

North Augusta High School

Parent Report 2022-2023



Mission

Our mission is to engage ALL students in the world class knowledge and skills needed to successfully realize their post-secondary goals through the development and implementation of relevant college and career readiness pathways

NAHS is a comprehensive four-year high school with a diverse population of over 1,600 students. Accredited through the *Southern Association of Colleges and Schools*, NAHS is a member of the *High Schools That Work* Alliance, a whole school research-based reform effort.

Academics

NAHS has increased the number of qualifying scores on AP exams over the last 7 years – from 136 qualifying scores in 2016 to 318 in the 2021-2022 school year. NAHS looks forward to continuing this trend during the 2022-2023 school year and beyond as we have over 300 AP students enrolled in at least one AP class.

New dual-enrollment programs have been created, with students earning credit through Aiken Technical College and USC-Aiken

The faculty at NAHS is committed to continuous improvement using data and research-based practices to guide instruction.

As an academic organization, we believe:

- Our teaching should evoke curiosity and global awareness from students.
- Our speech and actions towards students and each other should come from a place of empathy.
- Our philosophies should involve a dedication to increasing students' sense of social awareness and social responsibility.
- Our practice should value both college and career paths and celebrate them equally.

Although classroom learning is vital, experiential learning through internships, research and service learning enhances the academic setting and brings lasting knowledge.

NAHS strives to ensure that all graduating students are college and career ready by offering college and career assessments to all 3rd year students. The emphasis on college readiness assessments can be seen in student scholarship earnings in excess of \$12 million dollars for the class of 2022.

Academic Data

- Over 22% of student body enrolled in AP courses
- Over 100% increase in qualifying AP scores between 2016-2022
- 100% of 2022 graduates had post-secondary placements in college acceptance, military, or career placements
- Over 90% of 2022 graduates were accepted to a two- or four-year college
- Over 140 estimated Honor Graduates in the 2023 graduating class

NAHS Guidance

NAHS Guidance created the “March Madness” program for seniors, with a month-long thematic program for college and career preparation

NAHS Seniors attended the 6th annual HBCU College and Career Fair, as well as the College and Career Night at the USC-Aiken convocation center

Over fifty students were immediately accepted into colleges during various instant decision days

Military Enlistments

Blake Abercrombie, Coast Guard

Devin Vallejo, Navy

Gary Hale, Marines

Kaitlin Marable, Army

Myles Price, Navy

Athletics

Wrestling

Junior Nick Moore placed 3rd place in the State competition and 2nd at Upper State

Lady Jacket wrestlers placed 10th out of 82 teams in the 1st SCHSL lady championships

Jacket JV wrestlers placed the highest in program history at the State JV tournament

Overall winning record for the 1st time in program history

Boys Tennis

Competed in AAAA playoffs against Greenwood

Girls Tennis

Competed in 1st and 2nd round of Region AAAA Playoffs

Ansley Hooks was named a WJBF Scholar Athlete award recipient

Football

6-6 record, (4-0) in region play

Region IV AAAA Champions

2nd Round Playoff participant

Region IV AAA All Region players – Jaydon Eason, Evan Waldhauer, Colyn Moore, CJ Curry, Jaquez Ryans, Roderick Collins, Taylon Washington and Peyton Chavous

Head Coach Matt Quinn named Region AAAA Coach of the Year

Colson Brown committed to Georgia Tech

Taylon Washington named to the Touchstone Energy Cooperative North / South Bowl team

Jaydon Eason and Roderick Collins selected to play in the High School Blitz Junior Showcase Bowl

Clay Target Team

The NAHS JV Ladies' squad finished in second place in the SC DNR Skeet Championship event and claimed the first team trophy for a NAHS Ladies' clay target team in the seven-year history of the team

Freshman Katie Gillespie and sophomore Keely Herrington joined Sophie on the podium

NAHS finished 4th in the state in Trap for 2023.

The varsity boy's squad of Cam Porter, Matthew Williams and Wade Wimberly broke 125 clays to just miss the podium by two broken targets. Wade Wimberly broke a personal record of 45 out of 50 clays to earn the top NAHS shooting honors and a 4th place individual finish in the SC DNR varsity division.

Cam Porter broke 44 out of 50 clays and finished in a three-way tie for second place to force a shoot-off for the 12th grade DNR scholarship. Cam broke the first 16 out of 20 clays in the shoot-off to finish in 3rd place earning a \$500 scholarship.

Volleyball

17-8 Season Record, 4-4 in Region play

Participated in the AAAA playoffs

Continued the annual “fight night” event for Cancer Awareness

Baseball

Region IV AAAA Champions

All Region Recipients - Brayden Stone, Isaiah Trull, Jaxon Jean, Brodie Chapman, Brigs Watkins

Region Player of the Year - Bryson Nuckols

JV 12-4-1 overall record, 7-1-1 regional record, Midland Valley Invitational Champions

Bryson Nuckols signed with Newberry College

Cheer

NAHS cheerleaders and coaches held their annual Youth Cheer Clinic for students kindergarten age to eighth grade

Boys Soccer

Currently 11-3-3, including 7-0 in region play, marking the third straight year of an undefeated region schedule

Region player of the year, Nolan Sweat

NAHS All-Region team participants Harrison Holloway, Henry Martinez, Justus Holden, Andrew DeGennaro, Cristian Pulido and Blake Fuss

Girls Soccer

Monsi Avila committed to Winthrop University

Softball

Current record of 12-4-1 with a 6-1 Region record

Currently 1st place in Region AAAA

Reilly Howell committed to Methodist University

Swim

Swim team participation increased from twenty-five to forty-two swimmers

Nine swimmers qualified for State with seven alternates, twelve more than the prior year

All-Region Swimmers:

Lauren Lusk – 200 yard Freestyle, 400 Free Relay

Audrey Hammond – 100 yard Backstroke, 400 Free Relay

Kennedy Cobb - 400 Free Relay

Madison Steed - 400 Free Relay

Boys Golf

Senior Matthew Baxley played in the CAN-AM match play event

Red Raider Invitational Team Champions

2nd Place team at the Bengal Invitational

Matthew Baxley signed with USC-Aiken

Boys Basketball

Record of 27-1, Most wins in school history

Undefeated regular season and region record

Region Champs

Elijah Hall - All-State and North/South All Star Game selection

Daron Dunbar - All-State selection

Girls Basketball

State AAAA Champions, the fifth championship in seven years

26-3 season record, undefeated in Region Play

Region Champions

P'eris Smith named a South Carolina / North Carolina All-Star Game selection

All-State selection - Celena Grant

All-Region selections - Celena Grant, Kenedi Wright, Jadah O'Bryant

Region Coach of the Year - Al Young

P'eris Smith signed with Campbell University

Track and Field

The following students have signed letters of intent

Brad Tilby - Columbia College

Kiersten Thatcher - Lander University

Fine Arts

Jacket Regiment completed their competitive season with a Superior rating and placed 10th overall at the SCBDA AAAA State Marching Band championships

Piano students traveled to Grace United Methodist Church to play an authentic pipe organ

The NAHS Orchestra traveled to Charlotte, NC to perform at the Carowinds Festival of Music

NAHS Orchestra performed at the SCMEA Concert Performance Assessment, receiving an excellent and Superior rating in their respective categories of stage performance and sight reading

Symphonic Band and Wind Ensemble both earned Superior ratings at the SCBDA Concert Performance Assessment

NAHS Orchestra participated in the annual Garcia Orchestra Festival

NAHS wind ensemble and choir presented Sing We Now of

Christmas, a Holiday concert at Grace United Methodist Church

NAHS choir presented the winter choral concert *Ad Astra*

Angelina Kovacs and Megan Arnold named to Midlands Region Orchestra

Community Service

Our Culinary clubs have provided luncheons for various community associations including alumni and retirees, as well as serving faculty and staff at employee luncheons.

Teacher Cadet again organized donations from students, staff, community and alumni to enable over fifty local children to enjoy a gift-filled Christmas through the Marth Butts Christmas Child program

NAHS faculty and staff continued their long-standing tradition of contributions to the United Way, with an increase in total contributions from 2021-2022.

NAHS FBLA organized blood drives in conjunction with Sheppard Blood Center and the American Red Cross

NAVY JROTC

NAHS NJROTC earned Distinguished Unit status for 2022 - 2023

Participated in the Veterans ceremony, Black History Month ceremony, and numerous athletic events as flag-bearers

Drill team placed first overall in the Colleton County drill competition

Drill team placed third overall at the South Florence drill meet

Served as parking leaders for home football games

BETA Club

Served dinner, dessert, and drinks at the North Augusta Hall of Fame induction banquet

Student Highlights

Palmetto Boys state selections – Baylor Furness, Walker Geddes, Justus Holden, Matthew Lyon, Alexavier Moore, Yaniel Ramirez Rivera, Will Seigler, Jalil Sweat, Timofei Tyulenev, and Evan Waldhauer

Palmetto Girls State selections – Lauren Bell, Amanda Morrison, and Lady Sheridan Town. Selected as alternates are Amiya Slade, Taylor Talavera, and Elise Longe

Lauren Lusk was nominated as a finalist for the Elks Most Valuable Student Scholarship, the first SC finalist in over twenty-five years

NJROTC, FBLA, and the NAHS Choir created a student-led Black History Month assembly

The annual Epiphany magazine project highlighted students poetry and artwork, granting prizes and publishing for student creators

Academic team won third place at the Aiken Triple Crown challenge with a record of eight wins and one loss

The NAHS Buddy Club and special needs students participated in SC Project Unify Conference

Freshman Luca Lobato won the winter sports category for best photography from the National Trade Association for School Photography and Yearbooks

Freshman Will Stevens participated in the Musical Theatre Workshops Production of James and the Giant Peach

Freshman Kenli Brown competed in the USA gymnastics regional meet after winning her State competition, qualifying for the eastern national team

Kevin Avila-Gutierrez, Andrew DeGennaro, Jack Stevens, Beck Peppenger, Blake Fuss, Nolan Sweat, Justus Holden, Cristian Pulido were part of the Augusta Arsenal GOLD Boys Soccer team, winning the Georgia state championship & competing in the US Youth Soccer National League Pro Championships in Arizona

Michael Mitchum has been selected as a winner of the Bridgestone Americas, Inc. Scholarship through the National Merit program

Alexavier Moore was accepted into MIT MITES, a 6 week summer STEM program

Optimist Club Essay Contest winners - Grayson Fleury- 1st Place, Lauren Bell- 3rd Place

Twenty-four students inducted into the National Honor Society

Senior Greer Worley facilitated a CPR training session where over thirty students and faculty became CPR certified

Senior Benjamin Burch received an appointment to the United States Military Academy at West Point as well as a Letter of Assurance from the United States Naval Academy

Student 2 Student

Participated in the annual “Purple-Up” to show appreciation for Military Families and Children

Raised money to support military families locally and overseas via snapraise

Celebrated the Month of the Military Family with hand-made purple pumpkins, raising funds for military-connected service projects and new student socials

NAHS FBLA

Eleven students qualified for National Competition in Chicago this Summer

Fifteen students placed at the South Carolina competition

Coordinated two blood drives with Sheppard Blood Center and the American Red Cross

Leadership team coordinated the School News Broadcast program

Dell Tech Crew

Over 100 students became Dell certified and worked alongside school district technology to repair devices for ACPSD students

The NAHS Tech Crew was selected to be featured in a story about the impact of this program for students, schools and communities

Completed hundreds of repairs for NAHS and ACPSD students and helped with digital inventories

French Club

The following French 3 students participated actively in French Club through club activities, baking, and stewardship - Ana Godwin, Jaedan Mullins, Michael Thiel, Jada Thomas and Jacqueline Umana

Aviation Program

Purchased a state-of-the-art flight simulator with the support of: Augusta Aviation, Boshears Fly – In and Nuck Service

Visited Daniel Field and Augusta Regional Airport, participating in flight simulation and hands-on flight experiences

Staff Highlights

Mrs. Hegddy Pabon-Serrano was named to the ACPSD First Year Teacher of the Year Honor Court

Mrs. Hayes Wimberly was named the NAHS GEM award winner Commander Kenneth Beck was named the NAHS Teacher of the Year Jeremy Lehman named Assistant Principal at Highland Springs Middle School for the 2023-2024 school year

School Goals

As part of the school's continuous improvement plan, NAHS continued the following goals for 2022-2023:

- Increase leadership, project development, and participation opportunities for students.
- Improve school climate through opportunities and activities for all students
- Recognize and celebrate students, staff, and community members for their contributions to NAHS and beyond

School Facilities

A new concession and restroom area in the visitor's area of the Football field has been built and opened in April, providing accessibility and amenities to visiting teams and community members

Final planning is in place for new Baseball and Softball fields, with work beginning in Fall of 2023

SIC Membership

Parents:

Leslie Jeffery

Trinika Mason

Kindra Sturgis

Community Members:

Brad Siverhus

Dena Thomas

Laurie Morrison

Faculty:

Caitlyn Berger

Kasey Davidson

Students:

Hampton Bridgers

Emma Carter

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