

North Augusta High School

Report to the Parents 2017-2018



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.

As required by South Carolina law, the School Improvement Council has prepared this report on NAHS's progress in meeting goals and to highlight accomplishments.

Academics

NAHS is excited to announce the completion of our second 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 2018-2019.

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.

In addition to increasing AP enrollments, we also maintain a focus on career and technology education through the expansion of STEM offerings as well as career certifications, internships, and apprenticeships. We are excited to announce new course offerings with the addition of AP Music Theory and AP Art History. NAHS also continues to offer additional opportunities in Culinary Arts, Business, and the Fine Arts with both studio art and performing arts. NAHS ensures that all students graduating are college and career

ready by offering college and career assessments in all 3rd year students.

Data 2016-2017

- 37 % of student body enrolled in AP courses
- 67% increase in qualifying AP scores for 2017
- 98% of 2017 graduates had post-secondary placements in college acceptance or career placements

Academic Celebrations

- North Augusta implemented the AP Capstone diploma, which is a nationally recognized diploma of excellence
- NAHS increased AP qualifying scores in math and science by 141%
- AP course requests have maintained their growth at approximately 1,000 requests for the second year in a row.
- NAHS continues to build enrollments within the ACCELERATE program providing a year of college credits for completers in Engineering.

Athletic Celebrations

Girls' basketball won the region championship for the third straight year and repeated as State Champions. Individual accolades are as follows:

Amari Young - 3x Team MVP, 1x team Defensive POY, 3x Region POY, 2x SCBCA All-state Selection, 17-18 SCBCA 4A POY, 17-18 SC Gatorade POY, 17-18 Miss. Basketball, 17-18 North Carolina/South Carolina All-star game MVP, to name a few.

Sarah Crews - 2x Team Defensive POY, 2x All-region team selection, 17-18 Wendy's Heisman Award, 16-17 HSSR All-state selection.

Mya Burns - 15-16 Team Defensive POY, 16-17 Team Offensive POY, 3x All-region team selection, 2x HSSR All-state selection, 17-18 SCBCA All-state selection.

Tyliah Burns - 17-18 all-region team selection, 17-18 HSSR All-state selection

Aaliyah Bell - 2x All-region team selection, HSSR All-rookie team selection.

Kiana Lee - 2017-18 HSSR All-Rookie team selection

Girls Tennis finished 2nd place finish in region and made it to the playoffs where they enjoyed a 1st round victory over York High School. Kate Wells & Anna E Mercer were All-Region.

Wrestling:

The wrestling team finished 4th in the region, and 13th in the upper state.

The team won the Aiken County Challenge.

Individually, DeAndre McKinnis finished 8th at the state meet,

David Lamar was a region champion and

Acoya Pate finished 1st at Girls Carolina Invitational State Championship.

Boys' Basketball:

The boys' basketball team finished third in the region and advanced to the first round of the state playoffs. Bryson Mazone, Russell Felton, and Tez Collins were named all-region. Bryson was also named region player of the year, all-state, and named to the North-South all-star game.

Swimming:

The team sent 14 student-athletes to the state finals. Zak Griffin finished second overall in the 100 breast in the 4A classification. The 200 Individual Medley team of Nolan Kendinger, Matthew Owings, Thayer Loose, and Zak Griffin finished in third.

Girl's Golf:

Our team not only were region champions, but finished 5th in the upper state qualifier, and were 12th overall in the state championship.

Volleyball:

The North Augusta team made it to the first round of the state playoffs. All-region players were Molly Greenway and Madison Evans.

Cross Country:

Our boys' team finished 2nd in the region and qualified for the state meet.

Football:

The team had the first undefeated regular season since 1962 and were region champions. They qualified for the state playoffs. Individual accolades are as follows:

North-South Game DeJuan Bell

Border Bowl Carlton Hall Sam Bryant DeJuan Bell Derius Gibson Landon Washington Jules Williams Kashaun Johnson

All-CSRA Sam Bryant DeJuan Bell Parker Baxley

All Aiken Standard Landon Washington DeJuan Bell Caree Collier Parker Baxley Derius Gibson 2nd Team Sam Bryant 2nd Team Jules Williams 2nd Team Chris Torres 2nd Team Bryce Williamson HM

Kashaun Johnson HM

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DeJuan Bell- SC Player of the Year
Derius Gibson
Sam Bryant
Caree Collier
Landon Washington 2nd Team
Carlton Hall 2nd Team
Parker Baxley 2nd Team
Jules Williams 2nd Team
Chris Torres 2nd Team
Kashaun Johnson 2nd Team
Jarett Kelly Honorable Mention

HSSR All State Team

DeJuan Bell DB/WR
Sam Bryant OL
Caree Collier LB

Coach Brian Thomas was named Region, High School Sports Report, and Palmetto Champions 4A Upper State coach of the year.

Spring sports are off to successful seasons as well with softball already locking up the region title with several weeks left before playoffs.

Over 570 students participated in athletics.

The following students have signed letters of intent to play sports in college:

Jordan Flanders- Citadel Baseball
Will Mottel- USC-Aiken Baseball
Brad Golden- SMC Baseball
Amari Young- Old Dominion Basketball
Sara Crews- Lander Basketball
Karly Heath- South Carolina Softball
Shaq Boskett- Presbyterian College Softball
DeJuan Bell- Furman Football
Sam Bryant- Jacksonville Football
Zach McGhee- Newberry Football
Jules Williams- Newberry Football
Jalen Sturgis- Newberry Football
Eric Smiley- Piedmont International Soccer
Jacob Withers- Lander Soccer
Hyori McDowell- USC-Upstate Soccer
Kyle Newbegin- Lander Soccer
Carlton Hall- St. Andrews College Football

Kashaun Johnson- Highlands Community
College Football
Derius Gibson- South Carolina Football
Bryce Williamson- Catawba College Football
Landon Washington- Edward Waters Football
Taylor Cooks- Life University Wrestling

The Arts

- NAHS is represented by 29 students who earned All-Region Honors in Band and placed 36 students in the All-County Band. Three students earned All-State honors.
- The Jacket Regiment received Superior ratings and finished 3rd in the lower state and 9th in the state competitions.
- 25 students were chosen from NAHS to perform in the All-County Orchestra while one performer received All-State honors.
- Concert Choir received a Superior Rating at the State Choral Performance Assessment for the fourth year in a row.
- Two students were selected to All-State Chorus while nine students were selected to the SCACDA Honor Choir. Seven students received All-County honors.
- Symphonic Band and Wind Ensemble were both rated Superior with Distinction at the State Concert Performance Assessment.

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 1,878 hours completing activities throughout our community including Adopt a Highway cleanup, parking services for various activities, donations to 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 has promoted driver safety through our Prom Promise Event and Operation Buckle Up. Our Interact and Environmental Clubs have conducted year-long school-wide recycling projects. Our Yearbook One class held a Valentine's Day dance to raise over \$1,300 for the Ronald McDonald House, donated a carload each of donations to the Ronald McDonald House and Augusta University Hospital, and is currently conducting a fundraiser for March of Dimes.

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

Construction of Phase 2B of our new high school continues on schedule with a target completion of January 2019. Phase 2B construction includes new English, Math, Social Studies, and Foreign Language classrooms in two two-story wings on the footprint of the old cafeteria.

SIC Membership

Parents:

Angel Mercer
Cindy Parler
Brad Siverhus

Community Members:

David Sam
Gene Robbins
Tim Butler
Ola Martin
Jen Steinman
Renee Merion
Robin Falin

Students:

Maddie Carter
Sarah Wilson

Faculty:

Elizabeth Wright
Travis Spears

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

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.