



The View

School Information

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING:

The following students have been selected by the RVHS Scholarship Committee as the 2009 Palmetto Boys State delegates:

1. Christopher Davis
2. Jamal Davis
3. Joshua Hoffbauer
4. Brian Aludrick has been chosen as our alternate delegate.

The following students have received three medals at the National level for the Spanish National Exam:

1. Rafael Gutierrez-Silver Medal in level 5)
2. Sheimaliz Glover-Bronze Medal in level 4)
3. LaVesha Parker-Bronze Medal in level 3)
4. Dillon Ashby-Gold Medal at the State level

RVHS' Student Council received the SCASC Gold Council of Excellence award and the NASC National Gold Council of Excellence for 2008-2009. Both recognitions demonstrate our student council's hard work and commitment to excellence. Ridge View was 1 of 2 high schools in the state to receive the national award.

Jordan Dopp, Carla Mendoza Marrero, and Martha Hudgins competed in the Regional competition of the National History Day held at Columbia College on Friday, April 3rd. Martha Hudgins' paper was selected as top winner and the recipient of a one hundred dollar prize presented by the Colonial Dames of America. Carla Mendoza Marrero was also a Gold Medalist at the State finals. RVHS swept the Regional event by capturing all three spots that advance to the State finals. Each of these Scholars Academy students represented Ridge View at the State Finals held at the South Carolina Department of Archives, Saturday, April 25th. Carla Mendoza Marrero was selected to attend the National History Day Finals held at the University of Maryland on June 14-18. Pictured below left to right: Martha Hudgins, Jordan Dopp, Carla Mendoza Marrero.



69 students were recognized at the annual RVHS Awards Ceremony for Academic Achievement on April 22nd. These students were selected by businesses, organizations, government, colleges and universities, and by the faculty and staff of RVHS in recognition of outstanding achievement throughout the year. The recipient list is as follows:

Claire Angelac, Zoe Angelac, Daniel Armstrong, Christine Arroyo, Dillon Ashby
 Nikki Atencio, David Bell, Chandler Bishop, Ariel Bledsoe, Shade Bornemann
 Morgan Bostick, Emily Bowerman, Pinquetta Brown, Lonnie Butler, Makabia Butler
 Candra Chaisson, Jordan Crosby, Bruce Davis, Jordan Dopp, Bridget Earle
 Michelle Feggans, Jacqueline Gajoch, Shemaliz Glover, Sarah Goines, Sara Goodman
 Shamara Gouch, Katherine Hafner, Kiante Hall, Eric Hall, Meredith Harris
 Desiree Hennessey, Martha Hudgins, Lawrence Jefferson, Breanna Johnson, Amy Johnson
 Meghan Jones, Estavio Jones, Erika Jordan, Lindsay LeGrand, Robert Ley
 Alesha Love, Taylor Lucas, Nadine Luedicke, Nikil Mathur, Kara Mattocks
 Sam McCants, Carla Mendoza-Marrero, Nikesha Nelson, Faith Parish, Rahsaan Perry
 Windsor Phillips, Ariel Reeves, Jamie Roseman, Salome Seraphin, Avery Shawen
 Kayleigh Sims, Calisha Slater, Kristin Smith, Joseph Stogner, Jordan Stovall
 Angela Stroman, Lee Ann Swager, Zoe Trock, William Waldrop, Sheneka White
 Danielle Williams, Megan Woodall, Bianca Young, Najia Zahir

Martin Gonzalez has been selected to attend the Leadership University in Washington, D.C., June 14-19, 2009. Martin will be taking part in leadership seminars sponsored by LeadAmerica.

Ridge View DECA students traveled to Anaheim, CA, April 29 – May 3, 2009, to compete in the DECA's 63rd International Career Development Conference. The conference consisted of 16,000 DECA students from various parts of the world, along with their advisors and business professionals who served as judges and facilitators for the competitions.

Jasmine Austin competed as an All Star member for the South Carolina DECA Quiz Bowl competition. The team consisted of four students from across the state. The team made history for our state when it won the first two rounds of competition against Maine (22–10) and then Virginia (16–12). Arizona sneaked by us for a 2 point lead in the third round. Tanasia Hall was the state alternate for the Quiz Bowl and a graduate of the International Leadership Development Academy, where she and her team were the recipients of the Spirit Award. Both students did an exceptional job representing our state, district, and school.



SC DECA State Quiz Bowl Team (Jasmine Austin pictured third from left).



Tanasia Hall, Mrs. Pat Jackson, Jasmine Austin

Two RVHS seniors, Jasmine Austin and Shantavius Hall, have been awarded the DECA National Marketing Education Honor Award, which recognizes academic excellence, leadership skills, involvement in DECA and community/school service. Jasmine serves as President of the RVHS Chapter of DECA and Shantavius serves as Vice President. Pictured below left to right: Pat Jackson, DECA Advisor, Shantavius Hall, Jasmine Austin, Dr. Marty Martin, Principal



Ariel Bledsoe has been selected as the recipient of the Richland County Education Association Scholarship. Ariel was required to write an essay on "What Public Education has done for Me?" She was the one recipient chosen out of Richland School District One and Richland School District Two. Ariel has also been accepted into the South Carolina Business Week 2009 on the campus of Presbyterian College from July 12th-July 17th.

Christopher Davis and Sheimaliz Glover were both accepted into the 2009 Wachovia Scholars Business at Moore summer program to be held June 20th-June 26th at the University of South Carolina.

Charles McIntyre has been awarded one of twelve \$1,000 scholarships from the Greater Columbia Educational Advancement Foundation sponsored by the Foundation from the proceeds of its Annual Chick-fil-A Classic Basketball Tournament for 2008-2009.

Erica Moore and Sierra Henderson have been selected to receive a \$1,000 scholarship from the Columbia (SC) Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.

Erin McAboy, Michelle Feggans, and Tyronda Gaskins have each been awarded \$1,000 scholarships from the Rotary Club of Spring Valley.

RVHS' C.A.M.P. (Creative Arts in Motion Program) will be held June 15th-19th for Theatre Make Up and July 6th-10th for Acting. The cost is \$75 for a half day from 9 am-12 pm and \$110 for a full day from 9 am-4 pm. For more information please call 699-2999 ext. 376

You are cordially invited to attend the School for the Arts Senior Showcase on Thursday, May 28 at 7:00 p.m. in the Ridge View High School Auditorium. The seniors will be presenting a variety of works, including presentations detailing volunteer experiences, live music performances, visual art presentations, excerpts from *Zombie Prom*, and original dance pieces. The performance will culminate in the presentation of SFA stoles and a reception provided by the SFA Freshman class. Admission is free. Please bring your families and friends and enjoy the show with us!



Athletic News

RVHS graduate and former football player, Dorrell Scott, has been drafted in the 4th round of the NFL draft by the St. Louis Rams!!!!

RVHS' Basketball Youth Camp for boys aged 8-rising 8th graders will be held June 15th-18th from 9 am-12:30 pm. The cost of the camp is \$44. Each student will get a Nike Ridge View Basketball t-shirt, camp certificate, and possible camp awards. For more information please call 803-348-2365 or email: jcombs@richland2.org.

RVHS' Wrestling Team will be sponsoring the Penn State Wrestling Camp at RVHS July 17-19 for interested students in 7th-12th grade. The cost will be \$85.00. For more information please call 803-932-9312.

RVHS' Basketball Camp for girls aged 8-rising 8th graders will be held June 8th-11th from 9 am-12:30 pm for a half day and 9 am-3:30 pm for a full day. The cost of the camp is \$25 for a half day and \$50 for a full day. For more information please call 699-2999 ext. 628 or email: tgibson@richland2.org.

RVHS' Annual Youth Cheer Camp will be held June 26th-28th for ages 5-13. The cost will be \$50.00. For more information please call 699-2999 ext. 352 or email: jborowiec@richland2.org.

RVHS' Blazer Soccer Camp will be held June 22nd-26th. Session 1 will include K-3rd grade. Session 2 will include 4th-6th grade. The cost will be \$60. for more information please call 699-2999 ext. 403.

Ridge View lacrosse player signs intent to play in college. Sara Goodman is going to Erskine College to play lacrosse. Pictured below left to right: Teresa Goodman, Sara Goodman, Samuel Goodman and standing, RV Athletic Director David Gordon.



From our School Nurse

Parents:

Please remember to pick up all medications in the health room that belong to your student by 12 noon on June 5th, 2009. Any medication left after this time will be discarded.

From our Guidance Office

For the 2009-2010 school year, Richland School District Two (RSD2) will implement new proof-of-residence procedures that will require all students to provide proof-of-residence prior to their enrollment in a RSD2 school, and yearly thereafter.

The following procedures will be required by each school:

New Enrollment:	Provide 3 proofs-of-residence
All Kindergarten Students:	Provide 3 proofs-of-residence
Current RSD2 (K-12) students:	Provide 1 proof-of-residence

In order to facilitate the collection of proofs from each family in an efficient manner, schools and the Richland Two District Office will begin communicating their collection procedures to Richland School District Two families and the general public beginning in February 2009.

The types of proofs to be collected when 3 proofs-of-residence are needed will remain the same: electric bill, water bill, land line phone bill, cable/satellite, completely executed rental lease or real estate purchase contract,

When one proof-of-residence is required, a current utility bill (electric bill, water bill, land line phone bill, cable bill) will need to be submitted.

If a family currently residing in the district moves to another in-district residence, this situation will be viewed as a new enrollment for verification purposes. The family will be required to submit 3 new proofs-of-residence.

The deadline for all addresses being verified by the school is August 3, 2009.

If you need any clarification on the procedural change, you may contact the Planning Office at 803-738-3314, rwiley@richland2.org or your school's registrar.

From Student Activities

Update on the Hope 4 Uganda Benefit Rally:

Over **500** people participated in Ridge View High School's HOPE 4 Uganda Benefit Rally on Saturday, May 16 at Clemson University's Sandhill Research and Education Center in northeast Columbia raising **more than \$10,000 to send to Awere Secondary School in northern Uganda**. Ridge View is partnered with Invisible Children in their Schools for Schools program to help rebuild the school over the next four years. Speakers Derreck Kayongo, from CARE, International and Marie Hamm from Invisible Children informed the crowd about the devastating war in Uganda. The crowd also enjoyed musical acts The Bitter Suite, Joal Rush and the Wares, The Heist and the Accomplice, NeverShoutNever! and Hot Lava Monster.

HOPE 4 Uganda was the culminating event in Ridge View High School's spring service project for Invisible Children. Kaity Chandler, a student at Ridge View High School, said, "I was really excited to see that even though it was raining, the crowd was still interested in participating and making a difference for the children in Uganda. Our school worked really hard to make this event successful, and judging from the turn out and money raised, we definitely made a difference."

And the crowd responded. Ridge View High School's Student Body Vice-President, Qamar Muhammad, stated, "I was proud to be a part of the energy of the day. There was such a positive vibe, and I really think that we will make the lives of the children in Uganda better."

Parent Neil Sondov, who travelled from Greer, SC with his daughter, said, "From the moment we arrived on site for the HOPE 4 Uganda event, there was nothing short of class, caring, respect, and enthusiasm displayed by the students of Ridge View. They were polite, helpful, informative, and committed to their cause."

Lisa Ellis, Director of Student Activities at Ridge View, believes, "What makes this HOPE 4 Uganda event so special is that it was student driven. Students researched, planned and carried out the event because they care so much about making the world a better place to live."

Overall, the day was deemed a huge success for Invisible Children. Marie Hamm of Invisible Children said, "Any time that the public can be made aware of the situation in Uganda, it helps the movement take a step forward to ending the 23 year long civil war. The influence of America so far has brought an end to night commuting in the country."

Community Involvement

Richland Two has partnered with the Richland County Sheriffs Department to support Student Crimestoppers. The program uses the same Crimestoppers network and phone number (1-888-CRIME-SC) to allow students to anonymously report school-based crimes and to be rewarded for their tips. When a student's tip has led to an arrest or disciplinary action, the student will be instructed on where to pick up their reward. Some of the types of crimes that would be eligible are: gang activity (\$25 - \$100 depending on seriousness), fighting (\$25), weapons on persons (\$25 - \$100 depending on weapon & intent), guns on school grounds (even if the gun isn't found on a student - \$100), and drugs on person (\$25 - \$100 depending on type and amount). The district views this program as another tool to help provide a safe learning environment for our students.

Important Dates

May 22nd -28th: Final Exams
June 5: Graduation at 8:30 am at the Carolina Coliseum
June 9-10: Report cards mailed home

*****Note: This bulletin will be sent bi-weekly to our Blazer family. *****