolina law. The academic data reflects test scores and academic honors from the 2010-11 school year. Other special recognitions provided are from the 2011-12 school year.

### 2010-11 Academic Results

#### State End of Course Passing Scores

English I - 96% <i>SC - 72%; HCS - 78%</i>	Algebra I - 100% <i>SC - 68%; HCS - 89%</i>	Physical Science - 88% <i>SC - 60%; HCS - 69%</i>	US History 60% <i>SC - 50%; HCS - 59%</i>	Biology - 98% <i>SC - 78%; HCS 76%</i>
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#### HSAP (High School Exit Exam) Pass Rate on Both English Language Arts and Math - 1st Attempt

ECHS - 100%

SC - 79.4%

HCS - 84%

#### Students Earning Horry Georgetown Technical College Honors

30 ECHS students earned recognition on the HGTC President's List. (HGTC GPA of 3.75 or higher)

24 ECHS students earned recognition on the HGTC Dean's List. (HGTC GPA of 3.5 or higher)

#### Horry Georgetown Technical College Courses

ECHS students took 1,206 college courses with a 92% pass rate.

### Class of 2011

53 of 53 seniors graduated with a high school diploma

53 of the original 76 freshmen graduated from high school after four years at ECH.

14 of the original 76 graduated from base high schools; 5 moved from the area.

Seniors earned an average of 56 college hours by the end of their fourth year at ECHS.

40% graduated with an Associates degree from Horry Georgetown Technical College (HGTC) in May 2011.

19% returned to complete degrees, diplomas, or certificates at Horry Georgetown Technical College in Fall 2011.

4% joined the military.

46% entered these colleges/universities in Fall 2011:

Coastal Carolina University

University of South Carolina

Francis Marion University

College of Charleston

Winthrop University

The Citadel

LaGrange University

Oakwood University

Tusculum College

S. New Hampshire University

Horry Georgetown Technical College Presidential Scholarship was awarded to 13 ECH graduates.

Horry County BE2 Scholarship was awarded to 15 ECH/HGTC graduates.

## Special Recognitions & Achievements



- The HCS Early College High School was awarded the 2011 HCS Superintendent's Service Learning Award for high schools, the second year in a row.
- The HCS Early College High School was awarded the 2011 Program of the Year award by the SC Council for the Social Studies.
- The HCS Early College High School was a semi-finalist for the Dick & Tunky Riley *WhatWorksSC* award, an award founded through the Riley Institute at Furman University and *SC Future Minds*.
- Students from HCS Early College High School participated in the Regional National History Day (NHD) competition for the first time. Twenty-four students won awards and moved to the NHD State competition. Nine students won awards at the State competition with five students qualifying to compete at the National level.
- HCS Early College High School had its first Mock Trial Team with thirteen students participating in the Coastal Region Mock Trial competition.
- Ms. Samantha Lohr was named 2012 ECHS Teacher of the Year.
- HCS Early College High School formed its first National Honor Society, inducting ten charter members in November, 2011.
- HCS Early College High School students placed first, second, and third in the Horry-Georgetown Fire Chief's Association essay contest.
- ECHS hosted its first Ed-Op Day with representation from 45 college admissions counselors from across North Carolina and South Carolina in attendance.
- New clubs and organizations were formed in 2011-12: Jr. Civitans, Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD), Girls' Club, Next Man Up, Fit Club, and Art Club.
- BE2, the ECH business partnership, provided opportunities for student to make college visits to The Citadel, College of Charleston, and the University of South Carolina. In addition, the group provided an ACT/SAT workshop in December, provided Ever-Fi - Financial Literacy for seniors, assisted with funding for our winter dance and senior celebration, and provided for yoga and dance instructors.
- ECHS students engaged in service to the community through Myrtle Beach Honor Flights Mail Call, Veteran's History Project, Special Olympics Polar Plunge, TogetherGreen Youth Fellowship, Fostering Hope, Books for Soldiers, Soles4Souls, Seacoast Academy, Shepherd's Table, beach sweeps, and an ongoing recycling campaign.
- Site work for the new building for Early College to be built on the HGTC campus is in progress. Occupancy of the new building is expected for the 2013-14 school year.

## Accreditation Status

ECH continues to maintain satisfactory accreditation status from the Southern Association of Colleges & Schools (SACS)/AdvancED. ECH also continues to maintain AVID National Certification.

## 2011-12 School Improvement Council

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