

RIDGE VIEW HIGH SCHOOL

4801 Hard Scrabble Road

2022-
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ANNUAL REPORT



DR. BRENDA MACK

Principal

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Blazers





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Annual Parent Update

Mission Statement: Ridge View Arts Innovation for Medical Sciences Magnet School offers a premier learning environment by providing authentic, collaborative, engaging, and meaningful learning experiences and opportunities that prepare students for the 21st century challenges and responsibilities of global citizenship.

Ridge View High School, A Med Pro Magnet, has two specialized magnets, the Scholars Academy Magnet of Business and Law and the Institute of Health Sciences (IHS). Ridge View High, A Med Pro Magnet is also home to four schools-within-a-school, Advancement via Individual Determination (AVID), Carolina Alliance for Technology (CAT), AVID Early College, and the School for the Arts (SFA). We remain focused on our vision - Prepare Today for Success Tomorrow as we excel in our 4 As- Academics, Activities, Arts, and Athletics. We remain committed to the physical and social wellness of our students and staff. Due to the team work of our teachers and the commitment to success our three magnet programs -Ridge View High MedPro Magnet, the Institute of Health Sciences, and the Scholars Academy Magnet for Business and Law have been designated as National Magnet Schools of Distinction by Magnet Schools of America. Some of our notable accomplishments for the 2022-2023 school year includes:

Academics

- Senior, Ivy F. Boyd was selected as a U.S. Presidential Scholar in Career and Technical Education
- Ridge View School: A Med Pro Magnet is the only school in South Carolina to offer the Advanced Placement (AP) African American Studies Pilot course
- Ridge View High School was awarded the Magnet Schools of Distinction Award.
- 16 Palmetto Fellows Scholarship Recipients, 23 AP Scholars, 4 AP Scholars with Honor, 10 AP scholars with Distinction

Activities

- Ridge View Student Council was recognized as a 2023 National Gold Council of Excellence by the National Student Council (NatStuCo) as well as Gold Honor Council by the South Carolina Association of Student Councils (SCASC).
- Ridge View High School National Honor Society raised over \$10,000 for Dance Marathon to benefit Children's Miracle Network.
- Sophomore, Tatiyana James, won District 4 Chair of the SCASC

Arts

- Ridge View Visual Arts Students, Vy Tran's and Javien Butler's artwork was juried into this year's ArtFields Festival to be on display in Lake City, SC April 19 - 29.
- 14 students participated in the Richland 2 District Honor Choir hosted by Ridge View in February
- Junior, Naima Whitted was a finalist for the Cheerwine T-shirt design contest
- 6 students made Region Orchestra and 1 student made All- State Orchestra

Athletics

- 15 student-athletes received college scholarships to compete at the #NextLevel.
- Wrestling: Francis Aiken finished 5th in the state, Jazmin Williamson finished 3rd in the state.
- Coach Josh Staley represented the Blazers for the prestigious North-South All Star Basketball game.
- 8 student athletes competed in New Balance Indoor Nationals in Boston

The collaborative efforts of SIC and school administration focused on providing parents with social and emotional resources and support so that they are better prepared to help their children academically, socially, and emotionally. We thank those parents, faculty, and community members who have worked with us and we encourage representation from every student and parent organization that exists at Ridge View High school to participate in the efforts of next year's School Improvement Council Members.

Sincerely,

Brenda Mack, Ed.D, Principal

Julius Richardson, SIC Chairperson

ACCOMPLISHMENTS FOR 2022-2023


ACADEMICS

- Ridge View High School earned the College Board's AP Computer Science Female Diversity Award for expanding young women's access to AP Computer Science Principles (CSP)
- Ridge View High School Early College graduates 22 students in the class of 2023 with Associate Degrees
- Ridge View High School was awarded the Magnet Schools of Distinction Award.
- Palmetto Fellows Scholarship Recipients: Selby Artis, Ivy Boyd, Mariana Burgess, Nia Donaldson, Taylor Graham, Emma Iskhakov, Abigail Kirkland, Melana Kucherina, Morgan Perry, Adrianna Pinto Rios, Austin Rinzel, Steve Samson, Alyssa Shaw, Grayson Simmons, Donald Tolmin, Bryson Williams
- AP Scholars with Honor: Mariana Burgess, Ahmari Hunt, Emma Iskhakov, & Daija Randall
- AP Scholars with Distinction: Selby Artis, Ivy Boyd, Sophia DeLancey, Nia Donaldson, Taylor Graham, Abigail Kirkland, Melana Kucherina, Morgan Perry, Steve Samson, Alyssa Shaw



IVY BOYD

RIDGE VIEW HIGH SCHOOL SHOUTOUT


You did it!
**CONGRATS
AMAIYAH!**
2023 Teaching Fellow



ASVAB Testing Boot Camp

- Senior, Ivy F. Boyd was selected as a U.S. Presidential Scholar in Career and Technical Education
- Ridge View School: A Med Pro Magnet is the only school in South Carolina to offer the Advanced Placement (AP) African American Studies Pilot course; Mr. Soderstrom and his class were featured on BET and CBS networks
- Senior, Daija Randall received \$1,850,380 in scholarship offers
- Senior, Brooke Monfils received 86 college acceptances
- Scholars Sophomores, Tyler Burgess, Reggie Mack, & Paris Nesbitt advance in the group documentary division to Nationals in Washington, DC for National History Day
- Scholars Sophomores, CJ Phelps, Antwan Johnson, & Nandasai Allada advance in group website to Nationals in Washington, DC for National History Day

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ACTIVITIES

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- Ridge View High School National Honor Society raised over \$10,000 for Dance Marathon to benefit Children's Miracle Network.
- Ridge View High School is the recipient of 5 awards in the 2023 Rewards for Excellence program through the South Carolina Chapter of the National School of Public Relations Association (SCNSPRA)
- Ridge View StuCo was recognized as a Gold Honor Council by the South Carolina Association of Student Councils (SCASC).
- Sophomore, Tatiyana James, won District 4 Chair of the SCASC, and Ridge View will host the District 4 Rally in October 2023.
- During the 2022 Southern Association of Student Councils Conference, StuCo won 2 awards for its Homecoming Project (Homecoming 2022: B.E.T. Blazer Entertainment Television) and Leadership Outreach/Mentoring Project (The Pen Pal Project).
- 2022 Homecoming King & Queen: Jayden Artis & Miyah Burrell
- 2022 Homecoming court presented the Make-A-Wish Foundation with a check for \$6343
- Ridge View Arts Innovation for Medical Sciences (AIMS) won 5 Rewards of Excellence from the South Carolina Chapter of the National School Public Relations Association (SC/NSPRA) Rewards for Excellence Program



- Terrance Brevard was inducted into the SCASC Terry McCoy Hall of Fall.
- StuCo won the following awards at the SCASC convention: 2nd place for School Spirit-Cominghome, 1st place for Leadership Activities-Pen Pal project, and 1st place for Video-Sweetheart dance
- 2022 Homecoming Prince & Princess: Aaron Burgess & Valeria Celi
- Ridge View StuCo has raised over \$11,000 for various organizations which include the Make-A-Wish Foundation, American Red Cross, and Juvenile Diabetes Research Fund (JDRF).

ARTS

Theatre

- 2 students accepted in AMDA
- 35-40 students participating in Spring Musical
- 1 Regional Winner for Scholastic Arts & Writing going to Nationals
- Open Mic Lunch on March 17
- 8 Pieces of Writing Submitted to Scholastic Art & Writing Awards
- Ridge View Visual Arts Students, Vy Tran's and Javien Butler's artwork was juried into this year's ArtFields Festival to be on display in Lake City, SC April 19 - 29.
- Junior, Naima Whitted was a finalist for the Cheerwine T-shirt design contest
- Senior, Alyssa Shaw, received 2nd place at the SCAEA Central Region Student Art Show; her work will move on to the state competition in the Fall.



ACCOMPLISHMENTS FOR 2022-2023



RIDGE VIEW HIGH SCHOOL ORCHESTRAS

Congratulations!

BOTH THE CHAMBER AND CONCERT/STRING ORCHESTRAS RECEIVED AN EXCELLENT RATING AT THE CONCERT PERFORMANCE ASSESSMENT
MARCH 23, 2023



ARTS

Orchestra

- 6 students made Region Orchestra
- 1 student made All-State Orchestra
- 2 Ensembles received Excellent Rating in SCMEA Concert Performance Assessment

Chorus

- 14 students - District Honor Chorus
- 1 student - All-State Honor Chorus
- Seven students participated in the SC ACDA Honor Choir at Southern Wesleyan University in October
- Fourteen students participated in the Richland 2 District Honor Choir hosted by Ridge View in February
- One student participated in the SCMEA All-State Choir at Winthrop University in March
- Ridge View High School Chamber Choir received a Superior at the SCMEA Choral Performance Assessment in March

Band

- 8 Students made Region Band
- 13 Students made District Band

- Wonderful performance at the District Pre-CPA Event

Band Received Superior at SCMEA Concert Performance Assessment

ATHLETICS

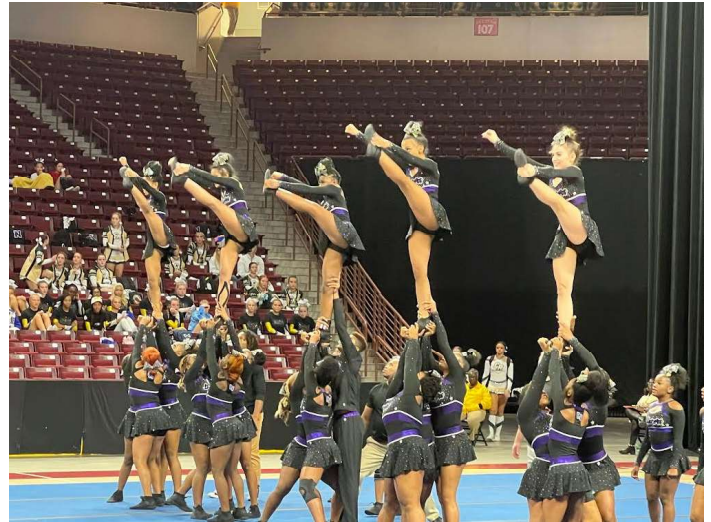
- The Bash, a national elite basketball showcase, completed its 10th year this past December.
- Competitive Cheer advanced to the State Competition.
- Coach Josh Staley represented the Blazers as one of the coaches for the prestigious North-South All Star Basketball game.
- Ridge View Track hosted 2nd annual Blazer Twilight with 27 teams and over 900 athletes
- 8 student athletes competed in New Balance Indoor Nationals in Boston
- Ridge View Cheer hosted Blazer Battle Cheer Competition
- Ridge View Track and Field competed in Nationals in Pennsylvania

ACCOMPLISHMENTS FOR 2022-2023

ATHLETICS

College Signees:

- Football: Javon Gillespie & Joshua Sadler (Coastal Carolina), Donald Tomlin (Duke), Tracy Stephens (Marshall), Zion Agnew (East Carolina), Adonis McDaniel (Lenoir-Rhyne), Chris Lawson (Appalachian State), Parker Ford (Methodist University)
- Softball: Kiyah Mayes (Fayetteville State)
- Baseball: Thomas Williams III (Bluefield State), Austin Rinzel (Methodist University)
- Track and Field/ XC: William Bull (Columbia College), Amaiah Smith (USC Aiken), Jacob Joe (Erskine College), Jenelda Aristhil (USC Upstate)
- Basketball: Bishop Ukata (Erskine College)
- Wrestling: Francis Aiken finished 5th in the state, Jazmin Williamson finished 3rd in the state.
- Girls Basketball advanced to the 3rd round of the State Playoffs.
- Boys Basketball advanced to the 2nd round of the State Playoffs.



FACULTY AND ALUMNI

- The Ridge View Administration Team presented Whole Life Presentation at South Carolina Association for School Administrators at Furman University
- Congratulations to past student body president, Otiana Thompson who served as captain of Claflin University team competing in 34th Honda Campus All-Star Challenge (HCASC) National Championship Tournament in California
- Congratulations to alumni Malcolm Wilson, who graduated from Georgetown University and transferred to Queens University to play basketball
- Congratulations to alumni GG Jackson who declared for NBA draft after playing one year at the University of South Carolina



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AT THE VIEW Daily



WE EXPECT SUCCESS

Our focus on the four A's (Academics, Arts, Activities, and Athletics) has continued to demonstrate that Ridge View High is dedicated to our community, and to the concept of lifelong learning.



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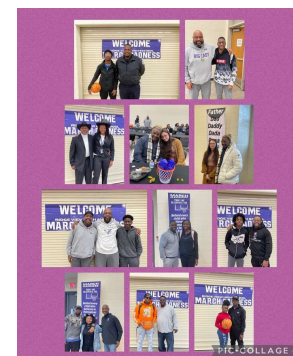
- for all partners to acquire knowledge and skills through quality instruction and engaging experiences
- to provide opportunities for all partners to develop and strengthen strong, positive character traits essential to becoming contributing members of society
- to continuously improve our community and support each other in maximizing our gifts and talents
- to reveal the great achievements made by all of our partners.

"We prepare today for success tomorrow."

Community Involvement



Ridge View Career Day 2023



Schools-Within-A-School and Magnet Programs

Achievement Via Individual Determination (AVID): This program, based on a national program, identifies students who have been performing at average levels, presents them with the tools to move successfully to high level courses, and prepares them for college.

Arts Innovation for Medical Science Magnet (AiMS): AiMS is a school-wide STEAMM magnet for all students that provides innovative curriculum connections between academic disciplines to enhance the development of the whole student, both mind, and body, for global citizenship.

Carolina Alliance for Technology (CAT): The Carolina Alliance for Technology (CAT) program is a small learning community that promotes project-based learning with career-based field studies, job shadowing, and mentoring through partnerships with IT and Engineering based businesses.

Institute for Bio-Health Sciences and Allied Health Sciences: The Bio-Health Sciences Magnet program at Ridge View High School, in conjunction with the nationally recognized Project Lead the Way Biomedical Sciences™ program, offers highly achieving students a dynamic curriculum that uses real world experience and hands on learning. Students with interest in exploring the variety that health sciences offers will find PLTW's Biomedical Sciences™ program to be a fantastic doorway for medical professions.

Scholars Academy Magnet for Business and Law: The Ridge View Scholars Academy Magnet for Business and Law is an energetic learning community of highly motivated students committed to achieving the goals of a challenging academic curriculum focused on Law and Business through a four year Honors/AP track.

School for the Arts: The School for the Arts is designed for students who have special talents and serious interest in the arts fields - visual arts, band, orchestra, chorus, dance, creative writing, and drama.

Priorities for 2022 - 2023

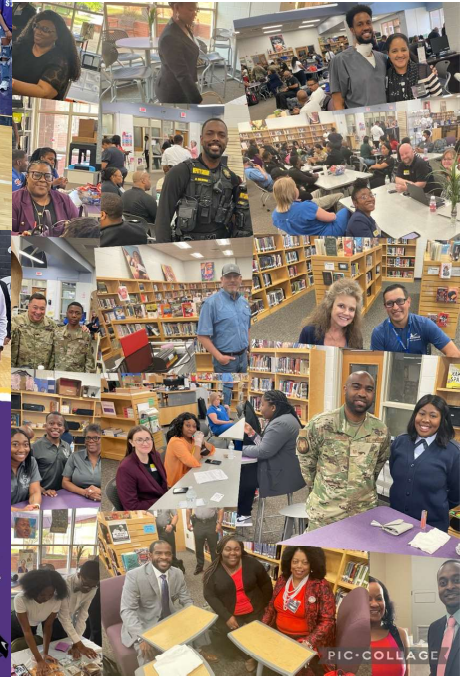
- Ridge View will maintain or increase the on-time graduation rate of 91.4%
- Continue to reduce percentage of students retained in the ninth grade
- Expand professional development opportunities that focus on student achievement
- Reduce the number of discipline referrals, suspensions, and recommendations for expulsion
- Improve programs designed to ensure repeaters get back on track to graduate
- Continue to improve the achievement of students on state and national measures
- Continue to expand internship opportunities for all students
- Increase percentage of students participating in more than one club or organization
- Decrease the percentage of chronic absenteeism

THE 4A'S IN A BLAZER'S LIFE

Academics



Activities



Arts

Athletics