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HCS Tech Fair Awards



May 11 - May 15, 2026



App Design and Mobile Innovation, First Place: Charmayne Byers

App Design and Mobile Innovation, Second Place: Nahomy Velasquez

Audio Production, First Place: Titan Hayes

Audio Production, Second Place: Camryn Studwell and Morgan Dolbow

Audio Production, Third Place: Molly Greenzweig and Lillian Pitluk

Coding and Software/Game Development, First Place:

Armani Cunningham, Angel Guzman and Mario Zapata

Coding and Software/Game Development, Third Place: Christian Walls

Digital Art - Animation, First Place: Jamie Jimenez

Digital Art - Animation, Second Place (tie): Desmond Hemingway

Digital Art - Animation, Second Place (tie):

Camryn Studwell and Paige Mosley

Digital Art - Animation, Third Place:

William Fernandes, Ellie Yates and Lillian Pitluk

Digital Art - Photo Production, Third Place (tie): Jamison Thrasher

Passion Projects, First Place: Kaylee Smith

Video Production, First Place:

Jessica Vundavalli, Rachael Jones and Rachael Hitt

Website Development and Design, Second Place: Braydan Burch

Congratulations to the following students for earning awards at the HCS Tech Fair. Their creativity, innovation, and technical skills were on full display, and we are proud of the hard work and dedication they demonstrated through their projects. We applaud their accomplishments and the outstanding way they represented AAS.



Upcoming Events



SENIOR EXAMS
MAY 18-19

SENIOR AWARDS
MAY 21, 6:00PM

JUNIOR AWARDS
MAY 22

GAME OF LIFE
MAY 22

MEMORIAL DAY
MAY 25
SCHOOLS CLOSED

SENIOR CEREMONY
MAY 28, 7:00PM
MYRTLE BEACH HIGH SCHOOL

US HISTORY EOC
MAY 29

LAST DAY OF SCHOOL
JUNE 4, 2.5 HOUR
EARLY DISMISSAL



AAST CTE Champion, Benjamin Wynn

Horry County Schools held its annual CTE Showcase, celebrating outstanding students and programs across the district. AAST senior Benjamin Wynn was recognized as our school's CTE Champion, an honor that highlights his hard work, leadership, and accomplishments in Career and Technical Education. In addition, Cadence Kenion served as the emcee for the evening, doing an outstanding job leading the event. We are proud of both students for representing AAST so well.

From Ben on his time at AAST:

"My experience at AAST has helped prepare me for both my post-secondary and future career goals. My major coursework has been especially valuable because I've learned how to think logically, break down complex problems, and develop solutions through programming and computational thinking. These experiences have helped me become more confident in my ability to communicate and speak publicly and I have strengthened my interest in continuing to study computer science and related fields. In the future, I hope to be working on projects that push the boundaries of technology while also collaborating with others who are passionate about innovation and making a difference."



Ocean Bay Elementary Science Night

On Wednesday night, members of the Science National Honor Society junior class volunteered at Ocean Bay Elementary School's Science Night. Students led several hands-on activities for elementary students and families, sharing their enthusiasm for science while helping make the event both educational and engaging. Their continued commitment to service and community involvement makes a positive impact both in and outside the classroom.



STEM Signing Day

AAST senior Rowan Broyles was recognized at the 10th Annual South Carolina STEM Signing Day at the USC Alumni Center and the South Carolina State House. The event honored high school seniors from across the state who are committed to pursuing careers in STEM fields such as engineering, manufacturing, and information technology.

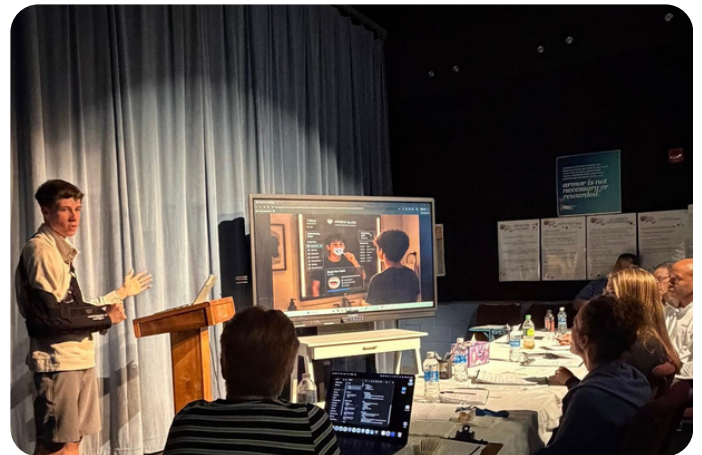
Rowan, an Aerospace Engineering major at AAST, was recognized for his commitment to continuing his studies in aerospace engineering at the University of South Carolina this fall. Congratulations to Rowan on this outstanding achievement and recognition.



AAST Shark Tank

Students in Mr. Jordan's Entrepreneurship classes recently presented their final Shark Tank-style business pitches at AAST, showcasing original startup ideas to a panel of "Shark" investors. Students demonstrated creativity, confidence, and professionalism while applying real-world business concepts such as innovation, financial literacy, marketing, and public speaking. The presentations highlighted the hard work and entrepreneurial thinking students have developed throughout the course.

Thank you to the community members who volunteered their time to serve as "Sharks" and provide valuable feedback and support to our students.



Mr. Sellers' Economics and Personal Finance students engaged in hands-on learning about financial responsibility through basic automobile maintenance. They learned to check oil and coolant levels, inspect and replace fuses, use an OBD-II code reader, jump-start a battery, and change a tire. The unit aimed to develop practical skills that help students save money, avoid costly repairs, and become more confident, independent drivers.



Anatomy and Physiology Dissection

Mrs. Rielly's anatomy and physiology class culminated their studies with a fetal pig dissection this week. Students got hands-on experience with specimens after studying the anatomy on paper. They will take a lab practical where they have to identify the parts of the body as well as answer questions about functionality and comparative anatomy.



Advisory Door Decoration Winners

Congratulations to our Advisory Door Decoration Contest winners! This year's theme, "Finish Strong," inspired creativity, motivation, and school spirit throughout the building.

1 **1st Place: Caudill**

2 **2nd Place: Cyganiewicz**

3 **3rd Place: Kinlaw**

Honorable Mentions: Burgess & Todd

Thank you to all advisories that participated and helped encourage everyone to finish the year with determination and pride. Great job to all of our students and staff for showcasing what it means to Finish Strong!

