

# RIDGE VIEW HIGH SCHOOL

2023-  
2024

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## ANNUAL REPORT



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Principal

HOME OF THE  
**BLAZERS**





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## Annual Parent Update

**Mission Statement:** Ridge View High School, A Med Pro Magnet, 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, is home to two specialized magnets, the Scholars Academy Magnet of Business and Law and the Institute of Health Sciences (IHS). Both earned the Magnet School of Excellence distinction from Magnet Schools of America this school year. Ridge View is one of three schools in South Carolina with this distinction, and Ridge View became a certified demonstration site for Magnet Schools of America. Ridge View 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 our students' and staff's physical and social wellness. Some of our notable accomplishments for the 2023-2024 school year include:

### Academics

- Ridge View receives the College Board AP Computer Science Female Diversity Award for a second consecutive year.
- The Scholars Academy Magnet of Business and Law and the Institute of Health Sciences (IHS) both earned the distinction of Magnet School of Excellence from Magnet Schools of America
- The Junior Reserve Officer's Training Corps (JROTC) achieved a 98/100 score in their JROTC Program for Accreditation (JPA)
- 9 Palmetto Fellows Scholarship Recipients, 6AP Scholars, 1 AP Scholar with Honor, 4 AP Scholars with Distinction, 38 Junior Scholars

### Activities

- The South Carolina Association of Student Councils (SCASC) recognized the Ridge View Student Council as a 2024 Gold Honor Council.
- Ridge View High School National Honor Society raised over \$8,000 for the Dance Marathon, which benefits Children's Miracle Network.
- Ridge View hosted the SCASC District 4 Rally.

### Arts

- Two Ridge View Visual Arts Students' artwork was displayed in the USC Beaufort Emerging Artist Competition.
- World Percussion Ensemble was a featured performance ensemble at the 2024 South Carolina Music Educators Association's (SCMEA) Professional Development Conference.
- Three students made the South Carolina Philharmonic Youth Orchestra.
- Ten students participated in the District Honors Orchestra

### Athletics

- The track won the AAAA State Championship (2023)
- Varsity Boys Basketball won the AAAA State Championship (5th State Championship in 7 years)
- Varsity Boys Basketball ranked in the top 25 nationally by ESPN
- Varsity Girls Basketball were Region Champions and made it to AAAA Lower State Championship Game (Final Four)

The collaborative efforts of SIC and school administration focused on providing planning parent workshops to address issues such as vaping, bullying, and other issues that students are faced with today. Additionally, a focus continued having parents complete the state Department of Education parent survey to have continuous improvement and parent voice. We thank those parents, faculty, and community members who have worked with us, and we encourage representation from every student and parent organization at Ridge View High School to participate in next year's School Improvement Council efforts. The intentional collaboration between school and parents remains purpose-driven so our students are future-ready.

Sincerely,

Brenda Mack, Ed.D, Principal

Libby Lengard , SIC Chairperson



# ACADEMIC ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Ridge View High School earned the second consecutive College Board's AP Computer Science Female Diversity Award for expanding young women's access to AP Computer Science Principles (CSP).
- The Junior Reserve Officer's Training Corps (JROTC) achieved a 98/100 score in their JROTC Program for Accreditation (JPA).
- Ridge View High School became a nationally certified demonstration site for Magnet Schools of America
- Eight recipients of the Palmetto Fellows Scholarship.
- Eleven AP Scholars



- Olivia Stewart was selected as district representative for the Presidential Scholar for Career and Technical Education (CTE)
- Abigail Kullman and Torri Ariyo presented at the DOD Junior Symposium for Science and Humanities
- The Scholars Academy Magnet of Business and Law and the Institute of Health Sciences (IHS) earned the distinction of Magnet School of Excellence
- Madison Morant was named SC Teaching Fellow for the 2024 Cohort at Winthrop University and received the Gates Scholarship.





# ACTIVITIES ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Ridge View High School National Honor Society raised over \$8,000 for Dance Marathon to benefit Children's Miracle Network.
- Ridge View High School, A MedPro Magnet, is the recipient of 8 awards in the 2024 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).
- Junior, Tatiyana James, and Ridge View served as hosts for the District 4 Rally in October 2023.
- 2023 Homecoming court presented the Make-A-Wish Foundation with a check for \$5191.
- Contestants for the Miss Ridge View Pageant raised \$2,510 for scholarships.
- JROTC Color Guard presented colors at the Charlotte Hornets NBA game.



- Student Body President, Mikayla Spencer, was inducted into the SCASC Terry McCoy Hall of Fame.
- StuCo donated 10,132 items to Harvest Hope Food Bank and 753 toiletries to Sistercare.
- Ridge View StuCo has raised over \$9,000 for various organizations which include the Make-A-Wish Foundation, American Red Cross, and Juvenile Diabetes Research Fund (JDRF).





# ARTS ACCOMPLISHMENTS



## Orchestra

- 2023 Midlands Region Orchestra Students: Evadne Benson, Mary-James Harvey, India McQuirter, Leilah Hill, Destiny Horn, David Perez Corredor, Brooklyn Reynolds.
- India McQuirter made the 2024 All State Orchestra as 1st chair.
- 10 students participated in the District Honors Orchestra
- 3 students made the SC Philharmonic Youth Orchestra

## Chorus

- Chamber Choir received a Superior with Distinction at the SCMEA Choral Performance Assessment on March 25, 2024. This rating is the highest ranking possible for the event and speaks to the choir's excellence in both concert performance and sight-reading.

## Band

- 4A State Championship Finalist
- 8 Students participated in SCBDA Region Band
- World Percussion Ensemble received Superior ratings at the SCPAS Day of Percussion
- 13 Students made District Band

## Dance

- Selah Wright, Tatianna Joyner-Johnson, Kayla Sims, Alana DeWitt performed in District Black History Month Ceremony
- 14 Dance students selected for the National Honor Society for Dance Arts
- Ufalme African Dance Company Members were selected to perform for the City of Columbia's Ubuntu Dance Festival

## Theatre

- 35-40 students participating in Spring Musical, The Wiz
- 1 Regional Winner for Scholastic Arts & Writing going to Nationals
- A Charlie Brown Christmas was presented for Winter Wishes

## Visual Arts

- Vy Tran and Alan Green have artwork displayed USC Beaufort Emerging Artist Competition
- Rachel Campbell placed 2nd in Youth Art Month Central Regions Awards
- SC State Fair- Alan Green (1st place Photography), Rachel Campbell (Honorable Mention), over 30 works from RVHS students on display



# ATHLETICS ACCOMPLISHMENTS

## College Signees:

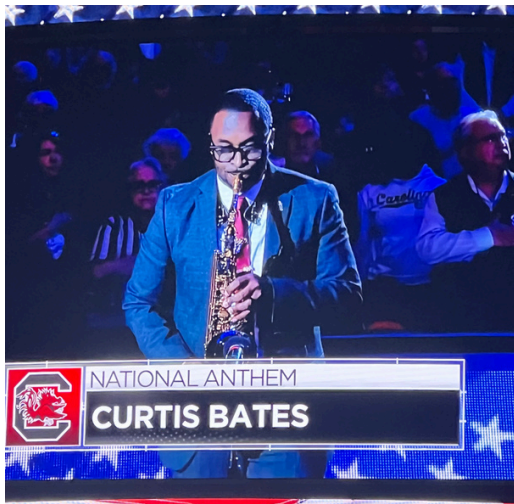
- Football: 5 signees
- Softball: Tyra Robinson (North Carolina Agriculture Institute)
- Track and Field/ XC: Nala Tobin, Dania Staley
- Basketball: Jayden Pretty
- Wrestling: Jazmin Williamson -first female Ridge View student to win a wrestling tournament
- Girls Basketball advanced to the Lower State Championship.
- Boys Basketball won the AAAA State Championship and the American Bracket at the Chick-Fil-A Classic in December, went 3-0 in The Bash (hosted at Ridge View), and played in The Throne National Championship in New Jersey.
- Cheer hosted the 4th Annual Blazer Battle Cheer Competition
- Destiny Drakeford played in the SC/NC All-Star Game
- Lucy Bailey was WLTX Player of the Week and a finalist for Richland County Player of the Year
- NBA New York Knicks Alum Carmelo Anthony and Superintendent Dr. Moore attended The Bash.





# FACULTY & ALUMNI ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Coach Terrence Gibson was named Region 5 AAAA Coach of the Year
- Nicole Walker is the SCCTE 2024 Richard Riley Award for service
- Keely Hitchings is the SCCTE 2024 Secondary Teacher of the Year
- Curtis Bates performed National Anthem for National Champion Lady Gamecocks
- Congratulations to alumni GG Jackson on rookie year with Memphis Grizzlies
- Brian Rosefield was selected as Region 5 and AAAA Athletic Director of the Year.
- Jennifer McLeod 2024 Teacher of the Year
- RV Alum Marco Holbrook will be commissioned 2nd Lieutenant (Army) in May 24 and presented to Staff during book read





# Ridge View High School

**WE EXPECT SUCCESS**



## Social Media



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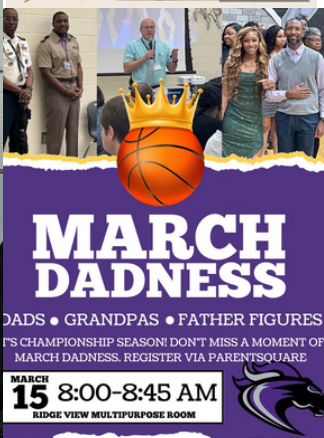
AT THE VIEW  
Daily

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.

## Community Involvement

The school year begins with Cuts for Gabbie, which generates funds for an annual scholarship. The National Beta Club presents Trunk or Treat annually for the blazer community. Moments for Mom is an appreciation of mother figures in the fall, followed by March Madness in the spring. JROTC plans a school-wide celebration of Veterans. Richland County Council supports Ridge View Athletics hosting The Bash. Each Freshman class participates in Impact Day: Influence Many, Provide Aid, Change Together

*"We prepare today for  
success  
tomorrow."*



Impact Day



# 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.

***AVID Early College:*** A district-wide program housed only at Ridge View High School designed for families with a realistic and more affordable pathway to a four-year college degree who may consider college expenses out of their reach.

***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 2024 - 2025

- Ridge View will maintain or increase the on-time graduation rate of 91.4%
- Continue to reduce the 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 the 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



Principals A Honor Roll



## Activities



## Arts



## Athletics