2025 - 2026

RIDGE VIEW HIGH SCHOOL

4801 Hard Scrabble Road, Columbia, SC 29229

School Improvement Council
ANNUAL REPORT

Dr. Brenda Mack, Principal

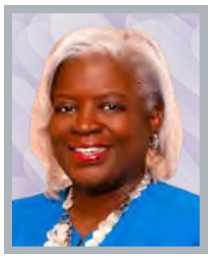
We prepare today for success tomorrow.

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Parent Update



Brenda Mack, Ed.D.
Principal



Yasha Becton, Ed.D.
SIC Chairperson

Mission Statement: Ridge View High School, A Med Pro Magnet, offers a premier learning environment by providing authentic, collaborative, engaging, and meaningful learning experiences and opportunities that prepare students for the 21st century challenges and responsibilities of global citizenship.

Ridge View High School: Med Pro Magnet, a National Certified Demonstration Magnet School, uses STEAMM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, Math, and Medical) integration and AVID (Advancement Via Individual Determination) best teaching strategies as access points to fostering a challenging, engaging, healthy, safe, and supportive approach to learning. Students can customize their high school journey with one of the eight smaller learning communities:

District Magnets
- Allied Health Sciences Magnet
- BioHealth Sciences Magnet
- Ridge View High School: Med Pro Magnet
- Scholars Academy Magnet for Business and Law

Schools-Within-A-School
- Advancement via Individual Determination (AVID)
- Blazer Academy
- Carolina Alliance for Technology (CAT)
  Computer Science and Engineering
- School for the Arts (SFA)

District Program
- Richland 2 AVID Early College

This individualized approach empowers students to build on their interests and strengths while experiencing a supportive and engaging learning environment. Guided by our motto, "It's All at the View," and our commitment to excellence in the 4 A's: Academics, Activities, Arts, and Athletics, we continue to live out our vision: "We prepare today for success tomorrow." Here are a few of our highlighted accomplishments listed below.

ACADEMICS
- In May, 506 Advanced (AP) exams will be administered to students.
- Ridge View High School: Med Pro Magnet was named by Magnet Schools of America a School of Distinction.
- Institute of Health Sciences Magnet (Allied Health and BioHealth) and Scholars Academy Magnet for Business and Law earned Magnet Schools of America National Award of Merit Top School of Excellence.
- AP African American Studies, AP Music Theory, AP European History, AP Calculus BC, AP Drawing had a 100% pass rate on the AP exam
- AVID Early College graduated 22 students with their Associate Degree from USC Sumter, before receiving their high school diploma.

ACTIVITIES
- Student Council won four awards at the South Carolina Association of Student Council (SCASC) State Convention.
- The JROTC Archery Team/Cadet Sturry won 1st place for the 3D IBO Best of the Best competition.
- VEX and Robotics Team had an impressive season competing in several competitions, where they demonstrated creativity, collaboration, and advanced problem-solving skills. Through designing, building, and programming their robots, these students showcased their innovation and dedication while representing Ridge View High School with pride.

Parent Update Continued

ARTS

- The Blazer Theatre Program received an Excellent rating at the Palmetto Dramatic Association One-Act festival.
- Concert Band and Chamber Orchestra earned Superior ratings on the Concert Performance Assessment.
- Rachel Campbell recieved an award for thr Richland Two Superintendent's Art Show.
- Multiple visual arts students won regional awards at the Scholastic Arts Competition.

ATHLETICS

- The Varsity Boys Basketball team was ranked in the top 25 nationally by ESPN and won the 5A State Championship (7th State Championship in 9 years).
- The Varsity Boys Volleyball 2025 inaugural season culminated in a first-round 5A playoff.
- Wrestling hosted the Regional Tournament and Regional Duals.
- Athletics hosted five high-level community events this school year, with teams coming from as far as Texas. Some of the events include: Blazer Battle Cheer Competition, The Bojangles Bash (Boys Basketball), Bojangles Blazer Twilight Track and Field Invitational, Blazer Golf Opening, and The Blazer Ball.

Ridge View High School's School Improvement Council (SIC) meets monthly to collaborate on goals and initiatives that support the administration's vision, strengthen family engagement, and promote overall student achievement.

During the 2025-2026 academic year, the SIC focused intently on increasing parental awareness, fostering deeper connections among parents, students, and teachers, and strengthening its investment in the students of Ridge View High School. In an effort to achieve these goals, Ridge View SIC sponsored a parent-focused workshop to inform parents and caregivers about the new structure for students enrolling in secondary-level mathematics courses. This workshop allowed parents the opportunity to become aware of the new sequence of mathematics courses at the high school level. The presenter not only provided a thorough explanation of the changes that have occurred in the state, but also addressed the questions and concerns of the parents in attendance.

Ridge View High School was also proud to host its second "Blazing Conversations" this academic year. This event brought together parents, teachers, students, administrators, and local political and community leaders. This year's attendance far surpassed last year's, and community engagement was outstanding. The South Carolina Attorney General's Office, Benedict College, LRADAC, administrators from Ridge View High School, and local politicians helped make the day a huge success. This year, the RVHS SIC was able to give donated gift cards and door prizes to more than 10 families in attendance.

Additionally, for the first time, Ridge View High School offered two "Blazing the Books" scholarships to deserving seniors who attended the Blazing Conversations.

Lastly, to end this banner year, the Ridge View High School SIC was invited by the SC-SIC office to participate in Legislative Day on the Hill at the South Carolina Statehouse. Ridge View High School, along with a few other schools, was recognized for its exemplary efforts in the work around School Improvement Councils.
We appreciate the parents, faculty, and community members who contributed this year and invite all student and parent organizations to be part of next year's SIC. Together, we ensure that intentional collaboration between school and parents remains purpose-driven so our students are future-ready.

Sincerely,

Dr. Yasha Becton, SIC Chairperson

Dr. Brenda Mack, Principal

ACADEMICS

2025 - 2026 Achievements

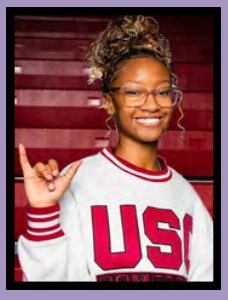
US History

End of Course Tests

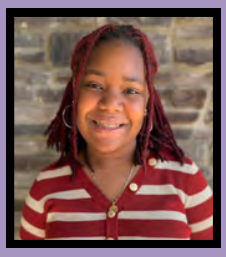
pass rate

INCREASED

12%



Senior Rikki Burke was selected to the Gamecock Pharmacy Assurance (GPA) Pathway of the University of South Carolina of Pharmacy.



Brooke Parker, President of the RVHS Student2Student, was selected to attend the Caregiving Youth Student Leadership Program in San Antonio, Texas.

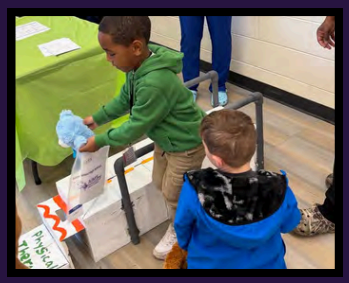
National Merit Scholarship Finalists



Tyreun Holmes



William Barkan







RVHS Teddy Bear Clinic hosted 220 Rice Creek and Bridge Creek Kindergartners to engage in a hands-on health care experience. The health science students led interactive hospital-themed stations, bringing medical careers to life while teaching young children about health.

31 Dual Enrollment courses offered to students.

ACTIVITIES

2025 - 2026 Achievements











National Gold Council of Excellence

Ridge View StuCo won four awards at the South Carolina Association of Student Council (SCASC) State Convention.

2nd Place: Recreational Activities
3rd Place: Spirit Squad
3rd Place: Fundraising
3rd Place: Video for Winter Wishes

Senior, Elijiah Lawson, was inducted into the Terry McCoy Hall of Fame for the SCASC state convention.

The JROTC Drone Team won the Drone Competition in Pinehurst, NC. This win qualifies the team for the Southeast Region Championship.

The 2025 Homecoming Court raised $4,675 for the Make-A-Wish Foundation.

Contestants for the Miss Ridge View Pageant raised $3,500 for scholarships.

Staff members sponsored 7 Ridge View students in foster care.

GIVING

20 Individuals supported through Families Helping Families

40 Pints of Blood donated

7,457 Canned Goods collected for Harvest Hope

608 Toiletry Items donated to Sistercare

$1500 Donated to Pawmetto Lifeline

ARTS

2025 - 2026 Achievements

17 Students participated in the Richland 2 District Honor Chorus

Choral Performance Assessment



Blazer Chorus rated Superior with Distinction

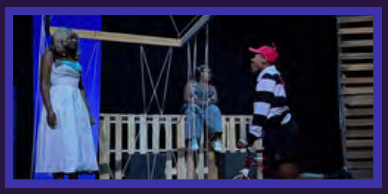
2026 All-State Orchestra



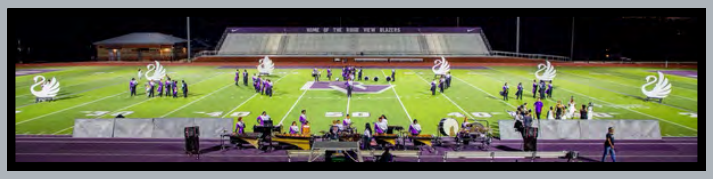
Lailah Gamble
India McQuirter







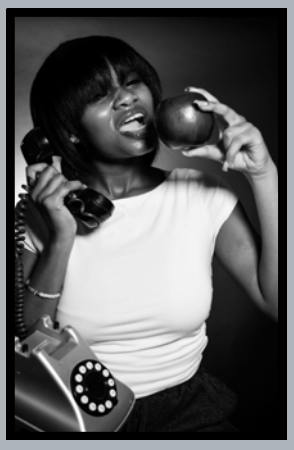
The Theatre program rated Superior by the South Carolina Theatre Association.



The Band program earned a Superior rating.



Ridge View students were selected to perform in the Richland Two District Honors Orchestra concert.



Angel Jones won 2nd place at the Winthrop University Department of Fine Arts "Self in Situ" High School Photo Competition.

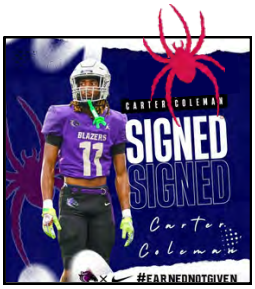
ATHLETICS

2025 - 2026 Achievements

7 student athletes commited to play at the next level.











Amiyah Carr was named Region AAAAA All-State Team.

Danielle Dais was named Volleyball AAAAA Player of the Year.











Talan Staley selected for the SCACA Carolina Classic All-Star Game.



RJ Davis was named Region AAAAA All-State Team.

Kayden Garvin was Nike Indoor Nationals Champion of the Freshman 400-meter.





Freshman Wrestler Donovan Randall qualified for state.

CJ Moore was named Region AAAAA All-State Team.





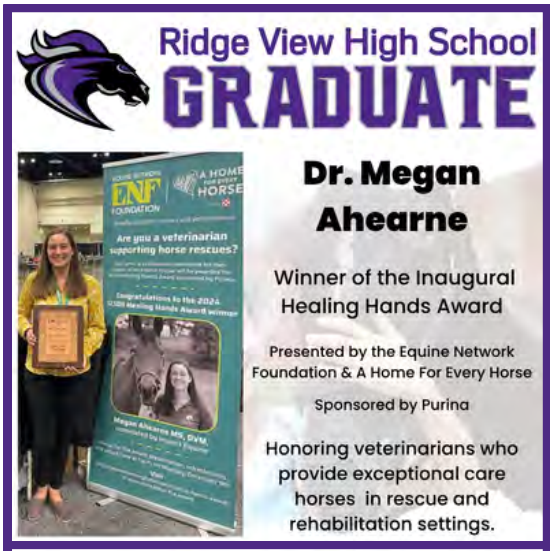
Cheer hosted the 5th Annual Blazer Battle Cheer Competition.



Boys Basketball Team AAAAA Division 1 State Champions

FACULTY AND ALUMNI ACCOMPLISHMENTS

2025 - 2026 Achievements









Mrs. Ramagiri and **Ms. Mitchell** received a Team Grant from the Richland School District Two Foundation

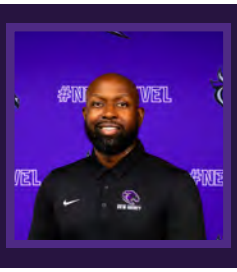


Mr. Gamble

2026 Teacher of the Year



Mrs. Wagner, Dr. Walantas, Mr. Tinneny, and **Mrs. Centeno-Jordan** received a Team Grant from the Richland School District Two Foundation.



Coach AAron Lucas

SCACA's Inugural Tomorrow's 25 Coaching Fellowship



Coach Josh Staley

Region AAAAA Coach of the Year

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

2025 - 2026 Achievements

Cuts for Gabbiee
Back-to-School haircuts for the community to support an annual scholarship.

Trunk or Treat
Community trunk or treat sponsored by the National Beta Club.

Moments for Mom/March Dadness
An appreciation of mother and father figures in the Fall and Spring.

Veteran's Day Celebration
JROTC honors our veterans in the community and school with a schoolwide celebration.

Winter Wishes
4 schoolwide service learning projects to give back to the community.

The Bash
International basketball showcase supported by Richland County Council.

Blazer Spring Soirees
6 *weekly events to engage the staff in fun, leading to Spring Break.*

Showcase of Learning
Tour of what learning looks like in today's classrooms.

Blazer Summit
A mentoring event hosted by S.M.O.O.T.H. and Purple R.E.I.G.N. focused on developing your best self.

I.M.P.A.C.T. Day
Influence Many, Provide Aid, Change Together: service learning day all freshmen volunteer in the community.



THEME-BASED LEARNING COMMUNITIES

WHOLE SCHOOL DISTRICT MAGNET

Ridge View High School Med Pro Magnet: A school-wide focus of STEAMM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, Math, and Medical) integration and AVID (Advancement Via Individual Determination) best teaching strategies as access points to fostering a challenging, engaging, healthy, safe, and supportive approach to learning.

SMALLER LEARNING COMMUNITY DISTRICT MAGNETS

Institute for Health Sciences Magnets

- **Allied Health Sciences Magnet:** A hands-on curriculum where students learn the science and skills of medicine through career-based case studies focused on the human body, physical therapy, and pharmacology.
- **BioHealth Sciences Magnet:** In conjunction with the national Project Lead the Way Biomedical Sciences™ curriculum, the program aims to engage students in a challenging and competitive educational environment through case-based scenarios focused on science, mathematics, and technology.

Scholars Academy Magnet for Business and Law: An energetic learning community of highly motivated students committed to achieving the goals of a challenging academic curriculum focused on Law and Business through a four-year Honors/AP track.

SMALLER LEARNING COMMUNITY SCHOOLS-WITHIN-A-SCHOOL

Achievement Via Individual Determination (AVID): Based on a national program, it identifies students who have been performing at average levels, presents them with the tools to move successfully to high-level courses, and prepares them for college.

Blazer Academy: A community for all ninth-grade students that focuses on developing student agency, empowering students to feel a sense of ownership over their learning as they transition from middle school to high school

Carolina Alliance for Technology (CAT): A computer science and engineering project-based learning curriculum with career-based field studies, job shadowing, and mentoring through local businesses.

School for the Arts: Designed for students who have special talents and a serious interest in the arts fields - band, dance, chorus, creative writing, orchestra, theatre, and visual arts.

DISTRICT PROGRAM

AVID Early College: A district-wide program housed only at Ridge View High School, designed for families with a realistic and more affordable pathway to a four-year college degree, who may consider college expenses out of their reach.

Priorities for 2025 - 2026

- Ridge View will maintain or increase the current on-time graduation rate of 90% by tracking student progress to earn 6 credits by the end of their first year, 12 credits by the end of their second year, 18 credits by the end of their third year, and 24 credits upon graduation.
- Increase the percentage of students who are College and Career Ready.
- Improve the achievement of students on state and national exams.
- Increase the on-time graduation rate of all classes.
- Reduce the number of discipline referrals, suspensions, and recommendations for expulsion.
- Decrease the percentage of chronic absenteeism.

