



Ridge View High School

Annual Parent Update

2014-2015

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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: 25
 African-American: 1126
 Hispanic/Latino: 59
 Native American: 3
 Pacific Islander: 4
 Two or More Races: 35
 White: 208

Enrollment

9th Grade: 364
 10th Grade: 376
 11th Grade: 346
 12th Grade: 374
 TOTAL: 1460

Annual message from **Brenda Mack-Foxworth, Ed.D., Principal** **& Anthony Davis—Chairman of School Improvement Council**

Ridge View High School's administration and School Improvement Council's collaborative efforts have resulted in continuous improvements for our students during the 2014-2015 school year in the four A's- Academics, Arts, Activities, and Athletics. The highlight of our work this year included enhancing the lineup of Career and Technology Education programs with the addition of the Carolina Alliance for Technology (CAT) engineering and computer science stem clusters. Additionally, business and community partners provided internship and shadowing opportunities for many students. Moreover, we had over 70 business and community professionals donate their time to participate in the Career Fair Day held at Ridge View.

In terms of parent, community, and school partnership, the RVHS SIC continues its dialog with the community, school board members and other stakeholders to continue the beautification and facility upgrade process. The faculty and staff continue to strive for academic excellence for all students by personalizing the learning environment, as well as placing emphasis on the 21st century skills which graduates must possess in order to be successful for the walls beyond Ridge View High School. With the SIC's help the school continues to focus on making sure that Ridge View is no longer "The Best Kept Secret" in the District. To that end, we continue to improve the school's public relations team and community outlets to regularly share Ridge View's success stories, the bulk of which belongs to our talented students. Encouraging emphasis in the four A's will continue to be emphasized as we celebrate our student's achievements in the diverse areas of giftedness. The second annual Blazerfest Spring Festival will take place in May, 2015. This event is a collaborative effort of SIC and PTSO which showcase performances by RV student groups, and elementary and middle schools that are a part of the RV neighborhoods.

Since August, Ridge View High School has been celebrating two decades of outstanding teaching, learning, and unforgettable memories. Monthly celebrations will conclude in an on campus extravaganza celebrating the school's 20th anniversary at 6 p.m., Friday May 22.

The SIC and administration are very focused on continuing to improve communication so that families are connected to the school and develop a sense of Ridge View Blazer pride.



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SIC Members

Elected Members

Anthony Davis
Catina Barnes-Ricks
Cheryl Worrell

Parent Members

Abel, Sandra
Banks, Jamie
Barnett, Deborah
Bookert, DeAnna
Brown, Lahassanda
Cornish, Sophia
Cunningham, Myra
Dawson-House, Dawn
Dixon, Julie-Ann
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
Merrivether-Hawkins, Sonja
Muller, Cleve
Muller, Michelle
Nelson, Rogie
Robertson, Kira
Shepard, Zilphia
Simmons, Cheri
Stone, Jacki
Temple, Jennifer
Williams, Leroy

Student Members

Gaffney, Tamera
Genwright, Mikayla
Horton, Myckenzie
Horton, Schyler
Jackson, Kierra
Robinson, Trent Short, Annette

Faculty Members

Edwards-Walker, Jacqueline
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 explosive growth of the Northeast area has led to our splitting with the opening of Blythwood High School in 2005 and the opening of Westwood High School in 2012. Our focus on the Four A's (Academics, Arts, Activities, and Athletics) demonstrates 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



Career Day 2015



Muffins for Moms 2015



Black History Program 2015



Domestic Violence Town Hall



Mother Daughter Tea



Giving Bowl 2014



Trick or Trunk 2014

Accomplishments for 2014-2015

- ◆ 7.2% increase in number of students taking at least one AP exam
- ◆ 17 AP Scholars, 6 AP Scholars with Honors, and 13 AP Scholars with Distinction
- ◆ Alumnus Brandon Tensley named Henry Luce Scholar
- ◆ 28 students won awards through the Scholastic Art and Writing Southeast Region Competition
- ◆ Over 20 students completed the National Healthcare Foundations Standards exam, which is endorsed by the National Consortium for Health Science Education.
- ◆ 14 HOSA students placed in the Top 10 at the State Conference with 5 students receiving Gold medals, 2 students receiving Silver medals, and 1 student receiving a Bronze medal.
- ◆ Inaugural award of the Gabbie Swainson Memorial Scholarship, funded by the “Cuts for Gabbie” events
- ◆ Second annual Career Day featured over 60 business professionals and recruiters
- ◆ 6 DECA students placed in the top 10 at the State Conference
- ◆ Blazer Rangers wins 1st place in the JROTC Postal Marksmanship Competition out of over 40,000 entries
- ◆ Schyler Horton is inducted into the Terry A McCoy Leadership Hall of Fame
- ◆ Student Council receives Gold Award and AAA/AAAA Outstanding Project Award
- ◆ Vince Clayton named Bandmaster of the Year by Phi Beta Mu, National Professional Bandmasters Fraternity, and chosen to adjudicate the Virginia Band and Orchestra Directors Associations' State Assessment Concert Festival
- ◆ This is the twentieth consecutive year making the state finals for the Blazer Marching Band
- ◆ Wendi Wimmer wins McWaters “Flip It” Contest and receives \$40,000 classroom makeover
- ◆ Michael Holbrook places 2nd in Young Musician Competition
- ◆ Alumnus Sarah Hammond receives Richard Rogers Award for Musical Theater
- ◆ Brooke Bedenbaugh named as head coach for the North All-Stars Girls Golf Team who won the North-South Game.
- ◆ Dennis Daley awarded 4A Upper State Lineman Award by SC Football Coaches Association
- ◆ Conversion of game field to artificial turf
- ◆ Lighting installed on upper practice field (tower lot)



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.

Institutes 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.

Ridge View Scholars Academy: The Ridge View Scholars Academy Magnet program is for highly motivated students who are interested in a curriculum with a strong interdisciplinary structure, incorporating humanities, science, math and the fine arts.

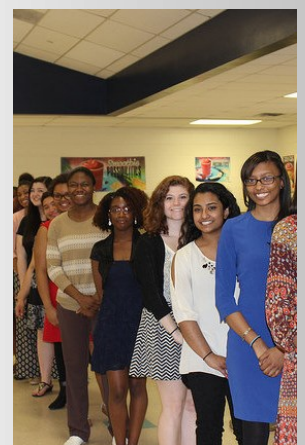
School for the Arts: The School for the Arts is designed for students who have special talents and serious interest in the arts fields - visual arts, band, orchestra, chorus, dance, creative writing, and drama.

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 2014-2015

- ◆ Expand internship opportunities for all students
- ◆ 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 the percentage of students taking Advanced Placement and dual-credit courses
- ◆ Continue to reduce the 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



Magnet Interviews



Career Day 2014



National Honor Society

Activities



Homecoming 2014



Kiss the Blazer 2014

Miss Ridge View



Pink Out for Breast Cancer 2014



Winter Wishes 2014



Art Leadership "Shrek"

Arts



Homecoming 2014



Signing Day 2015



Bojangles Bash 2014



Cominghome 2015

Athletics

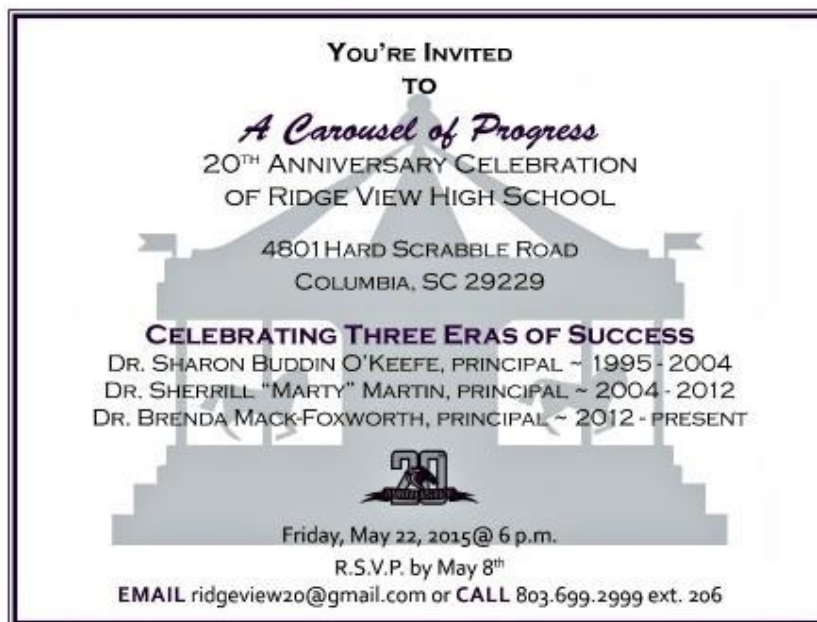
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*Ridge View High
School proudly
celebrates 20 years
of serving the
community.*



South Carolina LIFE Scholars



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.

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/>