## **Spotlight on Seniors**

Students the class of graduating 2019 are planning their and those futures, futures are BRIGHT! College offers and acceptances are still coming in, and we are proud to say that our seniors have already received over 1.6 million dollars in academic, athletic, and scholarship military offers. The following are some of the schools where our students have been accepted:

**College Charleston Methodist University** St. Andrews University Wingate University **Allen University** Francis Marion **Benedict College Coker College Newberry College Charleston Southern Coastal Carolina Johnson & Wales USC Columbia Radford College Gardner Webb** South Carolina State Syracuse University

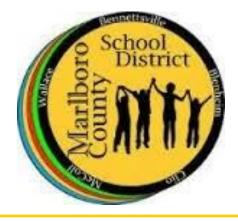
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## **MCSD** Vision

The School District of Marlboro County will partner with all stakeholders to develop responsible citizens, lifelong learners, and global leaders.

# Marlboro County High School Is An Early College High School



The mission of the Marlboro County School District is to provide a quality education and enable all students to achieve their highest potential.

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# Marlboro County High School Report to the People



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**HOME OF THE BULLDOGS** 



## **About MCHS**

Marlboro County High School opened its doors in the fall of 1989 uniting students from Bennettsville, Blenheim, Clio, McColl, and Wallace. The school is located in the central part of the county and offers academic, vocational, and technology opportunities for students in grades 9 through 12.

## **Our Beliefs**

Marlboro County High School believes in helping all students develop the world class skills and life and career characteristics of the Profile of the Graduate by offering our students and faculty numerous opportunities through its concerted efforts to improve student achievement and demonstrating

"Why Not Us? Why Not Now? A Winning Education for Champions!"!

## **Opportunities for Students**

#### • Young Scholars Program

MCHS students continue their journey in the NETC Young Scholars Program. This year MCHS added another 9<sup>th</sup> Grade cohort that will earn college credits towards an Associate Degree while attending high school.

#### AVID Program

MCHS is currently in the second year of AVID implementation. AVID is a framework that focuses on college and career readiness by strengthening students' literacy skills, study skills, and organizational skills. This year MCHS implemented VID School-wide focusing on Organization through the use of Student Agendas and Focused Note-Taking. **#AVIDREADY** 

#### Macbeth at MCHS

The Drama Lady Theater group sponsored by the South Carolina Arts Commission performed two showings of Macbeth for MCHS students completely free of charge. This was a real treat for our students and staff!

### **Student Exposure**

#### • College Visits

Our Student Services department organizes visits to colleges and universities so that students can make informed decisions about their futures. This year, students had the opportunity to visit the following schools and career activities:

-Florence Darlington Technical College -Coker College

-Horry Georgetown Technical College -University of South Carolina

-Richmond Community College

-Northeastern Technical College

#### • 21<sup>st</sup> Century After School Program

MCHS continues to provide academic support and enrichment activities through the 21<sup>st</sup> Century After School Program for students in grades 9-12.

#### **CATE Program Enhancement**

#### • Firefighter Certification

MCHS has 15 students completing state evaluated skills on Hazardous Materials Operations by the Regional South Carolina Fire Academy and are one step closer to national certification in the first year of our Firefighter Certification Program.

#### • Multiculturalism and Diversity

On February 27<sup>th</sup> MCHS held our annual Black history Program. This year's theme was "When We Were Kings". The students performed a plethora of songs and dances, the JROTC cadets presented a skit paying homage to the fierce Shaka Zulu and the warriors of the Zulu nation. MCHS students were regaled with biographies about various African Kings and Queens and their contributions to society. The program was concluded with an inspiring selection from the MCHS Gospel Choir encouraging all in attendance to "Hang On"!

## Accomplishments

- **DECA CLUB**—The MCHS DECA students traveled to North Charleston, SC for the DECA Career Conference February 22-24. Congratulations to Tramont Miles for being named the Vice President of Hospitality of SC DECA. He will represent our state through February of 2020.
- JROTC—The JROTC Department maintained its Honor Unit with Distinction status for the 25<sup>th</sup> year in a row. Achieving this distinction places the MCHS Army JROTC in the top 15% of the 1,370 Army JROTC units worldwide!
- Testing—MCHS students continue to make gains on the EOC Exams for Algebra 1, English 1, and US History. During spring 2019, students participated in a field test for the Reading and Writing sections of English 2. Students in their third year of high school participated in the SAT, ACT and the Ready to Work (R2W) Career Assessment.

#### End-of-Course Examination Program (EOCEP) Algebra 1, Biology 1, English 1, US History Passage Rate Comparison

Course	2016-2017	2017-2018
Algebra 1	40.8%	51.7%
Biology 1	52.2%	47.9%
English 1	56.0%	71.4%
US History	36.3%	37.4%
All Subjects	45.9%	50.8%

- Concert Band—MCHS Black & Gold Concert Band earned a rating of Superior while participating in the South Carolina's Band Directors Association (SCBDA) State Music Festival in Loris, SC on Wednesday, March 20, 2019. Superior is the highest rating that a group can earn by participating in this event.
- **Technology**—Chromebooks were issued to MCHS students in grades 9-11 for use in classrooms, research, projects and to access individual teacher google classroom. Also to access the media center e-book collection and various course text books that are available.
- **Sports**—MCHS Athletic Department had a big year! The football team made the SCHS League playoffs. The MCHS football team received a \$20,000 grant from the Carolina Panthers and \$4,000 grant from the Kinney Foundation for the new Players Lounge. Coach Dean Boyd was named head coach for the SC Shrine Bowl.