



Dutch Fork High School Hall of Fame Class of 2023



Alaina Coates
Class of 2013



Stephen Cox
Distinguished Service
Teacher & Coach



Coach Noah Dixon
State Champion Coach



Nicole Neely
Class of 1999



Coach Faye Norris
State Champion Coach

The Dutch Fork High School Foundation has selected members for the Dutch Fork High School Hall of Fame. The inductees are: Alaina Coates, Class of 2013; Stephen Cox, Distinguished Service Teacher & Coach since 1992; Coach Noah Dixon, State Champion Coach since 1992; Nicole Neely, Class of 1999; Coach Faye Norris, State Champion Coach for Basketball. The Dutch Fork High School Foundation was created in 2020 with the assistance of Principal Dr. Gerald Gary and Dutch Fork High's School Improvement Council. The Dutch Fork High School Hall of Fame recognizes alumni, teachers, athletes, coaches and contributors whose outstanding performance or service distinguishes them and brings prestige to Dutch Fork High School and the entire Dutch Fork community.

2023-2024



Dutch Fork High School



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Mission: Dutch Fork High School ensures the academic, social, mental, physical, and personal growth of all students so that they will be college and career ready in a globally competitive world. We provide a challenging and comprehensive curriculum that utilizes effective teaching strategies and creates a stimulating environment that fosters self-respect and motivates the continual pursuit of life-long learning and service.

School Improvement Council (SIC): The Dutch Fork High School's School Improvement Council meets monthly to plan, monitor, and evaluate improvements at the school level. Its work includes school planning, as well as communication among students, teachers, parents, and the school administration.

This report is issued by the Dutch Fork High School's 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.

SIC Members

Chair

Mohamad Azhar, Parent
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Ex-Officio Members
 Dr. Gerald Gary, Principal
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Lori Grant Assistant
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NEW MEMBERS FOR

2023—2024

Kelly Brown
 Zee Williams

RETURNING MEMBERS

Gloria Bowman
 Travis Braddy
 Telesia Davis
 Barbara Graham
 Ward Hacklen
 Rick Henry
 Larry Houk
 Kadenia Jarvis
 Paul Shuler
 Karen Sipos
 Janine White
 Mia Wilkins

TEACHERS

Brittany Holden
 David Kennedy
 Kate Mewborne
 Molly Malizia
 Holly Myers
 Jessica Thur

STUDENTS

Stella Jones
 Rob Silverio
 Krupa Patel
 Emma Grace Rhyne

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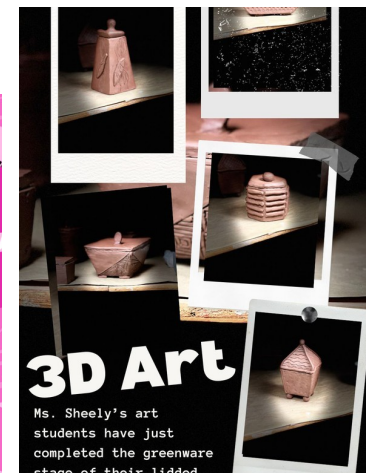
Scholarship Winner

Ebonee Davis, a 2023 graduate of Dutch Fork High School, is the recipient of PAGE Five's 2023 Tami Richardson Gifted & Talented Scholarship. This is a \$1,000 merit based scholarship. Davis attends the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) where she will major in Electrical or Mechanical Engineering. Congratulations Ebonee!

School District Five student named a semifinalist for the 2023 U.S. Senate Youth Program Scholarship. Dutch Fork High senior Andy Yang is one of 10 semifinalists named for the 2023 United States Senate Youth Program (USSYP) Scholarship by the SC Dept of Education. The final round of the competition will take place in December. Two delegates and two alternates will be selected in January to represent South Carolina.

DFHS Arts

Dutch Fork Drama
 Department presents:



3D Art

Ms. Sheely's art students have just completed the greenware stage of their lidded



Congratulations to the Silver Spirit Marching Band for placing 9th out of 40 4A schools in the SCBDA 4A State Finals at Spring Valley. This was the band's 10th consecutive appearance at state finals, breaking a school record!

Initiatives & Strategies for School Improvement

Mobile Technology Dutch Fork High School shares District Five's belief in providing students with the 21st century tools and skills they need to support their learning and to prepare them for postsecondary education and the real world. Currently, full-time teachers and students have Chromebooks. Students can use a district issued device or bring their own device. Additionally, a full-time Digital Integration Specialist (DIS) and five Technology Teacher Leaders (TTLs) work collaboratively with students and staff to offer education, training and support.

Professional Learning Community PLCs are groups of teachers who meet regularly to use student assessment data to make instructional and curricular decisions. PLC's examine patterns and trends in student learning, establish specific learning goals and timelines for curriculum delivery and assessment, facilitate analysis that results in action and maintain continuous improvement cycles. The ultimate goal of PLC's at DFHS is to create a self-sustaining, collaborative culture emphasizing continuous academic improvement for all students.

PBIS is a proactive school-wide approach to discipline. Supports include established behavioral expectations, explicit instruction on those expectations, positive reinforcement for desired behaviors, and consistent consequences for behavioral infractions. Faculty and staff teach and acknowledge respectful, responsible, and reputable behavior.

"Level Up" Tutoring DFHS offers free tutoring services for all grade levels in all major contents. In addition we have a testing center for students who need to take test. Students have the opportunity to get free tutoring Monday, Wednesday and Thursday from 4-6 pm.

Silver Foxes



Members of the class of 2023 were offered over \$ 43 million in scholarships and athletic awards!!!



Dutch Fork High School reclaims 5A State Championship in football

IRMO-Dutch Fork High School football program reclaimed the class 5A state championship.



WLTX News 19
PLAYER OF THE WEEK. Congratulations Dakota Jordan defensive lineman helped his team capture 5A state championship.



Congratulations to these Dutch Fork lady foxes, Emily McMahan, Ava McCarty, Joani Oliver and Jaiden Kassianos for winning 1st Place—1:39.21 2023 SCHSL 5A State Swim Meet.



JARVIS GREEN

2022-2023 South Carolina
Gatorade Player of the Year



Lexington-Richland School District Five National Merit Scholarship Semifinalists



Fifteen students from Lexington-Richland School District Five have been announced as semifinalists in the National Merit Scholarship program. School District Five National Merit Scholarship semifinalists include: Brayden Berner (Chapin High), Leeton Brown (Chapin High), Damien Dedmond (Chapin High), Steven Eason (Chapin High), Andrew Farmer (Chapin High), Amber Hawkinson (Chapin High), Jeffrey Hu (Dutch Fork High), Caroline Huang (Dutch Fork High), Darwin Newman-Norlund (Dutch Fork High), Aaron Parr (Chapin High), Ryan Riddle (Spring Hill High), John Shelley (Dutch Fork High), Saina Srivastava (Spring Hill High), Kathryn Stover (Chapin High), and Andy Yang (Dutch Fork High).

State Scholarship Totals, Class of 2023

Hope/Life	Palmetto Fellows	% of Seniors
234	36	79

National Merit Finalists

18-19	19-20	20-21	21-22	22-23
5	9	4	12	7

111 School District Five students awarded academic honors from College Board National Recognition Programs

– 111 Lexington-Richland School District Five students have earned academic honors from the College Board National Recognition Programs. These National Recognition Programs grant underrepresented students with academic honors that can be included on college and scholarship applications and connect students with universities across the country, helping them meaningfully connect to colleges and stand out during the admissions process. Colleges and scholarship programs identify students awarded National African American, Hispanic, Indigenous and/or Rural/Small Town Recognition through College Board’s Student Search Service.

“We’re thrilled that so many of our students have earned this recognition. We are very proud of them for their achievements in their classrooms and on College Board assessments,” said School District Five Chief of Academics and Administration Anna Miller. “These programs help students from underrepresented backgrounds stand out to colleges and universities during the admissions process.”
Students who may be eligible have a GPA of 3.5 or higher and have excelled on the PSAT/NMSQT or PSAT 10, or earned a score of 3 or higher on two or more AP Exams.



The STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) program at DFHS is an honors magnet program that accelerates and enriches learning experiences for students who are academically gifted in and have an interest in a STEM related major and career. Students are accepted into the program based on their standardized test scores, middle school teachers’ recommendations, and interest in STEM related fields. Since 2005, our program has been a local answer to the national STEM initiative. Presently there are over 280 students in the program from the ninth through the twelfth grades.

THE PURPOSE OF STEM IS TO:

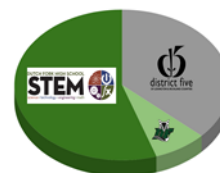
- accelerate traditional curriculum to allow students to take more STEM related courses
- promote inquiry style learning across the curriculum
- provide unique opportunities in and out of the classroom
- develop literacy in STEM disciplines
- promote a learning community which extends beyond the school

STEM accelerates learning experiences enabling them to pursue AP and Honors courses, research, and/or internships in their field(s) of interest. The curriculum for STEM students is designed to accommodate the interests and abilities of the individual while integrating the STEM principles.

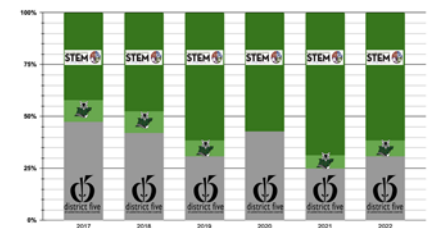
Upon completion of the STEM program, students are highly qualified for admission in the most rigorous and competitive university programs. Those students meeting the requirements will be recognized at graduation and receive the STEM program designation for recommendations and applications for colleges and scholarships.

DFHS STEM Honors Academic Magnet program was ranked 25th best in the nation by Newsweek, our STEM program is open to qualifying rising 9th graders from any school.

D5 NATIONAL MERIT SEMIFINALISTS 2017 - 22



DF NATIONAL MERIT SEMIFINALISTS %



Silver Fox Racing Team

The Silver Fox Racing team competed in their first race November 2023 in Charlotte at the Charlotte Motor Speedway. They placed 2nd overall and won the graphic design/team identity portion.



Jayden Williams- Marshall
Harley Roberts
Edward Della Bella
Austin Beville
Zakkary Matadobra
Cole Bitzas
Morgan Jacobs



DFHS VEX Robotics



DFHS currently has three VEX robotics teams, with each team comprised of five students from 9th to 12th grade. This year, team 7432 B (Solstice) qualified for the state competition.



- Great Academics
- Award Winning Fine Arts
- Championship Athletics
- Culture
- Supportive Community
- Leadership

Student Achievement Data

Advanced Placement (AP)

	18-19	19-20	20-21	21-22	22-23
# of exams	1380	1261	1092	1077	1034
# of students	618	594	498	501	511
Pass Rate	79	74.7	72.1	77.0	79.0

ACT & SAT School Averages

	19	20	21	22	23
ACT	20.8	21.4	20.8	21.3	20.9
SAT	1107	1089	1087	1079	1120

End of Course Test Pass Rate (in percent)

	DFHS	District	State
Algebra	76.2	80.9	68.3
English	93.4	92.2	84.0
US History	71.6	69.9	60.8
Biology	72.5	72.3	59.1

Graduation Rate (in percent)

	18-19	19-20	21-22	22-23
	89.2	85.6	84.8	85.3

Dutch Fork H.S. Graduating Class of 2023

Total # of Seniors	% attending 4 year college	% attending 2 year college	% enlisted in the Military	% Work/ Other
386	61%	25%	4%	9%