

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 (<http://sahs.acps.schoolfusion.us>).
- ◆ Raising funds and coordinating a school beautification project.
- ◆ 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

Ginger Dunker was named President Elect of the South Carolina Council of Teachers of English for 2012-2013.

Barbara Roberts, science teacher, is South Aiken High School Teacher of the Year for 2012.

Valorie Vance, science teacher, was named Regional, District, and International Advisor of the Year for her dedication to the SAHS Serteens Club.

Calliope Awards

SAHS Literary, Art, and Multi-Media Magazine

- ★ South Carolina Scholastic Press Association: 2010-2011 Superior Award
- ★ Southern Interscholastic Press Association: 2010-2011 All-Southern (Best in 13 Southern States)
- ★ National Council of Teachers of English: 2010-2011 Superior: Highest Award (413 schools, 104 were recommended for highest award, and 29 were chosen to receive the Highest Award)
- ★ American Scholastic Press Association: 2010-2011 First Place with Merit (the highest national award given)

Ahead by Lengths

Great News from Thoroughbred Country!

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2011-2012

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Mr. Bryan Skipper, Principal

Club Accomplishments

The **Drama Club** produced a full-length drama production in December, "Night of January 16th," by Ayn Rand.

The **South Aiken DECA Chapter** had 22 first-place winners at the state competition and was awarded gold level certification for chapter achievement and membership growth.

FBLA had two state finalists this year, Jonathan Bowman and Jonathan Ploeger.

The **South Aiken Band**, "Spirit of South Aiken" Marching Band, finished in the 10th Place at the SCBDA Lower-State Championship, earning an **Excellent Rating**.

The **NJROTC Orienteering Team** won the two-state (NC & SC) State Championship for the third year in a row and placed 5th at the National Orienteering Competition. The **NJROTC Academic Team** is the North and South Carolina Champion for the second time and finished in the 98th percentile in the national competition. The **Cyber Patriot Team** is the 2012 NJROTC National Champion.

The **SAHS Academic Team** won the Aiken County Championship for the second year in a row.

SAHS Serteens were named as the Regional, District and International Sirteen Club of the Year for 2010-2011. They volunteered approximately 1000 hours.

The **Varsity Boys' Basketball Team** made it to the championship game of the Aiken County Challenge Tournament.

The **Boys Golf Team** won the 2012 Outback Invitational.

Terrific Students

South Aiken High School students serve the greater Aiken community through service learning, volunteerism, and club activities. They are also active supporters of the *Make-A-Wish Foundation*, *Relay for Life*, *Special Olympics*, *SAHS Blood Drive*, and *Golden Harvest Food Bank*.

Student Accomplishments

SC Governor's School for Math and Science
Chris Steele

Legion of Valor Bronze Cross for Achievement
Matthew Bauerlin

Henry Middleton Chapter DAR Good Citizen Award
Katherine Stewart

All-Region Volleyball Players
Brooke Clark & Samantha Kostelnik

SAHS T-Bred Volleyball Award
Kaitlyn Amidon

WJBF Scholar Athlete of the Week
Emily Graves

National Merit Honors
Katherine Brantley & Taylor Maier

National Merit Finalist
Alexis Trumble

Clash of Carolinas All-Star Soccer Game
Travis Naylor

North/South All-Star Soccer Game
Dylan Gaul

All-State Girls' Golf All-Region Girls' Golf
Taylor Dodson **Katherine Stewart & Taylor Dodson**

SCBDA All-State Band Members
William MacAlhany & Michelle Koval

Regional and District Sirteen of the Year
Adam Martin

Terrific Teachers

There are eleven teachers at SAHS with **National Board Certification**. Our faculty members are rated *Highly Qualified* by the SC State Department of Education to teach their subjects.

★ Graduation rate is 79.4%. The first-time HSAP passage rate is 83.2%, and the longitudinal HSAP passage rate is 94.5%.

★ The Class of 2011 earned **\$6,492,864** in Scholarships!

SAHS will offer fifteen AP courses next year. Over one hundred South Aiken High School students attend the Aiken County Career Center.

South Aiken High School won state SAT and ACT awards for exceeding state and national averages.

On the SC State Report Card, SAHS absolute rating increased from good to excellent.