



Ridge View High School

Annual Parent Update

2015-2016

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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.

School Demographics

Asian: 21
African-American: 1065
Hispanic/Latino: 64
Native American: 3
Pacific Islander: 5
Two or More Races: 41
White: 154

Enrollment

9th Grade: 375
10th Grade: 353
11th Grade: 309
12th Grade: 316
TOTAL: 1353

At Ridge View High School, Home of the Blazers, the learning experience is tailor-made for each student. Ridge View's School Improvement Council and administration's collaborative efforts have resulted in continuous improvement for our students via enduring support for the teaching and learning environment. SIC supported service learning community projects such as Winter Wishes and our annual Career Fair where community business leaders volunteered to speak to students about their professions and their road to success. Our faculty and staff implemented Project Based Learning (PBL), an instructional strategy for personalized learning. Scholars Academy students received a resolution from Richland County Council, sponsored by Councilwoman Julie-Ann Dixon, in support of their work with State Representative Mia McLeod, State Senator Vincent Sheheen and Richland County Sheriff Leon Lott on "Sierra's Law" which would allow minors to get an order of protection against an abusive partner. Ridge View's Student Council received the Gold Honor Council Award and 4-A Video Project Award in March at the state convention. Fine Arts students received 32 awards at the Scholastic Art and Writing Southeast Region Competition. Our Institute of Health Sciences was named a Magnet School of Distinction by Magnet Schools of America and on April 12, 2016, was recognized by State Superintendent of Education, Molly Spearman, during the State Board meeting.

The South Carolina Department of Education announced the Palmetto Gold and Silver Award winners for 2014-2015. The Palmetto Gold and Silver Awards program recognizes schools for attaining high levels of general performance and making substantial progress in closing the achievement gap, and Ridge View received Gold Awards in both areas—the only high school in the Midlands area to do so! Our graduation rate improved on the 2015 Report Card to 88.5 percent, which is higher than state and district averages.

At Ridge View, education is personal. We tailor the learning environment to include project based learning, which helps ensure that our Blazers are prepared for success! Please don't take my word for it. This is your hall pass to visit our campus. If a scheduled school tour doesn't excite you, then come to BlazerFest on May 21. This community event is a collaborative effort of SIC and PTSO, and is packed with fun, food, games and entertainment which showcase the talents of our students and the elementary and middle schools within the Ridge View cluster.



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SIC Members

Elected Members

Dixon, Julie-Ann (Co-Chairperson)
Stone, Jacki (Co-Chairperson)

Parent Members

Abel, Sandra
Banks, Jamie
Barnett, Deborah
Bookert, DeAnna
Brown, Lahassanda
Cornish, Sophia
Cunningham, Myra
Davis, Anthony
Dawson-House, Dawn
Farr, Junnieka
Hawkins, Bridget
Herbert, Tulya
Hough, Stacey
Jeffcoat, Joanie
Jones, Angela
Jordan, Jennifer
Knighting, Cathy
Lee, Tarolyn
Lesesne, Kent
Mack, Felecia
McFarlan, Sonja
McKie, Amelia
Merriwether-Hawkins, Sonja
Muller, Cleve
Muller, Michelle
Nelson, Rogie
Robertson, Kira
Shepard, Zilphia
Simmons, Cheri
Temple, Jennifer
Williams, Leroy

Student Members

Harrell, Aaliyah
Horton, Myckenzie
Jackson, Victoria
Jeffcoat, Mallory
McIntosh, Charmaine

Faculty Members

Edwards-Walker, Jacqueline
Gordon, David
Goings, Michelle
Harmon, Mary
Maynes, Gordon
Muniz, Ellie
Myers, Melissa
Thomas, Marlon
Upchurch, Allen

At-Large Members

Allen, Nancy
Argo, Melissa
Belfanti, Jenna
Brown, Regina
Call, Lisa
Chandler, Greg SRO
Chapman, Kathy
Cross, Dr. Darren
Cupstid, Rebecca
Heathcoe, Pat
Howard, Carlos
Jefferson, Wayne
Johnson, Miles
Mintor, Anthony
Nabors, Danny
Richardson, Val
Washington, Al



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

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.



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

Community Involvement



Feast for Fathers 2016



Trick or Trunk 2015



Career Day 2016



Representative McLeod Visits



Mother Daughter Tea



Giving Bowl 2015



Black History Program 2016



Principal for a Day—Mr. Shadd

Accomplishments for 2015-2016

- ♦ 55.6% increase in number of AP Scholars from 2014-2015
- ♦ 38 AP Scholars, 12 AP Scholars with Honors, and 6 AP Scholars with Distinction, and 1 National AP Scholar
- ♦ Palmetto Gold and Silver Awards Double Gold winner
- ♦ Institute for Health Sciences named National Magnet School of Distinction by the Magnet Schools of America



- ♦ Institute for Health Sciences recognized for excellence by state Superintendent of Education Molly Spearman
- ♦ Chandler Bailey recognized as a National Merit Finalist for 2016
- ♦ 9 HOSA students placed in the Top 10 at the State Conference with 2 students receiving Gold medals, 2 students receiving Silver medals, and 5 student receiving a Bronze medal.
- ♦ 10 Clinical Studies students successfully completed program as national Certified Nursing Assistants
- ♦ Over 40 Health Science students were certified as Basic Life Support Care providers by the American Heart Association
- ♦ 2 DECA student placed in the top 10 at the State Conference with Bryce Smith placing 1st in state for Virtual Business Challenge—Restaurant
- ♦ Wendi Wimmer elected as Assistant Executive Director for South Carolina Association of Student Councils
- ♦ Student Council receives Gold Council of Excellence Award and AAAA Video Project Award
- ♦ Student Council receives National Gold Council of Excellence for the tenth consecutive year
- ♦ Aaliyah Harrell elected into the Terry McCoy Hall of Fame
- ♦ JROTC successfully completed JPA inspection with a rating of 96%, thereby maintaining their Honor Unit with Distinction status for the entire history of the program at Ridge View



Accomplishments for 2015-2016

- ♦ 20 students won 32 awards through the Scholastic Art and Writing Southeast Region Competition
- ♦ Our Public Relations Committee won 7 South Carolina National School Public Relations Association awards, as listed:
- ♦ Vince Clayton inducted into the South Carolina Band Directors Hall of Fame
- ♦ Twenty-first consecutive year for Blazer Marching Band making state finals

Blazer Football—Power UP
(Broadcast Advertisements)

Carousel of Progress—Script
(Writing)

Carousel of Progress
(Golden Achievement)

Flood Relief
(Golden Achievement)

Principal's Column
(Special Purpose Publication)

Wellness Committee Promo
(Special Purpose Video Production)

Promotional Video
(Marketing)

- ♦ Congratulations to the Football Team for its 5 wins this past season



- ♦ Boys Basketball made the South Carolina High School League playoffs for the tenth consecutive year
- ♦ Girls Basketball made the South Carolina High School League playoffs for the ninth consecutive year
- ♦ Girls Basketball made the 3rd round of playoffs, and narrowly missed a Final Four berth by 1 point

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.

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 busi-

Priorities for 2015-2016

- ◆ 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
- ◆ Increase percentage of students taking Advanced Placement and dual-credit courses
- ◆ Continue to reduce percentage of students retained in the ninth grade
- ◆ Continue to expand professional development to address the RSD2 1TWO1 Technology Initiative
- ◆ Expand professional development opportunities that focus on student achievement
- ◆ Continue facilities improvements to include upgrades to exterior fields, lots and buildings

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



**National
Honor Society
Induction**

The 4 A's in a Blazer Life

Academics



Student of the Month



Career Day 2016



National Honor Society

Activities



Homecoming 2015

Miss Ridge View



Costume Contest



Winter Wishes 2015



"The Dating Game"
Freshman Parent Information Night

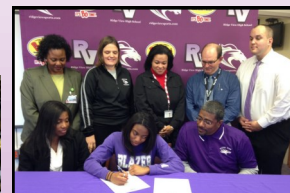
Arts



Blazer Football @ RCE



Bojangles Bash 2015



Signing Day 2016

Athletics

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South Carolina LIFE Scholars



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The Legislative Incentive for Future Excellence (LIFE) Scholarship is a merit-based scholarship administered by the financial aid office at each eligible public and independent institution in SC. Students attending a 4 year public school may receive up to \$5000 per year for four years.

**Find us on the web at
www.richland2.org/rvh**

*Ridge View
High School
proudly
celebrates more
than 20 years
of serving the
community.*

The purpose of the LIFE Scholarship is to:

- ♦ Increase **ACCESS** to higher education
- ♦ Improve **EMPLOYMENT** of South Carolina's students
- ♦ Provide **INCENTIVES** for students to be better prepared for college
- ♦ Encourage students to **GRADUATE** from college on time

LIFE Scholarship General Eligibility Requirements

To qualify for a South Carolina LIFE Scholarship, a student must meet any two of the following three criteria:

- ♦ Earn a 3.0 cumulative grade point average on a 4.0 scale
- ♦ Score an 1100 on the SAT or an equivalent 24 on the ACT
- ♦ Graduate in the top 30% of the graduating class

Ridge View High School proudly announces that 141 graduating seniors from its class of 2014 qualified for the LIFE Scholarship.

For additional information on the LIFE Scholarship, go to the South Carolina Commission on Higher Education website at <http://www.che.sc.gov/>

