

## Grants

- We were awarded the BCSD Innovation Grant from BCSD Technology, which provided our school with a Google Expedition Kit containing 30 devices, 30 VR headsets, an iPad, and a router, which totals \$10,000.
- We were awarded the **Arts in Basic Curriculum (ABC) Grant**, which provides leadership to achieve quality, comprehensive arts education (dance, music, media arts, theatre, visual arts, and creative writing) for all students in South Carolina. Our award annual amount is \$12,392 for a three year total of \$37,176.
- We applied for the **Distinguished Arts Program (DAP)**, which is to assist schools and districts in developing and implementing arts initiatives that support quality arts education programs.

## Philip Simmons Middle School SIC Members

**Chair Person:** Charles Atkins, III, *Teacher*  
**Vice Chair Person:** Michelle Shulse, *Parent*  
**Secretary:** Shamoana Boney, *Parent*  
Anthony Dixon, *Principal*  
Charla Groves, *Assistant Principal*  
Chelsey Mintz, *Instructional Coach*  
Dylan Hudson, *Teacher of the Year*  
Lisa Kerns, *Parent*  
Claudette Green, *Parent*  
James Shively, *Community*



### Purpose of the Report:

"This report is issued by the Philip Simmons Middle 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."

## Philip Simmons Middle School

Annual  
School Improvement Council



"Forging a Future"

Our Vision:

*Empower All Students for  
Success*

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## What's going on at PSM?

Philip Simmons Middle School opened its doors in 2016, as a premier STEAM school in Berkeley County School District. To kick-off the MakerSpace at PSM, students applied their engineering skills to create a Cardboard Arcade. PSM Students participated in the Hour of Code and have shown much growth with technology, as PSM was one-to-one this year with the OneBerkeley Connects initiative. Every student in the school has received a Dell Chromebook and all teachers integrate Google Classroom into their instruction. PSM continues to grow and adopt best practices to empower all students for success.



## Clubs and Awards

**Clubs:** PSM had a Mock Trial Team, a Trebuchet Team, a Lego Robotics Team, a Quiz Bowl Team, an Archery Team, a Bottle Rocket Club, Junior Beta Club, Student Council, Girls on the Run, Yearbook Club, girls and boys Basketball Teams, and a theatre club, which put on a Holiday production and Spring production.

**Awards:** PSM had 23 students become Junior Beta members, 6 students identified as Junior Scholars, 2 Duke Tip Scholars, 1 student in All-County Band, Regional Band, and All-State Band, 1 student in All-County Orchestra, 1 student make it to the Low Country Spellbound Bee, and 4 students earned awards from the South Carolina Bar Association. Our Trebuchet Team brought home 2nd place in middle school accuracy and 3rd place in accuracy overall, which included middle, high, and college/professional divisions and our Bottle Rocket Club placed 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place.



## Teacher of the Year

### PSM Teachers

52% of PSM teachers have advanced degrees and we proudly celebrated our Rookie Teacher of the Year—Ms. Suzette Coors and our PSM Teacher of the Year—Mr. Dylan Hudson. We are honored that Mr. Hudson made it to the top 3 in the district for District Teacher of the Year!

## School Goals

- Promote teacher and student collaboration to set measurable short term goals aimed at growing students' behaviors and achievement.
- Support teachers in providing targeted, effective in-class interventions.
- Promote teacher and parent collaboration, as well as collaborating with the community.
- Increase the involvement of strategic partnerships in developing a sustainable positive school climate.

## PSM Mission Statement:

To create, implement, and publish units that utilize STEAM processes that ignite and excite students to develop creativity, collaboration, and community in solving real-world problems.



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