



# Ridge View High School

## Annual Parent Update

2019 - 2020

**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.*

This school year was Ridge View's 25th Anniversary. As we continue to foster relationships with our students and local community we began the year with a Back to School Video, Take My Horse, an Old Town Road parody. As the year continued we have had far more successes than challenges. However, one major global challenge changed the trajectory of our traditional school platform in a huge way. COVID-19 was a national global health pandemic that forced students and staff to work remotely from home in March 2020. As we continue to navigate our new E-Learning platform, our School Improvement Council and I are incredibly grateful for the students, faculty, parents, and community who wholeheartedly embraced this journey, to be premier in everything we do. Continuous improvement in the area of socio-emotional and physical safety of students was a goal for SIC. Parent University sessions were held and planned with local experts in counseling, law enforcement, and education. Although nationally schools have a new normal, the collaborative efforts of our parents, students, and faculty resulted in continuous improvements for our students during the 2019-2020 school year in the four A's -- Academics, Activities, Arts, and Athletic. Successes in the following areas include:

### Academics

- ◆ In addition to a school-wide magnet, Arts Innovation for Medical Sciences Magnet (AiMS), Ridge View has two specialized magnets, the Scholars Academy Magnet for Business and Law and the Institute of Health Sciences and four schools-within-a-school, School for the Arts (SFA), Carolina Alliance of Technology (CAT), Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID), and an AVID Early College program.
- ◆ Ridge View is a 2019 nationally certified Magnet School by the National Institute for Magnet School Leadership, meeting the standards of the National Magnet School Standards of Excellence.
- ◆ Scholars Academy Magnet for Business and Law Magnet & the Institute of Health Sciences Magnet was awarded the Magnet Schools of America (MSA) School of Distinction Award.
- ◆ Students enrolled in the AVID Early College program have an opportunity to earn an associate degree from the University of South Carolina - Sumter while still in high school without paying tuition.
- ◆ In partnership with Clafin University, students in our CAT program are taking Dual Credit courses in Engineering and Computer Science.
- ◆ 15 Seniors qualified for Palmetto Fellows, 10 AP Scholars, 6 AP Scholars with Distinction, 3 AP Scholars with Honors, and 1 National AP Scholar.

### Activities

- ◆ Ridge View High School's administration appeared on WLTX with a local artist for their Back To School video, Take My Horse, an Old Town Road parody.
- ◆ Winter Wishes, one of Ridge View's school-wide community service project exceeded their goals by raising \$2,000 for Habitat for Humanity, donating 783 toiletries to Sistercare and 13,073 canned good items to Harvest Hope Food Bank, providing 50 holiday stockings to Bridge Creek Elementary and Prisma Health Children's Hospital, sponsoring three additional service projects benefiting The Harmony, The Haven, and the Homeless Period Project, and donating 22 pints of blood to the American Red Cross.
- ◆ The National Honor Society raised \$5,687 for the Children's Miracle Network.
- ◆ Student Body Officers, Trenton Love and Marco Halbrook, attended Palmetto Boys State. Trenton was elected the Superintendent of Education. Marco was a State Senator.

### Arts

- ◆ Fine Arts students performed on Facebook Live to promote and thank the Arts in Basic Curriculum and SC legislators for supporting the fine arts.
- ◆ Principal Dr. Brenda Mack-Foxworth was awarded the South Carolina Music Educators Association (SCMEA) 2020 Honor Administrator.
- ◆ 26 Band students were selected for the Region and All-State Band programs.
- ◆ 10 Visual Arts students won 11 Scholastics Arts & Writing awards.
- ◆ 4 Orchestra students were selected for the 2019 Midlands Region Orchestra.

### Athletics

- ◆ At the 2nd Annual Ridge View Football Classic, Ridge View honored its first football coach, Kirk Burnett.
- ◆ For the third consecutive year, Ridge View Varsity Boys Basketball team is AAAA South Carolina High School League State Champions.
- ◆ Head Football Coach, Perry Parks, named the South Carolina Youth Shrine Bowl head coach.
- ◆ 4 varsity football players were selected to the Columbia Metro Bowl and 2 were selected to play in the North-South All-Star game.
- ◆ Ridge View Blazer Cheer is the Region 3 AAAA champions.
- ◆ The Lady Blazers Golf team finished 2nd in the Region Championships. Imani Belton was the Region Champion. Imani and Emma Ishakov were selected for the All-Region team.

Our collaborative efforts centered on improving literacy skills of students as well as providing Parent Universities, which educate parents on topics of their choice. 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-Foxworth, Ed.D, Principal  
LaTrice Small, SIC Chairperson

# Accomplishments for 2019 - 2020

## Academics



- ◆ Teacher Cadet & Senior, Samantha Kullman, was selected to the 2020 Cohort of SC Teaching Fellows.

- ◆ Scholars Academy Magnet for Business and Law students Sarah Hasan, Bernie McInay and Grace Miller and BioHealth student Yasmine Lattimore placed 3rd in the Omega Psi Phi Black History Month Trivia Bowl. Each students won a \$50 prize.

- ◆ Senior, Irvin Sumter, was recognized by Tallo's STEM Signing Day sponsored by Boeing Manufacturing.



- ◆ Scholars Academy Magnet for Business and Law sophomores advance to the National History Day State Rounds. Zierin Thomas, Perrin Thomas, Hayden Pendergrass and Cori Lunn for their group performance Breaking Barriers: Bubonic Plague and Isaiah Frazier, ZiYonna Guider, Alijah Norris and Sonne Brown for their group documentary Breaking Barriers: The Mongol Empire.

- ◆ **AP Scholars:** Emilei Addington, Oluwtomisin Ariyo, Danielle Banks, Sufaniah Daquioag, Jaden Davis, Zechariah Fisher-Coleman, Marco Halbrook, Cheryl Harrison, Esais Jones, Elizabeth Keels, Hari Kumar, Ethan Lewis, Taryn Lynard, Bernard McInay, Grace Miller, Sunnie Nguyen, Kenny Phan, Tyson Small, Ashley-Laure Smith, Erika VanAlstine, Gabrielle Walker, and John Walker

- ◆ **Palmetto Fellows Nominees:** Danielle Banks, Sufaniah Daquioag, Jaden Davis, Zechariah Fisher-Coleman, Marco Halbrook, Christy Joby, Esais Jones, Elizabeth Keels, Ethan Lewis, Grace Miller, Sunnie Nguyen, Kenny Phan, Kaleb Phelps, Erika VanAlstine, and Gabrielle Walker

- ◆ **National Merit Finalist:** Ericka VanAlstine



- ◆ Senior Caia Roberts-Jones is accepted into Steve Harvey's Dreamer's Academy.



- ◆ Scholars Academy Magnet for Business and Law sophomore, Jada Broome, named a semifinalist in NASA's Name the Mars Rover contest.

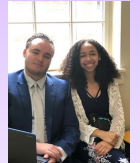
- ◆ Scholars Academy Magnet for Business and Law senior, Grace Miller, named a finalist in the University of South Carolina Honors College High



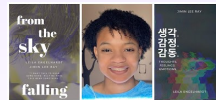
- ◆ Dr. Degenhardt, Presidential Awards for Excellence in Teaching Math and Science finalist.

- ◆ Senior Leah Pierre receives the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Youth Achievement Award.

- ◆ Scholars Academy Magnet for Business and Law juniors, Sam Randazzo and Anna Jones, won the state award for South Carolina at National History Day finals.



- ◆ Scholars Academy Magnet for Business and Law juniors, Sarah Hasan and Keyani Turner, participated in SC Legislative Black Caucus Youth Legislative Conference on October 2019.



- ◆ Leila Engelhardt, BioMagnet Sophomore, self-publishes 2nd book, *Thoughts*.

- ◆ Alumni Savannah Putman and Austin Helms co-authored *Orientation to Graduation 2.0: Advice from Real College Students*, #1 best seller in Education and College & University Life. Both authors graduated from University of North Carolina - Chapel Hill.

## Activities

- ◆ National Honor Society raises \$5,687 for the Children's Miracle Network!



- ◆ **National Technical Honor Society Inductees:** Tyson Brown, Ashley Hayes, Briana Hinson, Skye Hutchinson, Carlos Jenkins, Christa Joby, Antonio Kee-Sanfeliz, Jada Mack, As'Sata Miles, Destiny Moses, Adriana Ortiz, Kaleb Phelps, Tyson Smalls, Ashley Smith, Maya Smith, Tamia Sumter, Irvin Sumter, Jr., Arenda Thomas, Zariyah Toatley, Ericka VanAlstine, Barbara Williams, and Brian Wright.



- ◆ **2019 Mr. & Mrs. Ridge View Winners:** Tyson Brown: Mr. Ridge View & Mr. Congeniality; Paris Mundy: Miss Ridge View & Grand Talent winner; Zodelva Travis: Miss Senior, Isis Trapp: Miss Sophomore; Kaloni Gedeon: Miss Freshmen; Destiny Thomas: Miss Congeniality; Trenton Love: Scholarship Royale winner; Destiney Williams: Partnership Royale winner

- ◆ **2019 Homecoming Winners:** Michael Wright: Homecoming King, Mya Middleton: Homecoming Queen, Breon Blanding: Homecoming Princess, Tramonta Major: Homecoming Prince

- ◆ Alumni Faith McKie, crowned Miss Clafin for 2019-2020 school year.



# Accomplishments for 2019 - 2020

## Activities



♦ In the 1st year Boys Bowling team became regular season champions and Baker Champs. Girls Bowling team finished in 4th place for the season.

- ♦ Trenton Love and Marco Halbrook attended Palmetto Boys State. Trenton was elected the Superintendent of Education while Marco became a State Senator.

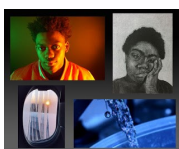
- ♦ Class of 2018 graduate Otiana Thompson selected to participate in the 2020 Black College Quiz competition with episodes will airing on Bounce TV later in the year.



- ♦ Student Body President & Senior Christa Joby participated in 6-day trip to Washington DC, representing Fairfield Electric Coop.

## Arts

- ♦ 10 Visual Arts students won 11 Scholastics Arts & Writing awards. The winners were Antonio Kee-Sanfeliz, Barbara Williams, Braydon Allen, Bryan Munoz-Romero, Jared Aaron Howze, Jake Walker, Nasir Butler, Nia McKinzie, Thomas Kane, And Zoe Jackson. Braydon Allen, Nasir Butler, Zoe Jackson, Thomas Kane and



Jake Walker receive Gold Keys, Scholastic's highest achievement. Their artwork will move on to the national level of the Scholastic Art competition.

- ♦ 26 Band students made the Region and All-State Band programs. **All-State:** Alijah Norris; **Region 3 Senior Band:** Anna Jones, Michael Wright, Lauren Dulaveris, Ethan Lewis, Amiyah Bush, Nyazia Holloway, Samuel Randazzo, Avery Jones; **Region 3 Clinic Band:** Travis Goutier, Jason Arevalo, Izaiyah Gleaton, Ashley Hubbard; **Region 3 High School Alternate Band:** Tyrese Anderson, Matthew Maco, Skylar Radcliff, Amara Haywood, Perrin Thomas, Kearyn Washington, LaCoya Trapp, Ayjah Johnson, Mykeala Werdenie, Gabrielle Moore, Makayla Kraftchak, Hayden Pendergrass, Harvey Brown.



- ♦ Cameron Borum, Nicholas Johnson, Jayln Scott, and John Walker selected for the 2019 Midlands Region Orchestra. They performed in November at the Irmo High School Performing Arts Center.

- ♦ 47 works for art from RV students were showcased at the South Carolina State Fair. La'Princia Bynum, Zoe Jackson, Leah Kelly, Jarena Munoz, and Kylie Sawyer were awarded honorable mentions for their self-portraits.

## Arts



- ♦ RV Marching Band placed 3rd in the state championship competition at Chapin High School.

- ♦ Senior Mouhamed Wade's artwork was chosen for SC Consortium for Gifted Education's conference brochure. He also was awarded \$100.

## Athletics

- ♦ Michael McQueen qualified for the 2020 State Wrestling State Tournament.

- ♦ Ridge View Girls and Boys Basketball players that have earned State Player of the Year, All State and All Region Honors for the 2019-2020 season! **Girls All State:** Laila Acox; **Girls All Region:** Laila Acox, Mariah Mitchem, Hasonti Keller, Mya Wasswa; **Boys AAAA Player of the Year:** Ja'ven Benson; **Boys All State:** Ja'ven Benson; **Boys All Region:** Ja'ven Benson, Tyler Rice, Cincere Scott



- ♦ Laila Acox, GEICO's Official Player of the Game at the January 17th basketball game against Richland Northeast.

- ♦ Varsity Football team completed in the 3rd round of the SCHSL playoffs.

- ♦ Seniors Tyson Player and Chandler Muller selected to play in the 72nd Annual North-South All-Star football game.



- ♦ **Signees:** MyKayla Kenner (Columbia College, Swimming), Dwight Jacobs (Missouri State, football), Camri Goodwin (Columbia International, volleyball),



- ♦ Seniors football players Cincere Scott, DeAundre Brown, Patrick Jenkins, Dwight Jacobs selected for the Columbia Metro Bowl.

- ♦ Imani Belton competed at SCHSL State Golf Tournament at Shipyard Golf Club in Hilton Head.

- ♦ Swimmers Jessica Holas Alicia Hubbard, Ashley Hubbard, Christa Joby, McKayla Kenner, and Joseph Williams participated in the 4A State Championship Meet.



- ♦ Lady Blazers golf team finish 2nd in Region Championships. Imani Belton and Emma Iskhakov made the All-Region Team.



- ♦ Cross Country team wins Regional Championship with Quentin Joseph coming in 2nd, Logan Zies in 3rd and Darren Williams in 4th.



## Social Media



AT THE VIEW Daily



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Through our Summer Reading Celebration program, students connect to lifelong literacy by discussing books that they selected to read over summer break.

## 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.



Ridge View High School

## Ridge View High School Aims

- ◆ 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; and
- ◆ to reveal the great achievements made by all of our partners.



## Community Involvement



Trunk or Treat



Veterans Day Brunch



Winter Wishes



Bojangles Bash



Parent University



Open House

## 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 a four-year 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.

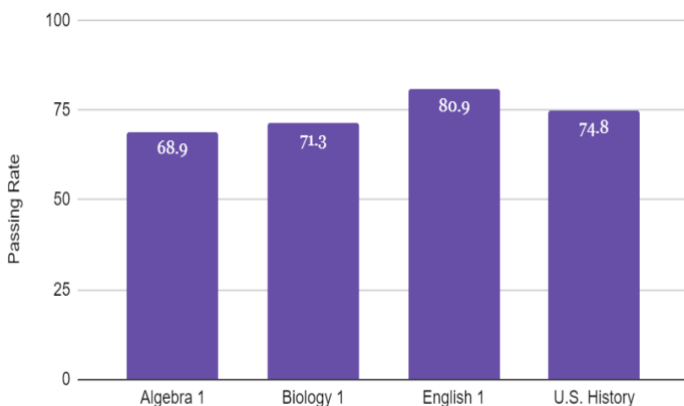
**Scholars Academy Magnet for Business and Law:** The Ridge View Scholars Academy Magnet for Business and Law is an energetic learning community of highly motivated students committed to achieving the goals of a challenging academic curriculum focused on Law and Business through a four-year Honors/AP 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 2019 - 2020

- ◆ Continue to expand internship opportunities for all students
- ◆ Continue to improve the achievement of students on state and national measures
- ◆ Improve programs designed to ensure repeaters get back on track to graduate
- ◆ Reduce discipline referrals, suspensions and recommendations for expulsion
- ◆ Increase percentage of students participating in more than one club or organization
- ◆ Continue to increase the graduation rate
- ◆ Expand professional development opportunities that focus on student achievement
- ◆ Increase percentage of students taking Advanced Placement and dual-credit courses
- ◆ Continue to reduce percentage of students retained in the ninth grade

End-of-Course Examinations





# The 4 A's in a Blazer's Life

## Academics



New 2 RV Meeting



Summer Reading Carnival



Cupcakes for Success



Ed-Op Day

## Activities



Alumni Tailgate



African American Read In



Senior Sunrise



Coming Home Court



Spring Dance Showcase



Fall Play: Puffs



Black History Program



Holiday Arts Festival



Basketball Senior Night



Signing Day 2020



Cheer Champs



Swim Team @ Region

## Arts

## Athletics