

# North Augusta High School

## Report to the Parents 2019-2020



### Mission

Our mission is to ensure that every North Augusta High School graduate has the ability to make a significant contribution to the 21st century global economy by developing not only their academic and career readiness but also the life and shared values of integrity, self-direction, global perspective, perseverance, work ethic, and interpersonal skills.

NAHS is a comprehensive four-year high school with a diverse population of 1,500 students. It is accredited through the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, and is a member of *High Schools That Work* Alliance, a whole school research-based reform effort. Additionally, NAHS is a partner with the National Math and Science Initiative and works to promote advanced STEM education for our students.

### Academics

NAHS is excited to announce the completion of our third year as an Advanced Placement Academy in partnership with the National Math and Science Initiative. As NAHS moves forward into the third year of our NMSI partnership, we are pleased to report that we have approximately half of our student population enrolled in Advanced Placement courses for college credit for 2020-2021. Additionally, NAHS has increased the number of qualifying scores on AP exams by more than 100% in the last three years – going from 136 qualifying scores in 2016 to 331 in the 2018 school year. NAHS looks forward to continuing this trend and beyond as we maintain close to 1000 AP enrollments a year.

The faculty at NAHS is committed to continuous improvement using data and research-based practices to guide instruction. Teachers of AP courses will continue to receive professional development in further developing and implementing a rigorous and engaging curriculum for our AP students as well as the course offerings feeding into our AP courses.

NAHS ensures that all students graduating are college and career ready by offering college and career assessments to all 3<sup>rd</sup> year students. The emphasis on college readiness assessments can be seen in the increased scholarship earnings at \$12 million dollars for

the class of 2019 as well as having two 2019 graduates recognized as National Merit Scholarship Nominees.

Data 2019-2020

40% of student body enrolled in AP courses

143% increase in qualifying AP scores between 2016-2018

99% of 2019 graduates had post-secondary placements in college acceptance, military, or career placement

Number of graduates- 314

Graduates who attend a two or four-year college-292

Graduates who will enlist in the military-5

Graduates to work force-13

### Athletics

Wrestling:

Region Champ – Trevor Sawyers

Took 7 wrestlers to Lower State Championships

Cross Country:

Eddie and Tommy Burch made the all-region cross-country team.

Girls tennis:

All Region- Hayleigh Feagin & Emma Shiver

Yellow Jacket Award- Cassidy Blackmon

Football:

5-6 advanced to the playoffs

3<sup>rd</sup> in the region

Joe DeLaughter HSSR All-State

6 All-Region selections

4 Border Bowl participants

7 Aiken Standard All-Area Team

College Signings:

Charles Hammond- Erskine College

Justin Meriweather- Methodist College

Swimming:

Boys-

7 individual state qualifiers

8 qualified for relays

2<sup>nd</sup> place in region meet

2<sup>nd</sup> place overall in state meet

Podium finishes include:

1<sup>st</sup> place 200 medley relay - Thayer Loose, Zak Griffin, Madden Bell, and Matthew Owings

1<sup>st</sup> place 200 freestyle relay - Thayer Loose, Zak Griffin, Madden Bell, and Matthew Owings

1<sup>st</sup> place 100 breaststroke - Zak Griffin

2<sup>nd</sup> place in freestyle - Zak Griffin

2<sup>nd</sup> place 200 Individual Medley - Thayer Loose

3<sup>rd</sup> place 50 freestyle - Matthew Owings

Girls- 6 individual state qualifiers

8 qualified for relays

1<sup>st</sup> place in region meet

7<sup>th</sup> place overall in state meet

Top 10 finishes:

Jenna Brown 500 freestyle

Caroline O'Neal 00 freestyle and 100 backstroke

Girls Basketball:

4A State Champions

Region 5 4A Champions

4 All Region Players- Tyliah Burns, J'Mani Ingram, Kiana Lee, Peris Smith

Region Player of the Year – Tyliah Burns

Region Coach of the year – Al Young

All-State Players - Tyliah Burns, J'Mani Ingram

4A State Player of the Year - Mya Burns

North-South All Star Game - J'Mani Ingram

NC - SC All Star Game - Tyliah Burns

Boys Basketball:

Record 17-11 and #10 State

Region Champions

Pepsi Carolina Classic Champions

All Region Team: Colin Rodrigues, Omarion Byrd, Jordan Wilburn

All State: Colin Rodrigues

Region Coach of Year: Tony Harrell

### The Arts

The Fine Arts department had another tremendous year and continues to grow and expand. Our AP Art History, AP Music Theory, and AP Studio Arts continue to grow; students can now graduate North Augusta High School with five Fine Arts college credits! National Art Honor Society won first place in the 2019 Christmas parade.

North Augusta High School's Jacket Regiment was highly competitive and concluded the season 5<sup>th</sup> place at the 3A State Marching Band Championships. Twenty-four band members earned seats in Region Honor Band and thirty-nine students earned chairs in Aiken All-County Band. One band member participated in All-State Orchestra and three band members earned chairs in the South Carolina All-State Bands. Our Director of Bands, Chuck Deen, serves as President-Elect of the South Carolina Band Director's Association President, and was recently inducted into the American School Band Directors Association.

Our Concert Choir also saw success by capturing a Superior with Distinction at Performance Assessment as well. This marks five consecutive years of Superior rating for our Concert Choir. Concert Choir also had a school record breaking number of singers that earned a place in the All-State Choir. These programs are continuing to build in numbers and in excellence.

**Community Service** Our students and faculty have donated thousands of dollars and thousands of service hours helping those in need within our community. NJROTC has spent over 2,000 hours completing activities throughout our community including Adopt a Highway and Augusta Canal cleanup, Veterans Hospital bingo, parking services for various activities, volunteering at The Golden Harvest Food Bank, and color guard performances. Our Culinary clubs have provided luncheons for various community associations including cancer awareness survivors and donated coats and sweaters for the needy and homeless. Teacher Cadet organized donations to enable forty

local children to enjoy a gift-filled Christmas. FBLA directed two Shepherd Community Blood Center Blood Drives, broadcasted a news show to classrooms and to the entire community on YouTube, and lead a Community Service committee for cancer awareness that included Breast cancer, children's cancers, and men's cancers during No Shave November.

Our Sandspurs yearbook students participate yearly by running the craft booth and serving as buddies for the Aiken County Special Olympics, hold an Easter egg hunt for our students with special needs, made hundreds of handmade holiday cards for veterans confined to the Veterans' Hospital, and collected and donated 2 carloads of donations to the Augusta Children's Hospital. Our Beta Club has completed 1480 community service hours this year. They support our school by taking donations of food for Spooky to be Hungry, reading to elementary students, making pumpkins pies for the homeless, and signing Christmas cards for hospitalized service people and nursing home patients.

### **School Goals**

As part of the school's continuous improvement plan, NAHS has set the following goals:

- 1) Increase work-based learning opportunities for students, including but not limited to apprenticeships, internships, and access to relevant career and technology education coursework.
- 2) Increase student participation and success in advanced coursework emphasizing AP and Honors classes and dual enrollment opportunities.
- 3) Ensure connection to high-quality postsecondary opportunities for every graduate.

### **School Facilities**

We completed construction of Phase 2B of our new high school which includes new English, Math, Social Studies, and Foreign Language classrooms in two two-story wings on the footprint of the old cafeteria. New gymnasium and performing arts classroom construction has begun and will be complete in January 2021.

### **SIC Membership**

Parents:

Kim Butler

Brad Siverhus

Community Members:

Ashlie Fortson

Dara Dixon

Faculty:

Elizabeth Wright

Travis Spears

Students:

Ansley Barber

Kamora Johnson

The SIC holds monthly meetings which are open to the public. If you are interested in serving on the SIC, please contact Mr. Murphy or Mr. Higgenbottom.

NAHS greatly appreciates the support of our community in creating an educational experience of excellence for our students. Suggestions for improvement of our school program are welcome.