

2019-20 Points of Pride

- ◇ *Senior Scholarships: Over \$9.9 million*
- ◇ *ACCESS Pass Rate: 51.4% compared to 44.4% state-wide*
- ◇ *104 ESOL students scored proficient on the ACCESS test*
- ◇ *179 Career & Technical Education Completers*
- ◇ *201 Students earning a national or state career-related credential/certification*
- ◇ *217 Seniors College-Career Ready*
- ◇ *Youth in Government: six students earned leadership positions including one Upper Chamber Provider and two Committee Chairs.*
- ◇ *TOP CHAMPION in the SC DHEC Champions for the Environment Grant Program*
- ◇ *Dale Westcott Memorial Nature Student Photo Competition: 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place*
- ◇ *Gold Key Scholastic Art and Writing Photography Portfolio*
- ◇ *District Teacher of the Year: Michelle Gordon*
- ◇ *Support Staff of the Year: Bryant Kitty*
- ◇ *533 Advanced Placement (AP) test taken with a 56% pass rate*
- ◇ *9 AP Capstone Certificates*
- ◇ *60 Nationally Recognized AP Scholars with 17 AP Scholars with Honors*
- ◇ *2019-20 First Place in County-Wide Academic World Quest Competition*
- ◇ *Bluffton High School averaged 81.6 % passing rates on the EOC (#1 in our district)*
- ◇ *Nine student-athletes signed letters of intent to play collegiate sports*
- ◇ *Two Teaching Fellows Scholarship recipients*

2020-2021: College Dual Enrollment available for both Technical College of the Low Country and University of South Carolina-Beaufort

Academic Achievement

Ranked #8 in South Carolina by US News and World Report

Niche Standout South Carolina High School: Ranked #2 of 66
Niche Most Diverse South Carolina High School: Ranked #11 of 258
Niche Best South Carolina High Schools for Sports: Ranked #34 of 259

State Report Card*

- OVERALL RATING: EXCELLENT
- Academic Achievement: Average
- Preparing for Success: Good
- English Learner's Progress: Average
- Graduation Rate: Good
- College & Career Readiness: Excellent
- Student Engagement: Good

*2018-2019 Ratings: 2019-2020 accountability requirements were waived due to pandemic

SIC– Invitation to Join

We are seeking parents and community members interested in improving student achievement and enhancing our learning environment through community involvement. Meetings occur the first Thursday of each month from 6:00 -7:30 PM in room 1120 and/or ZOOM (September through May).

Community Connections

- ◇ *Student Job Fair*
- ◇ *Community Outreach Initiative*
- ◇ *Internships*
- ◇ *Drive-by Graduation*
- ◇ *Business Partners in Education*

Improvement Plan Targets

- English Language Learner Progress
- End-of-Course Performance (Algebra 1, English 2, Biology, U.S. History)
- School Climate
- Teacher-Administrator Quality
- Reading

Four-Year Graduation Rate: 82.5%
(2.5% drop from 2018-19)

School Choice Options

-Project Lead the Way (PLTW) Engineering and Biomedical Sciences: PLTW Engineering prepares students for STEM careers by emphasizing hands-on engagement and problem solving. PLTW Biomedical Sciences offers an innovative learning environment providing students with the skills and training necessary to succeed in a post-secondary healthcare career.

-Acceleration Academy: Acceleration Academy students can earn college credits and national career-related certifications in the following areas: Emergency and Fire Management, Family and Consumer Sciences, Media Technology, and Visual and Performing Arts.

- ROTC (Bluffton-May River only): The Army JROTC curriculum addresses the South Carolina College & Career-Readiness Standards which include leadership, global awareness, wellness, and life skills. Among others, the curriculum strives to promote learner-centered education that inspires life-long learning, improved communication, personal responsibility, good citizenship, overall respect, and critical thinking skills.

- AP Capstone: Rather than teaching subject-specific content, this program develops students' skills in research, analysis, evidence-based arguments, collaboration, writing, and presenting. Students who complete the two-year program can earn one of two different AP Capstone awards: AP Capstone Diploma™ or the AP Seminar and Research Certificate™.

- Allied Health Sciences: The Allied Health Sciences Pathway teaches the foundational skills needed by healthcare professionals who work in therapeutic, diagnostic, health informatics, support services, and biotechnology research and includes internship/clinical opportunities.

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School Improvement Council (SIC) Members

<i>Ms. Denise Donica</i>	<i>Principal</i>
<i>Dr. Kevin Sandusky</i>	<i>President</i>
<i>Dr. Loretta Novince</i>	<i>Vice-President</i>
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<i>Lisa Riddle</i>	<i>Parent Representative</i>
<i>Karen Balerna</i>	<i>PTO</i>
<i>Kim Garvey</i>	<i>Parent Representative</i>
<i>Carol Liff</i>	<i>Community Representative</i>
<i>Katlyn McCormick</i>	<i>Teacher of the Year</i>
<i>Andrea Ingle</i>	<i>Assistant Principal</i>
<i>Matthew Seelman</i>	<i>Assistant Principal</i>
<i>Dr. Deborah Womble</i>	<i>Testing Coordinator</i>
<i>Karen Gareis</i>	<i>School Librarian</i>
<i>Brian Burnside</i>	<i>Parent</i>
<i>Lisa Richardson</i>	<i>Parent</i>
<i>David Zendzian</i>	<i>Parent</i>
<i>Dana House</i>	<i>School Counselor</i>
<i>Deborah Davis</i>	<i>Teacher</i>
<i>Katie Cox</i>	<i>Career Dev. Facilitator</i>
<i>Brittany Carter</i>	<i>Teacher</i>
<i>Jesse Mignogna</i>	<i>Teacher</i>
<i>Dennis Vernon</i>	<i>Teacher</i>
<i>Corey Martin</i>	<i>Teacher</i>
<i>Tyler Shrewsbury</i>	<i>Student Representative</i>
<i>Talia Vaught</i>	<i>Student Representative</i>
<i>Grace Kennedy</i>	<i>Student Representative</i>

A Message From Principal Donica:

“This report is issued by the Bluffton 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.”

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Annual Report to Parents 2019-20

“BOBCAT NATION!”



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Mission Statement

Bluffton High School is committed to assuring that all students acquire the knowledge and skills necessary to live as productive and informed citizens in an ever-changing society.