

## **HCS honors students for academic performance**

Horry County Schools honored hundreds of students at the annual Scholars' Awards Banquet. Students from throughout the county were recognized as South Carolina Junior Scholars, Duke Talent Identification Program (TIP) Scholars, Johns Hopkins Center for Academically Talented Youth Scholars, Governor's School Scholars, SAT Scholars, Palmetto Fellows, National Merit Achievement Scholars, as well as high school valedictorians and salutatorians.

Below is a list of scholars and a description of honors earned.

### **Middle School Recognition Programs**

The *Johns Hopkins Center for Talented Youth (CTY)* and the *Duke Talent Identification Program (TIP)* are university sponsored programs designed to recognize and nurture academically talented youth. Students are identified through nationally-normed achievement and aptitude tests to participate in advanced testing programs and summer enrichment activities offered by these institutions. Students participating in the Johns Hopkins CTY testing take the *SCAT* test in grade 6 or the *ACT/SAT* in grades 7-8, which assesses mathematical and verbal reasoning abilities. Students participating in Duke TIP take the *ACT* or the *SAT*. This is the same *ACT* or the *SAT* that high school students take for college entrance. To be a *Duke TIP Scholar*, students must score at least a 520 on Math, a 510 on Critical Reading or, a 500 on Writing, or have two or three of the following scores: Math 510, Critical Reading 500, Writing 490. Students may also qualify by scoring at least a 20 on the ACT English or Math test or at least a 21 on the ACT Reading or Science Test.

The *South Carolina Junior Scholars Identification and Development Program* was established by the Department of Education in 1985 to identify eighth grade students with exceptional academic talent and to determine strategies for their inclusion in special programs. State tests are used as the screening criteria for participation in the testing. Students

are administered the *PSAT* and must score at least 50 on Critical Reading, Math, or Writing to qualify as a *South Carolina Junior Scholar*.

Johns Hopkins CTY Scholars are:

**Aynor Middle School:** Mattie Hucks;

**Forestbrook Middle School:** Jessica Cox, Kyla Steman, and Nicholas Fitzpatrick;

**Conway Middle School:** Ryan Alford;

**Loris Middle School:** Darcy Nirenstein and Dalton Trout;

**Myrtle Beach Middle School:** Miranda Rockow;

**North Myrtle Beach Middle School:** Mackenzie King;

**Ocean Bay Middle School:** Tristian Dew and Alexander Weshefsky;

**St. James Middle School:** Fredrick Gadsden, Eveline Hok, and Laura Tindall Ouverson; and

**Whittemore Park Middle School:** Raekwon Groover

Duke TIP Scholars are:

**Aynor Middle School:** Damion Deslaurier;

**Black Water Middle School:** Gunner Huggins, Nicolas Monge Alfieri, and Ariana Rivens;

**Conway Middle School:** McKenzie Long and Madeline Moran;

**Forestbrook Middle School:** Justin Abbasi, Mary Bordonaro, Andrew Conklin, Katherine Gamble, Jessica Gilmore, Rachel Hall, Dalton Newbold, Zane Rosler, Jacob Sanders, and Kyla Steman;

**Loris Middle School:** Zachary Faircloth, William Saylor, and Walker Westlund;

**Myrtle Beach Middle School:** Alessandro Berloff, Carolyn Gore, Mark Karavan, Anna Lackey, John Martini, Helgi Nati, Marianna Painter, Jerry Schexnayder III, William Schmidt, and Kalei Strange;

**North Myrtle Beach Middle School:** Samantha Asbury, Shane Barnhart Dillon Bowie, Hannah Edge, Trey Farmer, Shea Hasty, Ellen Johnson, Jessica Mercedes, John Van Slooten, and Luciana Workman;

**Ocean Bay Middle School:** Tristian Dew and Danielle Wooley; and

**St. James Middle School:** John Bacot, James Bonham, Logan Heckle, Tyler Leigh, Thomas Leonard, Laura Tindall Ouverson, and Connor Young

South Carolina Junior Scholars are:

**Aynor Middle School:** Kaleb Allen, Harley Coates, Alex Garland, Quentin Gore, Kishan Patel, Kirsten Pippin, Elizabeth Pruett, and Hunter Windham;

**Black Water Middle School:** Nikole Agnitti, Savanna Altman, Haley Bowen, Darnell Candya, Derrick Cannon, Dylan Carter, Falcon Davis, Christian Edwards, Kyle Gibson, Stephen Gray, Amanda Hiers, Kirsten Hobbs, Ciara Hoffman, Callie Hughes, Terra Johnson, Joshua Jordan, Angela Lane, Anthony Montgomery, Erin Naples, Anthony Norris, Pooja Patel, Michael Spencer, and Damian Usry;

**Conway Middle School:** Ryan Alford, Olivia Biddle, Kaitlyn Brown, Sean Byrd, Xavier Campbell, Jessica Cannon, Skottowe Fox, Glenn Gangi, Marshall Hardee, Margaret Harper, Kathleen Hubbard, Brandye Huggins, Robert Ingersoll, Dylan Jenkins, Chase Longs, Jacob Moreland, Kristen Mottey, Kylie Smith, Louis Van Dunk, and Matthew Woodward;

**Forestbrook Middle School:** Levi Altman, Frank Branson, Hayley Brokaw, Cody Browne, Joshua Carrick, Patrick Christenson, Jeffrey Chu, Karyn Currall, Tia Dowe, Kevin Duarte, Jake Durham, Samara Elia, Grayson Erbland, Haley Evans, Jennifer Federovitch, Diana Frykenberg, Michael Sean Greene, Autumn Hancock, Kelsie Hensley, Gillian Hogue, Evan Hucks, Jacob Ivey, Michael Katalinich, Adam King, Katelyn King, Kinsey King, Mary Lewis, John Liberto, Maria Rayana Lipat, Whitney Lowell, Joseph Mateo, Kimberly Medina, Cassidy Mooney, Duncan

Moore, Jennie Moore, Erik John Mortel, Vincent Ngo, Karissa Nicholson, Connor Norton Baker, Lincoln Oakes, Claudia Ortuno, Thomas Panetti, Lance Poe, Austin Poisson, Adam Powalie, Taylor Reichard, Mikala Riga, Miranda Roesing, Carson Romanelli, Erica Roy, Steven Siewert, Cody Smith, Elizabeth Smith, Parker Smith, Austin Smothers, Kimberly Sperbeck, Kellie Stull, Taylor Temple, Carly Thompson, and Jordan Wesel;

**Green Sea Floyds Middle School:** Richie Duncan, Chelsey Floyd, Taylor Hawes, Savannah Hooks, Shelby Macaulay, and Christina McLeain;

**Loris Middle School:** Yesenia Avalos, Brittney Cheatham, Hannah Edwards, Stephanie Ermi, Nichole Fouty, Hannah Hardee, Houston Harrelson, Jessica Hughes, Taylor Littlejohn, Bonnie Miller, Macon Mills, Savanna Mishoe, Darcy Nirenstein, Gianna Petrone, Taylor Prince, Brent Qualls, Morgan Skipper, Alison Soles, Lamont Soles, Neal Thomas, and Justine Uy;

**Myrtle Beach Middle School:** Joshua Atkinson, Otabek Aynayev, Wayne Bauerle, Moshe Ben Kandil, Tyler Berkey, Nicole Borrelli, Mary Brocklesby, Eric Carter, Francisca Castillo, Courtney Cecala, Ariel Chavis, Robert Collins, Elizabeth Cox, Daisy Cuevas, Olivia Daniels, Charlston DeGroot, Joseph Desjardins, Nathan Dorman, Erin Eanes, Jonathan Esch, Kara Fugate, Alexis Gay, Corey Glover, Abbey Griscom, Caitlin Hastie, Jacob Herman, Savannah Howell, Maxwell Huggins, David King, Hikari Kobayashi, Mason Lewis, Dakota Lloyd, Anna Loomis, Victor Lopez, Daniel MacDonald, Alec Marinaro, Connor McLeod, Zachary McMillan, Jessica Molnar, Morgan Myers, Sean Michael Orcutt, Michael Owens, Caroline Pendleton, Taylor Roberson, Charles Robinson, Miranda Rockow, Daniel Rojas, Brittany Sebastian, Nicholas Silvestri, Carli Simms, Patrick Thomas, Thomas Trinks, Wilson Wicker, Victoria Williams, John Woodward, Robert Wylie, and Brandon Zendejas;

**North Myrtle Beach Middle School:** Brenna Bailey, Casey Bell, Sydney Bell, Emmett Broach, Madison Brown, Ashley Buck, Sara Buschak, Christine Cooney, Michael Cuffe, Nicholas Dilisio, Jessica Glover, Hampton Harmon, Charles Harris, Rhett Hasty, Kennedy Hayes, Heather Hiley, Linette Ireland, William Jackson, Dillon King, Collin LaFramboise, Victoria Lane, Tyler Lapierre, Reid McDuffie, Brian Meier-Beck, Michelle Nguyen, Sharlen Nguyen, Elijah Oxendine, William Pauley III, Shelly

Phillips, Mackenzie Prickett, Katelyn Pullum, Abigail Smith, Steven Speros, Caleb Stephens, Tyler Stump, Austin Taylor, Samantha Thoma, Brooke Turman, Sarah Voltin, Tylor Williams, Anna Wilson, and Brandon Zendejas;

**Ocean Bay Middle School:** Savannah Barber, Rachel Barenberg, Alexis Barfield, Samantha Barrett, Justin Branch, Caitlyn Brock, Brett Calvert, Kyle Campbell, Melinda Custer, Meagan Denny, Matthew Dierksheide, Eleta Donelan, Caleb DuBridg, Melissa Estep, Lia Farrar, Laura Flanigan, Adam Glenn, Carlissa Hazleton, Cole Huther, Daniel Jaraki, Sean Julian, Kody Kai, Ryan Mason, Thomas McKay, Maria Nieto, Jesse Patrick, Jade Preciado, Dylan Pyle, Hayden Rothenburg, Brison Royals, Marisa Runyon, Sara Saad, Andrew Sedler, Robert Selems, John Sheehan, Mary Sheehan, McKenzie Sousa, Arthur Sparks, Tieraney Stewart, Taylor Strickland, Sean Thompson, Kibibi Thorsen, Joel Turner, Ana Raquel Vieira, Vishal Vyas, Jeremy Walden, Samuel Wathen, Raymond Wong, and Tyler Wyeth;

**St. James Middle School:** Austin T. Adams, Franklin Adams, Briana Barnes, Sydney Bazen, Niza Benitez, Casey Betts, Amber Bishop, Jacob Boomer, Corine Borth, Stephen Carter Brakefield, Kyle Burkhart, Joseph Chucci, Kiely Clark, William Curtis, Steven Dao, Aspen Dewey, Jonathon Dick, Avery Douglas, Corey Douglas, Andrew Ficklin, Joey Funderburk, Jonathan Galyardt, Kayla Gleaton, Kate Golden, Patricia Scarlett Henson, Eveline Hok, William Brooks Hurston, Jazzmyn James, Christopher Jolly, Sarah Kimpton, Patrick Kohlmann, Bridget Kyles, Annika Liger, Travaughn Lynch, Lyndie Mabry, Julia Mampreyan, Justin Matthews, Gregory McClanahan, Mackenzie Mitchell, Kaitlin Morehead, Nicholas Morell, Kelly Newell, Brandon Newman, Jonathan Rea, Thomas Rea, Tyler Rhorick, Christopher Rice, Harrison Roff, Stephen Romano, Ashley Romero-DePalma, Ian Palmer Sally, Ryan Schrader, Brian Schroeder, Taylor Seagle, Austin Sellars, Hayley Settle, Margaret Shelton, Robert Shepley, James Nathan Simmons, Andrew Smith, Janet Stewart, Dakodia Strack, Katelyn Suggs, Kenneth Tjendra, Max Ulyicsni, Melissa Vaiden, Samantha Vann, Parker Vereen, Hampton Young, and Heaven Young;

**Whittemore Park Middle School:** Caroline Blanton, Karl Chipman, Juquail Crosland, Nicholas DeConinck, Jonathan Dillard, Shayenne Encarnacion, Haley Graham, Amber Grainger, Christopher Grainger,

James Gunter, Jesse Shelley, Ashley Siehl, Johnathon Watts, and Barron Williams

EXPLORE Scholars are those eighth-grade students who attained the College Readiness Benchmark scores on each of the four academic subtests on the EXPLORE test. EXPLORE is the first part of the ACT's Educational Planning and Assessment Systems (EPAS), which is an integrated series of assessment and career planning programs designed to help students increase their academic readiness for college. The College Readiness Benchmark scores are early indicators of likely college success, defined by the ACT as "a 50% or higher probability of earning a B or higher in the corresponding college course." The EXPLORE College Readiness Benchmark Scores are shown as follows: English-13, Mathematics-17, Reading-15, and Science-20.

EXPLORE Scholars are:

**Aynor Middle School:** Kaleb Allen, Harley Coates, Dennis Evans, Meghan Fleischman, Alex Garland, Caitlin McClellan, Elizabeth Pruet, Megan Staton, and Hunter Windham;

**Black Water Middle School:** Nikole Agnitti, Savanna Altman, Haley Bowen, Jacob Camburn, Derrick Cannon, Dylan Carter, Falcon Davis, Christian Edwards, Chelise Gagum, Kyle Gibson, Callie Hughes, Joshua Jordan, Angela Lane, Erin Naples, William Nichols, Michael Spencer, and Jessica Terpening;

**Conway Middle School:** Ryan Alford, Kaitlyn Brown, Sean Byrd, Skylar Byrd, Xavier Campbell, Jessica Cannon, Skottowe Fox, Glenn Gangi, Margaret Harper, Robert Ingersoll, Jacob Moreland, and Brett Williams;

**Forestbrook Middle School:** Frank Branson, Hayley Brokaw, Cody Browne, Jeffrey Chu, Matthew DeGaetano, Kevin Duarte, Jake Durham, Sierra Elia, Grayson Erbland, Jennifer Federovitch, Nicholas Fitzpatrick, Kelsie Hensley, Gillian Hogue, Evan Hucks, Michael Katalinich, Mary Lewis, Joseph Mateo, Kimberly Medina, Cassidy Mooney, Claudia Ortuno, Lance Poe, Austin Poisson, Kristina Rimkute, Kevin Ristau, William Seward, Steven Siewert, Elizabeth Smith, Austin Smothers, Kimberly Sperbeck, Stacey Spirov, and Jordan Wesel;

**Green Sea Floyds Middle School:** Samuel Carlucci, Joshua Wayne Collins, Savannah Hooks, and Zackery Messetler;

**Loris Middle School:** Ashley Allison, Hannah Edwards, Stephanie Ermi, Nichole Fouty, Hannah Hardee, Jessica Hughes, Taylor Littlejohn, Darcy Nirenstein, Gianna Petrone, Alison Soles, and Justine Uy;

**Myrtle Beach Middle School:** Wayne Bauerle, Tyler Berkey, Mary Brocklesby, Eric Carter, Ariel Chavis, Elizabeth Cox, Charlston DeGroot, Nicholas Fozo, Alexis Gay, Cory Glover, Margaret Harris, Caitlin Hastie, Hikari Kobayashi, Alison Lashower, Anna Loomis, Barbara Maenner, Rylie McCrackin, Connor McLeod, Jessica Molnar, Taylor Roberson, Miranda Rockow, Brittany Sebastian, Stokes Taylor, Patrick Thomas, Thomas Trinks, Victoria Williams, and Robert Wylie;

**North Myrtle Beach Middle School:** Brenna Bailey, Madison Brown, Ashley Buck, Sara Buschak, Ashley Dipalma, Jordan Galloway, Jessica Glover, Holly Gotto, Hampton Harmon, Linette Ireland, Aubranie Jordan, Collin Laframboise, Lauren McCarthy, Sharlen Nguyen, William Pauley, Shelly Phillips, Hanna Pieri, Katelyn Pullum, Abigail Smith, Brooke Turman, Sarah Voltin, and Brandon Zendejas;

**Ocean Bay Middle School:** Jade Ahlers, Savannah Barber, Rachel Barenberg, Samantha Barrett, Justin Branch, Caitlin Brock, Tatiana Calderon, Kyle Campbell, Melinda Custer, Whitney Daniels, Matthew Dierksheide, Caleb DuBridg, Adam Glenn, Austin Godwin, Sally Harrelson, Carlissa Hazleton, Jesse Herrera, Cole Huther, Kody Kai, Jesse Patrick, Bryan Price, Dylan Pyle, Victoria Ruedy, Andrew Sedler, John Sheehan, Mary Sheehan, Zachary Sheppard, McKenzie Sousa, Cody Spearman, Tieraney Stewart, Sean Thompson, Lan Tran, Nicole Tropauer, Ana Raquel Vieira, Vishal Vyas, Jeremy Walden, Samuel Wathen, Ashlynn Weagraff, Raymond Wong, and Tyler Wyeth;

**St. James Middle School:** Austin Adams, Franklin Adams, Casey Betts, Stephen Carter Brakefield, Hannah Ehmann, Joey Funderburk, Kate Golden, Robert Harper, Christopher Jolly, Patrick Kohlmann, Bridget Kyles, Annika Liger, Justin Matthews, Mackenzie Mitchell, Kaitlin Morehead, Michael Padgett, Tyler Rhorick, Christopher Rice, Ryan Schrader, Taylor Seagle, Hayley Settle, Margaret Shelton, Robert

Shepley, Andrew Siegel, Janet Stewart, Katelyn Suggs, Thera Tyler, Paige Underwood, Melissa Vaiden, and Hampton Young;

**Whittemore Park Middle School:** Clinton Barnes, Kendall Barnhill, Karl Chipman, Nicholas DeConinck, Jonathan Dillard, Shayenne Encarnacion, Amber Grainger, Raekwon Groover, Jesse Shelley, Ashley Siehl, and Amanda Ulrich;

PLAN Scholars are those tenth-grade students who attained the College Readiness Benchmark scores on each of the four academic subtests on the PLAN test. PLAN is the first part of the ACT's Educational Planning and Assessment Systems (EPAS), which is an integrated series of assessment and career planning programs designed to help students increase their academic readiness for college. The College Readiness Benchmark scores are early indicators of likely college success, defined by the ACT as "a 50% or higher probability of earning a B or higher in the corresponding college course." The PLAN College Readiness Benchmark Scores are shown as follows: English-15, Mathematics-19, Reading-17, and Science-21.

PLAN Scholars are:

**Aynor High School:** Meagan Allen, Callie Barfield, Peter Barfield, Christian Barrett, Nicholas Barton, Bradley Chestnut, Taylor Crawford, Tyler Dorman, Caroline Gardner, Hannah Grice, Hillary Hooks, Kendyl Johnson, Skylar Johnson, Christopher Jordan, Aylon Lawson, Walt McCrackin, Jonathon Miller, Nicholas Piercy, Harlee Pinsky, Christopher Rabon, Mindy Richardson, Seth Richardson, Samantha Sellers, and Brittany Williams;

**Carolina Forest High School:** Jacob Aldridge, Alex Ault, Sydney Bair, Brianna Bero, David Blayton, Kelsey Cauble, Eric Connell, Conner Cortese, Montana Davis, Catherine Dong, Michelle Escano, Virginia Estridge, Jeffrey Fontaine, Domenick Forte, Madison Foust, Zachary Frishmuth, Camden Gaba, David Gasper, Allison Gasser, Nicholas Germano, Brian Gibson, Bennett Haskin, Devin Hilgenkamp, Tandra Hodum, Sonalba Jethwa, Victoria Knotts, Allyson Koepfler, Mariah Kowalkowski, Christy Larson, Lauren Lastauskas, Bryan Lattimore,

Chesna Lee, Carter Lowe, Nicole Melick, Caleb Montague, Brendan Nagle, Elisha Parker, Chandler Parnell, Stephen Penton, Mikyla Pieterse, Graigory Rogers, Lily Semones, Jeffery Sitts, Sommersill Tarabek, Chelsea Thomas, Brett Tietz, Ashleigh Todd, Austin Vaught, Matthew Wagner, Joseph Weshefsky, Zackary Whittaker, Trevor Worden, and Kayne Young;

**Conway High School:** Katlyn Atkins, Christopher Bell, Nicholas Bone, Felicia Butler, Judson Childs, Dylan Compton, Jessica Durant, Trevor Floyd, Gerald Friedman, Camdyn Gavilan, Kaitlyn Harper, Kerwin Johnson, Dakota Kish, Creg McAda, Daniel Moore, Kelly Paul, Faith Rabon, Chad Smith, Phillip Smith, Courtney Todd, Christopher Toledo, Grant Tolley, and Kelsey Watts;

**Green Sea Floyds High School:** Sloan Blair, Rebekah Brown, Taylor Buffkin, Amy Hughes, Brandon Kirsch, Erin Norris, Kandice Ouellette, Jordan Small, Louis Strickland, Tonya Uribe, and Adam Worley;

**Loris High School:** Derek Buffkin, Candace Conrad, Mary Reagan Floyd, Miriam Guirgis, Erin Hardee, Gonzalo Mendoza, Skylar Norton, Adam Roach, Zachary Soles, and Danielle Strickland;

**Myrtle Beach High School:** Holly Averill, Lauren Berkey, Christine Brittain, Mitchell Campbell, Lauren Carlisle, Cameron Clark, Daniel Connor, Charles Flynn, Chesley Foxworth, Trevor Funderburk, Noel Goetowski, Everett Golson, David Griscom, Thomas Hastie, Jason Herman, Joy Himmelsbach, Patterson Huggins, Shelby Jenkins, Mary Lark, Christopher McIlrath, Alexander McMillan, Justin Miller, Gabrielle Oden, Kellyann Patin, Jacob Rockow, Kendall Seagroves, Brooke Skelley, Thomas Sloan, Ashley Smith, Bryant Teal, Leslie Wilfong, Austin Willard, Wesley Younger, Salem Zeglin, and Hart Zwing;

**North Myrtle Beach High School:** Anthony Alexander, Erika Bailey, Mackenzie Baldwin, Jamison Berry, Jeffrey Craven, Zachary Crawl, Kyle Glover, Christopher Hairston, Christian Hamilton, Crane Havens, Kyle Hawes, Mariah Hightower, Megan Johnson, Joshua Kenny, Troy McIntyre, Rebecca McVeigh, Meggan Robbins, Mackie Ruby, Stephen Saxon, Heather Schoonover, Trenton Smith, William Sowell, Adam Stanaland, Teasia Thomas, Jacqueline Transou, Taylor Treece, Trey Voltin, and Eric Witman;

**Socastee High School:** Austin Autry, Brody Awalt, Zachary Baker, Maria Bala, Jennifer Blaine, Robert Bohemier, Taylor Creitz, Cameron Crickenberger Dale, Devonnea Curtis, Moriah David, Laurelle Dodson, Morgan Easton, Cody Edgar, August Erbland, Allison Federovitch, Jacob Fry, Ashley Gaynor, Jared Hansen, Matthew Ives, Catherine Jessee, Ronald Lilly, Gianna Lopes, Madeline Martin, Jarrett Mason, Chelsea McKinney, Daniel Medeiros, Jon Meyer, Holland Millure, Ryan Murray, Logan Newbold, Aimi Nguyen, Ryan Nissen, Brenna Norton-Baker, Megumi Oshima, Kirtan Patel, Matthew Rana, Tamar Slavitt, Summer Smith, Brooke Sullivan, Joseph Taylor, Aaron Thompson, Katherine Thompson, Damien Wright, and Jonathan Zazinski;

**St. James High School:** Sara Alexander, Blain Atkinson, Trevor Brone, Carlisle Buddin, Theresa Callahan, Katherine Ciardi, Donald Collins, Cyra Cottrell, Kourtney Cox, Roderick Cross, Kevin Dao, Victoria Dunn, Charles Foxworth, Cristina Gallitto, Angel Hafner, Nathaniel Haines, Holly Hajnal, John Hanna, Riley Howard, Ashley Johnson, Ashley Jones, Nicholas Liger, William Maenner, Christopher Mocariski, Gabrielle Moon, Kayla Phlegar, Anne Powell, Sydney Ramey, Bevin Robinson, Lauren Shuppy, John Smith, Nicole Smith, Kenneth Startin, Meagan Steers, Kyle Tecco, Jeffrey Vahey, Kathryn Wiggins, Kellie Wiggins, and Kristin Zirkelbach;

### **Governor's School for Science and Mathematics**

The South Carolina Governor's School for Science and Mathematics (GSSM) is a public, residential high school for academically advanced juniors and seniors. It offers a flexible, enriched, and balanced curriculum with a special focus on science and math. GSSM is ranked among the best academic secondary schools in the nation and is one of only a few specialized, residential high schools in the nation.

The GSSM honoree is Nathan Reeves, Conway High School.

### **Salutatorians**

Class rank is based on the cumulative grade-point average as outlined by the South Carolina Uniform Grading Scale. These seniors have been identified as second in their senior classes in academic rank:

Meghan Danielle Weisen, Aynor High School; Margaret G. Baxter, Carolina Forest High School; Kitty Calhoun, Conway High School; Elizabeth Ann Fox, Green Sea Floyds High School; Adam Wheeler Gore, Loris High School; Chloe Anne Rockow, Myrtle Beach High School; Heather Edwards, North Myrtle Beach High School; Samuel Casey King, Socastee High School; and Kathryn Myers Fellner, St. James High School

## **Valedictorians**

Class rank is based on the cumulative grade-point average as outlined by the South Carolina Uniform Grading Scale. These students have been identified as first in their senior classes in academic rank:

Sarah Cherry Dusenbury, Aynor High School; Sarah Elizabeth Robbins, Carolina Forest High School; Morgan Causey and Tara Merino, Conway High School; Michelle ChaYoung Rice, Green Sea Floyds High School; Morgan Ariel Nirenstein, Loris High School; Benjamin Harper Brittain and Korreda Kaswana Gause, Myrtle Beach High School; Erica Hill, North Myrtle Beach High School; Anthony Joshua Meyer, Socastee High School; and Kaitlyn Marie Welden, St. James High School

## **Palmetto Fellows**

The South Carolina General Assembly established the Palmetto Fellows Scholarship Program in 1988 to retain academically talented high school graduates in state universities through awards based on merit. Students are awarded up to \$6,700 per year to attend a South Carolina four-year institution. To be eligible, students must earn at least 1200 on the SAT or 27 on the ACT, have a 3.5 GPA, and rank in the top six percent of their class, or at least a 1400 on the SAT or a 32 on the ACT and earn a minimum of 4.00 GPA.

Palmetto Fellows are:

**Aynor High School:** Sarah Cherry Dusenbury, Michael Devin Primrose, Meghan Danielle Weisen, and Sarah Lundy Werkhoven;

**Carolina Forest High School:** Margaret G. Baxter, Amanda M. Cole, Makenzie K. Davenport, Sydney M. Donellan, Steven T. Englerth, Alex E.

Forney, McKinley W. Haskin, Zackary J. Johnson, Aaryn N. Kirby, Ana Maria Lavado, Julie H. Lee, Carmen D. Lombardo, Samantha L. Maness, Noah G. Montague, Alex M. Palmiter, Christopher J. Peterman, Sarah Elizabeth Robbins, Angelina G. Rotman, M. Linh Van, Hannah R. Wathen, and Alexis Webb;

**Conway High School:** Tyeesha Arrington, Morgan Causey, Brandy Crews, Bruce Johnson, Jeremy Kennedy, Kevin Kern, Rebecca Leisen, Tara Merino, Kyle Tanner, Gloria Wilson, and Cole Winburn;

**Green Sea Floyds High School:** Elizabeth Ann Fox and Taylor Marie LaPierre;

**Loris High School:** Adam Wheeler Gore, Morgan Ariel Nirenstein, and Casey Charles Stevens;

**Myrtle Beach High School:** Shelby Erin Arneberg, Benjamin Harper Brittain, Juliana Buttery Carter, Allison Alyssa Flynn, Lucas Nunes Gianini, Catherine Alford Goyak, Alex Tyndall Jackson, Benjamin David Jumper, Heather Marie McIlrath, Nicholas Paul Rierson, Chloe Anne Rockow, Taylor Elizabeth Warner, and Katelyn Margaret Winkler;

**North Myrtle Beach High School:** Alexandra Adams, Erin Black, Molly Brady, Heather Edwards, Erica Hill, Hannah Murray, Jordan Osborne, Zakary Pearsall, Rachel Rogers, Brandon Truss, Marissa Vereen, Joshua Voltin, and Laura Whitesides;

**Socastee High School:** Robert Brady Belair, Matthew Gregory Berger, Krystin Nicole Bourdua, Stephanie Renee Ferrell, Zachary Bennett Graham, Parker Bryant Jennette, Samuel Casey King, Michael Justin Mai, Anthony Joshua Meyer, Megan Nichole Moore, Philip Gerald Mustert, Yolanda Mei Ngo, Christina Minh Nguyen, Mara Catherine Norton-Baker, Daravie Pel, Taryn Carolina Perry, Cassia Mackenzie Reynolds, Hannah Rowell, Chandler Leann Thompson, and Karishma Vijay Tolani;

**St. James High School:** Allison Rebekah Bustin, Ashley Elizabeth Duquette, Kathryn Myers Fellner, Jordyn Hannah Ferrell, Katherine Marie Haselden, Savannah Michelle Johnson, Meredith Doran O'Toole, Lottie Elizabeth Peterson, Kaitlyn Marie Welden, Hannah Ray Widdifield, James Kelly Wright, and Jacob Donald Zulanch.

### ***School ACT Highest Score***

The senior with the highest ACT score for her/his school is presented a \$500 scholarship as part of the ACT/SAT Scholars Program of Horry County Schools. Honorees are: Sarah Cherry Dusenbury, Aynor High School; Christopher J. Peterman, Carolina Forest High School; Kevin Kern, Conway High School; Elizabeth Ann Fox and Taylor Marie LaPierre, Green Sea Floyds High School; Morgan Ariel Nirenstein, Loris High School; Shelby Erin Arneberg, Myrtle Beach High School; Joshua Voltin, North Myrtle Beach High School; Samuel Casey King, Socastee High School; Allison Rebekah Bustin and Kaitlyn Marie Welden, St. James High School.

### **School SAT Highest Score**

The senior with the highest SAT score for her/his school is presented a \$500 scholarship as part of the ACT/SAT Scholars Program of Horry County Schools. Honorees are: Sarah Cherry Dusenbury, Aynor High School; Sarah Elizabeth Robbins, Carolina Forest High School; Tara Merino, Conway High School; Elizabeth Ann Fox, Green Sea Floyds High School; Morgan Ariel Nirenstein, Loris High School; Benjamin Harper Brittain, Myrtle Beach High School; Alexandra Adams, North Myrtle Beach High School; Matthew Gregory Berger and Zachary Bennett Graham, Socastee High School; and Kaitlyn Marie Welden, St. James High School.

### **National Merit Scholarship Program**

Participants in the National Merit Scholarship Programs are determined by their performance on the PSAT taken during their junior year. Students named National Merit Semi-Finalists and Finalists are among a select group of students across the nation who advanced to the final round of competition in the National Merit Scholarship Program. From the pool of National Merit Scholarship Finalists, an elite group of students is awarded National Merit Scholarships.

National Merit Scholars are: Christopher James Peterman and Sarah Elizabeth Robbins, Carolina Forest High School; Benjamin Harper

Brittain, Myrtle Beach High School; and Matthew Gregory Berger and Zachary Bennett Graham, Socastee High School.

National Merit Semi-Finalists are Katrina Lee Archer and Scott Dailey Strickland, Green Sea Floyds High School.

### **ACT/SAT Scholars**

Committed to improving students' ACT and SAT scores, Horry County Schools has implemented the ACT/SAT Challenge to provide students and schools with resources and incentives to excel on college entrance tests. This year, the district is awarding scholarships to seniors who have met the requirements of the program which include both improvement of scores and high achievement. All ACT/SAT Scholars receive a \$500 scholarship.

ACT/SAT Scholars are:

**Aynor High School:** Sarah Dusenbury, Haley Lawson, Meghan Weisen, and Sarah Werkhoven;

**Carolina Forest High School:** Margaret Greer Baxter, Amanda Cole, Makenzie Davenport, Sydni Donnellan, Jeremy Duncan, Steven Tyler Englerth, Alex Forney, McKinley Haskin, Shannon Holbrook, Aaryn Kirby, Erica Lane, Ana Maria Lavado, Julie Le, Carmen Lombardo, Jordan McCarthy, Wilmot Merchant, Noah Montague, Christopher Peterman, Sarah Elizabeth Robbins, Angelina Rotman, Mong Linh Van, Hannah Wathen, Alexis Webb, and Mary Wright;

**Conway High School:** Tyeesha Arrington, Ashley Bratcher, Morgan Causey, Brandy Crews, Bruce Johnson, Jeremy Kennedy, Kevin Kern, Rebecca Leisen, Tara Merino, and Kayle Merry;

**Green Sea Floyds High School:** Elizabeth Fox, and Taylor LaPierre;

**Loris High School:** Adam Gore, Morgan Nirenstein, and Casey Stevens;

**Myrtle Beach High School:** Shelby Arneberg, Erica Bandolas, Jacob Beaver, Benjamin Brittain, Juliana Carter, Kelly Couch, Allison Flynn, Lucas Gianini, Adam Glover, Catherine Goyak, Agatha Hill, Whitney Isley,

Benjamin Jumper, Rebecca Kincaid, Alyssa Leibman, Heather McIlrath, Nicholas Rierson, Chloe Anne Rockow, Taylor Warner, Katelyn Winkler, and Grayson Zwing;

**North Myrtle Beach High School:** Alexandra Adams, Jacob Colburn, Heather Edwards, Blake Freeman, Erica Hill, Timothy McWhirter, Jordan Osborne, Zakary Pearsall, Rachel Rogers, Brandon Truss, Marissa Vereen, Joshua Voltin, and Laura Whitesides;

**Socastee High School:** Kristen Allmer, Matthew Berger, Krystin Bourdua, Jaclyn Cupito, Gared Eichholz, Stephanie Ferrell, Kaylee Gardiner, Zachary Graham, Parker Jennette, Samuel King, Michael Mai, Anthony Joshua Meyer, Megan Moore, Garrett Motta, Philip Mustert, Yolanda Ngo, Christina Nguyen, Mara Norton-Baker, Daravie Pel, Taryn Perry, Briana Ply, Leigh Pounds, Cassia Reynolds, Hannah Rowell, Stacey Rushing, Candace Sutherland, Brandon Szustakowski, Chandler Thompson, Karishma Tolani, Richard Van der Horst, and William Tate Young;

**St. James High School:** Lauren Adams, Allison Bustin, Ashley Duquette, Kathryn Fellner, Jordyn Hannah Ferrell, Katherine Haselden, Savannah Johnson, Kyle Kovalchek, Alexandra Merisotis, Morgan Mikolajczyk, Meredith O'Toole, Lottie Peterson, Alexander Hugh Rogers, Kaitlyn Welden, Hannah Widdifield, James Kelly Wright, and Jacob Zulanch.

### **Robert C. Byrd Scholars**

The Robert C. Byrd Scholarship Program recognizes student excellence and achievement in high school and the promise of continued academic excellence at a post-secondary institution. This federally funded scholarship program provides \$1,500 per year for up to four years of undergraduate study at a post-secondary institution located anywhere in the United States. To be eligible for this scholarship program, students must have a minimum of 1300 on the SAT (combined Math and Critical Reading score only) or a minimum of 29 on the ACT as well as a minimum 3.5 GPA.

Honorees are: Margaret G. Baxter, Amanda M. Cole, and Sarah Elizabeth Robbins, Carolina Forest High School; and Shelby Erin Arneberg, Chloe Anne Rockow, and Taylor Elizabeth Warner, Myrtle Beach High School.

