

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

The ACT and SAT are national examinations used for college admissions and merit-based scholarships. In 2020, due to COVID-19, ACT didn't provide a percentage, while 89% completed the SAT in preparation for college or post-secondary programs.

Advanced Placement Exams

2020

62% of SOA's students scored a rating of 3 or higher on all AP exams administered

Recognized in South Carolina as one of the top 2 High Schools - *U.S. News & World Report* -

END OF COURSE (EOC) AND ADVANCED PLACEMENT (AP) EXAM DATA
2020 DATA: DUE TO COVID-19 AND SCHOOL CLOSINGS, EOC EXAMS WERE NOT ADMINISTERED IN SPRING 2020
62% OF SOA'S STUDENTS SCORED A RATING OF 3 OR HIGHER ON ALL AP EXAMS ADMINISTERED.



State Level PTSA Reflections Awards

Literature

- ◆ Middle School Award of Excellence (Advances to National Level)
- ◆ Three Middle School Awards of Merit
- ◆ High School Award of Excellence (Advances to National Level)

Visual Arts

- ◆ Middle School Award of Excellence (Advances to National Level)
- ◆ Two Middle School Awards of Merit
- ◆ High School Award of Merit



SOA Mission Statement - At SOA our purpose is to provide a supportive educational environment where academic and artistic challenge engage students and lead them to develop and use their talents to pursue goals and contribute to society.

STRATEGIES & INITIATIVES

School of the Arts Specialized Credential
Fitness and Health Initiatives
Improv Theatre Workshop Outreach
Quest Academic Competition
Integrate Technology through Instruction
Community Service Opportunities
Master Classes in Art Areas
SCMEA and Midwest Performances

Senior Thesis
MAP Testing and Analysis
PTSA National Reflections Contest
Scholastic Art & Essay Contest
NHS Free Student Tutoring
SMART Boards in all Classrooms
Jefferson Service Club
Environmental Initiatives

CHARLESTON COUNTY

School of the Arts



Where Talent and Vision Create the Future
•2021 Annual Community Report•



Charleston > excellence is our standard
County SCHOOL DISTRICT

STUDENTS ARE
THE HEART
OF OUR WORK!

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NINE AREAS OF Excellence



Band

55 High School Band Students earned a chair in one of the following: SC All-State Band, the SC All-State Jazz Band, and the SC Region 4 Bands! Middle School had success at the state and region level - 8 middle school all state and 12 middle school region band members. 8 superiors at Solo & Ensemble for middle school.

Creative Writing

191 Regional Scholastic Writing Awards.
8 National Scholastic Writing Awards.
Scholastic Art and Writing Awards Senior Silver Portfolio Award for Senior Thesis
1st, 2nd, 3rd & Honorable Mention in the Literature category of the SOA PTSA Reflections Contest. 3 juniors chosen as finalist for the 8th Annual SC High School Writing Contest from the University of South Carolina. One junior received 1st place in the state wide contest. Honorable Mention in the Nancy Thorp Poetry Contest hosted by Hollins University. Winner of the Blank Theater's national Young Playwrights Festival. Student's play will be directed, performed and produced by professional thespian in Los Angeles this summer. The freshman class participated in the annual Narrative Poetry Project with selected participants from the Somery of Mt. Pleasant Senior Living Community. All events were virtual due to COVID.

Dance

2 students awarded the Cecilia Slowinski Summer Study Scholarship, 7 guest artists in residence for middle and high school, National Honor Society for Dance Arts Chapter, annual attendance at the National and Regional High School Dance Festival, 9 performance recordings of faculty, guest, and student works including 4 senior thesis productions. 3 guest artists (in person & virtual) for middle school dancers.

Piano

2 students awarded 1st Place in their division and one student 1st place for composition in Sonatina Festival - 4 students selected to play in the Achievement Day Honors Recital, and 4 selected as alternates. 1st place winner in the reflections contest for composition.

Visual Arts

Southeastern Wildlife Expo: 1st, 2nd & 3rd place winners
PTA Reflections (Middle School Level): 1st place & Honorable Mention
PTA Reflections (High School Level): 1st & 2nd Place
Regional Scholastic Art & Writing: 14 Gold Keys, 15 Silver Keys, & 13 HM's
National Scholastic Art & Writing: 1 Gold Key, 2 Silver Keys, & 1 American Vision Award, SC Junior Federal Duck Stamp Competition: 1st, 2nd & 3rd place winners, 12 HM's, 1 Conservation message award, 1 Best of Show, & 1 Best of Show runner up, SC Art Education Association Competition: Best of Show Winner

Orchestra

SOA Middle School Strings - SCMEA Solo and Ensemble Festival: 10 Excellent, 19 Superior and 2 Superior Plus Entries. 46 Students selected for the Region Orchestra, and 19 students selected for the All State Orchestra!
SOA HS Strings - 64 HS string students qualified for Region orchestra in High School; more than any other school, and a SOA record!

Vocal Music

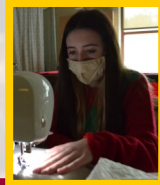
52 High School Singers were selected for All-State Chorus!!! 50 Middle School Singers were selected for the Middle School ACDA All-State Chorus

Theatre Arts

Placed 2nd in the state in the South Carolina Theatre Assoc. High School One-Act Festival, with awards for Best Actress and Best Technical Design. Six students placed in the Top 3 in different monologue competition categories.

Fashion and Design

The Fashion and Costume Design Department is honored to share that we have many award winners among our talented students. From Caroline Floyd (an alumni) who received an amazing scholarship for her winning Eco Fashion Case Study Project to Mia Van Dyck, Lillian Stackhouse and Morgan MacAnnany who all won multiple awards for SCAD's Scholastic Art and Writing Awards to Kylie Crookes who was recognized in the Moultrie News for knitting 70 beanies for preemies and newborns at MUSC Shawn Jenkins Children's Hospital. Students Abby



A glimpse into SOA



The Charleston School of the Arts is a uniquely diverse school with students enrolled from across Charleston County. The current enrollment sits at 1,106 artistically gifted students. We believe the culture and climate of our school and surrounding community provide an experience that promotes excellence in both academics and the arts from sixth through twelfth grade.

We are a school where all stakeholders believe dreams can become a reality with hard work and determination. Our students, staff, parents, and community members work as a collaborative team to ensure that the school reaches its goal.

Our students are recognized both regionally and nationally for their talents and efforts. The success and achievement in the arts is duplicated in non-arts classes, exposing and providing our students with the experience of a strong academic program that prepares them to become integral parts of the global world in their post-secondary endeavors. Our staff, students, and parents collaborate to create programs, shows, and performances that are of the highest quality.

As educational partners, the Charleston County School District and the faculty of the School of the Arts have the unique opportunity to continue providing a school that inspires and encourages students to excel in a non-traditional way. We encourage the support of anyone that values excellence in education, and are confident our artists will continue to grow and impact the lives of those in the SOA Community.



School Improvement Council— Anne Cimballa, SOA Visual Art Teacher & Co-Chair of the SIC -

"Finding ways to support our students continues to be at the forefront of our minds and mission. As our country battled COVID, each student received a Chromebook and teachers provided instruction for our virtual and students on campus all year. Our SIC created a survey to assess students' well-being and we responded to the feedback through lessons and activities. Teachers provided flex time during learning blocks and an additional mental health counselor was hired to support students."