

## 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.

### **Advanced ED EVALUATION**

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

## **SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL MEMBERS**

Harvey Livingston-Principal

Mary Bates-Chairperson-Teacher

Deborah Minick-Ex-Officio

Gilda Tafolla-Teacher

Carrie Forrest-Teacher

Brad Johnson-Teacher

Sarah Lewis- Secretary

Bryan Vacchio-Appointed Counselor

Jacquelyn Middleton-Parent

Brenda Gilliam-Community

Gina Sawyer-Community

Will Sawyer-Student

Ana Carbajal-Student

Blair Harmon-Student

Kayla Stephens-Student

Sherry Jones-Parent

Fred Wideman-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 2013-2014 school year, [Saluda High School received a Absolute Rating of Excellent and was named a Palmetto Gold Award Winner.](#)

### **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 Mentors, PLC (Professional Learning Community) and SCORE (Saluda Creates Opportunities for Real Effectiveness) to assist students and teachers. SHS continues to expand its Virtual Academy and added the Saluda Middle School College this year to allow our student yet another educational opportunity.

### **SRO Chris Crouch**

I returned to SHS in February from a deployment to Afghanistan and I am happy to be back among the students and faculty. Summer is fast approaching so be aware of who your children's friends are and where they hang out. Peer pressure leads to doing dangerous things, such as thrill seeking, drugs and alcohol. Being a parent first and a buddy second will pay off for your child in the long run and they will appreciate you for it



## HIGHLIGHTS

**SHS** guidance department continues working tirelessly in what has proven to be a banner year in our office. 2013-14 marks the first year of our hybrid master schedule creation & implementation, and we are already seeing an improvement in overall grades. This endeavor has attracted the attention of school administrators from across the state, having already entertained visitors from two school districts looking for similar success in their high schools. In addition, two key programs are up and running which facilitate and enhance student achievement. SHS's Virtual School Academy has received statewide acclaim, and SHS Director of Guidance, Dr. Bryan Vacchio, will be sharing his vision of the integrated online/traditional school model at this year's SC Education & Business Summit. Furthermore, Saluda Middle College boasts an initial class of 10 students, working towards their high school diploma and associate of arts degree concurrently. Moreover, for the fifth consecutive year, the guidance staff is able to report 100% completion of all individual graduation plan (IGP) meetings for students and parents.

**One** boys Varsity Basketball player was named Region Player of the Year and 1st Team All-Lakelands. A Girls Varsity Basketball player was named All Region and HSSR All State. One girls tennis player was named Region Player of the Year with a 10-0 record and named to the All Lakelands team. Three additional girls tennis players received All Region honors as well. Two varsity football players played in the North South and Shrine Bowl All Star Games. Four other varsity football players were named to the All Region team and three received All Region honorable mentions. One varsity football player was invited to play in the Under Armour Combine Game in St. Petersburg Florida for the 2nd consecutive year. Two football players, one baseball players, and one male golfer signed National Letters of Intent to play collegiate sports.

**The** Junior Achievement classes had another successful year, with well over \$3600 in sales. Donated 25% of profits to local charity.

**SHS** Beta Club continue to be 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** Rifle Team place fourth in the Area Six Rifle Championship

## SHS ON POINT'

### ACCOMPLISHMENTS

HOSA had a total of 21 students to place 1st, 2nd and 3rd in various categories at the State HOSA Conference. A student was named Vice President of the SC HOSA for the 2014-2015 term.

The graduating class of 2014 has three Palmetto Fellows Scholars 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 100 college acceptances for at least 40 students and more acceptance letters are coming in each day. Students are being accepted to colleges as far north as West Virginia and as far west as Oklahoma. One student has received the Teaching Fellows Scholarship.

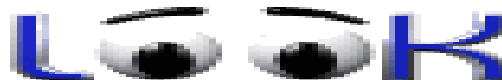
Art student received 2nd Place in the S.C. Reel Art Fish Contest, another received an honorable mention. One student received honorable mention in the S.C. Jr. Duck Stamp Art Contest.

SHS had 31 of 60 seniors that participated in the HSTW Assessment in February 2014, receive an Award of Educational Achievement. Students qualify for the award by completing a college-preparatory course of study in at least two of three subject areas and meeting readiness goals in all three subject areas of math reading and science.

The Broadcast Journalism student won the high school division of the Lander University Film Festival.

FFA Judging team placed 2nd in state competition at Clemson University. One student was named high individual out of all students competing across the state and one placed 3rd in Dairy Handling. FFA students visited the SC State Legislator for FFA Legislators Appreciation Day. These students had a chance to visit with Representative Ralph Kennedy, Senator Shane Massey and Senator Floyd Nicholson to discuss the state of agriculture in SC.

Three band students were named to the prestigious SC Band Director's Association Region Band.



# Saluda High School 2013/2014 Annual Report

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