

## SALUDA HIGH SCHOOL

### **Mission Statement:**

Teaching Children to be Learners for Life.

**Vision:** Saluda High School will create a culture that fosters innovative, caring, responsible and self motivated learners who will succeed in an ever-changing world.



### **PURPOSE OF REPORT**

This report is provided to parents in compliance with the Education Finance Act (EFA) and the Education Improvement Act (EIA). It is a report to share the accomplishments of Saluda High School students, parents, and teachers for the current school year.

## SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL MEMBERS

Harvey Livingston-Principal  
Mary Bates-Chairperson-Teacher  
Deborah Minick-ex-Officio  
Gilda Taffola-elected teacher  
Lynn Perry-elected teacher  
Angie Rita-community representative  
Sarah Lewis- secretary-community  
Bryan Vacchio-appointed counselor  
Jacquelyn Middleton-elected parent  
Brenda Gilliam-community representative  
Gina Sawyer-elected parent  
Will Sawyer-elected student  
Ana Carbajal-elected student  
Joel Licea-elected student  
Jessica Will-elected student  
Sherry Jones-elected parent  
Fred Wideman-elected parent

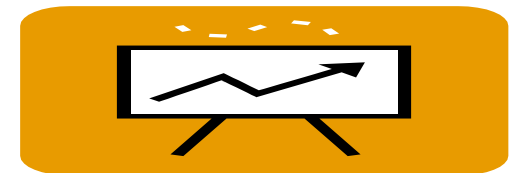


## SOUTH CAROLINA ANNUAL SCHOOL REPORT CARD

The report card provides information to the community about our school, compared to all other high schools in South Carolina similar to us. For the 2012-2013 school year, Saluda High School received a Absolute Rating of Good.

### **IMPROVEMENT INITIATIVES**

The Saluda High family is forever seeking ways to provide the best education possible to all of our students. We continue to use TIGER Club (Tracking Individual Growth of our Educational Responsibilities), Mentor and PLC (Professional Learning Community) and SCORE (Saluda Creates Opportunities for Real Effectiveness) programs to assist students. SHS added Virtual School Academy and the conception of Saluda Middle School College to assist the already positive initiatives at SHS.



### **Advanced ED EVALUATION**

Saluda High School received accreditation through the AdvanceEd site evaluation process.



## HIGHLIGHTS

**Paul Johnson** –Science Teacher at SHS- named District Teacher of the Year-One of five finalist for S.C. Teacher of the Year and named the American Legion Department of S.C. 2013 Teacher of the Year.

SHS guidance department has been working tirelessly in creating positive change for the betterment of our students, as well as their parents. For the fourth consecutive year, the guidance staff was able to boast 100% completion of all individual graduation plan (IGP) meetings for students and parents. In addition, Dr. Bryan Vacchio and Mrs. Yolanda Moore created and implemented new programs to both facilitate and enhance student achievement. Two of the most noteworthy programs are SHS’s Virtual School Academy and the conception of Saluda Middle College, slated to begin this fall. Furthermore, Facebook page continues to be a viable avenue of dispersing important, time-sensitive information to students and parents.

Two boys Varsity Basketball players were recognized at the High School Sports Report Winter All-State Banquet , at Seawell’s in Columbia. One of these players recognized as a member of the 2012-2013 All Rookie Team. The other player recognized as a member of the High School Sports Report 2012-2013 AA All State Team . One varsity football player invited to play in the Under Armour Combine game in St. Petersburg Florida. Cross Country made history that both girls and boys teams qualify for the SC High School League State Championship.

Building Construction intro classes have built model scale houses, Adirondack chairs and are working on building decorative lamps. Level One classes have built ceramic inlaid tables, porch glider swings, cedar furnishings and are working on finishing a produce stand that will be stationed in downtown Saluda. The senior class has wired, installed interior/exterior lights and interior/ exterior receptacles in the band storage building.

The Junior Achievement classes had another successful year, with well over \$5000 in sales.

SHS Beta Club was involved in multiple charitable projects: Breast Cancer Awareness, Pennies for Patients, St. Jude Children’s Research as well as assisting at this year’s Special Olympics.

NJROTC student ranked First in Area Six Rifle Championship and placed 8th in the National Championship.

## SHS ON POINT ACCOMPLISHMENTS



Four HOSA students placed 3rd in the Creative Problem Solving category at the State HOSA Conference. They will compete this summer at the National HOSA conference in Nashville Tennessee .

The graduating class of 2013 has one Palmetto Fellows Scholar to date. This is the highest scholarship honor awarded by The State of South Carolina. This senior class is actively working on rivaling last year’s record breaking scholarship total by the SHS Class of 2012. As of mid-April , we have received notices of 70 college acceptances for at least 33 students and more acceptance letters are coming in each day.

Art student received 1st Place in the S.C. Reel Art Fish Contest for Best of Show. One student placed 2nd and two received Honorable Mentions in the S.C. Jr. Duck Stamp Art Contest. Two students place 3rd in their perspective age groups in the National Wild Turkey Extreme Jakes National Art Contest. Art Teacher Coach Bell mentored a Lander University Art student through a 12 week student teaching assignment..

A giant mural has been painted on the freshman hall at SHS. The mural is the painting of a tiger eye to reference: Keep their Eye on the Ultimate Goal of Graduating.

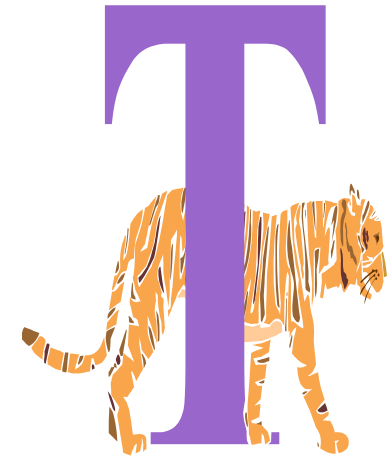
The Broadcast Journalism class is proud of current and former members of the program for high achievements. Current student received first place in the high school division at the Lander University Film Festival-for his short film. Two former students received awards in the college division.

FFA student placed 2nd at the Public Speaking region competition.. Dairy Judging team placed first in state competition. Poultry Judging team placed 4th in state competition. FFA members donate flowers to the state house in Columbia SC. FFA also adopted a 2 mile portion of highway 178 to class. On there first run they collected 22 bags of trash. Student through the Congressional Youth Leadership attended the Presidential Inauguration.

A group of Biology I and II Honors students attended Clemson University to take the Biology Merit Exam. One student placed in the top 20% of test scores earning a Second Honorable Mention. Several students participated in the Biology Bowl at Clemson. The Symphonic Band scored an excellent rating at the S. C. State Concert Festival.

# Saluda High School 2012/2013 Annual Report

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