



Wando High School

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Annual Message from Lucy Beckham, Principal and Kate Darby, School Improvement Council Chair

As one of the highest performing high schools in South Carolina, Wando has received the Palmetto Gold Award for the past twelve years. Although no entrance test is required, Wando consistently proves that a large, public, non-magnet high school serving a diverse population can produce outstanding results.

In recent years, educators from across the United States and from foreign countries have come to Wando to learn more about how a large school maintains a sense of community and helps students remain "connected" to school through the smaller learning communities concept.

Wando High School is a comprehensive school for grades nine through twelve with a diverse student body of more than 3,600 students. More than 25% of our students excel in the visual and performing arts. More than 95% of the 2014 graduating class plan to enroll in either a two or four year college or university. Wando offers over 250 course selections including Advanced Placement, Dual Credit, Honors, College Preparatory, Applied Technology, and Exceptional Education. The Wando High School Advanced Placement and Dual Credit passage rate continues to be among the highest in the state of South Carolina.

We consider high school graduation an important step for students but not the final goal. Each graduate is expected to leave Wando with a viable plan for his/her future education and career goals. Our students are strongly encouraged to continue their education at the next level.

Wando is a member of the national *High Schools That Work* network. We are committed to continuous improvement and use research-based best practices as our guide.

Our career-related Schools of Study and Ninth Grade Academy provide opportunities for personal connections and help our students see the purpose and relevance of their work here. Through our Schools of Study, students are provided incredible opportunities to explore their skills and talents and refine their college and career goals. Members of the class of 2014 completed 799 majors, four or more elective courses in an area of concentration, and received special recognition at graduation.

Our Ninth Grade Academy provides students an effective transition to high school which begins with a first day experience prior to the start of school for the rest of the student body. Throughout the ninth grade year, our students are supported as

they learn responsibility and make decisions about future plans. Students at all grade levels are assigned faculty advisors who meet with them bi-weekly.

We constantly seek ways to improve instruction and to increase learning opportunities for our students. Our focus areas have been active student engagement, differentiated instruction, technology implementation and standards-based instruction and assessment. Raising the academic bar for all students and providing academic support for those who struggle are crucial to the success of our school.

Our dedicated faculty and staff have spent many hours participating in professional development. Teachers share instructional best practices and work in curriculum teams ensuring quality instruction and assessment in all courses. Faculty collaboration and teamwork are the norm.

We are blessed with a high level of parental and community involvement. Our School Improvement Council and our PTO provide outstanding leadership and support as well as helping provide the future direction of our school. Improving communication with parents and the community is a common goal. Our various booster clubs and the School of Study Advisory Boards are also vital to our school's success. We appreciate their support and continued involvement.



Wando High School Mission Statement

The mission of Wando High School, in partnership with parents and community, is to educate all students by providing a challenging program of study, to encourage lifelong academic and applied learning, and to graduate students prepared to meet the challenge of a rapidly changing and diverse global society.

Wando Chosen as PRIME Model School

Wando High School was named a PRIME model school by the Society of Manufacturing Engineers' Education Foundation, one of 11 schools across the country to be selected this year. The SME Foundation is committed to inspiring, supporting and preparing the next generation of manufacturing engineers and technologists.

A total of 26 schools nationally have been designated as model schools since 2011, with the honor going to schools offering a high-quality Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics curriculum that prepares students for highly skilled manufacturing jobs.

Wando was the only school in South Carolina selected this year and will receive \$15,000 during the next three years as part of the award which can be used for college scholarships for students, equipment upgrades, STEM-based summer camps for middle school students, and continuing education for teachers.



During the National Teen Driver Safety Week, Wando entered the Celebrate My Drive Contest sponsored by State Farm. Wando earned a spot in the top 50 schools in the contest winning \$25,000.

This contest was a great reminder to students about the dangers of being distracted while driving and also provided information on how to drive safely.

Celebrate My Drive

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Initiatives and Strategies for School Improvement

Initiatives

- Our Ninth Grade Academy houses our freshmen in a "school within a school" where they take core courses. This smaller environment gives ninth graders the opportunity to build relationships and to increase their sense of community.
- Our Smaller Learning Communities Initiative provides a reorganization of the Upper School, grades 10-12, into four smaller career-related "Schools of Study." We believe using a career-related school approach to teaching and learning will help students see the relevance of their coursework and its connection to the future.
- Wando works within the *High Schools That Work* Alliance, a whole-school research-based reform effort. The *HSTW* model focuses on continuous school improvement through key practices

including high expectations, allowing room in the curriculum for career and technical studies, increasing access to academic studies, offering students a challenging program of study, allowing opportunities for work-based learning, supporting collaboration between teachers, actively engaging students in their learning, providing a guidance and advisement system, utilizing a program for extra help and using assessment and data to foster continuous improvement.

Strategies

- Raise the graduation rate by establishing an intervention team offering academic/transition support.
- Expand the Golden Warrior Student Recognition and Awards Program.
- Expand Advanced Placement participation and support.
- Expand the use of data to differen-

tiate instruction.

- Expand CTE, Dual Credit, and Fine Arts courses to meet students' needs and interests.
- Expand on-line learning opportunities for credit recovery and initial credit.
- Provide direct instruction in reading for students who read significantly below grade level via new courses.
- Provide professional development on building positive, productive relationships with students.
- Increase opportunities for entry level workforce credentials and certifications for our graduates.
- Provide professional development on Common Core implementation project-based learning.
- Expand transition and inclusion support for Exceptional Education students.

School Highlights: Academics

- The Senior Class of 2014 earned over \$22 million in scholarships.
- Eight Wando seniors were named National Merit Finalists.
- The 2013 AP School Scholars from Wando were announced by the College Board. There were 102 AP Scholars with an average score of 3.42. Seventy-three students were named an AP Scholar with Honors with the average score being 3.71. There were 78 AP Scholars with Distinction with an average score of 4.19. Wando had nine National AP Scholars with an average score of 4.66.
- The Wando High School AP Academy was formed this year and offers students a challenging course of studies designed to foster academic excellence. A community of diverse learners with numerous interests, AP Academy students benefit from a network of Advanced Placement teachers, administrators, counselors, and parents as

they work toward an Advanced Studies Diploma over the course of their four years at Wando High School. Two hundred forty-one students were inducted into the AP Academy this year.

- Seven senior students received appointments to the U. S. Military Academies. All five academies were represented in the appointments.
- At the Quest Academic Competition this year, the Horticulture team and the CAD team placed first.

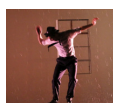
School Highlights: Communications and Fine Arts

- *Tribe Talk* and the *Tribal Tribune* both captured the Scroggins Award, the highest award from the Southern Interscholastic Press Association, for best broadcast and best newspaper programs in the Southeast.
- The 2013 *Legend*, our yearbook, received an All-Southern rating (the highest rating possible) by the Southern Interscholastic Press Association.
- For the ninth straight year, the Wando High School Marching Band was named South Carolina State 5A Champion. Fifty-six band students made All-State Band and seven students were named to the All-State Jazz Band. One band student was selected for the Honor Band of America. Three Concert Bands received straight superiors at Concert Festival.
- Twenty-four out of the 28 dance students chosen for All County Dance were from Wando.
- Wando students competing in the S. C. Speech and Theatre Association Competition against 17 other schools brought home six first place, five second place, and two third place trophies.
- Seven orchestra students were selected for the Lowcountry Region Orchestra. Two students were selected for the Honor Orchestra of America.
- The Wando Theatre Department presented the musical, *Singin' in the Rain*. The musical featured tap dance, jazz music and real rain.

- The Wando Bella Voce Choir was selected to perform for the American Choral Directors Association Convention. Wando was selected out of over a hundred choirs from an 11 state region in the southeast. Bella Voce was the only High School Women's choir and the only High School Choir from South Carolina to perform at this event. Additionally, 55 choral students were selected for the South Carolina All State Choir. One hundred forty members of the chorus performed at Festival Disney receiving a Best in Class Award.



- At the Southeastern Scholastic Art Competition, Wando had 14 Gold Key Winners, 23 Silver Key Winners, and 34 Honorable Mentions.



School Highlights: Athletics and Activities



Wando High School is the 2013-2014 recipient of the South Carolina Athletic Administrators Association Director's Cup for Class AAAA.

This first place award is based on the ranking of the overall athletic program of the Class AAAA schools.

- Twenty-one varsity teams qualified for the playoffs.
- Three State Championships were won in:

Boys Basketball
Boys Soccer
Girls Soccer

- Wando won three Lower State Championships:

Volleyball
Boys Lacrosse
Girls Lacrosse

- Fourteen Region Championships were won in:

Girls Swimming	Wrestling
Boys Swimming	Girls Soccer
Volleyball	Boys Soccer
Boys Basketball	Girls Track
Boys Cross Country	Boys Track
Girls Cross Country	Boys Golf
Girls Tennis	Boys Tennis

- Eighty-one senior athletes were recognized as Scholar Athletes by the South Carolina High School League.
- Eighty-five Wando athletes were named to All Region Teams.

- Sixteen student athletes signed college scholarships.
- Fourteen student athletes were selected for State All Star Games.
- The Mock Trial A Team won the Regional Competition.
- At the FCCLA State Conference, three Wando students placed first in their events.
- The FBLA Club competed at the State Leadership Conference with two teams, Hospitality Management and Management Decision Making, advancing to the national competition this summer.
- One Wando senior was named a Health Care Hero for her volunteerism by the Charleston Business Journal. This senior successfully lobbied for a bill for pediatric cancer research which was passed by the United States Congress.
- Two of Wando's AP Government classes finished second and third in the We the People Competition sponsored by the South Carolina Bar Association Law Related Education Division. The teams won three of the best unit awards. Only the state winner and a wild card team are selected to go to the national competition in Washington, D. C. Wando's team was selected as the wild card team.

- The Electronics Team placed first in the South Carolina Digital Electronics Competition.
- Wando's Cyber Defense Team is the S. C. State Champion and placed third in the Southeast Region.
- The Wando Culinary Arts Teams had an outstanding year in competition. The Culinary Team finished third in the state out of 17 teams while the Management Team finished first in the state out of 12 teams and went on to place 5th in the United States out of 39 teams.
- Wando DECA had another outstanding year with a record 304 members. Over 140 members competed at regional, state, and international competitions. DECA worked over 850 community service hours and raised over \$17,000 for Wando and its neighbors.
- Virtual Enterprise students competed in the South Carolina State Business Professionals of America Competitive Events Conference. All 12 students who competed placed in the top five for their event with four first place finishes.



Wando High School was fortunate to be one of 50 schools in the nation selected to host the High School Nation Tour.



The purpose of the tour is to raise awareness and support for music and arts education in public schools.



The tour exists to make a difference in teenagers lives, and encourage them to pursue their passions.



This event featured educational activities, interactive booths, live music, and fun attractions.



Wando Rocked!!!



School Highlights: Faculty and Staff Honors

- Misty LeClerc was named Wando's Teacher of the Year and was runner-up for Charleston County School District Teacher of the Year.
- Thomas Hundley was named Rookie Teacher of the Year as well as being named the SCBEA 2014 new Teacher of the Year.
- Kirk Beilke was named National DECA Advisor of the Year.
- Basketball Head Coach David Eaton celebrated his 100th win beating Goose Creek on January 21.
- Region 7AAAA Coaches of the Year from Wando are:
Alexis Glover - Volleyball
Allyson Brown - Girls and Boys Swimming
Jerry Lloyd - Boys Golf
Marie Domin - Girls Cross Country
Bret Davis - Boys Cross Country
Kevin Shiver - Girls and Boys Track
Shilo Tisdale - Boys Soccer
Adam Schneider - Wrestling
David Eaton - Boys Basketball
- The High School Sports Report Coaches of the Year from Wando are:
David Eaton - Boys Basketball
Alexis Glover - Volleyball
Shilo Tisdale - Boys Soccer

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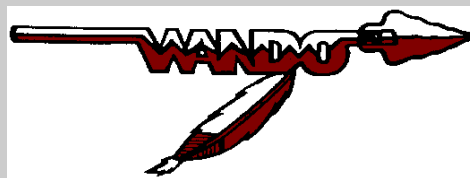
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The Wando School Improvement Council meets monthly to plan, monitor, and evaluate improvements at the school level. Their work includes school planning as well as communication between students, teachers, parents, and the school administration.

Our PTSO serves as our primary fundraising group for school-wide projects and is the group that organizes and assigns volunteers, works on beautification, supports school celebrations and recognitions, and provides activities for faculty and staff appreciation and support. Our PTSO is a 501.c(3) charitable organization.

The Wando Family would like to salute our SIC, PTSO, Booster Clubs, parent volunteers, community supporters, and the Town of Mount Pleasant for their continuing support. We would also like to thank the Charleston County School District Board of Trustees, the Charleston County School District staff, and the Moultrie District 2 Constituent Board for their assistance.



Center for Advanced Studies at Wando



Construction of the Center for Advanced Studies at Wando, which is located adjacent to our campus, began during the 2012-2013 school year. This facility will provide space for cutting-edge career and technology course offerings as well as additional classrooms and science labs. Completion of the project is scheduled for August, 2014.