



# Chester Senior High School Annual Report

**April 30, 2013**

**Mr. Jeff Gardner, Principal**

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## 2011-2012 Student Council Executive Officers

President: Melvinie Jackson (interim)  
Senior class President: Jocelyn Boulware

## CHS Receives a \$12,000 Grant

### Courtyard Project

The School Improvement Committee has been working on building a courtyard for students to enjoy at CHS. The courtyard will create a space for students to gather. South Carolina DHEC has awarded the school with a grant to purchase trees for the area. The school received an additional \$12,000 from the Lutz Foundation for a total of \$22,000 over two years.



## Graduation Coach Position Added

This position will improve the graduation rate through positive, consistent community contact. This coach will serve as the liaison for students and all faculty services.

**Mrs. Angie Anderson**  
2013-2014 Teacher of the Year.

## Band Awards



Chester High School has once again experienced a banner year. Numerous milestones were achieved and the tradition of excellence was carried on.

### Cyclone Regiment Marching Band

- \* Newberry High School 4th Annual Lorraine Paris Invitational
- \* Class A - Best Drum Major – Beth Mitchell
- \* Class A - 3rd Place Overall
- \* Henry Laurens Invitational
- \* Class I – Best Drum Major – Beth Mitchell
- \* Class I – Best Percussion
- \* Class I – Best Colorguard
- \* Class I – 2nd Place Overall
- \* SCBDA Upper State
- \* Performance Rating

## News From the Principal



### FCCLA

Child Development 1 Students made possible the “Please Wash Your Hands” signs being posted in all of the CHS restrooms. The annual FCCLA food drive collected 1,250 food items. Students, Jelisa Woods and Marissa White, won a silver medal (second place) in the FCCLA State STAR Events, and Chapter Service Display Event. The FCCLA also sponsored the Student-Faculty basketball game and donated \$800 to the Chester County Relay for Life/American Cancer Society. Our school participated in Pennies for Patients and donated \$395.57 to Leukemia and Lymphoma Society.

### Junior Civitan News

Junior Civitans donated money to the Civitan International Research Center. Last year at the Art Show CHS won Superintendent's Choice, 1st, 2nd and 3rd place. Junior Civitans received a growth in membership patch.

### Faculty Graduations

Kevin Railey, D'Angelo Edwards, and Kathryn Castillo graduated with a Master's degree in Educational Leadership.

### JAG NEWS

JAG received 2nd in Decision Making competition and 2nd for the Executive Governor's award. The executive governor's award is one of JAG's highest distinctions and it recognizes students who have made drastic improvement. The decision is based on an essay that each Specialist writes. These awards were given Friday, April 19, 2013 in Columbia, SC at our annual Career Development Conference.

The purpose of the Annual Report is to report to parents the progress the school is making to achieve the goals and objectives of the strategic plan. The report is developed to share the challenges and successes of the school, students, parents, and teachers for the current school year.

## CHS 2011-2012 Scholarship Totals

Athletics- \$48,000  
 Campus Connections-  
 \$1,682,110  
 Life/Hope-  
 \$1,077,500  
 Other Scholarships-  
 \$309,292  
 Grand Total: \$3,170,502

### JROTC News

JROTC took first place in a Raider Match and second in marksmanship at Indian Land High School in April of this year.

### CHS Cafeteria Receives Another Great Score

The CHS cafeteria received a perfect 100% health inspection score by DHEC for the third time in two years. CHS would like to thank our manager, Ms. Lynda Hunter, and the dedicated dietitians for their hard work.



### Football News

**The CHS football team won the region 3A championship.**

### Other Sports News

Chester High School's Baseball and softball teams continued their respective streaks making the playoffs again this year. Our baseball tied for second in our region, and our softball finished fourth. Former CHS student-athlete Troy Sanders has signed as an un-drafted free agent with the Atlanta Falcons.

### OBJECTIVES

Increase first-attempt HSAP passage rate.

Improve AP scores.

### STRATEGIES

Use strategies classes and extra assistance for students who are behind.

Afternoon tutoring sessions and extended hours for the computer lab.

### PROGRESS

Strategies classes in ELA and math were continued.

Scores are up from last year.

### School Improvement Council

Teachers: Faye Culp, Tara Park  
 Students: Melvinie Jackson & Brandon Gallman  
 2012-2013 TOY: Chris Johnson  
 Ex-Officio Members: Karen Kerr, Jeff Gardner  
 Parents: Susan Kovas, Angie Etters  
 Appointed Members: Trey Dacus, Calvin Reynolds, and Wade Young.

### CHS MC Receives \$6,000 in Grants

On Friday, February the 22nd, the Chester High School media center received a new presentation system from ExtronClassroom. The system is the result of a grant awarded through Extron valued at \$5,000. This equipment will help serve students and educators in the media center as it evolves into a multimedia learning space for information literacy and collaboration. The grant was written by the media specialist, Dr. Russ Conrath. One of the first lessons used with the system involved teaching research skills. The Second grant was for \$1,000 from PPG in Chester. This grant will help support iPad reading apps.



## Mission Statement

Chester High School strives to create a safe and nurturing environment where students are encouraged to develop academic, social, and emotional competencies. To this end, we are committed to developing creative, independent students who are prepared to contribute to local, national, and global societies.