

A Message from Lance Radford, Principal

Welcome to the Wade Hampton High School website. We hope that you will view this site often and keep abreast of the most recent school activities and achievements. Our students, faculty, staff, parents, and community have been very successful in creating a high level of success in academics, fine arts, and athletics, making Wade Hampton a school of choice for students seeking an outstanding program in these areas.

The accomplishments and recognitions of the 2012-2013 school year confirm again Wade Hampton High School's standing as one of the top high schools in South Carolina and the Nation. Wade Hampton High School was recognized by *Newsweek Magazine* and *US News and World Report* as one of America's Best High Schools in 2013. Our report card absolute rating of Excellent was the fourth year in a row, and for the third time in as many years, we are above the average in every area used in the calculation of the School Report Card rating with "Schools Like Ours." We also received, for the fifth time in as many years, the Palmetto Gold Award for Student Achievement from the State Department of Education. Wade Hampton High School was also recognized by the State Department of Education with both the Act Performance Award and SAT Performance Award for improvement on these college entrance exams. In addition to our expected academic achievements, 2012-2013 was the year for the Generals to excel athletically. Fifteen teams made the playoffs and five teams finished in the top ten. The Girls' Varsity Basketball team and the Varsity Baseball team made it to the Upper State Finals and our Girls' Cross Country team finished as State Runner Up. We are very proud that we finished 13th in Director's Cup standings for overall sports performance in the 4A Division. Academically, the GPA in the athletic program demonstrated an impressive 3.80 average for all athletes in all sports.

Our students, led by our award winning Student Council, continued to raise the bar for all high schools by collecting over \$206,083 for charity in a single week. Our Student Council was also elected SASC President for 2013 which designates Wade Hampton High School as the host for the Southern Conference in November. Our Air Force JROTC received the Outstanding Organization Award, and many students earned local, state and national distinction in our fine arts programs. We had forty-eight students earn AP Scholar Awards, three students selected as Teaching Fellow Scholars, and two National Merit Winners. We increased our number of students enrolled in AP courses to 601 and administered 869 exams. Our senior class received scholarship offers totaling over \$15,500,000; among these were 148 Life Scholarship recipients and 28 Palmetto Fellows.

It becomes obvious that there is a long history of community and school groups working together to provide the highest quality education for our students. It is this cooperative relationship that has built success for generations. Our students are given the opportunity to learn in a safe and caring environment that promotes high academic standards and encourages each student to achieve to their highest potential. We are proud of the accomplishments of the past years and are committed to continually enhancing the academic, fine arts, and athletic programs.

Parents are welcome and encouraged to visit our school at any time. Please come to the front office to sign in and we will be glad to assist you.

Lance Radford
Principal
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"Leading Like Generals"