

# School Improvement Council Goals

- To increase End of Course (EOC) test scores
- To increase college and career readiness
- To increase the graduation rate
- To increase communication and relationships between school and home
- To increase bullying prevention strategies at school

## SIC Projects

- Former Valedictorian Reception
- Student Mental Health Survey with a focus on bullying
- Parent Portal education
- Bullying prevention strategies

## 2020-2021 SIC Team

### Teachers

Melanie Birchmore  
Mary Kate Black  
Michelle Gibbs, SIC Sec.  
Erin Hahn, SIC Chair  
Kimberly Martin  
Jonathan Schwalbe  
Laurie Thurston  
Susan Youmans

### Parents

Ami Hardy  
Mary Beth Kennedy  
Jen Partee  
Cindy Strange  
Brooke Yarbrough

### Community

Jonathan Coleman  
Rod Crosby  
Robbie Ellis

### Students

l'Nailyne Darby  
Jermarius Evans  
Brianna Gregory  
Canady Little  
Cohen Maness

### Ex Officios

Nancy Coleman  
Dr. Tina Faulkner  
Chrys Hill  
Debbie Simpson  
Jeffrey Whitener

*This report is issued by the Laurens District 55 High School Improvement Council in accordance with South Carolina law to share information on a school's process in meeting various goals and objectives, the work of the SIC and other accomplishments during the school year.*

# LAURENS DIST. 55 HIGH SCHOOL



SCHOOL  
IMPROVEMENT  
COUNCIL (SIC)  
2020-2021

Report to the  
Community



## Achievements

- Student Council was awarded the National Gold Council of Excellence, for the 5th consecutive year and was awarded as an SCASC Gold Council of Excellence. They raised over \$5,000 during the Holiday Helping Hands fundraiser.
- The Raider Cross Country Team, Student Council and Raiders United hosted the 2nd annual Laurens United 5K to raise awareness about suicide prevention and to fund the Raider United Mental Health Scholarship.
- The Homecoming Court raised over \$3,000 for the Downs Syndrome Association of the Upstate.
- FFA completed a community service project at Joe Adair Center to build steps to the picnic shelter. The FFA also hosted the first annual pig show, Laurens Raider Rumble Swine Showdown and they also taught lessons on the importance of trees for Earth Day.
- The LDHS CNA program is the first ever CNA program to complete clinicals with Prisma Laurens Campus. Students have AHA BLS CPR certification, OSHA certification, and will have completed the requirements for the CNA program based on the recommendations from DHHS by graduation.
- Unified Physical Education organized a school wide Unified Spirit Week that was recognized during a News Channel 7 segment.
- This school year, 12 seniors will graduate with a University Transfer Certificate as part of the LDHS Middle College Program that is partnered with Piedmont Technical College. For the 2021-2022 school year, 15 students are enrolled in the program and will graduate with an associates degree and a high school diploma.

## Student Achievements

- Foreign Language Awards:
  - Silver Biliteracy Seal
  - Two Bronze Biliteracy Seals
- A STEM student won the SC Boeing signing day award.
- Teacher Cadet Awards:
  - Two Teaching Fellows Scholarship recipients.
- A senior student hosted an eLearning Education Night for parents to learn more about Google Classroom, Google Meet, and PowerSchool.
- LDHS FFA Awards:
  - SC FFA State Farmer
  - State Winner Goat Production Proficiency
  - First Place Veterinary Science Career Development Event
  - First Place and Third Place in Wildlife Career Development Event
  - Region 2 Second Place Prepared Public Speaking
  - State Fair FFA Scholarship recipient
  - First Place Showmanship Laurens Raider Rumble Swine Showdown
  - Laurens Raider Rumble Swine Showdown Scholarship recipient
  - State FFA Officer Candidate
- Student Council Awards:
  - SCASC Executive State Historian
  - SCASC District 6 Chair
  - SCASC District Vice Chair
- A student was awarded the Cecil O. Davenport Citizenship Award.
- LDHS Athletics:
  - Seven senior athletes have signed to play in college.

## School Report Card Data

*Due to the Covid 19 Pandemic, there was no data collected for the previous school year.*

## Laurens District 55 HS Summer School

June 28- July 29, 2021

Monday-Thursday from 8:15-12:30

## Raider Reinforcement

This program provides after school tutoring offered to all students every Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 3:45-5:30.

*The mission of Laurens District 55 High School is to create a community of learners who are responsible and productive citizens.*

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