



Ridge View High School

Annual Parent Update

2017 - 2018

Annual Message

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Ridge View High School's administration and School Improvement Council wholeheartedly embraced this journey, to be premier in everything we do. Collaborative efforts of our parents and faculty resulted in continuous improvements for our students during the 2017-2018 school year 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.

Academics

- A school-wide magnet program, Arts Innovation for Medical Sciences Magnet (AiMS), implementing STEAMM – Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, Mathematics, and Medical.
- Collaborating with the University of South Carolina School of Public Health and Palmetto Health Hospital to offer pre-medical courses, a medical simulation room, and postsecondary education and training for our students.
- Interdisciplinary fusion of the Arts, Math, Technology, Engineering, and Science standards using Project Based Learning and offering a Black Box theatre, outdoor learning, makerspace, and character education.
- Two specialized magnet programs -- The Scholars Academy Magnet for Business and Law and The Institute for Health Sciences
- An AVID Early College program, in which enrolled students have an opportunity to earn an associate degree from the University of South Carolina - Sumter while still in high school without paying tuition.
- The Carolina Alliance for Technology (CAT) will have its first class of 25 Engineering and Computer Science students graduate this school term.
- In partnership with Clafin University, students in our CAT program are taking Dual Credit courses in Engineering and Computer Science.
- Malika Lightbourne, a Scholars Academy magnet student, is the only U.S. Presidential Scholar semifinalist candidate in Richland, Lexington, and Kershaw county public school districts.
- Tobi Ariyo, a Institute of Health Sciences and Scholars Magnet student, has been accepted to Harvard University.
- Xavier Jones is the first student in the country to receive a perfect score on the CATIA computer certification.

Activities

- Nine students competed in the State DECA Competition in Charleston in March.
- DECA Advisor, Pat Jackson, named an Honorary Life Member and received the DECA Advisor's Award.
- 14 students are Certified Nursing Assistants
- Student Council was recognized as a 2018 National Gold Council of Excellence
- The Public Relations Committee received the Golden Achievement award and 5 Publications and Media Awards.

Arts

- 41 Chorus students were selected for the 2018 High School District Honor Choir; and 20 were selected for the 2018 SC All-State Choir. They also performed at Carnegie Hall.
- The Chamber Choir participated in the Rising Stars Festival at the 2017 Piccolo Spoleto and placed 2nd at the Inaugural Charleston High School Choral Invitational.
- The Chamber, Concert, and String Orchestras received superior ratings at the Concert Performance Assessment.
- 9 Blazer Band students were selected for Region 3 Honors Band. For the 23rd consecutive year, the Blazer Band placed in the top 10 during the SC Band Directors Association Marching Band competition.
- Visual Arts students received 18 awards at the Southeastern Regional Scholastic Art and Writing competition. All three visual art teachers received awards for their personal artwork and placed 1st and 2nd at the South Carolina State Fair.

Athletics

- The Girls Tennis are the 4A Region III Champions. Hope Goodwin advanced to the State Tennis Championships.
- The Boys' Basketball team clinched the 4A State Championship over Wilson High School at Colonial Life Arena.
- The Girls and Boys Golf teams qualified for the 4A Upper State Tournament. Imani Belton qualified for 4A State Tournament.
- The Boys Soccer team qualified for the 2018 4A SCHSL Playoffs. Soccer players Nick Lawyer and Geraldo Bracete were named All Region.
- Daniel Korn was received All Region honors in Baseball. Coach Julio Iglesias was named Region Baseball Coach of the Year.
- Athletic Department received a SC/NSPRA Medallion Award for their comprehensive PR program for the Bojangles' Bash. They also received the Golden Achievement Award for #SADDLEUP public relations program.

Accomplishments for 2017 - 2018

Academics



- ♦ Awarded the National Math and Science Initiative grant, based on military enrollment, to expand access to challenging coursework.
- ♦ 41 AP Scholars, 3 AP Scholars with Honors, and 9 AP Scholars with Distinction, and 2 National AP Scholars
- ♦ The percentage of students who received a Work Ready certification is greater than Richland 2 and the State of South Carolina.
- ♦ Ridge View AVID Class of 2017 (only 11 students) graduated with a total of \$310,000 in scholarship money.
- ♦ Scholars Academy Magnet for Business and Law sophomore, Taryn Lynard, is a national finalist in the American Library of Poetry contest for her poem, Oppress.
- ♦ 6 Ridge View seniors were awarded the Sparkleberry Country Fair Scholarship.



- ♦ Mrs. Zipporah Little, CAT Counselor, is the SC CATE Counselor of the Year.
- ♦ Ridge View won first place in the state in the Economics Challenge, sponsored by SC Economics and held at the Darla Moore School of Business.
- ♦ 11 Seniors qualified for Palmetto Fellows.

- ♦ 4 of 7 AP World History teams participated in the State National History Day competition.



- ♦ Malika Lightbourne, Scholars Academy Magnet for Business and Law, is a 2018 Presidential Scholars Nominee.

Activities

- ♦ Student Council receives 2017 National Gold Council of Excellence Award for the eleventh consecutive year and the 4-H Video Award.
- ♦ The Robotics Team received a \$2,000 grant for the 2017-18 season.
- ♦ 17 of 20 HOSA students qualified for the 2nd round at the State Competition. 8 students placed in the Top 5 and 1 student received a \$500 scholarship.
- ♦ Let's Move Active Schools National Award winner
- ♦ 7 Ridge View DECA students who competed in the DECA Region II competitions. These students have qualified to represent our school and district at the SC State DECA Career Development Conference, in North Charleston, SC, March 2-4, 2018.
- ♦ The Public Relations Committee received the SC National School Public Relations Association Golden Achievement award and 6 Publication and Electronic Media awards.



Accomplishments for 2017 - 2018

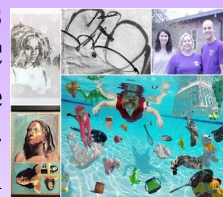
Arts

- ◆ Chamber Choir participated in the Rising Stars Festival at the 2017 Piccolo Spoleto, performed at the SC American Choral Director's Association Fall Conference and at the Koger Center, and placed 2nd at the Inagural Charleston High School Choral Invitational.
- ◆ Members of the Concert Choir traveled to New York to perform at Carnegie Hall.
- ◆ 20 Choral students were selected for the SC All-State Choir. 45 participated in the Richland District 2 Honor Choir. 12 participated in the Central Region Choir.
- ◆ School of the Arts and CAT sophomore, Byron Latimore, was selected for the American Choral Director's Association (ACDA) Southern Division Honor Choir.



- ◆ 23rd consecutive year for Blazer Marching Band making state finals and being one of the top 8 bands in the state.
- ◆ For the 2nd year in a row Ridge View Dance program performed with the South Carolina Philharmonic Link Up series.
- ◆ 5 Ridge View students were accepted into a local professional theatre company, Trustus Theatre's esteemed Apprentice Company.

- ◆ 39 School for the Arts students displayed artwork at the SC State Fair. SFA Director, Lane Laney, and teachers Chris Nostant and Katherine Perry won merit, 2nd place, and 1st place awards, respectively, for their submissions.



Athletics

- ◆ Ridge View Boys Basketball clinched the 4A State Championship.
- ◆ All five basketball teams won Region III-AAAA Championships. 3 girls and 3 boys players made the All-Region team. Waylyn Napper was named 2017 Newcomer of the Year. Head Coaches, Terrance Gibson (Girls) and Yerrick Stoneman (Boys), were Region Coaches of the Year.
- ◆ 2017 Varsity Football record was 7-4 and for the 2nd consecutive year appeared in the SCHSL playoffs. Head coach Perry Parks was the 2017 Regional Football Coach of the Year. Damon Daley was selected to play in the Shrine Bowl.
- ◆ Ridge View cheerleaders placed 2nd in the Regions Cheer Competition.
- ◆ Jabari Hampton is the SC State Weightlifting Champion.
- ◆ Freshmen, Keyani Turner competed in the AAAA State Cross Country Meet.
- ◆ The Girls Golf Team qualified for the AAAA Upper State Tournament with Imani Belton qualifying for the AAAA State Tournament.



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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.

Since Ridge View High School opened its doors in 1995, the continuous growth of the Northeast area has led to twice splitting our student population with the openings of Blythewood High School in 2005 and Westwood High School in 2012. 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 History

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

Community Involvement



Feast for Fathers 2018



Trunk or Treat 2017



Career Day 2018



Moments for Moms 2017



Cuts for Gabbiee 2017



Giving Bowl 2017

Schools-Within-A-School and Magnet Programs

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.

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.

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.

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.

Priorities for 2017 - 2018

***“Our aim is to
build each
student’s
experiences
towards a better
future.”***

- ◆ 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



Student of the Month



Greenwood Genetics



Palmetto Fellows 2017-2018

Activities



JDRF Fundraiser



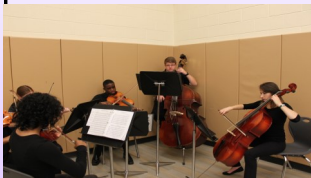
Homecoming 2017



Mr & Miss Ridge View



Holiday Arts Festival



Moments for Moms



Band Concert

Arts



State Basketball Champs



Signing Day 2017



Bojangles' Bash 2017

Athletics