

SIC ANNUAL REPORT TO PARENTS

Lower Richland High School

2016-2017

Rose Pelzer, Principal

SHINING DIAMONDS HALL OF FAME

The Lower Richland School Improvement Council established the Shining Diamonds Hall of Fame to recognize and inform our students, staff, and community of Lower Richland alumni who have demonstrated success in their chosen field. The Hall of Fame allows for notable Lower Richland alumni to be commended and expose our students to the various career paths that are available to them once they embark on their journey to adulthood. This year's honorees were: J. Anthony Beard (1982 graduate), Daniel Gaymon (2011 graduate), Nia-Malika Henderson (1992 graduate), Father Jeffrey Kirby (1994 graduate), Stanley Roy Ladson Jr. (2001 graduate), John Motley Jr. (1969 graduate), and Theodius Oates, III (2004 graduate).

JROTC DRILL TEAM PLACES 2ND IN DISTRICT MEET

Congratulations to the JROTC Drill Team for their 2nd place finish in the Annual Richland School District One Drill Meet. The Drill Team is coached by SFC Vaulx and the members are: Anastasia Nelson, Onighiah Sumter, Tyler Noble, Savon Anderson, MacKenzie Painter, William Nelson, Natalia Branon, Quinshawn Norwood, Samuel Thomas, Erika Lloyd, Ja'Shaun Woodruff, Patrick Goodwin, Ja'Mania Goodwin, Daisharya Wilson, Ziara Watson, and Sarah Thompson.



Mission Statement

The mission of Lower Richland High School is to engage students in a positive, productive and innovation learning experience in order to become successful, responsible and competitive in a global and technological society.

NEW PROGRAM COMING TO LOWER RICHLAND HIGH SCHOOL

2017-2018 will bring the Firefighter Program to Lower Richland High School. This program is designed for those students interested in the Law, Public Safety, Corrections and Security Career Cluster. The program is a two year program: Firefighter I (10th -11th grade students) Prerequisite: Algebra I, Application Process and overall GPA of "C" or better, Firefighter II (11th - 12th grade students) Prerequisite: Completion of Firefighter I with a "C" or better, instructor

recommendation. Students can leave this program with a certification to advance and become a Firefighter.

ATHLETICS ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- The Boys' Varsity Basketball team won the 4-A State Championship game by defeating Wren High School 51-42. This was Lower Richland's Boys' Varsity Basketball team's first state title since 1999 and the sixth overall title for the boy's team.
- Congratulations to the student athletic commitments during National Signing Day.
 - Cailah Hicklin—Charleston Southern University
 - Kameron Roach—University of Kentucky
 - Ja'Cor Nelson—Campbell University
 - Clyde Trapp—Clemson University
- Lower Richland's competitive cheer team, coached by Liz Still, beat the odds and put on a spectacular performance that scored them a state championship bid. The Diamond Hornet cheer team competed against other 4-A teams at the Colonial Life Arena.

HIGHLIGHTS

- ❖ Hosted top executives from Boeing to showcase Lower Richland's STEM programming
- ❖ LR's Trebuchet team selected by Google was featured at the "Storm the Citadel" Competition
- ❖ Lower Richland High School, EngenuitySC hosted Dress for Success Business Etiquette Student Showcase
- ❖ Ten seniors were selected as the first class of STEM Scholars - a recognition program for students that go above and beyond the requirements for STEM education
- ❖ Daela George's work was selected by the Dept of Energy to be featured on their website
- ❖ Five students will receive \$1,000 scholarships for the Clemson's Women in Leadership program.
- ❖ STEM Academy students partnered with 4-H to learn geocaching, and other technical skills
- ❖ STEM Students learned about Automotive Engineering at the University of North Carolina- Charlotte
- ❖ STEM students participated in the North American Young Generation in Nuclear Energy Design Competition
- ❖ Ronald Fuller (11th grader) will participate in the 42nd Annual Summer Leader's Experience at West Point
- ❖ Brenton Brown was named 2016-2017 Teacher of the Year
- ❖ 18 Diamond Battalion Cadets received National JROTC Awards on March 15, 2017

- ❖ Quest Morris (12th grader) received the Grand Prize Award for his puppet, Jade Empress in the Visual Literacy Festival Puppetry Contest
- ❖ Aeriala Lane will represent Lower Richland High School AND the city of Columbia at the National ACT-SO Olympics being held July 20-24, 2017 in Baltimore, Maryland
- ❖ National Competitors for LRHS (1st Place Winners)

Student Name	Student Organization	Place
Christal Harvin	FBLA	1 st Place
Cheyenne Hicks	FBLA	1 st Place
D'Andrea Muldrow	FCCLA	1 st Place
Maya Anderson	FCCLA	1 st Place
Beata Dewitt	FCCLA	1 st Place
Quest Morris	FCCLA	1 st Place
Jawan Williams	FCCLA	1 st Place
Tamira Cunningham	HOSA	1 st Place
Anastasia Nelson	TSA	1 st Place
A'Nia Durant	TSA	1 st Place
Nadine Castro	TSA	1 st Place

GOALS FOR 2017-2018

- ❖ Increase graduation rate
- ❖ Increase EOCEP scores
- ❖ Increase enrollment in IB, AP and dual enrollment classes
- ❖ Decrease 9th grade retention rate



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