



DREHER HIGH SCHOOL

2017-2018 AAAA RENAISSANCE SCHOOL

Academics Arts Activities Athletics



From our Principal, Jeanne Stiglbauer:

In the 2017-2018 school year our students continued Dreher's storied tradition of excellence. As you will read in this report, Blue Devils achieved considerable success in academics, the arts, athletics, and community service. Blue Devils were nationally acclaimed scholars. They were All-State athletes, singers, and musicians. The talents of our thespians and visual artists were recognized in statewide competitions.

It is not only the highest accolades that make us proud to be Blue Devils. Dreher is a high school where all students have the chance to be successful. For example, our students passed the state-mandated End-of-Course exams at an enviable rate. The hard work of all of our students and staff earned a graduation rate of over ninety percent for the Class of 2017, with many students now enjoying academic and athletic scholarships.

The Blue Devil spirit is also alive in the community. Our sincere gratitude is extended to all who worked together to promote the vision of new athletic facilities on campus.



US New and World Report named Dreher the **13th best high school in the state**, the **best in Columbia**, and awarded Dreher a **Silver Medal**.

Achievements in Academics



Celeste Johnson, Thomas Johnson and Zuri Gilmore-Stevenson (above) are **National Commended Scholars**. See page 4 for our **seven National Merit Semifinalists**.

Dreher led the District and bettered the State in the mean scale scores of students on the four **End-of-Course** exams, in the percentage of students receiving the **Ready to Work** performance certification, and in average composite **ACT** scores.

Dreher bettered both state and national average **SAT** scores.

Twenty-five students were among the first in the State to earn the **AP Capstone Diploma**. Eight more earned the **AP Research and Seminar Certificate**.

Forty-nine seniors in Class of 2018 were **High School Scholars/Academic All-Stars**.



Freshman **Leon Wang** (*at right*) was the top scorer in SC for the Local Chemistry Olympiad and was named to the National Chemistry Olympiad Honor List.

Our pass rate for the 335 students who took 736 **AP exams** in 2018 was **73.6%** v. 58% statewide and 57% across the nation.

Ten students were **National AP Scholars**, with scores of 4 or higher on eight or more AP exams.

Forty-six students were **AP Scholars with Distinction** (scores of 3 or higher on five or more exams).

Twenty students were **AP Scholars with Honor** (scores of 3 or higher on four or more exams).

Sixty-four were **AP Scholars** (scores of 3 or higher on three or more exams).

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Achievement in Arts

For the second consecutive year **Sophia Bulzoni** had two photographs (below) selected for the SC Photography Exhibition at Columbia Museum of Art and later displayed in the Capitol Hill offices of Senator Lindsey Graham.



Julia Rayfield's drawing (below) won first place at the State Fair.



Mary Huth's photograph (below) was awarded first place at the State Fair.



Kelsi Hallman was selected to play double bass with the **All-State Orchestra**.

The Orchestra was rated **Superior** by the SC Music Educators Association and 13 members were rated **Superior** by SCMEA.

The **Marching Band** placed ninth in statewide competition.

The **Symphonic Band** was rated **"Superior with Distinction"** at the South Carolina Band Directors Association (SCBDA).

Together the **Bands of Dreher** were rated **"Outstanding"** by SCBDA.

Everett Aguirre, Delaney Dunn, Ben Eidson, Luke Smoak, and Derreck Webber were named to the **All-State Jazz Band**.

Ben Eidson, Luke Smoak, and Bryson Stakely earned chairs in the **All-State Concert Band**.

Anna Boesl, Nia Burton, Clavin Coombs, Lauren Gantt, Jean Gonzales-Flores, Leah Hug, Matthew McKnight, Jamel Reynolds, Raekwon Scott, and Gabrielle Smyrl were named to the SC Music Educators Association (SCMEA) **All-State Chorus**.



Dreher Chorus was rated **"Superior with Distinction"** by SCMEA.

Anna Boesl was invited to perform as a Rising Star at Piccolo Spoleto.

Six students were named to the first-ever All-State Guitar Ensemble: **Everett Aguirre, Aujanae' Brown, Ross Crowley, Quinlan Dandridge, Rex Hagins, and Elizabeth Thomson**.

Eleven thespians qualified for national competition: **Salathiah Campbell, Warren Hastie, Arrington Jones, Mary Devall Koenigs, Sydney Largent, Alexa Nyberg, Jessa Philp, Jamie Porter, Raekwon Scott, Maggie Smith, and Demarcus Williams**.

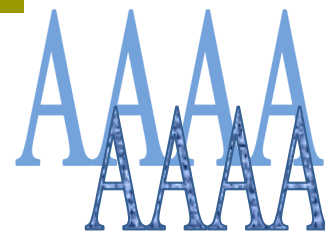
Outstanding Activities

Art teacher **Jennifer Gorlewski** received the Mac Arthur Goodwin award from the Columbia Museum of Art for outstanding contributions to the field of arts education.



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Signing with colleges:

- Ashley Brown**, football at Palmetto Prep.
- Travis Brown**, basketball at Newberry.
- Casey Hinson**, volleyball at CIU.
- Naomi Matthusen**, soccer at Queens University.
- Matthew Mintz**, baseball at USC Lancaster.
- Jacory Patterson**, track at Virginia Tech.
- Maggie Shaw**, soccer at UT Chattanooga.
- Samantha Shaw**, soccer at UT Chattanooga.
- Haliyah Sumter**, basketball at Coker.
- Jay Washington**, baseball at USC Lancaster.
- Cameron Yelton**, soccer at USC Union.



Hayley Mason (right rear) won an individual gold medal in the 500-yd freestyle event. She joined fellow team members **Eliza Cate**, **Eleanor Wachtel** and **Jane Koch** to win the 200-yd freestyle relay at the 2017 State Championships.

With the highest GPA among 217 teams nationwide, the 2017-2018 **girls' soccer team** won a Soccer Coaches Association Team Academic Award.

Retiring coach **David Kleinfelder** saw his forty-year high school coaching career end with 507 soccer victories.

Maggie Shaw (right) was selected as the **Class AAAA Soccer Player of the Year** by the SC Coaches Association of Women Sports.

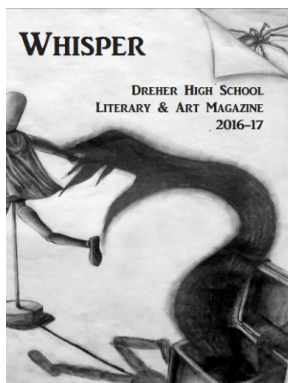


Jacory Patterson (right) was South Carolina **State Track Champion** in the 400 meters.

Achievements in Athletics



All State Honors in 2017 went to **Kathleen Alden** in cross country, **Jordan Guyton** in golf, **Hayley Mason** in swimming, **Regan Dennis**, **Naomi Matthusen**, **Maggie Shaw**, and **Samantha Shaw** in soccer, and **Jacory Patterson** in track.



The 2017 edition of "**Whisper**," Dreher's Literary Magazine, was rated "**Excellent**" by the National Council of Teachers of English, one of only three school magazines in the state to be recognized.

Dreher hosted the District's "Day Prom" for students with special needs.

United Sound (below) debuted much success, featuring special needs students with peer mentors from the concert band.



Student Council, Key Club and Kindness Club collected over \$1000 in cash and 34 boxes of non-perishable items for Harvest Hope.



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We are so proud of our 2018-19 National Scholars!



Jackson Reynolds was valedictorian of the Class of 2018 and along with **Noah Benitez-Nelson** was awarded a **National Merit Scholarship**.

National Merit Semifinalists in the Class of 2019 are *(left to right)* **Kathleen Allden, Grace Stricklin, Leah Vazsonyi, Jacob Lenski, Luke Lumpkin, Porter Burkett** and **Florence Wang**.