

School Improvement Council

Find out by joining us!

School Improvement Council (SIC) is a great way to stay informed about programs and events at South Aiken High School. If you would like to be a member of SIC, contact the school office at 803-641-2600.

Our *School Improvement Council* includes parents, staff members, administrators, and community leaders. We meet once a month at SAHS after school hours. We welcome your participation, suggestions, concerns, and ideas.

During the current school year, **South Aiken High School's School Improvement Council** has made a difference by:

- ◆ Increasing the amount of information available to parents on the school website (sahs.acps.schoolfusion.us/).
- ◆ Raising funds for improvement of the school facility itself.
- ◆ Providing input on our implementation of the *High Schools That Work* reform initiative.
- ◆ Serving as a conduit for parent and community concerns.



Teachers Recognized for Their Accomplishments

Megan Scholer, English teacher, is South Aiken High School Teacher of the Year, and has been selected for the Honor Court for 2015.

Nancy Carter, Girls' Golf Team Coach, was named All-Region Co-Coach of the Year for 2014.

Jeremy West, special education teacher and football coach, received the "Golden Apple Award" from Channel 6 in Augusta, GA.

Catherine Jackson, special education teacher, received a \$1,000 Sam's Club Community Grant for the school's new food bank.

Calliope Awards

SAHS Literary, Art, and Multi-Media Magazine

- ◆ South Carolina Scholastic Press Association: 2013-2014 Superior Award
- ◆ Southern Interscholastic Press Association: 2013-2014 Excellent
- ◆ National Council of Teachers of English: 2013-2014 Superior: Highest Award
- ◆ American Scholastic Press Association: 2013-2014 First Place National



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Mrs. Jill Jett
Principal

SC State Board of Education
Presented SAHS with the 2013-2014 Palmetto Gold Award with an absolute rating of excellent

SAHHS

2014-2015

Club Accomplishments

The **Drama Club** won best set and best costumes at the annual Garcia Theater Festival, for the play *Trifles*. Acting medals were awarded to Alonzo Hay and Bennett Lunn. The Drama Club also presented the play, *A Christmas Carol*, by Charles Dickens, in December.

The **South Aiken DECA Chapter** had 21 students win awards at the state competition with 10 first place winners and 15 qualifying to attend the International DECA competition. South Aiken DECA president Kaitlyn Laird won the state scholarship award recognizing the most outstanding DECA member in South Carolina. Kaitlyn also won the National DECA Emerging Leader Award and a National DECA Scholarship.

The **NJROTC Orienteering Team** placed third at the National Orienteering Competition. The **NJROTC Cybberpatriot Team** was the South Carolina All Service CyberPatriot champions. The **NJROTC Academic and Orienteering Teams** placed second at the North and South Carolina Championship Meets.

The **Mu Alpha Theta (Math Honor Society)** math team won the Clemson Calculus challenge four years in a row. They also won the USC math meet, and the College of Charleston math meet in multiple events including sprint, physics, marathon, and written test. The president, David Stoner, is now competing in the U.S Math Olympiad.

The **Boys' Tennis Team** were 2014 Region Champions and State Runner-Up

The **SAHS Band** had 23 students selected to participate in the Region 2 Honor Band. The band received a Superior rating on stage at the 2015 State Concert Band Festival and the Marching Band won first place at the 2014 Garden City Classic Marching Band Competition at Orangeburg-Wilkinson HS.

The **South Aiken Thoroughbred Chorale** earned an Excellent rating at South Carolina State Choral Festival.

The **Girl's Golf Team** was named 2014 All-Region Team.

The **Boy's Golf Team Member, Jake Carter** tied 7th place in the St. Augustine Amateur.

The **Academic Team** won the county championship for the fifth year in a row.

SAHS Serteens were named the 2013-2014 Sandhills District Serteen Club of the year. **SAHS Serteens** were named the 2014 Regional Club of the year.

Student Accomplishments

SAHS students are active supporters of the *Make-A-Wish Foundation, Relay for Life, Special Olympics*, and *Golden Harvest Food Bank*.

Legion of Valor Bronze Cross for Achievement

Daneshka Padro-Perez

Navy ROTC Scholarship, Citadel

Joseph Doucet

Trenton Chapter NSDAR Good Citizen Award

Daneshka Padro-Perez

S.C. State Fair Scholarship

Jada Albertson

WJBF Scholar Athlete of the Week

Stefan Zovaic

SCBDA All-State Band Member

Eric Esselman

SC All-State Chorus

Adam Beckum, Darec Longfellow Colin Eichelberger

German American Chamber of Commerce

Trainee of the Year Award

Nigeria Williams

National Beta Club Scholarship

Jada Albertson

Wendy's High School Heisman Winner

Laura Barnes

CSRA Science Fair Winner

David Stoner

All-Region Cross Country

Kara Dixon, Logan Murray, Andrew Emery

Class of 2014-2015 Accomplishments

- Five National Merit Finalists with over \$1,000,000 in scholarships each: David Stoner, Sean Hamlet, Stefan Zotovic, Mary Mell, Katie Rogers
- Two students won the National Merit Scholarship, Sean Hamlet and David Stoner.
- Jada Albertson was recognized as the "Outstanding Participant" on the PSAT,
- Ten percent of Senior Class were awarded the Palmetto Fellow Scholarships.

Mu Alpha Theta's Winnings

Furman University

Team Event, 2nd place
Individual, 1st & 4th place
College of Charleston
Individual, 1st place
Math Marathon, 1st place
Physics, 2nd place
Math Relay, 1st place

University of SC

Individual, 1st place
3 students in the top 16
Moody Math
Fielded two teams
one in the top 200
Clemson Math Challenge
Individual & Team, 1st Place

College Acceptances

American Academy of Dramatic Arts
Anderson University
Arizona State University
Auburn University
Belmont Abbey College
Berry College
Birmingham-Southern University
Boston University
Brevard College
Carnegie Mellon University
Charleston Southern University
Citadel
Clark Atlanta University
Clemson University
Coastal Carolina University
College of Charleston
Columbia College
Converse College
Duke University
East Tennessee State University
Eastern Kentucky University
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University
Emory University
Erskine College
Flagler College
Francis Marion University
Furman University
Georgia Regents University
Gordon State College
Hampden-Sydney College
Harvard University
High Point University
Johnson & Wales University
Lander University
Mars Hill College
Marshall University

Mississippi State University
MIT
NC State University
Newberry College
North Greenville University
North Western University
Oklahoma University
Oral Roberts University
Presbyterian College
Queens University of Charlotte
Southern Wesleyan University
Spartanburg Methodist College
Stanford University
Stevenson University
Texas A&M University
The Citadel
University of Alabama
University of Ashville
University of Central Florida
University of Kentucky
University of North Texas
University of Oklahoma
University of South Carolina
University of Tennessee
University of Texas Dallas
University of Virginia
USC Aiken
USC Beaufort
USC Upstate
Vanderbilt University
Wesley College
Wingate University
Winthrop University
Wittenberg University
Wofford College