

## 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

James Crawford-ex officio  
Deborah Minick-chairperson  
Nikita Wigfall-elected teacher  
Paul Johnson-elected teacher  
Dean Roesner-elected teacher  
Angie Rita-community representative  
Lisa Simmons-business representative  
Bryan Vacchio-appointed counselor  
Jacquelyn Middleton-elected parent  
Brenda Gilliam-elected parent  
Gina Sawyer-elected parent  
Zac Rita-elected student  
Kristen Crawford-elected student  
Anna Yonce-elected student  
Daniel Middleton-elected student  
Jose' Martinez-elected student  
Sarah Lewis-appointed secretary



## 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 2010-2011 school year, Saluda High School received the **Palmetto Gold Award** for substantial progress in closing the achievement gap and the **Palmetto Silver Award** for general performance.

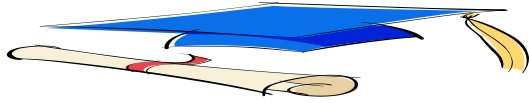
### **IMPROVEMENT INITIATIVES**

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) programs to assist students. SHS continued the initiative to link the school and community by taking on the responsibility of presenting the 2011 South Carolina High School Rodeo for the 3rd time.



### **Advanced ED EVALUATION**

Saluda High School successfully passed the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools accreditation site evaluation. The process, conducted in the fall of 2010, identified strengths and weaknesses; plans were developed for implementation over the next five year period.



## HIGHLIGHTS

Band Director **Allison Shealy** -SHS Teacher of the Year.

SHS guidance department has been working consistently to make positive changes for the betterment of our students, as well as their parents. For the first time, the SHS guidance staff scheduled individual pre-registration conferences with all students and their parents. **Fifty-six percent of our students' parents were able to attend an individual conference.** Furthermore, in an effort to improve communication with our parents and the community as a whole, we established a Facebook page for people wanting to receive instantaneous updates on their cell phones or computers. The Twitter account created last year had moderate success; however, our Facebook page has seen a 700% increase in the amount of traffic in the first two weeks.

One male and two female Varsity Basketball players were chosen to play in the very first **FATZ's Cafe ASO Southern Piedmont All Star Basketball Game** held at Lander University. Players that participated are top team players from public and private schools.

SHS hosted the South Carolina High School Rodeo for the 3rd straight year. Art students designed the logo for the rodeo advertisements and program. Six Desktop Publishing students designed the flyers.

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

SHS Beta Club has taken over the recycling duties at the high school. They participated in the Special Olympics by extending a helping hand in an effort to brightening the lives of those with special needs. Their goal is to raise at least \$2500 or more for this year's Relay for Life Cancer Benefit.

The SHS Building Construction Level I Class is in the process of constructing ten camouflaged tower stands that will be sold to the general public. The two introduction classes are fabricating scale frame houses. This project enables the students to identify and install components used in the framing process of a residential house.

The FBLA gives students a new perspective on the fields of marketing, economics, career exploration and other business entities. They traveled to Six Flags Over Georgia to participate in the Annual Marketing Educational Day.



## ACCOMPLISHMENTS

HOSA students placed in three categories at the State HOSA Conference held in Charleston, SC. They placed 4th in the HOSA Bowl, 5th in Extemporaneous Speaking and 5th in Creative Problem Solving. Health Science Technology students' CNA exam passage rate remains above average. Seven students became certified in CPR.

One student has been awarded the Palmetto Fellows Scholarship. Another student was recognized as a National Achievement Scholarship finalist. The grand total in scholarship money received by this graduating class should rival last year's senior class. As of mid-March, the guidance department has received notices of 48 college acceptances for at least 33 students, and more acceptance letters are coming in each day.

Art students won three state awards for the SC Jr. Duck Stamp Art Contest. One student won 3rd place and two were honorable mention winners.

The Broadcast Journalism class was recognized by the South Carolina Scholastic Press Association as one of the top programs in the state.

SHS had two FFA students to place in the Tool Identification Contest. One student tied for 1st place individual and another placed 2nd in the individual State Tractor Driving contest. Also, our FFA Forestry Team placed second overall in the Woodland Clinic and one student won highest individual score.

Two students advanced to the second round of the Teaching Fellows Scholarship process.

Two Chemistry II students will participate in the American Chemical Society Chemistry Olympiad.

The Symphonic Band scored an excellent rating at the South Carolina Band Director's Association Concert Festival.

*The Prism* won an Honor rating last year. *The Prism and Purple and White* publications are members of the South Carolina Scholastic Press Association.



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