

EAST COOPER CAS



SIC ANNUAL REPORT 2023-2024

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Report Purpose

This report is generated by the East Cooper Center for Advanced Studies 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.



The Lighthouse Keeper Program:



Success Lasts a Lifetime

In 2020, we introduced the Lighthouse Keeper Program as a foundational pillar for students enrolled in our programs, setting a new standard for excellence.

Through this program, students are empowered to be beacons of leadership, demonstrating a commitment to academic achievement while also actively participating in service projects, community outreach, and extracurricular activities.

We could not be more proud to share the amazing year our Lighthouse Keepers have had! Their efforts to organized a community-wide Pickleball Tournament to raise money for the MUSC Children's Hospital earned them rock start status.

Over 100 participants competed on April 13th while raising \$1500 and congratulations goes to Huck Reynolds and Charles Angerman for winning!

Other remarkable contributions the Lighthouse Keepers have made this year include making blankets for the homeless and supporting all ECCAS events.

All Lighthouse Keeper students will be honored in this year's Week of Ceremonies for their steadfast dedication and overall outstanding achievements.

Students interested in apply to be a Lighthouse Keeper during the 2024-25 school year should email Mr. Sneed at james_sneed@charleston.k12.sc.us

School Highlights and Achievements



Teacher of the Year

The East Cooper CAS announced our 2024 Teacher of the Year, Mrs. Sharon Ansley! Throughout her 27 years of teaching experience, her impact can be seen throughout our school. As our acting DECA Chapter Leader, she and her students have established our very successful Beacon Market, as well as qualified for DECA Nationals each year.



600 Club

This fall, 13 students stood out by earning perfect scores on their Project Lead The Way (PLTW) End of Course exams. These exceptional students have demonstrated an extraordinary level of mastery and understanding in their respective PLTW Biomedical Science and PLTW Computer Science courses.



NASA TechRise

Our very own ECCAS NASA TechRise Design Team was selected as national finalists in the 2024 Student Challenge. Currently, these students are working to create their prototype and test its accuracy and efficiency on a high altitude balloon they plan to launch this summer.



ECSN Makeover

Our ECSN Studio received a makeover updating their equipment, lighting, and production studio. Now, using state of the art technology, our students have produced some of their finest monthly news casts! ECSN also brought home the Scroggins Award for Best Broadcast in the South at this year's SIPA Ceremony!

HELP US REACH OUR GOAL

\$20,000

100% OF ALL DONATIONS

Create Scholars Opportunities

For Our Students

SCAN TO DONATE

QR code for donations

Icons of hands holding hearts and thumbs up

STEM Booster Fund



The East Cooper CAS was designed to bridge the gap between high school and professional industry, providing technical skills and training beyond the high school level. A major component in achieving that goal is financial support. This year we announced our STEM Booster Fund in order to help provide the financial assistance needed for our students and programs to continue fostering a diverse and talented pool of future professionals in critical fields. If you would like to donate, scan the QR code above.



HOSA Earns Their Place: Internationals

The East Cooper CAS HOSA Chapter celebrates a remarkable achievement as ten of its students clinched top honors in the recent HOSA competitions, securing coveted spots to compete at HOSA Internationals in June 2024.

Their outstanding performance is just one example of the dedication and talent within the chapter. Among the accolades, Alyssa Almaguer stood out, earning a prestigious \$1000 scholarship for her exceptional abilities.

Additionally, Amelia Solari, a junior member, was recognized as the Outstanding HOSA Member, a testament to her leadership and commitment to the organization's values.

Furthermore, the chapter itself received recognition, being named the largest chapter at a Career Center in the southeast region, boasting an impressive 129 members.



Automotive Success

This year 15 senior automotive students successfully passed their Automotive Service Excellence (ASE) certification exams.

The ASE certification is widely recognized as a benchmark for automotive expertise, and these students have demonstrated their commitment to professionalism and excellence in the automotive industry.

These students and more will be honored in our upcoming Week of Ceremonies Program in May.



May 14-16, 2024

Week of Ceremonies

The Week of Ceremonies is the pinnacle of our academic calendar, a cherished tradition where we gather to honor and celebrate the remarkable achievements of our students across all programs. This annual awards ceremony serves as a testament to their dedication, hard work, and outstanding accomplishments throughout the year.

- Date: May 14-16, 2024
- Time: 5:30 PM, nightly
- Location: ECCAS Front Courtyard



SIC Annual Goals and Business/Community Relationships

The purpose of the East Cooper CAS Improvement Council is to:

- Assist in the development, implementation, monitoring, and evaluation of the five-year School Improvement Plan (also known as the "School Renewal Plan" or "Strategic Plan").
- Assist in the preparation of yearly plan updates.
- Assist the school in the development and implementation of the School Reading Plan as required by the Read to Succeed Act.
- Develop and prepare the annual SIC Report to the Parents, which is to be distributed no later than April 30 of each year.
- Prepare, together with the Principal, the annual narrative for the SC School Report Card.
- Provide advice on the use of school incentive award expenditures (if allocated by the legislature and awarded to the school).
- Provide any additional assistance as requested by the Principal or local School Board.

The ECCAS works closely with many different businesses throughout the East Cooper community. So far, the ECCAS has established a working relationship with the following businesses:

- Booz|Allen|Hamilton
- Chick-fil-A North Mount Pleasant
- Come Back Shack
- Dockside Engraving
- Harris Teeter
- Hendrick Automotive
- Kevin Sneed Well Drilling
- Lowcountry Roots Woodworking
- Lowes Foods
- MUSC
- Publix

If you are interested in becoming a business or community partner, please contact Assistant Principal, DeAna Sutler, at deana_sutler@charleston.k12.sc.us

Thank you for reading!

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"We want every child to graduate from high school with a viable plan, a realistic plan for what to do next and have the education and skills to do it."

-Lucy G. Beckham