

## Spotlight on Seniors

Students in the graduating class of 2018 are planning their futures, and those futures are BRIGHT! College offers and acceptances are still coming in, and we are proud to say that our seniors have already received over 1.5 million dollars in academic, athletic, and military scholarship offers. The following are some of the schools where our students have been accepted:

College Charleston  
Winthrop College  
St. Andrews University  
Clafin University  
SC State University  
Francis Marion  
Lander University  
Coker College  
Newberry College  
Wofford  
Coastal Carolina  
Johnson & Wales  
USC Columbia  
Voorhees College  
Fayetteville State  
Limestone College  
Syracuse University

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*The School District of Marlboro County will partner with families, businesses, and communities to develop the next generation of responsible citizens, lifelong learners, and global leaders.*

## “Why Not Us? Why Not Now? A Winning Education For Champions”



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 ~~  
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## Opportunities for Students

### • Young Scholars Program

This year our 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> grade students began their journey in the NETC Young Scholars Program which is a great opportunity for them to earn college credits towards an Associate’s Degree while attending high school.

### • AVID Program

MCHS launched the Advancement Via Individual Determination Program with 65 9<sup>th</sup> graders participating in the elective class that focuses on college and career readiness by focusing on literacy, study skills, and organization.

### • STEM Night Fever Expo

“Moving forward with STEM” continues to inspire MCHS students with discovery, invention, and increases STEM literacy preparing them for effective involvement in an increasingly technological society.



## 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:

- Florence Darlington Technical College
- Johnson & Wales University
- North Carolina A & T
- Benedict
- Morris College
- Northeastern Technical College
- Coastal Carolina University

### Updates in State Testing

- Increase in EOC Scores
- New College & Career Assessment

### • Multiculturalism and Diversity

In honor of Black History Month, students and staff celebrated with a series of events. This year’s theme was “Knowledge is Power”. Students received a moment in Black History each day, and had three spirit days to honor the culture. In culmination of the month’s festivities a program was held with students highlighting the growth and achievements of African Americans.

## Accomplishments

- **JROTC Blood Drives**—The JROTC, in collaboration with the Teacher Cadet Program and Interact club, hosted five American Red Cross Blood drives during SY 2017-2018 collecting more than 162 units of blood this year. Our students are saving lives!
- **JROTC**—On November 29, 2017 the MCHS Army JROTC stood its formal inspection conducted by the US Army Cadet Command. The unit achieved a score of 95.1% designating the MCHS JROTC as an Honor Unit with Distinction. This places our Army JROTC in the top 15% of the 1,730 Army JROTC units world-wide!
- **Testing**—MCHS students continue to make gains on the EOC Exams for Algebra 1, Biology 1, English 1, and US History. Students in their third year of high school participated in the SAT, ACT and the Ready to Work (R2W) Career Assessment.
- **STEM Premier**—MCHS students participated in this new program which requires each student to access the internet to begin creating an online digital profile that can connect them to colleges and corporations across the US.
- **Technology**— Three new computer labs were equipped and all classrooms have Smart Boards and laptops. All desktop computers were replaced with new technology. A new pathways to college computer lab was created in the Media Center for seniors.
- **Sports**—MCHS Athletic Department had a big year! The football and volleyball teams both made the SCHS League playoffs. Noah Henderson signed a Division 1 LOI to play football with East Carolina University. Elijah Blair, Bulldog Jr. quarterback, won the state strength meet in the 205 lb. weight class. The MCHS football team received a \$500 grant from USA Football and \$15,000 worth of free equipment from the Carolina Panthers. Ryan DuPree, Quidaveon McCollum and Kennedy Ashwood all were named to the All-State High School Sports Report Team. Joey McCray and Noah Henderson were picked and played in the touchstone Energy North-South All-Star game. Coach Dean Boyd was named Region VII AAAA Athletic Director of the Year!