

AAST NEWSLETTER

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Sept. 30 - Oct. 4, 2024

SC State Fair Student Artwork Winners

Congratulations to the above students for being recognized at the SC State Fair Student Art Show. AAST is proud of all of our students who competed this year. This is one of the largest juried art competitions in the State, and AAST students have consistently received top awards for their outstanding artwork.



2D, Honorable Mention - Brent Sinon



2D, First Place - Rylee O'Leary



Addie Morse, Carter Kimball, and Maggie McLeod



Photography, Second Place - Carter Kimball



Photography, Honorable Mention - Erika Bodger

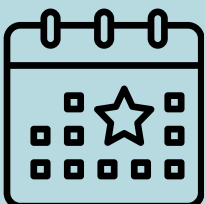


Photography, Third Place - Maggie McLeod



Photography, Honorable Mention - Addie Morse

Upcoming Events



SENIOR MAKEUP PICTURE DAY
OCTOBER 8

ED OP DAY
OCTOBER 9

STATE FAIR/USC FIELD TRIP
OCTOBER 11

NO SCHOOL
OCTOBER 14-15

HONOR SOCIETY INDUCTIONS
OCTOBER 17 @ 5:00

UNDERCLASSMEN MAKEUP PICTURE DAY
OCTOBER 23

ALL COUNTY THEATER
OCTOBER 23

SIC
OCTOBER 24 @ 5:00

FALL FESTIVAL
OCTOBER 29

PSAT
OCTOBER 30

ELECTION DAY, SCHOOL CLOSED
NOVEMBER 5

Marine Science Honors Field Trip



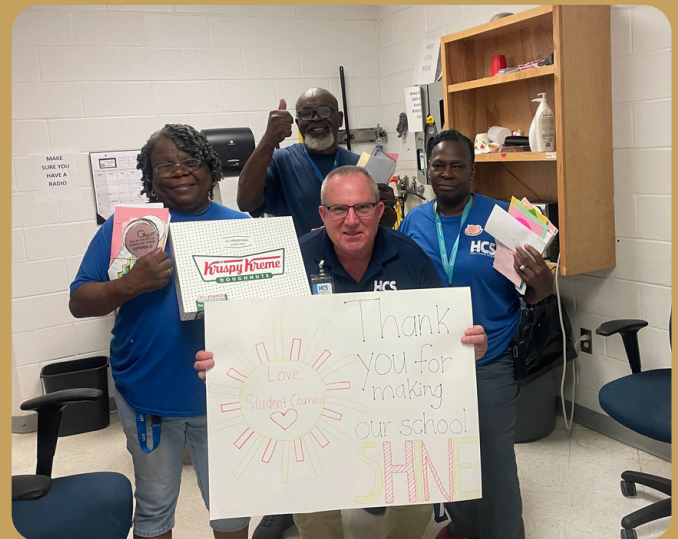
On Tuesday, Mrs. Johnson's and Mr. Sodano's Honors Marine Science classes had a great field experience in the salt marsh! They caught fish, shrimp, and crabs in the seine net and learned about the numerous ecosystem services the salt marsh provides for both people and the environment. Thank you to Ranger Mike for another great field trip!

AAST September Student of the Month: Brandon Bernal-Andrade



Brandon Bernal-Andrade is our AAST Student of the Month for September! He is an exceptionally bright student who always has a positive attitude and friendly demeanor. Brandon was also selected to represent AAST as the DAR Good Citizen for the 2024-25 school year. He is enthusiastic about learning, and his curiosity propels him to discover new insights and develop new ideas. Brandon is a leader. He recently served as AAST ambassador for the Santee Cooper Lunch and Learn event and spoke about our school at the CTE and SIC Advisory Board dinner to all of our stakeholders and business partners. He also served as an ambassador for the Be Proud Be Pro event. Brandon inspires us to be our very best every day. Congratulations!

Custodian Appreciation Day

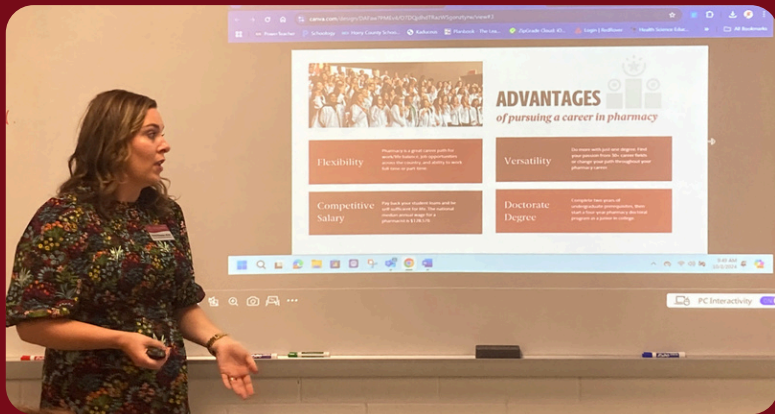


On Wednesday, AAST took a moment to shine a spotlight on our incredible custodians! Their hard work, dedication, and attention to detail keeps our school safe, clean, and welcoming for all students and staff.

Thank you for the countless hours you put in behind the scenes, ensuring that our classrooms, hallways, and facilities are in top shape. Your efforts do not go unnoticed, and we truly appreciate everything you do!

AAST Student Council presented our wonderful custodial staff with donuts, juice, and cards of appreciation written by students and staff!

Guest Speaker: Kristi Kinslow, USC



Kristi Kinslow, Director of Pre-Professional Studies and Recruitment for the College of Pharmacy at USC, spoke with students in Mrs. Watson's Pharmacology for Medical Careers Honors classes. Mrs. Kinslow explained the Gamecock Pharmacy Assurance program where students are conditionally admitted into the PharmD program at USC upon graduation from high school, along with the traditional pharmacy school admissions process and requirements. She described the myriad of opportunities for healthcare workers who possess a PharmD degree and detailed the research and internship rotation opportunities across the world for USC pharmacy students.

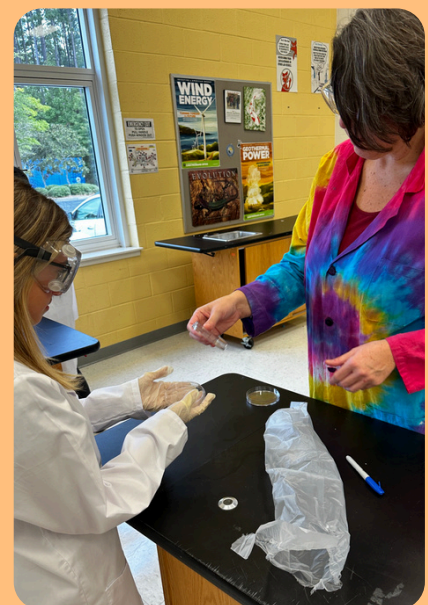
EMS Students Building CPR Skills



EMS I & EMS II students have been busy this week gaining certification in Health Care Provider CPR. Students have learned the life saving skills of Adult, Child and Infant CPR.



Biomedical Science Bacterial Conjugation Lab



Mrs. Sellers' Biomedical Science students are learning about how DNA from one bacterial cell is transferred to another to produce a new recombinant cell. In this lab, students observe the results of the transfer of a gene coding for antibiotic resistance from one E. coli strain to another. This allows students to also learn about one of the mechanisms contributing to the problem of bacterial antibiotic resistance.

Forensic Science Shoeprint Analysis



Forensic Science students are on the case! Ms. Ford's class practiced taking their own footprint impressions before heading out to find out who "committed a crime" matching up the "suspect" footprint impression with those they tested. Then, they investigated the library staff as well as Mr. Joe, our security officer. The suspect is yet to be determined.

Clinical Studies Students Practicing EKG Leads



Mrs. Zanelli clinical studies students worked on their 12 lead EKG project t-shirts. This senior class will be sitting for their 12 lead EKG certification exam in 2 weeks. During this hands-on experience, students got to design a t-shirt that demonstrated the view of the heart through specific EKG leads. This tool can now be used as a study guide for their certification exam.

Hallway Picnics in English

Students in Ms. Condrey's English 3 Honors class participate in team reading and annotating America Literature via "hallway picnics." A hallway picnic is when space outside of the classroom is utilized to help students discuss the literature without distracting others. One of the English 3 state standards focuses on communication and being to explain literary topics found in the different types of writings for the course. Students are doing this effectively while Ms. Condrey walks among them, facilitating the learning.



Please review
the **AAST**
Student
Handbook
linked below:
AAST Student
Handbook



Click the links below to learn
more about AAST's plans to keep
our koi safe!

[Standard Response Protocol for
Parents \(English\)](#)

[Standard Response Protocol for
Parents \(Spanish\)](#)
[School Safety Poster](#)

It is time to schedule your Senior student's Individual Graduation Plan (IGP) meeting! During this meeting, you will discuss college applications, post-secondary plans, scholarships, and any remaining graduation requirements. The meeting should last no longer than 30 minutes. Please contact your student's school counselor to schedule a meeting. You can also contact Ms. Moore at the front desk to schedule an appointment.



The Pre-Medicine major held a collaborative blood drive with The Blood Connection and it was very successful. There were 62 donors who donated 41 units of blood!

October is National Principals Month



Happy National Principals Month to our amazing leader, Ms. Wilson! Your dedication to our school and students is what makes AAST such a remarkable place to work and learn, and we are so thankful that you are our principal!



Thank you, Mrs. Wilson!