

## Awards and Grants

- Best Teacher Grant Recipient
- Atlantic Institutes Art & Essay Award Winners
- Recognized as a U.S. News and World top ranked school.
- National History Day Teacher of the Year Nominee



## Mission

Buist Academy for Advanced Studies aims to challenge students in a rigorous environment that emphasizes achievement, encourages academic excellence, and promotes respect for individual differences. Together with Charleston County School District, the International Baccalaureate Organization, and community partners, Buist Academy equips students with the knowledge, skills, and attributes necessary to take action in their local and global community.

## Fast Facts

- Enrollment of 555 students
- Gifted and Talented endorsed teachers
- 98% student attendance rate
- Authorized by IB for Primary and Middle Years Programmes
- 2017 National Blue Ribbon School

## Teacher of the Year

2021-2022

April Bonneau



**2021-2022 Rookie Teacher of the Year**  
Maya Chiapetta

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## Buist Academy for Advanced Studies

2021-2022

Annual School Improvement Council  
Report to Parents & Community  
Members

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## Administration

Shawntay White, Principal

Karrie Looney, Assistant Principal

## Vision

Buist Academy seeks to become a center of innovative teaching practices and learning for the purpose of producing accomplished scholars, life-long learners, and internationally minded citizens of the world.

## Purpose

The purpose of the Annual Report to Parents is to communicate major accomplishments of the 2020-2021 school year and report progress towards fulfilling goals set for the current school year.

## Special Highlights for 2021-2022

- Foreign Language Program for Students in 2nd-8th grades
- Differentiation of Instruction Through Digital Resources and Personalized Learning
- Middle Years Programme Community Projects
- Primary Years Programme Exhibitions
- Middle School Mock Trial Team Participants
- District Spelling Bee Participants and Finalists
- Social-Emotional Learning Through Second Step Curriculum
- Terrific Kids and Knights of the Month Recognition
- Virtual Music Performances
- Kids Heart Challenge
- Monthly Celebrations including Hispanic Awareness Month, Veteran's Day, Literacy Awareness Month, Black History Month, and Women's History Month
- Kindness Week with Random Acts of Kindness
- MYP Quiz Bowl Team
- Annual Royal Fun Run
- Multiple Essay and Art Contest Winners
- Multiple Sports Teams including volleyball, basketball, soccer, tennis and golf
- Lowcountry Food Bank food drive
- World Cultures Week
- Family Curriculum Night
- Project Based Learning
- Team Building and Leadership Intramurals
- Active PBIS and School House System

## Year In Review

The 2021-2022 academic year was outstanding for Buist Academy. Our goal was student growth, and we were able to continue providing quality educational experiences.

Our International Baccalaureate curriculum provides a framework for instruction which emphasizes inquiry, interdisciplinary connections and collaboration.

Buist Academy continues to take action in the local community and beyond by participating in various programs such as book drives and environmental clean up programs.



## School Renewal Goals

Buist Academy will maintain academic excellence by focusing on the growth and development of the whole-child through the SC Ready Standards, social-emotional education, and the International Baccalaureate framework. The curriculum will have an emphasis on inquiry-based learning and academically accelerating students to meet their full potential.

Our faculty and staff will participate in a variety of professional development opportunities to encourage the growth of a diverse learning community. We will continue to work with parents, guardians, and community partners to meet the needs of our school community.

## 2021-2022 Goals

All students will meet or exceed end-of-the-year grade-level targets as assessed by MAP, SC Ready and SCPASS assessments.

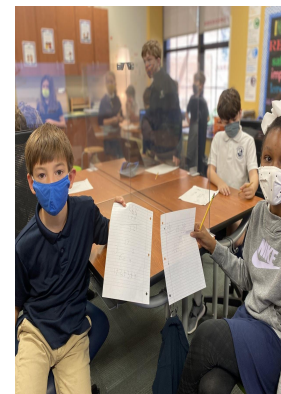
## School Improvement Council Members

### Ex-Officio Members

Shawntay White - Principal  
Karrie Looney - Assistant Principal  
Sara Lyle - IB Coordinator  
Janet Preston-Mack-Reading Coach

### Elected/Appointed Members

Jill Chandler-Staff/Chairman  
Noelle Blaney-Parent/Secretary  
Ami Calhoun-Parent  
Wendie Kilgore-Teacher  
Caleb Bradish-Community Member



## Buist Foundation

We continue to enjoy strong parental involvement evidenced by our Parent Foundation. Our Foundation represents a wide range of parent, business and community partners who support our educational endeavors at Buist Academy.

[www.buistacademyfoundation.org](http://www.buistacademyfoundation.org)

