



# Ridge View High School

Annual Parent Update

2018 - 2019

**Mission Statement:** *Ridge View High School, an active partner with its growing and diverse community, guarantees each student the opportunity to achieve excellence in academic knowledge, critical and creative thinking skills, and personal management resulting in life-long learning and responsible citizenship.*

Ridge View High School's administration and School Improvement Council wholeheartedly embraced this journey, to be premier in everything we do. "It's All At The View!" captures the true essence of Ridge View High School. Collaborative efforts of our parents and faculty resulted in continuous improvements for our students during the 2018-2019 school year. "We Expect Success" in the four A's -- Academics, Arts, Activities, and Athletics. Additionally, business and community partners provided internship and shadowing opportunities for many students. The collective efforts of our parents, students, and staff continue to make Ridge View's personalized learning tradition a place where every student can experience success; and we are continuing to make premier strides in the four A's. Successes in the following areas include:

## Academics

- ◆ AiMs Magnet and Blazer Academy designed our first Annual Impact Day. The theme: Influence Many, Provide Aid, Change Together. 400 freshmen volunteered in the community.
- ◆ Scholars Academy Magnet for Business and Law Magnet & the Institute of Health Sciences Magnet earned a School of Distinction Award from the Magnet Schools of America.
- ◆ 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 Claflin University and Midlands Technical College, 61 students enrolled in Dual Credit courses.
- ◆ 520 Advanced Placement exams administered. 42 AP Scholars
- ◆ Ridge View High School Economics Challenge teams placed second and third in the SC state final competition.

## Activities

- ◆ Principal, Dr. Mack-Foxworth, received the 2019 Secretary of Defense Employer Support Freedom award, the highest recognition given by U.S. Government to employers for their outstanding support of employees serving in the National Guard and Reserve.
- ◆ Winter Wishes, one of Ridge View's school-wide community service project exceeded their goals by raising \$2,000 for PAALS, donating over 2,000 toiletries to Sistercare and 13,128 canned good items to Harvest Hope Food Bank, and providing holiday gifts to 77 foster children.
- ◆ Student Council was recognized as a 2019 National Gold Council of Excellence for the 12th consecutive year.
- ◆ Student Body President Otiana Thompson was honored by joining the Terry McCoy Hall of Fame. Sophomore Class President Yazmine Lati-more was elected as the District 4 Vice Chair.

## 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.
- ◆ 17 Band students were selected for the Region band. Alijah Norris will also represent Ridge View in the All-State Band.
- ◆ 15 Chorus members were selected for the All-State Chorus and had the opportunity to sing at several statewide events, including the one at Winthrop University.
- ◆ The Advanced Chorus received a Superior with Distinction, the highest rating possible, at the Concert Performance Assessment (CPA).
- ◆ English 1 students participated in a Romeo & Juliet residency with artist Buren Martin. Students performed the Shakespearean play for the freshmen class.

## Athletics

- ◆ Girls Basketball Coach Terrance Gibson is selected as a North-South All-Star Coach for 2019.
- ◆ Varsity Basketball player, Malcolm Wilson, was selected to play in the Carolinas All-State Classic with the top players from South Carolina and North Carolina.
- ◆ Varsity Basketball players Laila Acox, Crosby Harris-James, Walyn Napper, and Malcolm Wilson were named in The State Newspaper's Midlands 60 players to Watch List for the 2018-2019 season.
- ◆ Ridge View Cheer Team finished 2nd at the 2018 Region Cheer Competition.
- ◆ Varsity Boys Basketball are State 4A Champions for a 2nd consecutive season.
- ◆ Football, wrestling, swim, and boys tennis teams experienced success in the playoffs. The football team made it to the 3rd round of the playoffs for the 2nd time in 3 years.
- ◆ Boys Soccer was undefeated in the Region (10-0) and was the #1 seed in the playoffs. Girls Soccer hosted a playoff game

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 2018 - 2019

## Academics



♦ Pulitzer Prize winner and internationally celebrated writer Alice Walker visits Ridge View faculty for breakfast and signing of her new book, *Taking the Arrow Out of the Heart*. Students attended had an opportunity to discuss writing techniques and her experiences as a writer.

- ♦ 86% of the Class of 2019 graduated as College and Career Ready and with a current total of \$6,117,238 in scholarship money.



- ♦ Imani Belton, Iniesha Rochester, and Logan Zeis, signed academic apprenticeships to , Nephron, LTC Health Solutions, and RAM Clutches, respectively.



♦ Scholars Academy Magnet for Business and Law senior Reilly Arford was selected as the 2018-2019 chair for the Attorney General's Human Trafficking Youth Outreach Committee.

- ♦ Ericka VanAlstine was listed in the STEM Premier Top 100 and also received a perfect score on the Math section of the SAT.

- ♦ 9 Clinical Studies students successfully completed program as national Certified Nursing Assistants.



- ♦ Scholars Academy Magnet for Business and Law seniors Hadiyah Ballard, Otiana Thompson, Kay Brown and Mackenzie Gascon won 2nd place at the Omega Psi Phi Black History Month trivia bowl.



♦ Scholars Academy Magnet for Business and Law Seniors Mackenzie Gascon, Makeenie Robinson, and Sierra Sconzo who were named finalists in the USC Honors College High School Writing Contest.

- ♦ CAT Senior, Tairiq Mansfield, was one of 93 high school seniors celebrated and recognized at the 3rd Annual South Carolina Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) Signing Day.



- ♦ Ridge View received College Board's AP Computer Science Principles Female Diversity Award and AP Computer Science A Female Diversity awards for engaging more female students in computer science coursework.



♦ AVID Early College freshmen, Genesis Taylor, won 2nd place as the Outstanding Spokesperson for Freedom in the Veterans of Foreign War's (VFW) Voice of Democracy speech and essay contest.

## Activities

- ♦ Student Council received Gold Honor Council award for the 12th year in a row, 3rd place in the School Spirit category for Bash the Bengal events and 1st place in the Recognition category for National Principals Month activities.



- ♦ Student Body President Otiana Thompson was honored by joining the Terry McCoy Hall of Fame. Junior Yazmine Latimore was elected as the District 4 Vice Chair.



♦ Faith Thompson, Miranda Hurt, Iyanna Chapman won 1st place and Erika VanAlstine placed 2nd at the 2019 SC HOSA State Leadership Conference to compete in the International Competition at

Walt Disney World.

- ♦ Temperance Williams, Shavon Wiggins, and Jeremiah Lynch placed in the top 4 at the SC DECA State Conference in North Charleston.



♦ Sophomores Kyrstin White and Azahria Davis placed at the District Leadership Conference to compete in the State FBLA Competition.

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## Activities

- ◆ Members of Student2Student, a organization for Ridge View's military connected students, volunteered at the Tell Me a Story Event sponsored by Parent2Parent, who supports military families.

## Arts

- ◆ Mr. Christopher Nostrant, Fine Arts Department leader, won 1st place in the Professional Mixed Media category at the South Carolina State Fair.



- ◆ Scholars Academy Magnet for Business and Law senior Hadiyah Ballard earns a gold and silver key in photography for Scholastic Art and Writing Awards contest.



- ◆ Theater teacher, Martha Hearn-Kelly, was awarded the South Carolina Theater Association's Deborah Smith Hoffman Outstanding Mentor Teacher Award.

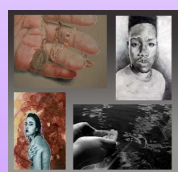
- ◆ Mr. Phillip Pagal and the RV Orchestra received outstanding performances in 3 categories of their 2019 Concert Performance Assessment (CPA). The String and Concert orchestras received Excellent ratings. The Chamber Orchestra received a superior rating.

- ◆ Juniors Jada Mack and Bernard McIlnay were selected to showcase their films at the Doko Fest, where they will receive reactions and comments from the audience and other film makers.



Mack also showcased her film at the Richland Two Film Festival.

- ◆ The Winterguard received 1st place at the CWEA Ardrey Kell competition.



- ◆ 14 Visual Arts students earned 22 awards at the 2019 Scholastic Art and Writing competition. Gold Keys, Scholastic's highest award, were awarded to Hadiyah Ballard, Chelsie McCray, and Crystal Smith, who's artwork moved on to the national level.

## Athletics

- ◆ Ridge View Boys Basketball clinched the 4A State Championship for the 2nd time. Ridge View Girls Basketball advanced to the 2nd round of the playoffs.



- ◆ Basketball players Malcolm Wilson, Walyn Napper and Crosby Harris-James were selected to play in the Columbia Senior All-Star game. Javon Benson and Cincere Scott were selected to play in the SC Junior Showcase game. Laila Acox, Walyn Napper, and Malcolm Wilson were selected for the 2019 SCBCA All-State Teams.



- ◆ Girls Track and Field won the 4A State Championship. Coach Warren Eure was named the National Federation of High Schools SC Girls Track and Field Coach of the Year for 2019.

- ◆ Shooting a career low of 85 at the 4A Upper State Tournament, Junior Imani Belton attended the 4A State Championship for the 2nd consecutive year.

- ◆ The Boys Golf team wins their first championship in 15 years at the Purple Division Championship, the 1st Annual Blazer Open.



- ◆ 2018 Varsity Football appeared in the SCHLS playoffs for the 3rd consecutive year.



- ◆ Ridge View Strength team are the 4A State Weightlifting Champs for 2019. Senior Jabari Hampton is the South Carolina 180 weight class State Weightlifting Champion for the 2nd consecutive year.

- ◆ Senior Malcolm Wilson was selected to play in the Carolinas All Star Classic, which features the top SC senior basketball players versus the top NC senior players.

- ◆ Varsity football players, Isaiah Porter, Terry Carson, Senika McKie and Walyn Napper, participated in the inaugural Columbia Metro Senior Bowl at Irmo High School. Jalyne Dunbar was selected to play in the 2018 Shrine Bowl.





## 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

- ◆ Excellence in Student Learning
- ◆ Meeting Diverse Student Needs
- ◆ Safe and Secure Environment
- ◆ Quality Teachers and Personnel
- ◆ Effective Leadership and Management Resources
- ◆ School, Parent, Student and Community Partnerships

*"Our aim is to build each student's experiences towards a better future."*

## Community Involvement



March DADness 2019



Trunk or Treat 2019



Career Day 2019



Moments for Moms 2018



Hurricane Shelter 2018



IMPACT Day 2019

## 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.

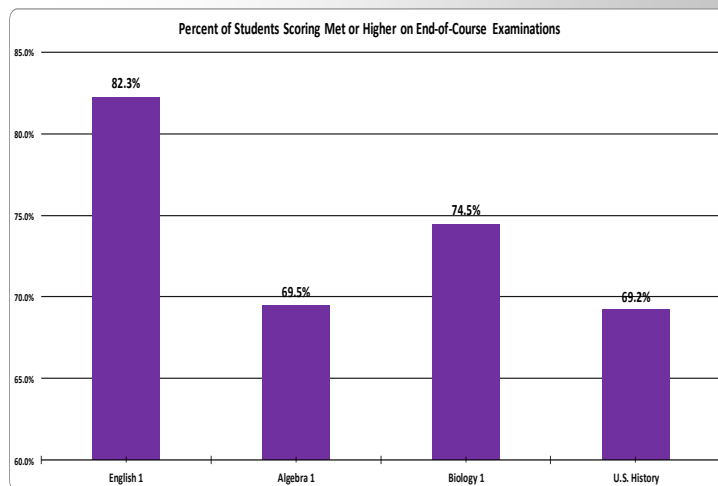
**Institute for Bio-Health Sciences and Allied Health Sciences:** The Bio-Health Sciences Magnet program at Ridge View High School, in conjunction with the nationally recognized Project Lead the Way Biomedical Sciences™ program, offers highly achieving students a dynamic curriculum that uses real world 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.

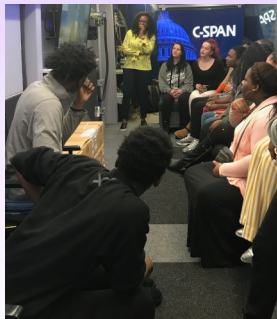
## Priorities for 2018 - 2019

- ◆ 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



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

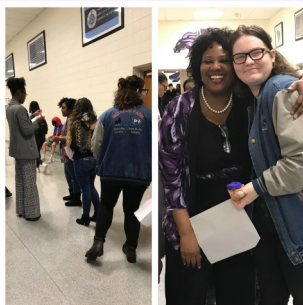
### Academics



C-Span Bus Visits



Ed-Op Day 2018



Cupcakes for Success

### Activities



Senior Sunrise



Homecoming 2018



Fresh Start 2018



Holiday Arts Festival



Fall Dance Showcase



Facebook Live



2nd Time State Basketball Champs



Signing Day 2019



Bojangles' Bash 2017

### Arts

### Athletics