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AAST Recieves Palmetto's Finest Award



April 28 - May 2, 2025



The Palmetto's Finest award recognizes schools that offer excellent instruction and outstanding leaders, augmented by strong family and community involvement and a supportive business community.

Upcoming Events



SENIOR EXAMS
MAY 19, 20

NEW JUNIOR ORIENTATION
MAY 20

SENIOR DAY
MAY 22

SENIOR AWARDS
MAY 22

JUNIOR AWARDS
MAY 23

AAST SENIOR CEREMONY
MAY 27

US HISTORY EOCT
JUNE 3

JUNIOR EXAMS
JUNE 5, 6



Educator Signing Day



Educator Signing Day is about recognizing and celebrating high school seniors who have made a commitment to pursue a career in education. On Tuesday, AAST had five seniors who signed their commitments to the following colleges: Furman University, College of Charleston, Coastal Carolina University, and Horry Georgetown Technical College to study Education.

Kamryn Burns- Furman University for Music Education

Lee Cavinee- Furman University for Music Education

Maya Harris- College of Charleston Elementary Education

Savannah Kirk- Coastal Carolina University Early Childhood Education

Isabella Klimaszewski- HGTC Secondary Social Studies Education

National Principal's Day



Happy Principal's Day to our own Kelly Wilson! Thanks for all you do to make AAST awesome! We appreciate your dedication, leadership, and the positive impact you have on both students and staff. Your commitment to fostering a supportive and inspiring educational environment does not go unnoticed. Here's to celebrating you today and every day!

HCS Rookie Teacher of the Year Banquet



Congratulations to Mr. Davenport for being named AAST's Rookie Teacher of the Year. Tonight, he was celebrated along with other nominees from Horry County Schools at the Rookie Teacher of the Year banquet.

New HCS
Electronic
Device
Policy

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

SAFETY
FIRST

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](#)

School Board Visits AAST

The HCS school board and other district officials had an amazing visit to AAST on Thursday. From students designing floorplans for Habitat for Humanity homes, to producing films, creating stunning graphic designs, and exploring cutting-edge innovations in every classroom—these programs are shaping the future!



Digestive System in Health Science



Students in Mrs. Watson's Health Science 2 class have been working collaboratively to design presentations and hands-on activities centered around the body systems. During their unit on the digestive system, they created an "Anatomy in Class" display highlighting the major digestive organs. This interactive creation followed their student-led presentation on the system.

Mock Job Interviews in Health Science



Health Science 3 seniors participated in Mock Job Interviews with various medical professionals from Conway Medical Center.

Environmental Engineering at Cape Fear Solar Solutions

On Thursday, May 1st, students from Environmental Engineering and AP Environmental Science classes will participate in an exciting work-based learning experience at Cape Fear Solar Systems in Wilmington, NC. This opportunity follows a visit in March from Commercial Project Developer David Grandey, who inspired students with insights into the solar industry and graciously invited them to tour the facility.

Cape Fear Solar Systems is recognized as the largest solar company in the Carolinas. Notably, they pride themselves on being locally owned and operated, with all solar panels manufactured in the United States, ensuring a commitment to quality and local employment. The company conducts turnkey installations, handling everything from design and permitting to installation and service without the use of subcontractors.



During their visit, students will engage with industry professionals and participate in hands-on activities.

They will explore 3D modeling, load balancing, building components, and even installation on a harnessed 5 ft roof. This experience is particularly relevant for students, as they have previously designed and built their own solar panels in their Clean Energy class.

The enthusiasm among students to learn from a local leader in the solar industry underscores the valuable connection between their classroom experiences and real-world applications.

DO YOU LOVE TO READ? JOIN THE 25-26 HCS BATTLE OF THE BOOKS!

JOIN TODAY WITH YOUR SCHOOL MEDIA SPECIALIST!

A grid of 12 book covers is displayed, including titles like '1984' by George Orwell, 'Sherlock Holmes: The Hound of the Baskin Family' by Andrew Lane, 'Girl Stolen' by April Henry, 'Hail Mary' by Andy Weir, 'The Book Jumper' by Lisa Thompson, 'The Watch on the Night' by John Grisham, '90 Miles to Havana' by Margarita Ruiz, 'Brigid Kemmerer', 'Legend' by Marie Lu, 'Queen Bees' by Rachel S. Amato, 'The Last Cuentista' by Judith Ortiz Cofer, and 'When We Were Lost' by Zeyn M. Khalil.

ArtFields Field Trip



Students in Advanced Art and Web and Digital Design visited Lake City for the yearly Art Fields art show and competition.

Senior Exhibitions of Mastery Season

Senior Mastery season at AAST is underway this week. Seniors from every major have demonstrated dedication and accomplishments during their tenure at the Academy. The AAST experience culminates in a Senior Exhibition of Mastery, where students present their research findings and innovative projects to a panel comprising teachers, peers, and community members.



National School Lunch Hero Day



When we say school nutrition professionals are heroes, we mean it! That's why we celebrate them every spring with the annual School Lunch Hero Day. Thank you to the amazing staff of our AAST cafeteria for everything that you do!

