



LAMAR HIGH SCHOOL

2021-2022 SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL
ANNUAL REPORT TO PARENTS



Mission Statement

The mission of Lamar High School is to prepare all students to become competent, responsible, and productive individuals by providing challenging educational and extracurricular opportunities in a positive, safe environment supported by the community.

The Lamar High School SIC works hard to support the school in preparing our high school students for College and College Readiness. The questions we address, the issues we explore, and recommendations we make are aimed at helping provide outstanding and equitable opportunities for all Lamar students. We are committed to and believe it is an honor to be a part of the education of our children.

During the 2021 - 2022 school year, the LHS SIC focused on evaluating and making recommendations on ways to support and improve the six areas of our schools report card. Those six areas are: Academic Achievement, Preparing for Success, English Learners' Progress, College and Career Readiness, School Environment, and Graduation Rate. Although nationally schools have a new normal, the collaborative efforts of our parents, students, and faculty resulted in continuous improvements for our students in the four A's -- Academics, Activities, Arts, and Athletics.

Academics

- The first cohort of the Institute of Biomedical Innovation has successfully completed the first year course, Principles of Biomedical Science. They will be moving on to the second year course, Human Body Systems.
- The Institute of Biomedical Science will welcome the second cohort of students in the 2022-2023 school year. We had over 30 applications to the program from across the district this year.
- Twelve seniors participated in the Darlington County School District "Key to Career" Internship Program.
- In the first three quarters, 53 students made all A's, 102 students have made A/B honor roll, and 14 students have made all B's.
- Ten students completed CERRA's Teacher Cadet Program.
- Madison Smith will serve as the 75th Delegate for the ALA Palmetto Girls State.
- Rayzaria Gainey enlisted in the US Army.
- Tynasia Douglas and Jermesha Gillard received their Certified Nursing Assistant Certificate at Johnson Thomas Medical Training School.
- Ten students were named the University of South Carolina-Sumter Scholars.
- Fifty-six students enrolled at Darlington County Institute of Technology for the school year of 2021-22; 15 seniors will graduate as CTE Completers.
- Nyanza Waiters and Ahmad Mack were both offered full tuition scholarships at more than one four year college and/or university.
- One student scored a 31 on the ACT.



Activities

- Jailyn Waiters and Tynasia Douglas were named Homecoming King and Queen. The entire Homecoming Court raised over \$4,000 for Student Council.
- Student Council raised almost \$300 for the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation during Breast Cancer Awareness Month in October.



- During American Education Week, classes decorated classroom doors. Mrs. Toni Anderson's class won the competition. Mrs. Anderson received a \$25 Amazon gift card, and the class received a pizza party.
- Student Council bought almost 100 toys during their Operation Santa Drop and delivered them to two local daycare centers; Josey's Early Beginners and Prosperity Child Care.
- Tyler McManus and Celeste Windham were named Mr. and Miss Silver Fox for raising the most money through Booster Club members for Lamar High School Athletics.
- The Class of 2022 attended the Broadway musical, *The Lion King*, at the Koger Center for the Arts in Columbia.
- Students participated in a Spirit Week for Homecoming, a Pink Week during Breast Cancer Awareness month, and Winter Wonderland during December.
- Seniors participated in a Senior Empowerment Day where activities included a scholarship writing contest, Kaylan Cooke - winner, an oratorical contest, a trivia contest, and an obstacle course contest. The obstacle course contest was provided by the South Carolina National Guard.
- The Class of 2025 was welcomed to Lamar High School during an open house for Lamar High School's first Freshmen Academy.
- JROTC supported Lamar Civitans Veterans Day Program, Lamar's Christmas on Main, and intro to SMS Rising Freshmen- Partnership base school.
- JROTC in conjunction with the Lamar High School Chapter of the Beta developed the LHS Silver Foxes Adopt A Highway Initiative.
- JROTC, National English Honor Society, and the Beta Club participated in Lamar's Great American Clean Up Day.
- LHS JROTC Program was the ONLY program in the DCSD to advance to Round II in the JROTC Leadership and Academic Bowl (JLAB) Competition.
- JROTC SAI was selected as the FIRST Female Company Commander for Summer Camp Cycle 1 for SY21-22.
- Jailyn Waiters and Tionna Bell were named Mr. and Miss Coming Home King and Queen in LHS's very first celebration of Coming Home.



- The Beta Club sponsored a Dodgeball Tournament. We raised \$500.00 for the American Cancer Society.
- The Beta Club sponsored a doughnut fundraiser. This fundraiser was used to raise funds for the American Cancer Society and St. Jude Children Research Hospital. Each organization received a \$250.
- The Beta Club inducted 12 new members.



Arts

- Art in Business winner, Kelsey Gilmore
- Drama production, *Santa Zombie Apocalypse*
- The Lamar Silver Powerhouse Band participated in South Carolina State University Band Day. This day is where all the high schools in South Carolina come together to work with collegiate directors and musicians and perform for a college halftime show. We had 14 students represent Lamar High School.

Athletics

- Lamar High students Patrick Anderson, Jaimeke Dukes, Ethan Hunt, and Gabriel McAllister were selected to the 2021 SCFCA Class A All-State Football Team.
- This was the inaugural year for the Lady Silver Foxes Volleyball team.
- Senior Patrick Anderson signed an athletic scholarship to play for South Carolina State University in Orangeburg, SC.
- The Lamar High School football team played in the Upper State Championship.
- The girl's basketball team competed in the first round of the playoffs.



Our collaborative efforts centered around SEL, ACT skills, and Parent University focused LHS on meeting the needs of the whole student. We thank those parents, faculty, and community members who have worked with us, and we encourage representation from every student and parent organization that exists at Lamar High School to participate in the efforts of next year's School Improvement Council.

Sincerely,

Marlon L. Thomas, Ed.D., Principal
Yolondis Peoples, SIC Chairperson
Angie Raines, SIC Vice-Chairperson



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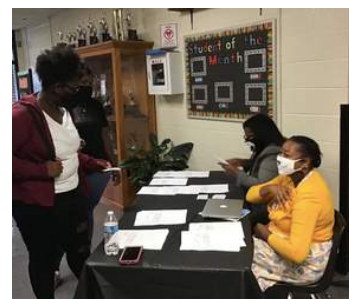
Lamar High School Aims

- Excellence in Student Learning
- Meeting Diverse Student Needs
- Safe and Secure Environment
- Quality Teacher and Personnel
- Effective Leadership and Management Resources
- School, Parent, Student, and Community Partnerships

The LHS Experience



Honor Roll Celebration



Freshmen Orientation



Homecoming Week



Senior Day



JROTC Middle School Visit



Coming Home



Red Ribbon Week



ACT Workshop
Prize Winners



The Institute of Biomedical Innovation

The Institute of Biomedical Innovation program at Lamar High School, in conjunction with the nationally recognized Project Lead the Way Biomedical Sciences program, offers high achieving students a dynamic curriculum that uses real world experience and hands-on learning. Students with an interest in exploring the variety that health sciences offer will find PLTW's Biomedical Sciences program to be a fantastic doorway for medical professions.

Priorities for 2021-2022

- Continue to expand internship opportunities for all students
- Continue to improve the achievement of students on state and national measures
- Improve programs designed to ensure repeaters get back on track to graduate
- Reduce discipline referrals, suspensions, and recommendations for expulsion
- Increase percentage of students participating in more than one club or organization
- Continue to increase the graduation rate
- Expand professional development opportunities that focus on student achievement
- Increase percentage of students taking Advanced Placement and dual-credit courses
- Continue to reduce the percentage of students retained in ninth grade
- Increase percentage of students who are College and Career Ready

School Improvement Council 2021-2022

Yolondis Peoples, *SIC Chair*

Angie Raines, *SIC Vice Chair*

LaShawn Gregg, *SIC Secretary*

Alphine Bradley, *Teacher*

Jennifer King, *Teacher*

Valarie Roberts, *Teacher*

Adam Schwartz, *Teacher*

Kathialena Garcia, *Student*

Nyanza Waiters, *Student*

Chenethia Brown, *Community Member*

Monyette Carraway, *Community Member*

Karen Konopasek, *Community Member*

Ginger Windham, *Community Member*

Dr. Marlon L. Thomas, *Principal*

Susan Lear, *Assistant Principal*

Marilyn Nelson, *School Counselor*

Carlos Burgess, *Athletic Director*

LHS SIC members can be reached by contacting our school's main office at (843)326-7500.

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