

 **Dutch Fork High School Hall of Fame**   
**Class of 2022**



**Josh Brindel**  
 Distinguished Service  
 Athlete - Class of 1998



**Michael Gasparato**  
 Athlete - Class of 2000



**Sherri Kirkland**  
 State Champion Coach



**Dr. Brian O'Leary**  
 Distinguished Service



**Brandon Pollock**  
 Athlete - Class of 1993

The Dutch Fork High School Foundation has selected members for the Dutch Fork High School Hall of Fame. The inductees are: Josh Brindel, Class of 1998; Michael Gasparato, Class of 2000; Sherri Kirkland, She served 14 years as DF Cheerleading Coach; Dr. Brian O'Leary, recognized for his long support of DFHS; and Brandon Pollock, Class of 1993. 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.

2022-2023



# Dutch Fork High School



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## Annual School Improvement Council "Report to the Parents"

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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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### NEW MEMBERS FOR 2022-2023

Ward Hacklen  
 Kadenia Javis

### RETURNING MEMBERS

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

### TEACHERS

Robin Amick  
 Brittany Holden  
 David Kennedy  
 Kate Mewborne  
 Molly Malizia  
 Jane Miller  
 Jessica Thur

### STUDENTS

Ethan Likas  
 Spencer Likas  
 Mimi DeMasi  
 Keira Barkley

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CONGRATULATIONS!

**CARSON KOON**

Magnet Schools of America  
 National Scholarship Recipient



A Lexington-Richland School District Five student received a \$1,000 scholarship from Magnet Schools of America (MSA). Carson Koon, a senior in the STEM Program at Dutch Fork High School, is one of 10 students from across the country to receive a scholarship.

Dutch Fork High School Band Director Jeremy Ley has received the National Band Association's (NBA) Citation of Excellence.

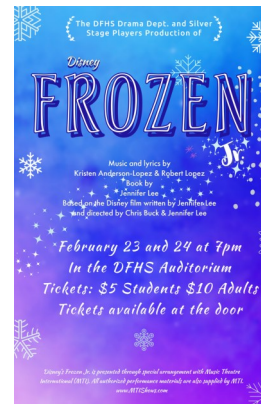


The National Honor Society (NHS) announced that Claire Leuthner-Barrineu, a high school senior at Dutch Fork High School and member of NHS, has been selected as an NHS Scholarship semifinalist.



## DFHS Arts

Dutch Fork Drama Department presents:



3D Honors Art Student learned to throw pots on the wheel this week! They are currently creating a place setting to serve a meal from.



Dutch Fork High School had 16 students who participated in the 2022 SCMEA Orchestra Division's (South Carolina Music Educators Association) Region 3 Orchestras.





**Dutch Fork High School Senior Health Science Students are back at Lexington Medical Center for Clinical Rotations.**

**School District Five JROTC cadet earns top rank during summer training.** -Dutch Fork High School senior Eva Raye was selected as the top cadet at the JROTC summer Cadet Leadership Course (CLC) at The Citadel. Raye was selected as Wing Commander for 330 cadets during the training, the highest level of responsibility that a cadet can obtain during their JROTC career. She led a staff of leaders toward a goal to teach the principles of teamwork, leadership, and effective communication to CLC cadet attendees.

**National Honor Society**

Congratulations to our 98 new inductees for 22-23 school year! We are so proud of your hard work, and we appreciate your dedication to scholarship, service, leadership, and character.

**BETA Club**  
Jay's Beautification 9/16/2022

BETA Club students gave up an hour of their Friday afternoon to give back to Dutch Fork. They put on some gloves, took a trash bag, and dispersed to pick up any piece of litter found on campus. We remind you to keep the campus clean and to give back to the community, whenever you can.

**And Many Many Accomplishments**

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Congratulations to Leilani Goodwin! She created the winning poster to represent the DFHS Professional Clothing Closet. This closet is designed to offer free professional clothing to students for job interviews, college visits, graduation, or other events. Ms. Robinson and Dr. Amick received a \$2000 grant to the clothing closet.



**DFHS Gives Back to the Community**

Environmental Science classes at DFHS not only learn about the issues in the environment, but they become part of the solution as well! Ms. Smith and Dr. Fields classes cleaned up over 300 lbs of garbage from Hollingshed creek and the woods behind the school. This effort will be reported to "Keep the Midlands Beautiful" as well as become part of the SC Aquarium's citizen science program, "Litter-Free Digital Journal." #GrabABagSC #SCAquarium



**DFHS 2022-2023 SIC Annual Goals DFHS**

- Increase academic performance for all students
- Promote a positive school culture
- Improve communications, both internally and externally
- Maximize operational efficiency

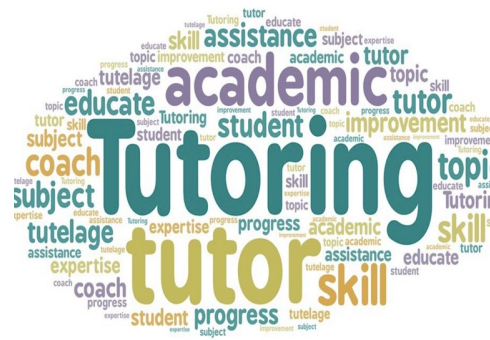
**School Demographics**

**School Enrollment**

17-18	18-19	19-20	20-21	21-22
1785	1685	1687	1676	1705

**2021-2022 Ethnic Distribution (in percent)**

African American	39
White	45
Asian	4
Hispanic	5
Other	7



# 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 2022 were offered over \$ 64 million in scholarships and athletic awards!!!

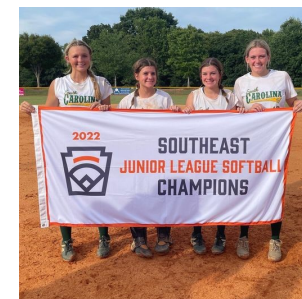


### Dutch Fork High School reclaims 5A State Championship in football

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



The Varsity Girls golf team competed in the Region Championship at Lexington CC this week and qualified for their second in a row Upper State Championship.



CONGRATULATIONS!

### JARVIS GREEN

2022-2023 South Carolina  
Gatorade Player of the Year



Congratulations to these Dutch Fork lady foxes, Layla Peppers, Olivia Hill, Katie-Grace Hill, and Haley Alderman for winning the Southeast Regional Little League Juniors Softball Championship in North Carolina, sending them to the Little League International World Series in Kirkland, Washington!



 **Lexington-Richland School District Five  
National Merit Scholarship Semifinalists**



Twelve 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: Elizabeth Bouknight (Dutch Fork High), Richard Coffy (Spring Hill High), Ebonee Davis (Dutch Fork High), Benjamin Hawkins (Dutch Fork High), Anna Hodges (Chapin High), Joseph Hodges (Irmo High), Colin Johnson (Spring Hill High), Brett Markland, (Dutch Fork High) Ansley Othersen (Chapin High), Eleanor Prosser (Dutch Fork High), Pooja Saji (Dutch Fork High), and Emily Sitnik (Dutch Fork High).

**State Scholarship Totals, Class of 2022**

Hope/Life	Palmetto Fellows	% of Seniors
235	45	87

**National Merit Finalists**

17-18	18-19	19-20	20-21	21-22
10	5	9	4	12

**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.**



**MERIT NOTIFICATION**  
*Congratulations on being named a 2022 School of Distinction!*



## Literacy Focus Group

The Literacy Focus Group at Dutch Fork High School hosted a literacy event for faculty and staff. Several options were available in the Round Robin style celebration of literacy. Attendants shared book talks, had a book swap, watched a movie with subtitles, enjoyed conversation about literacy, learned valuable ways to help students access all the many resources from the school media center, visited the SC museum room, and even brought their favorite book to read silently. The group looks forward to continuing this tradition annually to encourage everyone to incorporate literacy into daily teaching and activities.



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

# Student Achievement Data

## Advanced Placement (AP)

	17-18	18-19	19-20	20-21	21-22
# of exams	1411	1380	1261	1092	1077
# of students	659	618	594	498	501
Pass Rate	78	79	74.7	72.1	77.0

## ACT & SAT School Averages

	18	19	20	21	22
ACT	20.9	20.8	21.4	20.8	21.3
SAT	1162	1107	1089	1087	1079

## End of Course Test Pass Rate (in percent)

	21-22	DFHS	District	State
Algebra		83.7	84.6	75.6
English		87.5	87.5	82.6
US History		68.3	70.0	59.9
Biology		85.2	86.3	74.8

## Graduation Rate (in percent)

	16-17	17-18	18-19	19-20	21-22
	87.6	89.2	85.6	89.1	84.8

## Dutch Fork H.S. Graduating Class of 2022

Total # of Seniors	% attending 4 year college	% attending 2 year college	% enlisted in the Military	% Work/ Other
374	59%	28%	5%	8%