

# DREHER HIGH SCHOOL

## 2012-2013 AAA SCHOOL OF EXCELLENCE

Academics Arts & Activities Athletics



Dear Friends,

I often describe Dreher as a "Triple A" school, striving for excellence in academics, arts and activities, and athletics. I believe you will agree with me as you read the accomplishments of so many of our exceptional students during the past academic year.

I look forward to seeing you and serving you at Dreher.

Jeanne Stiglbauer,  
Principal



Dreher earns an "A"

Scores 93.4%

2013 School Report Card

Dreher was named to *Newsweek's* List of **America's Best High Schools** in 2013.

The Department of Education awarded Dreher two "**Cum Laude**" ratings for excellence in performance on the 2011-2012 SAT and ACT.

The Department of Education awarded Dreher a 2012-2013 **Palmetto Gold Award** for General Performance.

Dreher has six 2013 **National Merit Finalists**, three **National Merit Commended Scholars** and a **National Achievement Scholarship** winner.

Out of the senior class of 221, forty-seven students were named 2013 **High School Scholars** and/or **Richland One Academic All-Stars**.

Six dozen seniors scored 1100 or higher on SAT or 24 or higher on ACT to meet one qualification for the **Life Scholarship**.

Seventeen seniors are candidates for the **Palmetto Fellows Scholarship**.

Eleven seniors were named **AP Scholars with Distinction**, four are **AP Scholars with Honor** and thirteen are **AP Scholars**.

**Academy graduates** include eighteen seniors in the **Engineering and Science Academy**; seventeen in the **Humanities Academy**; sixteen in the **AP Institute**; and forty-one in the **Fine Arts Institute**.

### Achievement in Academics

**Alessandra Tuel** was invited to apply to the prestigious US Presidential Scholar program on the strength of her perfect score on the math portion of the SAT.

**Makayla Roberts** placed first in the Dialogue Foundation's Essay Contest and won a trip to Turkey this summer.

For two summers **Jaleel Jefferson** conducted research in the Anatomy lab of the Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine.



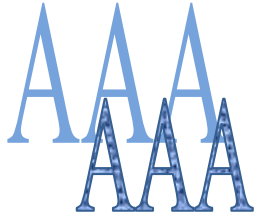
**Isabel Gwara** received honorable mention in the 2013 competition for the Skylark Prize, given by the Poetry Society of South Carolina.

The State **Champion Academic Decathlon Team** represented South Carolina at the national competition in Minneapolis.

In both the Fall and Spring **Latin competitions**, Dreher's teams finished first in the intermediate and advanced certamen.

Two teams of economics students placed first and second in the **2013 SC Economics Challenge** held at USC's Darla Moore School of Business.

See page four for a partial list of some of the extraordinary scholarships offered our seniors.



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**Niani Feelings**, accomplished actress, choreographer, dancer, singer and honor graduate.



**Taylor Bass** won the SC Thespian Scholarship.



**Danny Rhu**, All-State Band, All-State Jazz Band and All-State Orchestra.

**Niani Feelings** was named a 2013 YoungArts Honorable Mention Award winner in Dance/Choreography. She placed among the top 4% of applicants nationwide.

Sophomore **Robin Austin** won best pop/rock performance in "Are You the Best Singer in the District?"

In the District's 2012 Visual Literacy Competition, **Lukas Scharffenberg** placed second in black and white and first in color photography. He was awarded the Grand Prize and a \$300 check for Creative Excellence.

Named to the **All-State Orchestra** were junior **Isabel Gwara**, sophomores **Madeline Foley** and **Brianna Harris** and freshman **Eli Summers**.

Five students and two alternates were chosen for **Region Orchestra Festival**.

Twenty-one musicians represented Dreher at the **District Honor Orchestra Festival**.

**Ellery Ballou** (alto sax) and **Danny Rhu** (trumpet) were named to All-State Band.

**Danny Rhu** performed with the All-State Orchestra and the All-State Jazz band.

Twenty-nine students were selected to the **District Honor Band** or **Honor Jazz Band**. Three students were alternates in **Region Band**.

## Achievement in Arts

Four percussionists played for 7000 elementary students with the **South Carolina Philharmonic's** "Link UP" Series.

Twenty-seven students participated in the **High School Honor Chorus**.

Dreher's entry, *!Artistic Inspiration*, was judged "Excellent" at the **Palmetto Dramatics Association's One Act Play Festival**.

**Taylor Bass** won the SC Thespian Scholarship.

**Jennifer Asouzu** was the SC Showcase Performer.

Receiving "Superior" ratings in Duet Musical performances were **Ali Bradley** and **Patrick Fretwell** for *Legally Blonde*, and **Zelig Williams** and **Patrick Fretwell** for *Big River*.

**Anna Jamieson Beck**, **Taylor Bass** and **Vera Savory** received "Superior" ratings in solo acting.

**Niani Feelings**, **Ali Bradley** and **Anna Weatherwax** received "Excellent" ratings in Solo Musical Performance.

**Robyn Arvay** and **Jennifer Asouzu** received "Excellent" ratings in solo acting.

## Outstanding Activities

**Jeanette Arvay-Beck**, Theatre Arts teacher, was named the District's 2013-2014 **Teacher of the Year**.

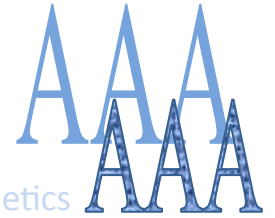
The Robotics Team, **Los Pollos Locos**, competed in the FIRST Palmetto Regional Robotics Competition in Myrtle Beach.

**Blue Devil Company** was awarded the Navy JROTC's second highest award, "Unit Achievement," for the 2012-2013 school year by the Area Six Manager.

**James Montes** placed first in Computer Problem Solving at the FBLA State Leadership Conference. **Micahla Thomas** placed fourth in Hospitality Management. They will compete at the National Conference in California in June.

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Three swimmers on the boys' swim team were named to the *State's All-Area Swim Team*.

The boys' team won the **District Cross Championship** and the girls came in second.

**Nick Putnam** and **Savannah Bass** were named District "Runners of the Year" in Cross-Country and seven runners were selected to the All-District team.

Three cross country runners were named to the *State's All-Area Cross Country* team.

**Nick Putnam** and **Savannah Bass** were selected to the All-State Cross Country team.

**Hakim Frazier** was named to the North/South All-Star Football team.

**Chris Bloch** is 2013 State Champion Wrestler in the 152 lb. weight class. Chris will continue wrestling at the US Air Force Academy.

**Junior Bradford Lemmons** is State 3A Champion in the 200 and 400 meters. He finished second in the 100 meters.

**Coach Danny Brooks** was named "2012 South Carolina High School Coach of the Year" in Boys Track and Field. The boys were State Champions in 2012.



*Bradford Lemmons, 2013 two-time State Track Champion*

### Achievements in Athletics

Some athletic signings:

- ◆ **Nick Putnam** signed to run track for the College of Charleston.
- ◆ **Shekinah Frieson** signed to run for Claflin College.
- ◆ **Kwashon Drayton** signed to play football for Methodist University.
- ◆ **Kathy Slice** signed to play softball at Columbia College.
- ◆ Others signings include **Maria Johnson, Tia Spigner and Keyanna Mikell**.

**Kasey Parker** was selected Region 4 Player of the Year in Girls' Soccer and named to the 3A All-State Soccer Team. Kasey netted 38 goals this season.

Three girls were named to the **All-Region Soccer Team**.

**Ben Gause** was named to the All-Sate Boys' Soccer Team and is Region Player of the Year.

Three boys were named to the **All-Region Soccer Team**.



Ten students competed and placed in the **Special Olympics**.

The **Environmental Club** sponsored an Earth Day t-shirt contest, competed in the Envirothon and spearheaded recycling of office paper, plastic bottles and cans.

Three freshmen participated in the 25th annual **High School Model Legislature and Court Conference**.

Sixty-five students, staff and friends on the **MS Walk Team** raised \$3200 for Multiple Sclerosis.

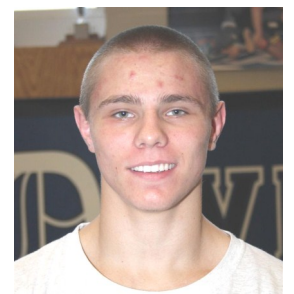
Dreher was honored by the City of Columbia for our donation of food to **Harvest Hope Food Bank**.

### Outstanding Activities

**Kaila Williams** was elected Chairperson of District 4 of the SC Association of Student Councils.

**Steven Fulton** was honored for his service as District 4 Vice Chair of SC Association of Student Councils.

Dreher Student Council earned the **Gold Honor Council Award**.



*Chris Bloch, 2013 State Champion Wrestler*



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### 2013 National Merit, National Commended and National Achievement Scholars



(top) Allen Burnside (merit), John Stone (merit), Eloisa Baez Jones (achievement), James Bilderback (merit), Winston Arney (merit)  
(bottom) Alix Tuel (merit), Sarah Steedman (commended), Madeleine Giess,(commended), Veronica Brown (merit), Polina Aleshina (commended)

- ◆ **Jake Kassel**, USC Capstone Scholar and Dean's Scholarship.
- ◆ **Keyanna Mikell**, CERRA Teaching Fellowship.
- ◆ **Sarah Steedman**, Dean's Scholarship at Occidental College.

*Among the prestigious scholarships awarded to our seniors:*

- ◆ **John Victor Alencar**, the Benjamin N. Duke Scholarship to Duke University.
- ◆ **Polina Aleshina**, the inaugural Harry and Reba Huge Scholarship at College of Charleston for extraordinary academic achievement, leadership and community service.
- ◆ **Robyn Arvay**, USC Capstone Scholar and Valedictorian's Scholarship.
- ◆ **Eloisa Baez Jones**, the Presidential Scholarship from Boston University, offered to the top 5% of BU applicants who excel academically and are leaders in the community.
- ◆ **Veronica Brown**, Smith College's STRIDE scholarship including a paid research position.
- ◆ **Madeleine Giess**, USC Carolina Scholar and Palmetto Fellow.
- ◆ **Dunia Gonzales**, Meinig Family National Scholar at Cornell for extraordinary potential for leadership.