

# Lake City High School

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

Lake City High School (LCHS), in partnership with its families, students, and the community, is continuing to deliver on its mission to graduate students who are equipped with the tools necessary to achieve success. On May 29, 2015, 148 seniors graduated from LCHS, receiving a total of \$1.6 million in scholarships. In support of academics, the LCHS after-school program offered opportunities for students to receive academic assistance and served more than 100 students.

Students at LCHS excelled in numerous areas this year and received well-deserved recognition for their achievements. We have had back to back recipients (2015 & 2016) of the prestigious Gates Millennium Scholarship, a scholarship valued at nearly \$500,000 which provides funding for undergraduate and graduate school, as well as doctoral studies. Two students earned first place honors in the state-level National History Day competition and will compete at the national level this summer. One student earned acceptance to the South Carolina Governor's School for the Arts and Humanities in Greenville and will attend the residential school next year, focusing his study on visual arts. In athletics, one student was named an All-State basketball player.

The Lake City High School Career and Technology Education Center (CATE) continues to grow and offers students opportunities to participate in work-based learning through internships and shadowing options. In addition to Culinary Arts, Masonry, Health Science, and Automotive Technology, Firefighting was added for students interested in a career in this service area. In its inaugural year, 20 students participated in the program and several are on-track to complete the program with certificates in Firefighting. Our CATE students also participated in the state Skills USA competitions and earned recognition in four different areas. A student won first place for Masonry, earning \$2000 in college assistance and the opportunity to compete at the national competition this summer.

In an effort to educate well-rounded students, we continue to focus on character education and service learning. LCHS students demonstrated their desire to make an impact on their community through the canned food drive, blood drives for the American Red Cross, Toys-for-Tots, March of Dimes, Best Buddies, and the Recycling Program. To help students develop into productive young men and women, students participated in mentoring programs, Jewels, Inc., and MEGA Men. Additionally, students participated in service learning opportunities at local elementary schools and throughout the community. Students have logged nearly 2,000 hours of community service!

This year, LCHS expanded its' New Tech initiative, involving ninth and tenth grades. Through this innovative instructional approach, content is taught primarily through project-based learning, and students are immersed in a culture built on the pillars of trust, respect, and responsibility. Panther New Tech celebrated many successes this year, hosting college and career days for the students, promoting service learning, and engaging students with authentic learning.

While we celebrate the many successes we have experienced, we look forward to the addition of an Early College partnership with Florence-Darlington Technical College in the upcoming school year. Our students will participate in the Compass test for college readiness and several dual enrollment courses will be made available to students so they can earn college credits while still in high school. At LCHS, we are making great strides in equipping our students with the tools necessary to achieve success!

Sincerely,

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