2020-21 Points of Pride

- **♦** Senior Scholarships: \$10,000,932.00
- ♦ 153 Career & Technical Education Completers
- 213 Students earning a national or state career-related credential/certification
- ♦ 262 Seniors College-Career Ready
- ♦ Youth in Government: Student elected as Lt. Governor
- ♦ Promising Picassos: Best of show and 3rd place
- ♦ Beaufort County Juried High School Regional Art Exhibition at the Coastal Discovery Museum Director's Award
- ♦ Teacher of the Year: Katlyn McCormick
- ♦ Support Staff of the Year: Sandra Bedosky
- ♦ 486 Advanced Placement (AP) tests taken, 64% pass rate
- ♦ 10 AP Capstone Certificates, 14 Capstone Diplomas
- ♦ 55 Nationally Recognized AP Scholars, 9 AP Scholars with Honors, 11 AP Scholars with Distinction, 1 AP International Diploma
- 2 student-athletes signed letters of intent to play collegiate sports, 1 state champion, 4 lower-state champions, and 8 region champions
- ♦ 4 students chosen for Region 4 Honor Band
- Ranked #13 in South Carolina by US News and World Report
- ♦ Niche Standout South Carolina High School: Ranked #4 of 68
- ♦ Niche Most Diverse South Carolina High School: Ranked #12 of 253

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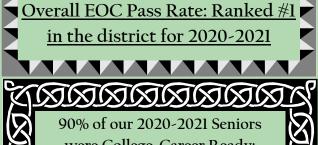
♦ Niche Best South Carolina High Schools for Sports: Ranked #30 of 263

2021-2022: College Dual Enrollment
available for both Technical College of
the Low Country and University of
South Carolina-Beaufort

## 2020-2021Academic Achievement

#### **End-of-Course (EOC) Pass Rates**

| Course     | BLHS | State |
|------------|------|-------|
| Algebra 1  | 69%  | 61%   |
| Biology    | 71%  | 57%   |
| English 2  | 86%  | 83%   |
| US History | 65%  | 58%   |
| Overall    | 73%  | 65%   |



were College-Career Ready: #1 in the district

## State Report Card\*

- OVERALL RATING: EXCELLENT
- Academic Achievement: Average
- Preparing for Success: Good
- English Learner's Progress: Average
- Graduation Rate: Good
- College & Career Readiness: Excellent
- Student Engagement: Good

\*2018-2019 Ratings: 2020-2021 accountability requirements were waived due to pandemic

# SIC- Invitation to Join

We are seeking parents and community members interested in improving student achievement and enhancing our learning environment through community involvement. Meetings occur the first Thursday of each month from 6:00 -7:30 PM in room 1120 and/or ZOOM (September through May).

# **Community Connections**

- **♦** Career Exploration
- ♦ Community Outreach Initiative
- ♦ Internships
- ♦ Reality Day
- **Dusiness Partners in Education**

## **Improvement Plan Targets**

- English Language Learner Progress
- End-of-Course Performance (Algebra 1, English 2, Biology, U.S. History)
- School Climate
- Teacher-Administrator Quality
- Reading

## 2020-2021 Four-Year Graduation Rate: 91.4%

(6.2% increase from 2018-19)

#### 2020-2021 School Choice Options

- -Project Lead the Way (PLTW) Engineering and Biomedical Sciences: PLTW Engineering prepares students for STEM careers by emphasizing hands-on engagement and problem solving. PLTW Biomedical Sciences offers an innovative learning environment providing students with the skills and training necessary to succeed in a post-secondary healthcare career.
- -Acceleration Academy: Acceleration Academy students can earn college credits and national career-related certifications in the following areas: Emergency and Fire Management, Family and Consumer Sciences, Media Technology, and Visual and Performing Arts.
- ROTC (Bluffton-May River only): The Army JROTC curriculum addresses the South Carolina College & Career-Readiness Standards which include leadership, global awareness, wellness, and life skills. Among others, the curriculum strives to promote learner-centered education that inspires life-long learning, improved communication, personal responsibility, good citizenship, overall respect, and critical thinking skills.
- <u>AP Capstone</u>: Rather than teaching subject-specific content, this program develops students' skills in research, analysis, evidence-based arguments, collaboration, writing, and presenting. Students who complete the two-year program can earn one of two different AP Capstone awards: AP Capstone Diploma<sup>TM</sup> or the AP Seminar and Research Certificate<sup>TM</sup>.
- <u>Allied Health Sciences</u>: The Allied Health Sciences Pathway teaches the foundational skills needed by healthcare professionals who work in therapeutic, diagnostic, health informatics, support services, and biotechnology research and includes internship/clinical opportunities.

## 2021-22 Bluffton HS

School Improvement Council (SIC) Members

Denise Donica Principal
Dr. Kevin Sandusky President
Dr. Loretta Novince Vice-President

Michelle Mostiler Secretary

Jenifer Parrott Parent Representative

Karen Balerna PTO

Amy Waddell Teacher of the Year
Andrea Ingle Assistant Principal
Matthew Seelman Assistant Principal
Dr. Deborah Womble Testing Coordinator
Karen Gareis School Librarian
Dana House School Counselor
Katie Cox Career Dev. Facilitator
Col. Thomas Foster ROTC Instructor

Brittany Carter Teacher Anthony Senouillet Student Talia Vaught Student Logan Bach Student

# A Message From Principal Donica:

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

# Bluffton High School

Annual Report to Parents 2021-22

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### Mission Statement

Bluffton High School is committed to assuring that all students acquire the knowledge and skills necessary to live as productive and informed citizens in an ever-changing society.