

AAST NEWSLETTER

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Top 5 HCS Support Staff Employee of the Year, Ms. Kim Perry!



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March 16 - March 20, 2026



Congratulations to Ms. Kim Perry for being named a Top Five Support Staff Employee of the Year for Horry County Schools! Her big heart, empathy, and kindness make a difference in the lives of our students every single day and help make AAST a better place.

Anyone who has the pleasure of knowing Ms. Perry understands how truly deserving she is of this recognition. We are so proud of you, Ms. Perry!



Upcoming Events



TSA STATE CONFERENCE
MARCH 20-21

3RD QUARTER ENDS
MARCH 24

ROBOTICS @HARTSVILLE
MARCH 26 - 28

AAST TALENT SHOW
MARCH 31 @ 6:00 PM

WIN TEST
MARCH 31

HCS TECH FAIR
APRIL 1

TEDDY BEAR CLINIC &
SIDEWALK CHALK
APRIL 2

3RD QUARTER REPORT
CARDS AVAILABLE
APRIL 2

SPRING BREAK
APRIL 3 - APRIL 10

AAST CAREER FAIR
APRIL 17

NATIONAL LIBRARY
WEEK
APRIL 19 - APRIL 25

SPRING GALA
APRIL 24, 8:00PM

Flying Kites in Aerospace Engineering



It was a perfect day for hands-on learning as students in Mr. Gibson's class designed, built, and test-flew their own kites. Through this engaging project, students explored the forces of flight while developing technical skills to bring their designs to life.

After construction, students took to the field to test their kites, collect data and mathematical skills to evaluate performance. This project combined creativity, engineering, and real-world application, giving students a true taste of what it takes to launch an aircraft.

Spring Art Exhibit



Our annual Spring Art Exhibit was proudly displayed in the Community Room, showcasing the incredible work of our Advanced Art and Digital Arts & Animation students. Visitors enjoyed viewing a wide range of creative pieces throughout the day, as well as during the after-school gallery event.

Thank you to everyone who came out to support our students and celebrate their artistic achievements. Stay tuned for upcoming announcements from the art major, including selections for ArtFields Jr. and the Burroughs & Chapin Juried Art Competition!

Salute To Education Scholarship



Rylee Jordan earned the Conway Chamber of Commerce Salute to Education Scholarship. Rylee and 9 finalists from throughout the district were honored at the Salute to Education luncheon. She chose Mrs. Jodi Rielly as her Most Inspiring Teacher.



AAST Career Fair

April 17th 2026

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Location: Community Room

Junior Schedule	Senior Schedule
8:30-8:55AM 400 Hall	9:45-10:10AM 400 Hall
9:00-9:25AM 500 & 600 Hall	10:15-11:00AM 500 & 600 Hall

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AAST will host its annual Career Fair on April 17! This exciting event will feature 20 local business leaders who are eager to connect with students, share career insights, and discuss potential opportunities.

The Career Fair is a valuable experience for students of all majors, offering a chance to explore career pathways and engage with professionals in the field. A special thank you to Ms. Etherson and her students for designing the event flyers—we appreciate their creativity and hard work!

SPRING GALA

APRIL 24, 2026

8:00 PM - 11:00 PM
House of Blues, North Myrtle Beach

Spring Gala 2026 Tickets are now on sale in My Payments Plus! Scan the QR on the left to visit the AAST Spring Gala site for more details! On the site, you will find the AAST information form that includes the eligibility requirements, transportation/behavior expectations, dress code, and attendance expectations/procedures. The guest approval and early dismissal forms are also available on the website.

League of Women Voters



Informed students = informed citizens! Thank you to the League of Women Voters of Horry County for visiting our campus and helping students register to vote. We are proud to share that 65 students completed their voter registration, taking an important step toward civic engagement and participation.

NATIONAL ENGLISH HONOR SOCIETY

Help Kids Backpack Buddies DRIVE

MARCH 2 - MARCH 27

ITEMS NEEDED

CANNED PASTA, RAMEN NOODLES, CHEESE CRACKERS, INDIVIDUAL CEREAL, RICE, GRANOLA BARS, SPAGHETTI, SPAGHETTI SAUCE, CHICKEN NOODLE SOUP, PUDDING CUPS, APPLESAUCE OR FRUIT CUPS, POP-TARTS, MAC & CHEESE, SCHOOL SUPPLIES, HYGIENE PRODUCTS (SOAP, DEODORANT, SHAMPOO, TOOTH PASTE, TOOTHBRUSHES)

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY AND SUPPORT!

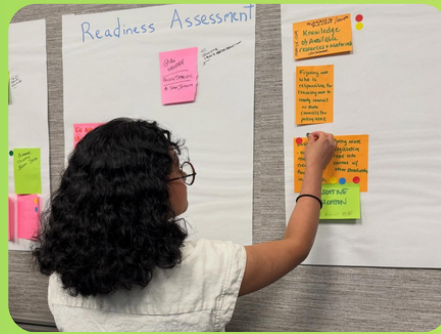
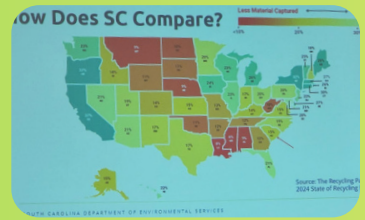
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Recycling Roundtable

Environmental Science students recently participated in a roundtable discussion facilitated by the South Carolina Department of Commerce and the Recycling Market Development Advisory Council. The conversation focused on identifying challenges and developing solutions to strengthen South Carolina's circular economy.

Students explored the growing issue of landfill capacity, as sites across the state are filling quickly and recycling goals remain unmet. The discussion highlighted not only the environmental impact of inefficient recycling but also the potential economic consequences, emphasizing the importance of sustainable practices for our future.



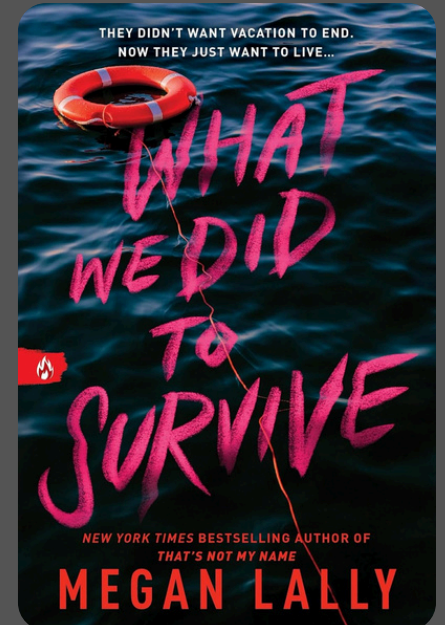
Members of the Science National Honor Society volunteered at Socastee Elementary School's STEM Night on Thursday, helping younger students engage in hands-on science activities. They guided students in building hoop gliders and creating chromatography butterflies, making science both fun and interactive. We are proud of our students for sharing their knowledge and inspiring the next generation of scientists!

New @ the AAST Library: What We Did to Survive by Megan Lally

Hannah is having an incredible spring break. A week at a resort in Mexico with her best friend Emmy and her family is perfect for de-stressing from senior year, even if it's awkward being around Emmy's older brother, Jackson, who she's had a crush on for as long as she can remember.

Still, the beach is gorgeous. So is the guy they meet in the surf. Except Hannah is now the third wheel in Emmy's vacation romance.

Eager to impress Emmy, her wealthy new boyfriend charts a private sailboat to make the most of their last day in paradise, and Hannah and Jackson are invited along. As the clouds roll in and the skies darken, their boat is the only one leaving the marina. And the further they get into open water, the more unsettled Hannah becomes. A storm is brewing onboard that's as deadly as the one racing toward them. Forget surviving graduation. Who will make it back to land alive?



AAST Robotics Excels at South Carolina District Competition

AAST's FIRST Robotics Competition Team 1287 Aluminum Assault recently competed at the South Carolina FIRST District Event, delivering an outstanding performance. The team finished ranked #1 after qualification matches—an achievement not reached in over a decade—and earned the Imagery Award for excellence in team branding, design, and presentation.

In addition to competing, students demonstrated leadership and service by assisting with event setup and operations. The team also showcased their talents during opening ceremonies with a live performance of the National Anthem.

We are proud of Team 1287's hard work, resilience, and professionalism. We wish them the best of luck as they head to their next competition in Hartsville!



Blood Drive

The Pre-Medicine major held their spring blood drive this week in conjunction with the American Red Cross. In total, they had the opportunity to collect nearly 44 pints of blood and one pint will save around 3 lives!



Computer Science at HTC



Computer Science juniors and seniors recently visited HTC (Horry Telephone Cooperative) for a tour and the opportunity to connect with professionals from various departments. Students gained valuable insight into careers in the technology and telecommunications industry, including a live demonstration on fiber optic cable splicing from an experienced industry expert. The visit was both educational and engaging, leaving students inspired and excited about future opportunities. Thank you to HTC for supporting our students and providing this meaningful experience!