

## School Achievements

2014-15 was an outstanding year at Powdersville High School. Our students and faculty have been recognized for their accomplishments and our school continues to stand out as one of the best in the State.

### Awards and Accomplishments:

1. The **PVHS Band** is State Champion in the AA Division for the second time.
2. Junior **Tara Moore** the Distinguished Young Woman of Anderson County winner. **Anna Hood** was the first runner-up.
3. **Brandon Burger** named to/played in the Shrine Bowl of the Carolinas (our first football player to achieve this honor) and was selected as Anderson Touchdown Club's Defensive Player of the Year.
4. **Matt Long** and **Donna Harris's** team won the State Culinary Award and qualified for Nationals in Los Angeles.
5. Five **Robotics Students** on two teams (ARES and Black Widow) won the State Robotics Competition and qualified for the National Competition.
6. Our **Academic Team** won a qualifying round in the QUnlimited Academic Competition and will compete at Nationals in New Orleans.
7. **Robert Mustar** named 1-AA Athletic Director of the Year

8. Teacher **Leslie Martin** was named James Madison Fellow for South Carolina. She will use the fellowship grant to begin a Master of Arts in Teaching of US History and Government.

10. The **Lady Patriots Golf Team** won the Region 1-AA Championship for a second time.

11. The **PVHS Indoor Percussion** group won the CIPA Circuit Championship for the second time.

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## Powdersville High SIC Members

*Cindy Williams – Chair  
Lauree Cole  
Christine Economou  
Kim Gypin  
Barb Schuster  
Meagan Scott  
Patti Stahlsmith  
Lisa Troup*

### **Purpose of the Report**

*“This Report is issued by the Powdersville 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.”*

## **Powdersville High School Annual School Improvement Council “Report to the Parents” 2014-15**



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*Powdersville High School provides a safe, academically challenging environment where each student can learn from the past and prepare for the future.*

## SIC Annual Goals

Goal 1: The graduation rate of Powdersville High School will be 90% by 2015.

Goal 2: The percentage of students passing state and national tests (AP, End of Course, SAT or ACT) will meet or exceed the passage rates in both Anderson One and South Carolina.

Goal 3: Powdersville High School will effectively implement all components of the Anderson One Digital Innovation Initiative.

The SIC plays an important advisory role in the accomplishment of the above goals. The variety of input that the SIC provides is useful in making important decisions. Perspectives from inside the school (teachers and administrators) meet with perspectives of those outside the school (parents and community members). Together we discuss goals, allocation of resources, policies and procedures and direction and vision for Powdersville High School.

## Student Achievement

Prior to 2014-15, Powdersville High School did not receive an Absolute or Growth Rating on the State Report Card because we did not have a graduation rate. Our first rating appeared on the report card following 2013-14 and we received an EXCELLENT rating.

We were able to reach 3 important goals as a school that were set when we opened in 2011. Our first goal was to receive an EXCELLENT rating on our first report card, which we achieved. Second, we wanted our graduation rate in 2014 to be 90% or higher. Our rate was 93.1%. Finally, we wanted the rate of passage of End of Course Exams to be 80% or above. Our passage rate for ALL subjects combined was 84.7%.

Despite these achievements, we have identified some areas where we can improve. Two important ones are our AP scores and our SAT/ACT scores. Those will become a focus for 2014-15 and beyond.

*“To view the entire report card for Powdersville High School for the 2013-14 school year, look for the "REPORT CARDS" section on the South Carolina State Department of Education website. [www.ed.sc.gov](http://www.ed.sc.gov).”*

## Mentor Powdersville

During the last quarter of the year, the Powdersville SIC has begun to look ahead to next year. During the March meeting, Cindy Perry, the High School Coordinator for Mentor Anderson, presented. Cindy indicated that the Mentor Anderson Program was experiencing tremendous success and that a need existed to help recruit mentors for the program. Currently only a few mentors from the program are working with any students at Powdersville High School. Cindy suggested that the SIC could play an important role in helping to recruit, train, and place mentors. Discussion is ongoing as to how the SIC can support the expansion of this program at Powdersville High. Our goals for 2015-16 will include **Mentor Powdersville** as a prime focus.