

## 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  
Patricia Murillo-Teacher  
Carrie Forrest-Teacher  
Brad Johnson-Teacher  
Carrie Lowe-Teacher  
Sarah Lewis- Secretary  
Jessica Burke-Appointed Counselor  
Jacquelyn Middleton-Parent  
Brenda Gilliam-Community  
Beatriz Esperanza-Community  
Cesar Carillo-Student  
Madison Price-Student  
Hudson Noteboom-Student  
Kayla Stephens-Student  
Sherry Jones-Parent  
Fred Wideman-Community  
Yolanda Moore-Community

## **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 2014-2015 school year, [Saluda High School received a overall rating of Excellent and was named a Palmetto Gold Award Winner.](#)

### **IMPROVEMENT INITIATIVES**

Saluda High continues to seek ways to provide the best education possible to all of our students. This year we implemented two new academic programs: **LEAD21**, project-based learning courses, in which students work in teams to solve a problem that they've identified in their community. The other is program is **Project Lead the Way's** Computer Science. PLTW's goal is to build student interest and engagement in computer science in order to prepare them for great career opportunities that require computational thinking.

### **School Resource Officer**

### **Safety Tips**

With summer quickly approaching this is a great time to discuss preventative safety measures with your child. During the summer month there is an increase in accidental injuries. Keep your child safe during this time by keeping tabs on their locations and who they are spending time with. Remind your child that they should always be cautious and alert. Have a great and safe summer break.



## HIGHLIGHTS

**SHS** welcomed two new Guidance Counselors: Ms. Jessica Burke and Mrs. Valerie Smith. The guidance department continued this year to work on the hybrid master schedule to make it a schedule that helps all students attain success. The Saluda High Virtual School Academy, along with SC Virtual School, has seen a large enrollment this year. 148 students have been served this year in a program that includes courses for initial credit as well as credit recovery. This program has allowed some students to stay on grade level and others to enhance the rigor of their curriculum.

The 2014-15 year has also seen an increase in students taking Middle College and Dual Enrollment offerings. A total of 35 students have taken advantage of this opportunity to get a head start on college coursework. For the first time this April, all juniors will take the ACT College Entrance Exam and the WorkKeys Assessment. These two tests will allow our students to focus on college and career readiness skills and be ready for their next steps after high school. The Guidance Department has completed the Individual Graduation Plan (IGP) for all students this school year and will meet the 100% goal once again.

**SHS** Varsity Girls' Basketball Team finished the season with an overall record of 17-3 and 10-0 in the region. The Lady Tigers won the first Region Championship in school history since the 1997-98 season. Boys' Varsity Basketball Team finished with a record of 12-10 and 4-6 in the region. They finished their season in the 2nd round of the playoffs at Andrew Jackson high, after a very impressive win over #1 seed Blacksburg. The Varsity Soccer Team won their second straight region title. They are currently 9-0 in the region and 11-1-1 overall. SHS Varsity Football Team had two players to earn All-Region honors and two to earn All-Lakelands honors. Two players signed National Letters of Intent to play college football.

**The** Junior Achievement classes had another successful year with well over \$3000 in sales. They donated 25% of their profits to local charity.

**SHS** Beta Club adopted three families at Christmas. They also raised money for the Susan G. Komen Foundation and assisted with the Special Olympics again this year.

**NJROTC** Team has assisted with over 30 different school and community events.

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## ACCOMPLISHMENTS

One HOSA student was elected as the 2015-16 SC HOSA State President Student Officer. HOSA again has an 100% pass rate on the National Nurse Aide Assessment Program CNA Exam and a 100% pass rate on the National Health Science Assessment. HOSA teacher Lisa Hallman was named advisor of the year. HOSA also raised over \$1500 for The Leukemia and Lymphoma Society.

The graduating class of 2015 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 meeting or breaking the scholarship total by the SHS Class of 2014. As of mid-April, we have received notice of 81 college acceptances. Every diploma track student has applied to attend at least one four or two year college. Students are being accepted to colleges as far north as West Virginia and as far West as Alabama. One student has received the Teaching Fellows Scholarship.

Art students received one third place and three honorable mentions in the S.C. Jr. Duck Stamp Art Contest. The Art department will host its first Annual Art Show on May 8th at 7:00 PM.

Eight students were chosen as finalists in the USC Honors College Pat Conroy Writing Contest.

Teacher Dobbie Shealy was awarded the local Chester D. Townsend VFW Post 6561 National and District Education Teacher Award.

Mary Bates was selected Teacher of the Year.

One student won first place in the Regional Career Specialist's Job Shadow Essay Contest for the Upper Savannah Region.

FFA students attended the SC FFA sponsored State Legislators Appreciation Ceremony in Columbia, SC. They also placed first in the Woodland Clinic Forestry Skills.

FCA has sponsored multiple 5th Quarter events after football and basketball games. They also attended the SC Spring Retreat in Myrtle Beach.

SHS Biology, Anatomy and Physiology students' were guided through various genetic labs aboard the Greenwood Genetic Centers' Gene Machine mobile lab.

Teacher Paul Johnson's Biology students participated in Clemson University's Biology Merit Exam.

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