

School Achievements

Student Climate:

Student Attendance Rate reached 91.8%.
Parent Conferences increased to 98%.
Dual enrollment courses offered 15.

Student Achievement:

Graduation Rate increased to 85.2%.
End of Course percentage of students passing 64.9%.
—Algebra 1/Math for Technologies 61.8%.
—English 1 59.8%.
—Biology 1 73.3%.
—US History and the Constitution 64.2%.

Teacher/Administrator Quality:

Teacher attendance rate 94.5%.
Teachers returning from previous year 82.9%.

Graduation Stats:

Class of 2016 Graduates 312 Students.
Percentage of Seniors eligible for Life/Palmetto Fellows Scholarships 27.2%.
Total Scholarships \$5,963,150.

School Improvement Council

By Mary Katharine Thorne

SIC members work closely with the CCHS Parent Teacher Student Organization (PTSO) to provide for the community in various ways. Members

of SIC and PTSO have planned and hosted a complimentary spaghetti dinner, a prom fashion show, and a school-wide dance, and have funded student scholarships and supported staff appreciation initiatives.

Colleton County High SIC Members

*Chair/Community: Mr. Ken McCaskill,
Vice Chair/Teacher: Ms. Rebecca Goodwin,
Secretary: Rebecca Hooker;
Community: Drew Calcutt, Vonda Calcutt,
Lynne Douglas Simmons, Lee Petrolawicz
Principal: Dr. Melissa Crosby, Assistant
Principal: William Hayden; Teachers:
Brandi Boseman, Lydia Culler, Sally Davis,
Tabitha Dewitt, MyLinda O'Quinn
Parents: Shakeera Green, Rebecca Hooker,
Kelly O'Quinn; Students: Samantha Calcutt,
Kaitylyn Cook*

Purpose of the Report

"This Report is issued by the Colleton County High School Improvement Council in accordance with South Carolina law to share information on the school's progress in meeting various goals and objectives, the work of the SIC, and other accomplishments during the school year."

Colleton County High School

Annual School Improvement Council "Report to the Parents" 2016-17



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Student Achievement

Health and Human Services to Expand

by Jerolyn E. Murray, GCDF, M.Ed.,
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The Health Careers Academy (HCA) @ Colleton County High School is an innovative, 21st Century driven learning program designed to prepare high school students for post-secondary success in healthcare industry related careers. HCA will offer a range of courses taught by a team of highly-qualified, SC certified educators who also have years' of business and/or healthcare industry experience. In partnership with Lowcountry AHEC, HCA is committed to providing real-world, hands-on learning opportunities to equip students with knowledge, skills and abilities necessary for job-readiness in today's market. Students who complete the high school requirements through courses in HCA will have the opportunity to obtain a variety of industry certifications to help launch their post-secondary education and/or careers. Application information for

interested rising 9th grade students will be provided in the near future. For more information, contact Colleton County High School at (843)782-0031.

Youth In Government

By Mary Katharine Thorne

Youth In Government (YIG) is a club that enables students to partake in a mock-legislative process at an annual conference in the South Carolina State House. This Year, sixteen Cougar New Tech students attended the four-day conference. They wrote their own bills and acted as Senators, Legislators, and Lobbyists. Amy Petralowicz and Maria Maneva's bill was passed in both the Senate and House of Representatives and was signed by the YIG Governor. Participating in the Youth In Government Conference sharpened the students' communication skills as they debated current issues and befriended students from across the state. When reflecting on her experience, Co-President of CCHS YIG, Susanna Seigler said, "YIG has impacted me so heavily and allowed me to open up and show people who I really am," expressing a desire to empower her peers to feel the same way.

Student Government

By Rebecca Goodwin

Student Council has been very busy this year. We have raised money for several charities such as Relay for Life, Habitat for Humanity and the Lymphoma Society. All staff members were recognized during American Education Week and all sports teams received "goodie" bags for an away game to show our appreciation for their dedication as student athletes. The council attended the District 1 Rally at Cane Bay and two students presented workshops. Lance Calcutt was elected District 1 Vice Chair at the SCASC State Convention and our council was given the Gold Service Award for 4A schools.

Mission Statement

The mission of Colleton County High School and Thunderbolt Career and Technology Center is to challenge and prepare every student to become a responsible, self-disciplined citizen and a life-long learner.
