

## Special Program 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.

## 2021-22 Bluffton HS

School Improvement Council (SIC) Members

<i>Denise Donica</i>	<i>Principal</i>
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<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>Dana House</i>	<i>School Counselor</i>
<i>Katie Cox</i>	<i>Career Dev. Facilitator</i>
<i>Col. Thomas Foster</i>	<i>ROTC Instructor</i>
<i>Brittany Carter</i>	<i>Teacher</i>
<i>Ava Gerschutz</i>	<i>Student</i>
<i>Andrew Velasquez</i>	<i>Student</i>
<i>William Johnson</i>	<i>Student</i>
<i>Daniela Ramirez</i>	<i>Student</i>

### A Message From

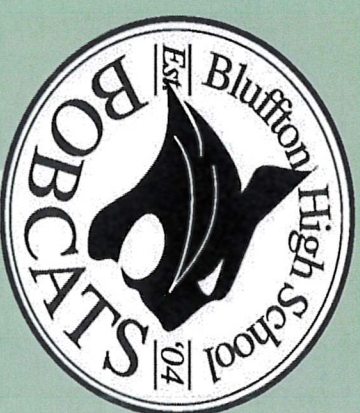
#### Principal Donica:

"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."

## Bluffton High School

Annual Report to Parents 2022-23

"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.



# 2021-22 Points of Pride

- ◇ Senior Scholarships: Over \$15 million
- ◇ 15 Palmetto Fellows Scholarship recipients
- ◇ 198 Career & Technical Education Completers
- ◇ 399 Students earning a national or state career-related credential/certification
- ◇ 297 Seniors College-Career Ready
- ◇ Youth in Government: Premier Delegation, Student elected Lieutenant Governor, Outstanding Lobbyist
- ◇ Promising Preassos: Best of show and 3rd place
- ◇ Beaufort County Juried High School Regional Art Exhibition at the Coastal Discovery Museum Director's Award
- ◇ Teacher of the Year: Amy Waddell
- ◇ Support Staff of the Year: Cheryl George
- ◇ 481 Advanced Placement (AP) test taken, 78% pass rate
- ◇ 15 AP Capstone Certificates, 16 Capstone Diplomas
- ◇ 68 Nationally Recognized AP Scholars, 16 AP Scholars with Honors, 27 AP Scholars with Distinction
- ◇ 8 student-athletes signed letters of intent to play collegiate sports, 1 state champion, 1 region champion, and 34 all region athletes
- ◇ 1st female wrestler state champion
- ◇ JROTC: 1st place Superintendent's Cup, 4th BDE Best of the Best- 2nd place Raider competition, 3rd place Rifle Invitational
- ◇ Band: Superior SCBDA Rating for Concert and Jazz Band, 6th Place at SCBDA Lower State Marching Band Championship, SCDBA 34 State Marching Band Finalist,
- ◇ Ranked #24 in South Carolina by US News and World Report

# Academic Achievement

## End-of-Course (EOC) Pass Rates

Course	BLHS	State
Algebra 1	81%	66%
Biology	75%	57%
English 2	89%	84%
US History	57%	56%
Overall	75%	66%

**Overall EOC Pass Rate: Ranked #1  
in the district**

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DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL**

## State Report Card

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

**2022-2023: College Dual Enrollment  
available for both Technical College of  
the Low Country and University of  
South Carolina-Beaufort**

# SIC- Invitation to Join

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

## Community Connections

- ◇ Career Exploration
- ◇ Community Outreach Initiative
- ◇ Internships
- ◇ Reality Day
- ◇ Business Partners in Education

## Improvement Plan Targets

- Multi-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: 93.1%  
(8.9% increase from 2018-19)  
Ranked #1 in the district all-time  
under current rules**