



# HCS Scholars Academy



## Annual School Improvement Council "Report to the Parents" 2024-2025



### HCS Scholars Academy High School

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### Purpose of the Report

This Report is issued by the HCS Scholars Academy High School School Improvement Council in accordance with South Carolina law to share information of the school's progress in meeting various goals and objectives, the work of the SIC, and other accomplishments during the school year.

### SIC Goal

Support the recruitment and facilitate the admittance process of 50-60 freshmen for the following academic year.

Highlights Include:

- Aid with recruitment of new students:
- Provided input for recruiting process and timeline
- Provided feedback for presentation development for Recruitment Night(s)
- Assisted in developing and running a Freshman Information Night Event to get rising freshman ready for 2025-26.

### Scholars Academy Vision & Mission

Scholars Academy was founded to provide advanced learners with a quality education in a supportive learning environment. Its mission is to educate these students at a rate and with the level of academic rigor commensurate with their abilities so that they graduate as confident, responsible, lifelong learners who are prepared to succeed in higher education and in the world beyond.

### Key Academic Accomplishments

- **HCS Scholars Academy Ranked #1 School in South Carolina**
- 2024 AP School Honor Roll - Platinum
- 21 National Merit Semi-Finalists
- 18 National Merit Finalists
- 4 US Presidential Scholar Candidates
- 100% Passage Rate for Biology EOC
- Average PSAT 1316 (National Avg 920)
- Average SAT 1455 (National Avg 1028)
- Average ACT 28 (National Avg 21)
- 1,615 Dual Credit Hours Completed
- 5,111 Community Service Hours Completed
- \$7.7 Million in Offered Scholarships to the Class of 2024





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### School & Student Awards

- **HOBY** - Cecilia Bleyer
- **Boys State** - Preston Bowers, Riles Hucks, Will Neff
- **Girls State** - Joslyn Livingston
- **Theodosia Burr Chapter NSDAR Good Citizen District Winner** - Leigha Lambert
- **HTC Reel Kids** - Devyn Riley
- **All County Orchestra** - Yasmine Glaoui, Jolin Huang, Sarah Huang, Matthew Schindler, & Susan Zheng
- **All County Band** - Frankie Rosales-Perez & Yasmine Glaoui
- **All County Chorus** - Adrianna Grubbs & Emelia Wirth
- **Mock Trial:**
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Conway Regional
  - 4<sup>th</sup> Place South Carolina State Competition
- **Technology Student Association Competition:**
  - Architectural Design - 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Place
  - Biotechnology Design - 1<sup>st</sup> Place
  - Engineering Design - 1<sup>st</sup> Place
  - Extemporaneous Speech - 3<sup>rd</sup> Place
  - Forensic Science - 2<sup>nd</sup> Place
  - On Demand Video - 1<sup>st</sup> Place
  - Technology Bowl - 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Place
  - Webmaster - 1<sup>st</sup> Place
- **Math Competitions:**
  - Scholars Academy Mathematics Championship
  - Clemson Calculus Challenge
  - George E Schnibben, Jr. Mathematics Tournament
- **National Yearbook Program of Excellence** - The Aegis Yearbook - Gold Level

### Staff Recognitions

- Mrs. Jamie Carson - Teacher of the Year
- Mrs. Whitney Stancil - SCTSA Advisor of the Year
- Staff Presenting at **AP Annual Conference** - A Holistic Approach to AP: Designing for Academic and Non-Academic Needs

### School Events

- Established our First Battle of the Books Team
- Freshman River Day
- Sophomore Charleston Trip
- Junior College Tour - College of Charleston, University of South Carolina, Furman University, & Clemson University
- Alumni Luncheon
- Senior Disney Trip

### Scholars Squad Events

- Minute-To-Win-It Games
- Spirit Days
- 12 Days of Giving Raised Over \$800
- Flag Painting Movie Night
- Field Day
- Day of Service

### PTSO Events

- Halloween Party
- Student Celebrations
- Ice Cream Social
- Staff Breakfast
- Teacher Appreciation Week

### Club Activities

- Biology Club Beach Sweep
- NHS Trivia Night
- GSA Destress Crafting/Cocoa & Create
- FCA Christmas Concert
- Culture Club Senbazuru for Hospice
- Hurricane Helene Relief

### SIC Member List

Trena Kirby - Chairperson & Teacher Rep  
 Leanna French - Secretary & Student Rep 11-12  
 Ryan Carter - Teacher Rep  
 Joe Oestreich - Parent Rep  
 Hafez Hayek - Parent Rep  
 Paige Mayhew - Student Rep 9-10

Courtney Todd - Community Rep  
 Presley Leopard - Community Rep  
 Louis Keiner - Community Rep  
 Sara Hottinger - CCU Ad Hoc  
 Norman McQueen - Principal