



## Third Quarter Honor Roll

The following students made all As for the first semester:

**Mary Canfield (10), Tyler Hill (9), Dakota Kish (9),  
Rebecca Laird (9), Cynthia Longieliere (10), Gianna Lopes (9)  
Brittany Montgomery (10), Yashira Perry (9), and Gaby Sarvis (9).**

## Third Quarter Merit Roll

The following students had all As & Bs for the first semester:

### Freshmen

Baldwin, Mackenzie  
Becerra, Angelica  
Bibart, Stephee  
Bostic, Summers  
Braswell, Kecia  
Brown, Raven  
Citrone, Julia  
Clark, Ashley  
Contreras, Rita  
Cox, Kourtney  
Czerkowskyj, Amanda  
Dillon, Chris  
Hall, Kristi  
Harrison, Tamisha  
Hennigan, Carnisha  
Hills, Sheree  
Laird, Robert  
Moreland, Haileigh  
Parton, Brittney  
Paul, Lacie  
Petroni, Joseph  
Pinkas, Sophia  
Pokwatka, Christine  
Rivera, Joshua  
Sherman, Xavier  
Smith, Whitney  
Snipes, Kendal  
Vereen, Alquisha  
White, Keyshell  
Williams, Makkenzie  
Wilson, Sabrina

### Sophomores

Adcock, Kaci  
Alessi, Mallory  
Barry, Michael  
Bosque, Samuel  
Cannon, Callie  
Chestnutt, Andrew  
Edge, Gatlin  
Ferris, Tim  
Fox, Matthew  
Gore, Jamesha  
Griffin, Catherine  
Jackson, Brittany  
Jakubek, Cheyenne  
Johnson, Zane  
Jones, Ashley  
Jones, Caitlynn  
Keith, Cody  
Lambrecht, Megan  
Longacre, Zachary  
McCoy, Dylon  
Michaca, Mario  
Nordman, Morgan  
Price, Nicole  
Ramos, Jose  
Reidy, Melissa  
Sawyer, Rebecca  
Simmons, Amber  
Stroud, Katelyn  
Sumter, Jacqui  
Thomas, Davey  
Watts, Heather  
Webster, Catherine  
Woodbury, Dee

## Dates to Remember



3rd Quarter Student Led  
Conferences  
April 8 - April 22

National Volunteer Week  
April 20 - 26

HSAP Testing  
Sophomores only  
April 22 - 24

MAP Testing  
Freshmen  
April 28 - 30

HGTC Last Day of Class  
Wednesday, April 30

HGTC Exam Week  
May 1 - 6

University of South Carolina  
trip  
Sophomores  
Wednesday, May 7

Parent Support Group Meeting  
Thursday, May 8, 5:30 pm

Interim Reports Issued  
Friday, May 9

MAP Testing  
Sophomores  
May 8 - 14



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## HSAP South Carolina Exit Exam

Source: SC Department of Education HSAP Brochure

The South Carolina High School Assessment Program (HSAP) consists of two tests—one in English language arts and one in mathematics. South Carolina law mandates that all high school students pass an exit examination as one requirement for receiving a high school diploma. The HSAP tests are based on the South Carolina curriculum standards in English language arts and mathematics. These tests assess what students are expected to know and be able to do in each subject.

All ECH sophomores will take HSAP April 22 - 24. The mathematics and English language arts tests each have four achievement levels: 1, 2, 3, and 4. A student must score at level 2 or higher on each test to meet the graduation requirement. Students who score at level 2 or higher on either test will not need to take that test again. If a student scores level 1 on either or both tests, he/she will retake the test at the next administration.

The HSAP tests are given over a period of three days—two sessions for English language arts and one session for mathematics. The HSAP tests are not timed. Students are given as much time as they need to complete each session on each test day.

Additional information is provided in the HSAP brochure that was distributed to sophomores at the recent student-led conferences.

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### TIPS FOR IMPROVING STUDENT PERFORMANCE ON THE HSAP

- KEEP UP WITH YOUR STUDIES.
  - FOCUS ON ONE QUESTION AT A TIME DURING TESTING.
  - READ THE DIRECTIONS AND QUESTIONS CAREFULLY.
  - TRY TO ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS. YOU WILL NOT BE PENALIZED FOR GUESSING.
  - SKIP A QUESTION IF YOU DO NOT KNOW THE ANSWER. COME BACK TO THE QUESTION AFTER YOU FINISH THE REST OF THE TEST.
  - REALIZE THAT EASIER AND MORE DIFFICULT QUESTIONS ARE SCATTERED THROUGHOUT THE TEST. DO NOT BE DISCOURAGED IF YOU FIND SOME OF THE FIRST QUESTIONS DIFFICULT.
  - GO BACK AND CHECK YOUR ANSWERS WHEN YOU FINISH.
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### TIPS FOR PARENTS

- ENCOURAGE YOUR CHILD TO GET PLENTY OF REST AND EAT A WELL-BALANCED DIET.
- MONITOR YOUR CHILD'S PROGRESS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR.
- REMEMBER THAT TEST SCORES ARE ONLY ONE MEASURE OF A STUDENT'S ACHIEVEMENT.
- SUPPORT YOUR CHILD'S ACADEMIC EFFORTS.
- AVOID SCHEDULING APPOINTMENTS OR VACATIONS DURING TESTING WEEK.

## Students in the News

### Mallory Alessi - TRIO Coastal Culinary Experience

The "Trio" dinner pairs a local Executive Chef with local students, one high school and one college, presently enrolled in the Culinary Arts Program. Mallory was selected to serve as a student chef paired with an HGTC student and Chef Andrew from the Sidewheeler Restaurant. The Executive Chef and two students worked side-by-side to create dishes for a dinner that was served to 350 guests at the Sheraton Myrtle Beach Conference Center Hotel on Monday, April 14. Congratulations to Mallory for being chosen for this special opportunity.

### Maria Diego Wins Splash's Student All-Star Essay Contest

Maria Diego was the Grand Prize Winner for high school students in a recent essay contest sponsored by the Myrtle Beach Pelicans. Out of over 500 essays, Maria's essay was chosen as the high school Grand Prize Winner.

**Maria** wrote her essay about the importance of having the Myrtle Beach Pelicans baseball team as a part of our community. This well-written essay won Maria a team autographed baseball, an opportunity to throw out the first pitch, and 200 tickets for ECH students to go to the baseball game. Scheduled for Wednesday, April 23, at 7:00, students will take their vouchers to the Pelicans ticket office between 5:30 - 6:30 to pick up their tickets. Other ECH students who were finalists include **Kecia Braswell, Adam Harrelson, Joey Petrone, and Alquisha Vereen.**



### Time Warner Recognizes Coretta Hemingway as ECH Inspirational Student at Hero Highlights Luncheon

Time Warner recognizes students from around Horry County who look upon their challenges as opportunities. On Friday, April 7, **Coretta** was honored at a special luncheon. Chosen by the ECH staff, Coretta is recognized as being a student who always exhibits her personal best. She is respectful, talented, friendly, and kindhearted. Coretta says, "No matter what you go through, you have to look over your difficulties in order to succeed."

### ECH Drama Club Members Serve Seniors



The *Write to Remember* project was developed through Coastal Carolina University to give area senior citizens the opportunity to submit their personal stories, recipes, or other information about their past for possible publication in a book. The **ECH Drama Club** along with the sponsor, **Mrs. McKoy**, will be visiting Kingston Nursing Center on several occasions to meet and talk with seniors. The students will write down the stories and help seniors share some of their personal memories.

## Freshman Corner



### College Readiness

In anticipation of our freshmen moving to their sophomore year of high school, we are also hoping that many of them will begin their first college classes. Students must score at least 87 on the Reading COMPASS test and meet college readiness standards as defined by the HGTC Faculty. Those standards include:

- The student puts forth his/her best effort on all assignments.
- The student accepts responsibility for own learning.
- The student follows through on homework and study.
- The student completes assignments and homework when due.
- The student works independently.
- The student can maintain grades without parental involvement.
- The student is conscientious about attendance and is only absent when ill.

The ECH teachers will complete a recommendation form related to the college readiness standards for each student. The teachers will then review the recommendation forms, the Reading COMPASS score, and the final report card to determine college readiness for each student. Sophomores could be eligible to take a college class as early as first semester.

Students who have not met the 87 score on reading may have the opportunity to take a college reading course, a non-credit course, during first semester and then register for a college credit-bearing class during second semester.

## More Students in the News

### ECH Freshmen Compete for Aynor High at Regional Track Meet

**Gabriella Sarvis** and **Tyler Hill** are both on the track team for Aynor High School. They competed in the Regional Track Meet at Marion High School on Thursday, April 17, held at Marion High School.

### “Monday After the Masters” and First Tee

Sophomore Ben Boylston had the opportunity to attend the Hootie & the Blowfish “Monday After the Masters” Celebrity Tournament at Barefoot Resort on Monday, April 14. As a participant with First Tee, Ben was able to observe many of the skills he is learning from golf by watching the golfers.

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## THANK YOU, ECH VOLUNTEERS!

Our Early College program is fortunate to have many people from around the county who volunteer their time for the success of our program.



Students should take the opportunity this week to contact their mentor through a phone message, thank you note, or other way to show their appreciation for the time and talents that are shared with them.



## Communication Between School and Home

It is very important that we have a good method to contact parents both during and after school hours.

On the evening of April 14, we used the parent notification system which calls the telephone numbers we have for students. We apologize for the lateness of the calls; however, we responded quickly and attempted to provide everyone with the needed information. We also used our parent distribution list to send an e-mail that related the closing and the cause of the closing. This e-mail list was provided by parents at the beginning of the school year.

### Information you should know:

- If you hear that Horry-Georgetown Technical College - Conway campus is closed, this will include the Early College program. Both HGTC and the ECH websites will have the closing message.
- If all Horry County Schools are closed, this also includes the Early College program.

In the event of school closing or other emergency, we will use our parent notification calling system to send a message to each home.

It is important that you communicate with us immediately when you change your address, phone number, and/or e-mail address to ensure that you get the mail and messages that are sent from the school.

If you did not get a call on Monday evening, this means that we do not have a correct phone number for you.

To change your phone number, address, and/or e-mail, you may contact Sherry Monte-Kegley by calling 349-7102 or e-mail her at [skegley@horrycountyschools.net](mailto:skegley@horrycountyschools.net).

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

### STUDENT ABSENCES

As we move into the fourth quarter, it is important to be reminded of the attendance policies for Horry County Schools.

For Horry County School and the Early College High School classes, a student cannot be absent for more than five days. Students are allowed five unexcused absences in each academic course for the semester.

On the morning of return to school following an absence, students must turn in a written excuse to the attendance clerk, Mrs. Monte-Kegley.

Being tardy to class also causes students to miss valuable instructional time. Consistent tardies can accumulate minutes missed from class that can result in the need to makeup missed class time through Saturday school.

Saturday or Make-Up School is scheduled at each base high school for students who accumulate more than five days of unexcused absences. Mrs. Monte-Kegley can provide students with information about the days and times that are available.

### MAKEUP WORK FOR COURSES

Students are responsible for obtaining information about missing assignments. The student should talk with the teacher about any missing assignments and a time period for when the work should be completed. Students may also refer to the Early College website to obtain assignments.

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