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## "Report to the People"

2011-2012

Twenty-First Century Learning has been the goal and the driving force for all our efforts at White Knoll High School during the 2011-12 school year. Through intense focus on communication, collaboration, critical thinking, and creativity, our faculty and staff members are providing students with the skills they will need as productive citizens after graduation. Our aim is to equip them with all the tools needed to succeed as global citizens in a world growing ever-smaller through the advances of technology and universal communication.

One giant step in that direction has been the roll-out this year of one-to-one computing. While technology is not the target, it is an invaluable tool to enable our students to reach their goals. Through wireless access to the internet throughout our building, students are able to do on-line research without the need of physically going to a computer lab. Our teachers are able to access teaching tools that enrich the learning environment in the classroom, and they are able to send and receive assignments from their students without the expense and waste of printing everything to a paper format. Students who are absent from the classroom for medical or other reasons can access their assignments and submit their work via websites and e-mails. Student presentations can be enhanced by the visual impact of still and movie photography. Student creativity can thrive in this digital environment.

Every department in the school has risen to the challenge of 21st Century Learning. In World Languages, students are focusing on "I Can" statements. They earn grades based on their ability to demonstrate specific skills in communication and understanding in the target language. Students use iPads to research and plan virtual travel experiences to countries throughout the world.

Special needs students are receiving assignments through e-mail and responding with attached documents and pictures. A biology teacher creates video tutorials to help her students study. Another teacher makes an assignment for his environmental science students to collaborate on research about threatened or endangered species in South Carolina. The students will then create posters or public service announcements to educate the public about what they have learned.

Literary Moves (dance) students research societal issues and blog their findings to discussion boards. They then choreograph dances to communicate their thoughts in response to their findings. Media



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### WKHS Administrators

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**WKHS SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT**

Arts students have been working with iMovie to develop their skills in filming and editing. An English teacher uses iPads to research several translations of the same literary work to analyze the impact of word choice on literary meaning.

Social studies students research other countries and times long past. Latin classes, using their iPads for research, are drawing comparisons from Homer's Iliad and Odyssey and creating modern skits and props about these ancient epics. A math teacher gives notes for her students to record electronically. She then e-mails a copy of the notes to students who are absent. In PE weightlifting classes students film each other to analyze proper weightlifting form and sometimes take assessments on-line.

Health Science students have access to an on-line book to supplement their regular textbook. It includes formative assessments that alert them and their teachers to any gaps in learning that may need to be filled in before the final assessment.

Orchestra students compose short pieces on their iPads using GarageBand to illustrate how artists in the music industry "sample" audio from other sources, then use those "samples" to create new compositions. Guitar students program their IPADS to play accompanying tracks along with themselves as they perform their guitar pieces.

As you can see, every department has risen to the challenge of providing 21st Century Learning.

An important part of the White Knoll High School effort to prepare students for the 21st century is the opening of our Center for Public Health and Advanced Medical Studies. The Center opened in the fall of 2011 with 68 qualified sophomores whose goals include acquiring at least a four-year degree in some area of medical study. Possible future careers for these students might include private practice as a medical doctor, medical researcher, nurse practitioner, pharmacist, medical administrator, public health official, etc. Guided by a highly qualified advisory board, this program has had a wonderfully successful opening year and will add a second cohort of students in the fall of 2012.

Two prestigious external groups validated the efforts of White Knoll High School after visiting on our campus this spring. In early April, representatives of AdvancEd spent a day on our campus as part of the Lexington One accreditation process. Later in April representatives of the national program Project Lead The Way (PLTW) were on campus. Both groups offered glowing evaluations of our programs, staff, and facilities. AdvancEd affirmed accreditation for Lexington County School District One and PLTW certified our Center program as a part of their national network, affirming that the classes we offer are rigorous and targeted to the needs of students seeking advanced study in the biomedical sciences.

A key component of the successes of WKHS is community support and involvement. Leading the cooperative effort of school/community collaboration, the School Improvement Council (SIC) and TE-PAIC have had the following goals for the 2011-12 school year:

#### Technology

- Act as advisors in developing an electronic etiquette policy for WKHS.

## COUNCIL 2011-2012

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### Purpose of this Report

This Report is issued by the White Knoll High School School Improvement Council in accordance with South Carolina law to share information on the school's progress in meeting various goals and objectives, the work of the SIC, and other accomplishments during the school year.

### More White Knoll Recognitions

WKHS staff and students have raised over \$11,000 for organizations such as The American Cancer Society, United Way, Relay for Life, etc., as well as local organizations such as Lexington Interfaith Community Services, SisterCare, Pets, Incorporated, etc.

WKHS Staff raised over \$12,000 for the Lexington One Employee Assistance Program (LEAP).



WKHS 2012 SC HOSA State Leadership Conference First Place Winners, Darlene Lefevre, Madison Lambert, Daniel Altman, Alexis Carter, and Katie Acton (Missing Alfred Wong).

- Assist with the distribution of the 1 to 1 computing devices (iPad2).

Public Relations

- Raise money to purchase an outdoor scrolling marquee for WKHS.

Facilities and Grounds

- Work with the lead teachers in the Center for Public Health and Advanced Medical Studies to assist with the opening of the facility.
- Continue to raise money, find sponsors, and write grants to aid in the completion of the HOWL Stadium Beautification Project.

The goals related to iPad distribution and the opening of the Center for Public Health and Advanced Medical Studies have been completed. The other goals are on-going. All relate to the need to enhance the collaborative and communication skills of our students and the ability of White Knoll High School to reach out to our community in a positive way.

This community connection with the SIC, TE-PAIC, and all our booster clubs has been instrumental in the successes at WKHS throughout its twelve years of serving the students of the Red Bank community. This continuing partnership will keep us focused on meeting the needs of our students in the changing world of the 21st century.

**Accreditation**

White Knoll High School is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools and by the South Carolina Department of Education.

**TEST DATA**

2011 SAT Average Composite Score: 1417  
 Critical Reading: 474  
 Math: 491  
 Writing: 452

2011 ACT Composite Score: 142  
 Reading: 21.2  
 Math: 21.0  
 English: 20.6  
 Science: 21.4

White Knoll High School Performance Ratings - 2011

ABSOLUTE RATING - Excellent  
 GROWTH RATING - Excellent

**SCHOOL ASSESSMENT PROGRAM (HSAP) EXAM**  
**PASSAGE RATE(%): SECOND YEAR STUDENTS**

	<b>Our High</b>	<b>High Schools with</b>
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WKHS 2012 State Marketing Education and DECA Winners!



WKHS JCL (Junior Classical League) students Ben Hutto, Jake Becket, Emily Snipes, Jessie Blanchard, and Araj Mehdi operate the chariot at the JCL State Competition in the spring of 2012.



Alex Brown, first place winner, with instructor Rick Counts at the South Carolina National Archery in the Schools Program in the Spring of 2012.

	School		Students like Ours	
	2010	2011	2010	2011
<b>Passed 2 Subtests (%)</b>	<b>81.3%</b>	<b>84.6%</b>	<b>80.0%</b>	<b>82.7%</b>
<b>Passed 1 Subtest (%)</b>	<b>11.2%</b>	<b>10.0%</b>	<b>11.4%</b>	<b>10.3%</b>
<b>Passed no Subtest (%)</b>	<b>7.5%</b>	<b>5.4%</b>	<b>8.7%</b>	<b>7.0%</b>

#### HSAP PASSAGE RATE (%) BY SPRING 2011

	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
<b>Passage Rate</b>	<b>95.9%</b>	<b>93.1%</b>

#### END OF COURSE TESTS - 2011

% of students scoring 70 or above on:	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
<b>Algebra 1/Math for the Technologies 2</b>	<b>85.6</b>	<b>79.0</b>
<b>English 1</b>	<b>76.6</b>	<b>70.4</b>
<b>Biology 1/Applied Biology 2</b>	<b>81.9</b>	<b>74.1</b>
<b>Physical Science</b>	<b>74.7</b>	<b>63.2</b>
<b>US History and the Constitution</b>	<b>59.9</b>	<b>55.2</b>
<b>All Tests</b>	<b>75.5</b>	<b>68.3</b>

#### WKHS HONORS AND AWARDS - TIMBERWOLF PRIDE

##### School Wide Honors

- 2012 Palmetto Gold Awards for General Performance and for Closing the Achievement Gap.
- 2011 Palmetto Gold Award for Closing the Achievement Gap.
- 2010 Palmetto Silver Award for Closing the Achievement Gap.
- 2009-14 Recognized American School Counselor Association Model Program.
- 2009 Blue Ribbon Lighthouse School Award.
- 2008 Red Carpet Award.
- 2012 Recognized Project Lead the Way Biomedical Sciences Nationally Certified Site.

##### Academic Honors



Jamal Lackey, the 2011-2012 State Individual Wrestling Champion two years in a row!

##### White Knoll Staff Honors

\*Ben Alexander was named 2011-2012 South Carolina Junior Classical League State Chair.

\*Angel Clark was named 2011 Adviser of the Year for the Health Occupations Students of America (HOSA) state chapter by the Future Health Professionals and was selected by the Office of the Civilian Volunteer Medical Reserve Corps to intern in the Office of the Surgeon General of the United States in 2011. She was also recipient of the 2012 SC Health Science Educators Conference Scholarship Award and was elected to a position on the National HOSA Board of Directors as Region III Local Advisor. She will be representing seven states. She was elected as Conference Chair at the 2011-2012 HOSA State Leadership Conference.

\*Rick Counts won the 2011-2012 Champions of the Environment Merit Award for \$750.00.

\*Amy Donaldson won the 2011-2012 Mary Ellen Hatfield Scholarship Award and was recognized at the South Carolina School Nurses Convention.

\*Jill Hnat was invited to be on the state World Language Standards Revision Panel.

\*Nina Howard was elected as 2011-2012 Secretary of the South Carolina Career Guidance and Placement Association Division.

\*Josh Keiper was named South Carolina Art Education Association's

- The 2011 Senior Class earned almost 11 million dollars in scholarships. Twenty-one 2011 students were awarded Palmetto Fellows Scholarships, fifty-three percent earned LIFE Scholarships and twenty-three earned HOPE Scholarships.
- One student was named a 2011-2012 National Achievement Scholarship finalist.
- Seventy-eight percent of the Class of 2011 planned to continue their education at post-secondary institutions.
- Sixteen 2011 seniors were recognized as Scholar Athletes by the South Carolina High School League.
- Thirteen students were awarded 2011-2012 Columbia Urban League Young and Gifted Awards.

### **Athletic Honors**

- One student was selected for the 2011-2012 North/South All-Star Boys Basketball Game.
- WKHS Wrestling Team had one 2011-2012 State Champion, one state runner-up, one state placer and five Region Champions. There were also two Lower State Champions, one High School Heisman Awardee and a Region Five Wrestler of the Year. Four students were selected to participate in the 2011-2012 North/South All-Star Wrestling Match.
- One student was selected for the 2011-2012 Volleyball All-State Team, two for the Volleyball All-Region Team, one for the Volleyball All Star Team, and two for the 2012 All Area Team. One student was chosen as the 2011-2012 All-Area Volleyball Player of the Year.
- One student was named 2011-2012 Boys Pole Vault Regional Champion and won honors in 2011-2012 All State Boys Track and Field.
- Six students were selected for the 2011-2012 All-Region Football Team.
- One student was selected for the 2011-2012 All-Region Girls Basketball Team.
- Two students were selected for the 2011-2012 the All-Region Girls Tennis Team.

### **Career & Technology Honors**

- Forty-four WKHS Marketing Education students won at the 2011-2012 DECA Regional Competition. Nine students won first place, eight students won second place, eight students won third place, and nineteen placed in the top ten winners. All forty-four qualified to represent White Knoll High School in the State Career Development Conference in February 2012.
- Twenty-six WKHS DECA students won at the 2011-2012 SC State DECA competitions. Ten students won first place, eight won second place, three won third place, and five were chosen as finalists. One student was elected as State DECA President for the 2011-2012 school year and another for the 2012-2013 school year. One student was elected as State DECA Vice-President of Communications for the 2012-2013 school year. One student was selected to participate

(SCAEA) 2011-2012 Secondary Art Teacher of the Year in recognition of his services and contributions to South Carolina art education.

\*Sheila Gordon was named WKHS 2011-2012 Teacher of the Year. She served as the South Carolina Athletic Trainer at the Shrine Bowl 2011. She was also named Sports Medicine Event Manager at the 2011-2012 HOSA State Leadership Conference.

\*Jo Mayer was awarded the 2011-2012 Service to Mankind Award by the Lexington Sertoma Club. She has been elected to serve on the Executive Board of the Rotary Club of Lexington.

\*Shea McCormack was first place winner of the 2011-2012 Personal Pathways to Success Best Practices contest.

\*Brandi Owensby was elected to both the Lexington County Arts Association (LCAA) and South Carolina Theatre Association's (SCTA) Board of Directors and is also serving as the SCTA's representative on the SC Arts in Basic Curriculum project.

\*John Perry was named 2011-2012 South Carolina ACDA (American Choral Director's Association) High School Repertoire and Standards Chair.

\*Celestine Peters won a \$1000 grant from the 2011-2012 Local Community Contribution/Hunger Outreach Grant Program.

\*Lisa Rose was named 2011-2012 Lexington District One Teacher of the Year.

\*Matt Schnabel is Lexington County Soil & Water Conservation District Teacher of the Year. He also received the Golden Apple Teacher Award, the 2011-2012 Palmetto Pride Recycling Troopers Grant for over \$1400.00.

\*David Smith was elected 2011-2012 President of the (SCDTSEA) South Carolina Driver and Traffic Safety Education Association.

\*Donna Smith was named WKHS 2011-2012 Staff Member of the Year.

in the Lexington Medical Center Partners Program in 2010-2011.

- Fourteen students placed in the 2011-2012 SC HOSA State Leadership Conference. Three students won first place, three students won third place, one student won fourth place, two placed in the top 6 and five placed in the top 38. One student was elected as 2012-2013 HOSA State Parliamentarian Officer. One student was elected as a 2011-2012 SC HOSA State Reporter. One student was given Outstanding HOSA Member recognition. WKHS HOSA was recognized as having the largest HOSA membership for AAAA schools and as donating the largest amount to the state National Service Project for the Junior Diabetes Research Fund (JDRF).
- One WKHS Virtual Enterprise student won second place at national competition in the Global Business Challenge. One WKHS Virtual Enterprise student won third place at national competition in the Global Business Challenge. Fourteen WKHS Virtual Enterprise students collaborated and won first place for Best Booth Design at the International Trade Show. Fourteen WKHS Virtual Enterprise students collaborated and won first Place Honorable Mention for Salesmanship. One WKHS Virtual Enterprise student was named a national semi-finalist in the Best Catalog competition [top 30 in the nation]. One WKHS Virtual Enterprise student won Honorable Mention for Best Web Site [top 10 in the nation].
- WKHS Architectural Design Team known as DNA (Dynamic National Architecture) Residential was named 2010-2011 Mock Firms National Champions after winning the eastern division of this competition. WKHS' other team known as DNA Commercial was named 2011 Mock Firm Eastern Division runner up. (In 2010 the WKHS Architectural Team won the SC Mock Firms National Skyscraper Design competition for the second time and was named South Region winner and third place overall in the United States.)
- One Architectural Drafting student won second place in Technical Drafting and another student won fourth place in Architectural Drafting at the 2011-2012 SC SkillsUSA State Architectural Drafting Competition. One WKHS student placed second at the SkillsUSA state-wide Small Engine Repair competition.

### **Fine Arts Honors**

- WKHS Marching Band earned the 2011-2012 S.C. Band Directors Association AAAA State Marching Championship for the second consecutive year. WKHS Concert Band 1, Concert Band 2, and Wind Ensemble all received a Superior rating at the SCBDA State Concert Festival in 2012.
- Thirty-one students qualified for All-Regional Programs in 2011-2012. Five were selected for Orchestra, and twenty-six for Band. Thirteen students qualified for All-State programs in 2011-2012. Seven were selected for Chorus, two were selected for Orchestra, and four

\*Jonny Thompson received a \$1000.00 grant from 2011-2012 Special Olympics Project Unify and was awarded a "Trout in the Classroom" opportunity by SC Department of Natural Resources in 2012.

\*Craig Wheatley was accepted to participate in the 2011 Supreme Court Summer Institute in Washington, D.C.

\*Gordon Walters was named 2011-2012 Region 5 Athletic Director of the Year.

\*WKHS Wolf Tracks, Report to the People and eTracks were recognized by the SC Chapter of the National School Public Relations Association for school years in 2011-2012. These publications are compiled by Paula S. Miller and Cindy Esposito.

\*WKHS employs 35 National Board Certified Teachers.

\*WKHS employs two National Certified Counselors.

Preparing a new generation of leaders and global citizens.

### **LEXINGTON SCHOOL DISTRICT ONE MISSION**

The mission of Lexington County School District One - where caring people, academics, the arts and athletics connect - is to prepare 21st century graduates while serving as the center for community learning. Therefore, we will provide:

- an array of exceptional learning experiences in a high-performance culture of excellence that sets high expectations for every student.
- opportunities to develop talents, interests and skills through choices from a comprehensive system of 21st century learning experiences in the arts, academics and athletics.
- various innovative learning delivery and support systems to personalize learning and to ensure that our students are learning sophisticated 21st century skills, knowledge and attitudes.
- opportunities to practice leadership and citizenship in a

were selected for Band.

- Three students won third place for their original one-act play "Through My Eyes." This play also received a performance rank of Honorable Mention at the Palmetto Dramatic Association/South Carolina International Thespian Society's 2012 High School Festival in 2011-2012. Two WKHS drama students won the Excellence in Monologue awards, one won the Excellence in Acting Award, one won the Excellence in Solo Musical Award, one won the Superior Acting Award, and three won the Honorable Mention Awards at the Palmetto Dramatic Acts/SC International Thespian Society Secondary School Festival for their performances in 2011-2012. "Snappy's Happy Half Hour" received a performance rank of "Excellent," and the "Best Use of Set" award.
- One student won second place in the 2012 Winthrop University SC High School Photography Contest. WKHS Photography students displayed photos of Congaree Swamp National Park in the SC Capitol Building in the spring of 2012.

### Student Groups and Individual Recognition

- WKHS Navy Junior ROTC Unit was selected as a 2010-2011 Unit Achievement Award winner by the NJROTC Area Manager for the second year in a row. They were chosen on the basis of their Spring 2011 inspection which included an evaluation of pass in review, community service events and unit competition teams.
- WKHS Junior Classical League placed first in the state for spirit at the 2011 SC Junior Classical League Fall Championship and won first overall at the Spring Championship.
- One National Archery in the Schools Program SC State Champion.
- Boys and Girls Club of the Midlands 2012 Youth of the Year.

global context.

- access by the community to a range of learning and participatory community experiences throughout life.

### **LEXINGTON SCHOOL DISTRICT ONE VISION**

The graduates of Lexington County School District One are a new generation of leaders and global citizens who are self-directed, creative, collaborative, caring and multilingual and who flourish in a global, competitive 21st century.

Our graduates are confident in academics, sophisticated in learning, accomplished in 21st century skills, global in orientation and prepared as leaders and citizens of our democracy. Therefore:

- Our schools serve as the center for community learning.
- Our students are engaged in high quality learning and are provided an exceptional array of 21st century learning experiences.
- Our collaborative and innovative organization for learning develops self-directed, creative and collaborative graduates.
- Our culture and our academics develop leadership and citizenship skills for the global world and for our democracy.
- All stakeholders accept collective responsibility for the sophisticated learning of our students.
- Each student receives the personal support necessary to reach his or her goals through a caring environment that advocates for students and works to eliminate barriers to learning.

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**White Knoll High School Mission**  
The mission of White Knoll High School is to graduate students who are capable of thinking critically and who possess the attitude and character traits necessary to be productive citizens and life-long learners.

**White Knoll High School Goals for Student Learning**  
Students will seek, expand, and integrate knowledge.  
Students will demonstrate thinking and reasoning skills.  
Students will demonstrate social and personal responsibility.  
Students will demonstrate interpersonal skills.

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