

# Darlington High School

## An Early College Magnet School

2014-2015 Report to the Parent



## DHS MISSION

*The mission of Darlington High School is to engage all students in relevant learning experiences which will prepare them to be leaders*



2014-2015 Gold

Parents can access students' grades and attendance through the Parent Portal at

<https://powerschool.darlington.k12.sc.us>



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Welcome to Darlington High School, a Palmetto Gold Award winning school, where Academic Excellence is our goal. The vision of Darlington High School is to promote a safe, caring, positive learning environment that supports the belief that teachers have the right to teach and students have the right to learn. The academic program of studies at Darlington High School is designed to meet the needs of each student who enters our doors. Our academic offerings include College Prep courses, Early College Credit, Honors courses and Credit Recovery. Darlington High School’s “Early College Honors Magnet Program” allows a student to earn transferable college credits while in high school.

Early College Honors students soared to great heights during 2013-2014 by earning 252 transferrable college credits. Taking advantage of the numerous college courses offered on the DHS campus, sophomores, juniors, and seniors were enrolled in college courses such as college algebra, freshman composition, literature, psychology, Teacher Cadet, US history, and world history. Darlington High School provides students the opportunity to earn a two-year Associate of Arts degree while still in high school. The graduating class of 2016 includes the first students who have taken full advantage of this program and will have earned their Associate’s degree the day they graduate from high school. And if the opportunity to earn an Associate of Arts degree is not enough to make DHS soar above its peers, the tuition assistance it provides students definitely distinguishes the school from any other high school in the Pee Dee. Darlington High School does its best to secure complete funding for its program so that its students pay nothing for the courses they take on the DHS campus. DHS pays the cost of both the balance of the tuition not covered by lottery assistance funds and textbooks, thus saving students and their parents THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS in college tuition! We are extremely excited about our newly renovated science labs which will enable our students to receive state-of-the-art science instruction. In light of all these opportunities for academic excellence, Darlington High School is the school for the college-bound students to excel! As a High School that Works, our school strives to meld academic and technical studies while ensuring that every course is challenging and engaging. Students benefit from integrated long and short term projects. Darlington High School is on the cutting edge of outstanding educational practices. Students are given numerous opportunities to pursue their interests and nurture special talents while completing their academic course of study. As a Renaissance School, multiple school-wide incentives are provided for students and faculty who are demonstrating Falcon PRIDE. Our athletic teams are among the best in the region and compete for state titles yearly. The Falcon band and fine arts programs are growing and involving more students each year. Our JROTC program is expanding and growing future leaders of our Armed Services. Darlington High School is breaking barriers to allow all students to excel. Come join us at DHS as we pursue educational excellence!

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# Early College Magnet School



The vision of the Darlington High School Early College Honors Program is to provide advanced academic opportunities that enable high school students to earn college credit up to a two-year Associate of Arts degree in a safe, caring, and positive learning environment. While the program has been offering college courses for the past ten years, this is the first year it has offered the opportunity for students to earn an Associate of Arts degree with its first students expected to graduate in 2016. In order to enhance our program and make the Associate's degree a possibility, the program increased its course offerings during the 2014-2015 school year by adding Biology 101, Music 105, Philosophy 110, Sociology 101, Spanish 101, and Spanish 102; it also plans to add English 205, Spanish 201, and Spanish 202 for the 2015-2016 school year.

Not only do Early College Honors Program students have the opportunity to take these advanced courses, but the courses are paid for and are thus offered at absolutely no cost to students who successfully earn transferable college credit. The Early College Honors Program continues to grow each year by increasing its enrollment, offering more classes, and providing more opportunities for students to give back to their community. It is indeed making a difference in the lives of students at DHS and in our community.

# The Freshmen Academy



The DHS Freshmen Academy started in 2003. The Academy is a separate building located east of the Main Campus. It developed around the concept of a small learning community. The Academy is a school-within-a-school for freshman students. The Academy staff uses research-proven instructional strategies to teach the curriculum as well as address their students' needs more personally.

Teachers work in a collaborative environment and are committed to the learning of the students they share.

The faculty and staff at the Freshmen Academy support the vision of Darlington High School. Our vision is to promote a safe, caring, and positive learning environment that supports the belief that teachers have the right to teach and students have the right to learn. As in the past, we will focus on academic excellence, recognizing student achievement, trust, respect, and open communication. Our faculty is committed to fostering an environment that will nurture, discipline, and challenge our students so that they can be well prepared for the great future that lies ahead.



# Technology

Technology is taking off at DHS! In the Fall of 2012, we started looking at a 1:1 integrated model of technology. This model means that every student uses a device of some sort to learn in the classroom. We visited other school districts who were in the process of going to a 1:1 model to see what might be best for us. After much thought, we settled on Apple products. In the 2013-14 school year, we piloted a 1:1 program using iPads in 51 classrooms across the district. Darlington High School had 5 teachers as part of the program. It was a big success, so much so that the district started investigating using MacBook Pros instead of iPads at the high school level! This year the district has been upgrading its network capabilities to handle the increased load of all students being on devices and accessing the network at the same time. As we move towards this 1:1 model, we are doing so in a gradual manner. We are pleased to let you know that DHS was the first high school chosen in the district to start receiving MacBook Pros. We will start with sophomores and juniors. Students will be able to take these devices home to help them get their work done more efficiently. As we push forward in the 21st century, there is no doubt that computer skills are essential for students' success in college and their careers. We are thrilled to be able to start offering your child this educational opportunity!



## Academic Accolades

School Absolute Report Card Rating– **Excellent**– School performance exceeds the standards for progress towards the 2020 SC Performance Vision.

The class of 2014 received **\$3,869,906.60** in scholarships

100% of students who received early college credits received scholarships

**2014 Palmetto Gold Award for General Performance**

**2014 Palmetto Gold Award for Closing the Achievement Gap**

92.8% Graduation Rate

17 students graduated with up to 27 hours of college credit

**Students can now earn an Associates Degree while still in high school**



### Purpose of Report to the Parents

This report is designed to inform parents, community members, and students of academic goals progress and extracurricular activity achievement at Darlington High School. This report complies with SC Statute 135 (1993).

# Goals and Strategies

70% of students will pass End-of-Course test in Algebra 1, English 1, Biology, and U.S. History

70% of students will pass ACT and Work keys

Achieve 95% graduation rate

Diagnostic and Benchmark testing to target EOC exams

Tutoring in core academic areas

Provide Academic support for students taking ACT and Work keys

School-Wide "Technology in the Classroom" plan

A Dropout Prevention Specialist



ACT  
Four Star Falcons



With the addition of the administration of the ACT to our juniors as a measure of academic success, the committee has developed the following as an accountability piece for our students at DHS. Based on the following criteria, the students will be awarded STARS for performance on the 2015 spring administration of the ACT.

## **Criteria and Stars Awarded:**

**If a student earns a 17 or higher on each section, they will earn the highest rating of 4 Stars**

- 17 or higher on English portion = 1 Star
- 17 or higher on the Math portion = 1 Star
- 17 or higher on the Reading portion = 1 Star
- 17 or higher on the Science portion = 1 Star

*It is important to understand that if the student does NOT earn at least a 17 on the composite score, they are not eligible for the 4- Star Falcons Program Recognition.*

## **Recognition:**

Students who meet the above criteria will receive the following (much like the former "Triple Crown" Program):

- ❖ A school program will occur to recognize and award each student with a certificate acknowledging the level of performance
- ❖ A Falcon Celebration
- ❖ A Graduation Cord representing a 4 Star Recipient

# Extra Curricular Clubs and Groups

- Songwriter's Club
- Anchor Club
- Falcon Cadre
- Key Club
- Band
- Yearbook
- Wellness through History
- Drama Club
- Science Club
- Sports Medicine Club
- Student Council
- National Honor Society
- Fellowship of Christian Athletes
- Chorus/Gospel Choir
- Future Educators of America
- JROTC and Drill/Rifle Team
- Robotics
- G.S.A.

## ROBOTICS

Robotics Engineering is an honors course that focuses on problem solving, mechanics, physics and engineering using Vex Robotics Kits. This entry level course will introduce students to the world of robotics and allow them to collaborate with other students to achieve a common goal.



The Darlington High School bands competes and performs in many competitions, including marching band, percussion, and ensemble.

## BAND



## J.A.G.

Jobs for America's Graduates (JAG) is a dropout prevention/school to career transitional leadership program that provides additional support to students in all areas of life and is designed to help students remain in school until graduation. The 5 goals of JAG are Leadership Development, Career Development, Civic Awareness, Social Awareness, and Community Service.



## Gear-Up

GEAR UP (Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs) offers the students, families, educators, and communities of selected SC middle and high schools services that promote academic achievement and college awareness.

The mission of DHS GEAR UP is to increase the number of students who are prepared to enter and succeed in postsecondary education. GEAR UP provides critical early college awareness and support activities such as tutoring, mentoring, academic preparation, financial education and college scholarships to improve access to higher education for low income, minority and disadvantaged first-generation students and their families.

## J.R.O.T.C

The Darlington High School JROTC has a Color Guard, Rifle Team, and Drill Team. This year the Drill team came in 2nd in the Region Drill Team Competition.





# Athletics



## FALL SPORTS

Varsity Football - Will Lampkin-WR #6 Tra'Quan Dubose and RB #7 Trayvon Thomas are 2014 Touchstone Energy Cooperatives Bowl South Team Selections, RB #7 Trayvon Thomas named: 2014 SCFCA Palmetto Champion 3A Lower State Running Back of the Year, Region 6-3A Offensive Player of the Year

WPDE All Zone Team, WBTW All Blitz Team and Player of the Year Finalist, WR/CB #6 Tra'Quan Dubose named WPDE All Zone Team, All Region Players:WR #6 Tra'Quan Dubose LB #9 D'Aundre Nero DB #21 Chris Damon DB #22 Frankie Johnson

LB #44 Antonio Hannah DL #54 Robert Bacote DL #56 Anthony Fullard

JV Football - William DuBose-Defeated our hometown rival to complete the season

Girls Tennis - Spencer Tyner-2014 Region 6-3A Champions Back-to-Back-to-Back!!! 2014 Region Player of the Year: Christina Epps 2014 All Region: Christina Epps, Anna Godbold, Heather Godbold, and Elizabeth Sturgeon

Volleyball - Jessica DeStefano-Third Straight Year in the Playoffs!!!

Cross Country - Rich Wideman-Girls Cross Country 2014 Region 6-3A Champions

5th year in a row!!!! Region Runner of the Year: Heidi McNeil (3rd year in a row)

All Region: Heidi McNeil, Nyasia James, Gabby Gosnell, Brandon Boggs, Tyrone Gregg and Zack White

Swimming- Lori Wideman-First year for team at DHS

Girls Golf - Stanley Goodwin- First year for team at DHS

## WINTER SPORTS

Varsity Boys Basketball - Ken Howle-Boys Basketball: 2015 Region VI-AAA Champions

Back-to-Back! Frankie Johnson 2015 Region VI-AAA Player of the Year (second straight year)

Varsity Girls Basketball - Jabari Deas- Deanny House played for the North South Team

JV Boys Basketball - Herb Carraway- Beat Hometown rival to end the season

JV Girls Basketball - Regina Damon-Beat Hometown rival to end the season

Wrestling - Dean Fullard-Region Champions by Weight Class: 132 John Goodman, 152 Jaleel Moses 182 Anthony Fullard (State Qualifier) 220 Robert Bacote (State Qualifier)

## FALL/WINTER SPORTS

Varsity Cheerleaders - Kendre Williamson and JV Cheerleaders - Ginger Hendricks— Cheerleaders worked with Special Olympics, Senior Nights, and Pep Rallies in addition to their regular duties

## SPRING SPORTS

Track & Field - Rich Wideman— Came in 2nd in the Region

Varsity Baseball - Billy Sylvester—Season went two games into playoffs

JV Baseball - Dennis Gearhart Went 14-5 overall record and won 2 playoff games

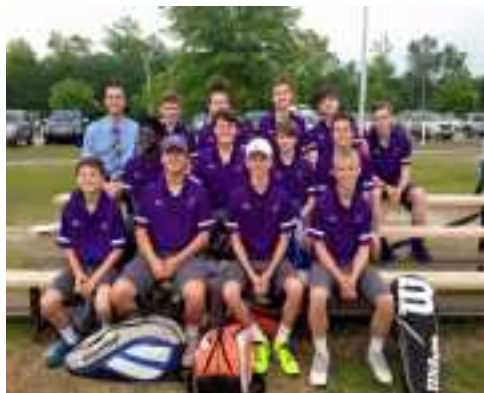
Softball - Tim Wiley— Made the playoffs and won 3 playoff games

Boys Tennis - Michael Van Tyne-Made the playoffs

Boys Golf - Stanley Goodwin— Number 2 in the region

Girls Soccer - Anthony Dyer— Made the playoffs— 1st student to sign scholarship for Soccer— Danielle Kriss

Boys Soccer - Jerry Brito— 1st year bringing boys soccer back to DHS





# Special Events

Miss DHS

Miss Falcon

Falcon Fest

Taste of the Falcons

Falcon Golf Tournament

Christmas Concert

Brunch With Santa

Military Ball

Prom

Special Olympics

Art in Business

Mr. DHS

College Night

Parent Day at the Academy

On-A-Roll Celebrations

Powder Puff Game

Video Game Night



# Falcons in the Community

Shoebboxes for Samaritans Purse  
Toys for Tots– Relay for Life  
Nursing Homes Projects  
Blood Drives, Brunch with Santa  
Old Peoples Christmas Food Drive  
Worked Veteran Memorial Programs  
Gave books to Veterans  
Reading to Elementary Students  
Children’s Miracle Network  
Darlington History Project  
Project Christmas Child  
Breast Cancer Awareness  
Thanksgiving Celebration for Kids



Voter Registration  
Cleaning for Earth Day  
Leukemia & Lymphoma Society Project  
Recyclable Items Project  
Raised Funds for UNICEF  
Special Olympics  
Students Taking A Stand Against Bullying Project  
Teen Dating Violence Awareness  
Pate and St. John’s Elementary Fall Festivals  
Assisted with Daddy Daughter Dance  
Raised funds for Third World Projects  
Served in Community Parades  
Recognized Police, Fire Fighters and Rescue Squad  
Sports Camps for Elementary students





# Falcon Pride

- P**erseverance
- R**espect
- I**ntegrity
- D**ependability
- E**xcellence



## DARLINGTON HIGH SCHOOL

### School-Wide Incentive Program

- I. **Falcon PRIDE Referrals**- Teachers will write positive office referrals for students demonstrating Falcon PRIDE.  
 Rewards: 1) Early out of class on Friday pass, 2) Lunch line pass, 3) Coupon book, and 4) opportunity to be selected student of the month for your class.
- II. **Student of the Month**- 1 student selected per grade level each month. The student is selected from the Falcon Pride Referrals.  
 Rewards: 1) Student of the Month trophy, 2) Early out of class pass, 3) Falcon shirt, 4) Falcon hat.
- III. **Do-R-Ball Celebrations**- Students earning all A's and B's are invited. Each teacher also invites a student that deserves to attend for demonstrating Falcon PRIDE but doesn't have all A's and B's. Events will be held at the end of each 9 weeks to include activities like: 1) Cookout or 2) Movie celebration. Honor roll students will be given an honor roll pin which allows students to go to lunch early on announced days.
- IV. **Falcon Football Ticket Award**- Each teacher will award a deserving student that demonstrates Falcon PRIDE a free home game ticket. Done each week, we have home games.
- V. **Perfect Attendance Award**- Students that have perfect attendance at the end of each quarter will be given a lanyard pin that allows these students to go to lunch early on announced days.
- VI. **Triple Crown Award**- All students that pass the HSFP on their first attempt will become part of the Triple Crown and be awarded a DHS Triple Crown shirt.

## Falcon P.R.I.D.E.

### Practicing Respect In Different Environments

How does P.R.I.D.E. look in the classroom?

<b>Perseverance</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Finish</b> assignments, even when they're difficult</li> <li>• <b>Work</b> for improvement, not perfection</li> <li>• <b>Focus</b> on priorities, not distractions</li> </ul>
<b>Respect</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Speak and act</b> politely</li> <li>• <b>Cooperate</b> in groups</li> <li>• <b>Respect</b> others' personal space and belongings</li> </ul>
<b>Integrity</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Do your own work</b></li> <li>• <b>Use sources</b> honestly</li> <li>• <b>Encourage</b> others to right their wrongs</li> </ul>
<b>Dependability</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Prepare</b> for class</li> <li>• <b>Arrive</b> on time</li> <li>• <b>Honor</b> due dates</li> </ul>
<b>Excellence</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Share</b> your gifts with others in and out of class</li> <li>• <b>Encourage</b> others when you see struggling</li> <li>• <b>Develop</b> your talents; <b>strengthen</b> your weaknesses</li> <li>• <b>Accept</b> help gracefully</li> </ul>



# THANK YOU TO OUR COMMUNITY PARTNERS!!!

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Pepsi	Genesis Healthcare	Darlington YMCA
Pee Dee Electric Cooperative	Belk Funeral Home	Darlington Sheriff's Dept.
Fastrack Convenience Stores	American Trophy Company	Dr. Al Gilpin
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Jewel's Deluxe	Flower Baskets by Becky	McLeod Fitness
Wheel Country Tire	Kenneth Schuler	Darlington National Guard
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Sun Construction	Polyquest	IGA
Kistler-Hardee Funeral Home	Dr. Alex Cohen	Mr. Tony Watkins (Mayor)
Darlington Chamber of Commerce	Darlington Detention Center	Darlington Fire Dept.
Darlington Rescue Squad	Darlington Presbyterian Church	Darlington Country Club
Darlington County Cultural Realism	The News & Press	MG Sports
Hardees	McDonalds	Tenampas
Pizza Hut	Dedicated Community Bank	Coker College
Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church	Kirven Construction, Inc.	Nick's Barbeque
McLeod Sports Medicine	Pee Dee Healthcare, P.A.	Dove Heating & Cooling