



# Ridge View High School

Annual Parent Update

2020 - 2021

**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 Arts Innovation for Medical Sciences Magnet has two specialized magnets, the Scholars Academy Magnet of Business and Law and the Institute of Health Sciences (IHS), and 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). Although this school year taught us to be flexible, we remained focused on our vision - **Prepare Today for Success Tomorrow**. Our first cohort of Richland Two AVID Early College students graduated with not only their high school diploma, but also an Associates degree from the University of South Carolina-Sumter. The Scholars Academy and Institute of Health Science programs received the Magnet Schools of America (MSA) School of Distinction Award. The COVID-19 pandemic impacted the learning platform of students, but it did not stop our students, faculty, and staff from continuing to excel in the 4 As -- Academics, Activities, Arts, and Athletics.

## Academics

- ♦ Toluwanimi Ariyo, an Institute of Health Science Magnet Junior, earned 1st place at the State Junior Symposium of Humanities and Science.
- ♦ School for the Arts and Scholars Academy Magnet Senior, Sarah Hasan, was accepted into the Ron Brown Scholar Capstone Program, which encourages civic engagement among Scholars while promoting academic excellence, community and lifelong interactions. Hasan also received a full tuition scholarship to Duke University, where she plans to study Pre-law.
- ♦ Junior and R2i2 student, Faith Aiken received the 2021 SC Affiliate of the National Center for Women & Information Technology (NCWIT) Aspirations in Computing Awards.
- ♦ 2 students received AP Capstone Diplomas, 3 AP Seminar and Research Certifications, 33 AP Scholars, 7 AP Scholars with Distinction, 13 AP Scholars with Honors, and 2 National AP Scholars

## Activities

- ♦ Ridge View Assistant Principal, Mr. Brandon Ross, was selected as the South Carolina Association of School Administrators (SCASA) Secondary Assistant Principal of the Year.
- ♦ Ridge View Student Council received awards for all of their projects submitted. 2nd Place: Unity Day Video (Community Service), 2nd Place: Feel Good Friday, 1st place: Senior Sunrise (Recreational Activities).
- ♦ Ridge View Student Council was named the South Carolina Association of Student Council (SCASC) Gold Honor Council and received the 2021 National Gold Council of Excellence.
- ♦ Student Body President, Yazmine Lattimore, was selected to address Superintendents across the nation about the SEEus Summit led by teens.

## Arts

- ♦ Ridge View High School received a South Carolina Arts Commission Certification, became an Arts in Basic Curriculum (ABC) school, and received a \$10,000 grant to enhance the arts experiences for all students.
- ♦ Ridge View High School Band Director, Dustin King, was awarded the National Band Association's Citation of Excellence.
- ♦ Senior Thomas Kane's and Art teacher Mrs. Katherine Perry's art work is exhibited in the Art Fields Festival in Lake City, SC.
- ♦ The Fine Arts Department received the Distinguished Arts Curricular Innovation Grant (ACIG) in the amount of \$18,000, which assists the department in developing and implementing arts initiatives that significantly improve student achievement in the arts.

## Athletics

- ♦ 15 student-athletes received college scholarships in football (4), basketball (6), soccer (2), volleyball (1), swimming (1), and track & field (1) at the next level.
- ♦ Head Coach Yerrick Stoneman named the South Carolina Athletic Coaches Association (SCACA) Basketball Coach of the Year.
- ♦ Coach Kevin Darlington became a Certified Strength and Conditioning Specialist (CSCS).
- ♦ Ridge View High School Head Volleyball Coach Alexis Moses named Coach of the Year for Region IV-5A .

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-Foxworth, Ed.D, Principal  
Jerel Arceneaux, SIC Chairperson

# Accomplishments for 2020-2021

## Academics

- ♦ Dr. David Degenhardt received the Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching.
- ♦ Ridge View earned the College Board AP Computer Science Female Diversity Award for achieving high female representation in AP Computer Science Principles for the 2nd consecutive year.
- ♦ Junior and R2i2 student, Faith Aiken received the 2021 SC Affiliate of the National Center for Women & Information Technology (NCWIT) Aspirations in Computing Awards.



- ♦ Senior, Emilei Addington, selected for the US Presidential Scholars Program candidate and was a state semifinalist for the NASA Future Engineers Lunar Mission Essay Contest.

♦ Columbia Urban League Young & Gifted Award recipients:

- ♦ CATE: Oluwaseyi Adelakun, Alani Boyd, Anna Jones, and Brian Myers.
- ♦ Arts: Jada Adams, Kamare' Gore, Jaden Graham-Martin, and Faith Quattlebaum.
- ♦ Athletics: Jordan Smith, Laila Acox, Tyler Dreher, Chanaya Carr, Tyler Rice, and Marissa Genwright.
- ♦ Leadership: Nana Boateng, Savannah Foxworth, Davin Moses, and Yazmine Latimore.
- ♦ Junior, Jada Broome, participated in NASA's 2020 Name the Mars Rover Contest. Her name, "Amica," was one of 155 names designated as a semi-finalist.



- ♦ Scholars Academy Magnet for Business and Law Senior, Tyler Gadson, participated in the Caravan of Love in support of South Carolina passing a hate crime bill.

♦ Junior, Toluwanimi Ariyo received 1st place in the written and oral sessions at the State Junior Symposium of Humanities and Science.

- ♦ At the National History Day State Competition, Scholars Academy Magnet Sophomores, Ahmari Hunt, Sophia DeLancey, Tamea Chappelle, and Morgan Perry, placed 1st in Group Documentary. Emma Ishakov placed 1st in the Individual Documentary. Clementine Jordan and Jacynth Tucker placed 3rd in Group Documentary. Hunt, DeLancey, Chappelle, Perry, and Ishakov will attend Nationals in June. Jordan and Tucker were alternates.

- ♦ School for the Arts and Scholars Academy Magnet Senior, Sarah Hasan, was accepted into the Ron Brown Scholar Capstone Program and received a full tuition scholarship to Duke University, where she plans to study Pre-law.



- ♦ AVID Early College Seniors, Jalen Gamble, Benjamin Maco, Davin Moses, Bailey Scott, Isaiah Thompson, Andrew Trauffler, and Chante Williams, graduated with their high school diploma and an Associate degree with Honors from USC-Sumter.
- ♦ AVID Early College Senior, Princess James, graduated with her high school diploma and with an Associate degree with High Honors from USC-Sumter.



## Activities



- ♦ Assistant Principal, Mr. Brandon Ross, was awarded the SC Association of School Administrators (SCASA) Secondary Principal of the Year.

♦ Student-2-Student (S2S) leadership team, Justyn Colon-Rodriguez, Jaden Graham-Martin, Naomi Hurst, & Le-Daviah Terry were selected for Frances Hesselbein Student Leadership Program.

- ♦ 2020-2021 Homecoming Winner: King Tyler Gadson, Queen Nyla Jackson, prince John Wright and Princess Katelyn Howard.



- ♦ Winter Wishes, Ridge View's annual service project, achieved the following:

- ♦ 15 pints of blood donated through the American Red Cross Bloodmobile.
- ♦ 35 coats and other winter wear collected for Transitions.
- ♦ 1653 toiletries and \$50 collected for Sistercare.
- ♦ Over \$3000 and 115 pounds of food collected for Harvest Hope Food Bank.
- ♦ 23 individuals from four different families were adopted through Families Helping Families
- ♦ 17 Ridge View students were adopted by Ridge View faculty.
- ♦ 342 dog toys were handmade and donated to a local animal shelter.

# Accomplishments for 2020-2021



- ◆ Ridge View Student Council was named South Carolina Association of Student Council (SCASC) Gold Honor Council and received the National Gold Council of Excellence Award.

◆ Ridge View Student Council received multiple awards in the SCASC 4A/5A division for all of their submitted projects. 1st Place: Senior Sunrise (Recreational Activities); 2nd Place: The Unity Day Video (Community Service) and Feel Good Friday (Recognition)

- ◆ Health Occupations Students of America (HOSA) members Kennedy Reynolds placed 1st in Nutrition and Toluwanimi Ariyo placed 2nd in Pathophysiology.



- ◆ 2020-2021 Cominghome Winners: Princess Treasure Wallace, King Davion Everett, and Queen Laila Acox.
- ◆ The Bowl Team won their 2nd consecutive League Championship after playing in the league for only two years.



- ◆ Student Council President, Yazmine Latimore was inducted into the Terry McCoy Hall of Fame. Student Council members, DeAvion Holloway-Lane and Terrance Brevard, were elected as District 4 Chair and Vice Chair, respectively.



## Arts

- ◆ 31 Ridge View Band members qualified for Region Band.



- ◆ Emilei Addington, Thomas Kane, & James Watson, members of the Ridge View Orchestra are members of the 2021 Midlands Region Orchestra.

◆ As part of a \$14.5 million bond referendum, the Auditorium Expansion Project will upgrade the theater to include changing rooms, design rooms, a dance room, and new entrance.

- ◆ Ridge View High School Band Director, Dustin King, was the recipient of the National Band Association's Citation of Excellence.

- ◆ Senior Thomas Kane and Art teacher Mrs. Katherine Perry had artwork exhibited at the Art Fields Festival in Lake City, SC.

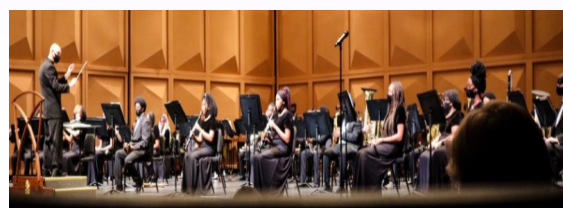


- ◆ Ridge View High School received the South Carolina Arts Commission Certification and the Distinguished Arts Curricular Innovation Grant (ACIG).

- ◆ Alijah Norris (Bass Clarinet 3rd Chair) and Morgan Whitelow (CB Clarinet 1st Chair) were selected for the All-State Band.



- ◆ Ridge View High School Band received performance awards from the University of South Carolina Band Clinic and the South Carolina Music Educators Association and performed at the Koger Center.



- ◆ Naima Whitted, Lanycia Taylor, and Jada Broome received an Alliance for Young Artists and Writers Scholastic Art Award for their art submissions.



## Athletics

- ◆ As part of a \$13 million bond referendum, Ridge View will receive a stadium, expansion to the gymnasium foyer, and weight room.

- ◆ Seniors Naejuan Barber, Darrius Footes, Antonio Gaines, Yance Kelley, Keaton Rogers, Jordan Smith, and Andre Washington were selected for the All-Region Football team. Barber and Smith were also selected for the 5A All-State Team.



- ◆ Cheer Competition team participated in the 5A Upper State Qualifier at Dorman High School.

- ◆ Michael McQueen was selected for the North-South All-Star Wrestling team.



# Accomplishments for 2020-2021

- ♦ The Swimming team finished fourth at the 5A Region 4 State meet.

- ♦ 1st Place: Ashley Hubbard (100m breast-stroke), Joseph Williams (50m freestyle);
- ♦ 2nd Place: Alicia Hubbard (100m back-stroke), Ashley Hubbard (100m butterfly), Joseph Williams (100m butterfly);
- ♦ 3rd Place: Alicia Hubbard (200m freestyle).
- ♦ Ashley Hubbard and Joseph Williams qualified for the 5A State Meet.



- ♦ Emma Iskhavo qualified for the Individual Upper State Golf Championship with a score of 99 in the Region 4A/5A Championships.
- ♦ Miquel Mason, Varsity Football player, was featured on WACH Fox.



- ♦ Senior Tyler Gadson was named one of the WACH Fox Crosby Roofing Scholar Athletes of the Week and Region Champion for Cross Country.

- ♦ 15 student-athletes sign college scholarships.
- ♦ Football: Keaton Rogers (Benedict College), Darius Footes (Bluefield State), Naejaun Barber (South Carolina State), Jordan Smith (South Carolina State), David Mitchell (Ellsworth CC)
- ♦ Basketball: Laila Acox (East Carolina University), Tyler Rice (William & Mary University), Nyla Jackson (Columbia College), DaVeon Thomas (Queen College), Mya Wasswa (Coker University), Mariah Mitchem (Coker University)
- ♦ Soccer: Andrea Mantor (Bethel University), Chanaya Carr (Converse College)
- ♦ Volleyball: Amiri Mason (Columbia College)
- ♦ Swimming: Joseph Williams (William Peace University)
- ♦ Track & Field: Mariah Mitchem (Coker University)
- ♦ Head Coach Yerrick Stoneman was named the South Carolina Athletic Coaches Association (SCACA) Boys Basketball Coach of the Year.
- ♦ Girls and Boys Varsity Basketball players earned the following awards:
  - ♦ Laila Acox: Class 5A Co-Player of the Year, Region IV-5A Player of the Year.
  - ♦ Gregory "GG" Jackson: Region III 5A Player of the Year.

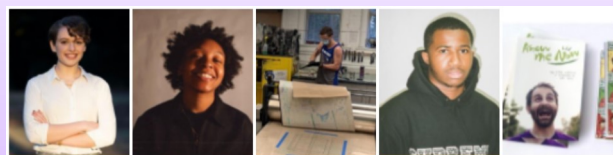
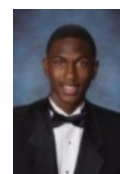


- ♦ Laila Acox was named @WLTX Player of the Week, was accepted into the 1,000 Points and 1,000 Rebound Club, and was nominated to the McDonald's All-American High School Team.
- ♦ Ridge View Girls and Boys Basketball players were selected for the following teams:
  - ♦ Girls Region IV-5A All Region Team: Laila Acox, Mya Wasswa, Mariah Mitchem, & Lanasia Brown
  - ♦ Boys Region III 5A All Region Team: Jaylon Jeter, Tyler Rice, and DaVeon Thomas
- ♦ Head Volleyball Coach Alexis Moses was named Region Coach of the Year.
- ♦ Laila Acox and Amalia Martin were selected for the Region IV-5A All Region Team. Acox was selected for 5A All-State Team.



## Alumni

- ♦ Malcolm Wilson played in the Big East Championship for Georgetown University and was appointed to the NCAA Oversight Committee.
- ♦ 5 Ridge View graduates were recipients of the University of South Carolina School of Visual Art & Design Award.
  - ♦ Sophia Angela: Service of Art Education
  - ♦ Jahnna Blyden: Service in the Undergraduate Program
  - ♦ Nicholas Brutto: Service in the Graduate Program
  - ♦ Joshua Robinson: Photography
  - ♦ Sam Spina: Distinguished Alumni



- ♦ Chaz Bear was nominated for a Grammy for Best Dance Recording for his song "The Difference".

## Social Media



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## 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.

*"We prepare today for success tomorrow."*

## Community Involvement During the COVID-19 Pandemic



Trunk or Treat



Honor Roll Celebration



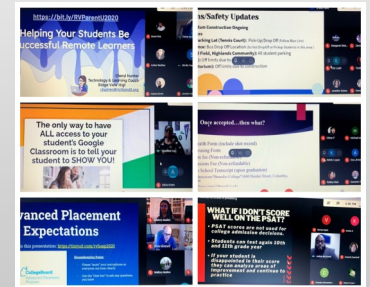
Suicide Prevention Walk



Community Outreach



Veteran's Day



Parent University

## 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.

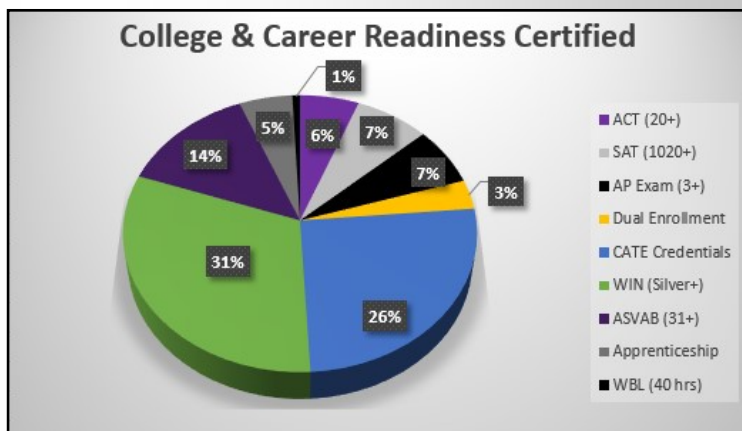
**Institute for Bio-Health Sciences and Allied Health Sciences:** The Bio-Health Sciences Magnet program at Ridge View High School, in conjunction with the nationally recognized Project Lead the Way Biomedical Sciences™ program, offers highly achieving students a dynamic curriculum that uses real world 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 2020 - 2021

- ◆ 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

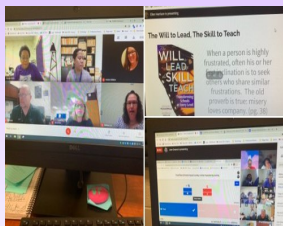


As of April 2021, 87% of the Class of 2021 received their College & Career Readiness (CCR) credential.



# The 4A's in a Blazer's Life during COVID-19

## Academics



AP & Honors Collaboration



Honor Roll Drive-Thru



AVID/Early College Cord Ceremony

## Activities



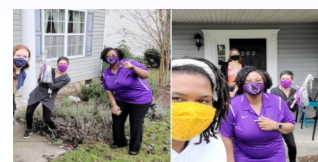
Orientation



Senior Sunrise



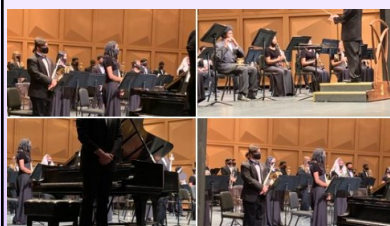
Winter Wishes



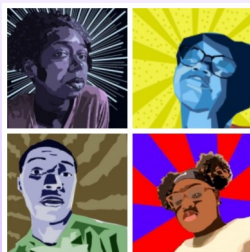
Feel Good Fridays



Auditorium Expansion Project



Band @ Koger Center

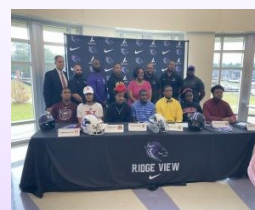


Virtual Class Projects



Fall Drama - 4 AM

## Arts



Signing Day 2021



Cheer Competition



Athletics Expansion Project



Laila Acox, 1000 Points Club

## Athletics