2011-2012 Accolades
Over 40 Years of Excellence

- **Rose Mary Wilson** selected as the top Technology Champion of the Midlands.
- **Kimberly McRae** receives 2nd Place Special Award in the category of Engineering, Materials and Bioengineering, and 3rd Place in the WORLD from the Air Force Research Laboratory.
- **K'Shaun Sanders** successfully defended her dissertation.
- **Sean Sterling Gorman** selected as a Scholarship recipient of the Greater Columbia Educational Advancement Foundation.
- **Shalese Childress’** art *Duplicity* selected by the College Board regional office in Atlanta to hang in an exhibit next year.
- **SVHS AFJROTC** recognized as 2011-2012 Distinguished Unit by the Department of the Air Force’s Air University.
- **Chief Perry Langston** and **Major Frank Ward** receive 2011-2012 Outstanding Instructor Award with Merit.
- **Mehrad Khandkar** published article “Alterations in expression of specific microRNA’s by combination of 4-HPR and EGCG inhibited growth of human malignant neuroblastoma cells” in *Brain Research*.
- **Jake Farell** published article “Multimetallic Electrocatalysts of Pt, Ru, and Ir Supported on Anatase and Rutile TiO₂ for Oxygen Evolution in an Acid Environment” in *Electrochemical and Solid-State Letters*.
- **Ben Fechter** won Silver Award in Environmental Science at the I-SWEEEP competition in Houston, Texas.
- **Afia Khan** named 2012 Presidential Scholar and National Merit Scholarship winner.
- **Himabindu Vinnakota** selected as the state winner of the Stockholm Junior Water Prize.
- **SVHS Spanish Students** win a total of 37 Medals and Honorary Mentions in the 2012 National Spanish Exam. Gold Medals (Alexandra Cotran, Afia Khan, and Alyssa Stewart), Silver Medals (Subina Saini, Bushra Islam, Rachel Smith, Jaiah Dash, Petty Smith, Akhila Padi, Anessa Pettis, Hugo Rodriguez, Benjamin Oliver), Bronze Medals (Jordan Byrne, Marquise Holliday, Kadeitra Wells, Julia Smith, Aidan Myer, Sarah John, Brittany Beasley, A. Shasta Dessalines, Emma Coleman, Jasmin Graham, Leah Limbaugh), Honorable Mentions (Jewel Malonza, Hope Hooker, Carmen Bens Vega, Jonathan Clymer, Ji Su Lee, Kaitlin Davis, William Stubbs, Katherine Krapfel, Natalie Davis, Devin Myers, Hee Young Ju, Jordan Moody, Dain Chung, Arielle Harper).
- **Camerron Niewoehner** receives a Gold Key in Video Game Design at the National Scholastic Awards.
- **Hugo Rodriguez** places 1st in his age group in the Palmetto Half Marathon.
- **Chief Perry Langston** selected to augment the HOLM Center Curriculum Staff to serve as the subject matter expert and seminar advisor/instructor for the 2012 academic instruction and orientation phases of the JROTC.
- **Sarah “Kitty” Tryon**, a double major in neuroscience and German studies received the 2012 J. William Fulbright Scholarship. Kitty graduates this spring, and will serve as an English teaching assistant in Germany for the 2012-13 academic year.
- Two Viking students rank in the 2012 Clemson Calculus Challenge at Clemson University. **David Qu** ranked 1st on written exam and **Abhinav Gianey** ranked 2nd.
Congratulations to HIMABINDU VINNAKOTA, BUSHRA ISLAM, DANIEL CLEMENTS, KEERTANA NAIR, SUBINA SAJNI, ISABELLA ZEILER, MEISHA DRAPER, VIKRAM MELCHIZEDECK, MIHEER BAVARE, CLAYTON BRANDENBURG, JEDIDIAH GIST, MEHGAN FRANCO, KAREN LEE, JOSEPH MARAZZO, KATHERINE PEFFEN, CAROLINE SWAN, DAVID QU, MEHRAB KHANDKAR, SHANNON HALL, RANA SOBEIH, NICOLE LAZAR, WILL BRADDUCK, ANESSE PETTIS, KIMBERLY MCRAE, DAVID NAM, PHILIP RICHARDSON, KIRAN RAVINDRA, DAVID HODGE, DJ LEE, MEISHA DRAPER, SUBINA SAJNI, LIQI ZHAO, MANUSHI PATEL, GREGORY RASSOLOV, CHANDLER POBIS, BENJAMIN FECHTER, and TINA MONZAVI placing in the South Carolina Junior Academy of Science Research Paper, Oral Presentation, and Poster Competition.

Congratulations to COURTNEY NOH and DAVID QU for scoring perfect 800’s on SAT.

Congratulations to KIMBERLY MCRAE, TINA MONZAVI, WILL BRADDUCK, CHANDLER POBIS, HABIBA FAYYAZ, MARGARET TEUBER, SUBINA SAJNI, BENJAMIN FECHTER, DAVID HODGE, COURTNEY NOH, BUSHRA ISLAM, ANESSA PETTIS, JEDIDIAH GIST, NICOLE LAZAR, JOSEPH MARAZZO, MEHRAB KHANDKAR, AAKASH SHINGALA, RANA SOBEIH, VIKRAM MELCHIZEDECK, MIHEER BAVARE, JORDAN MOTLONG, PHILIP RICHARDSON, ELISABETH BROWN, MEHGAN FRANCO, KIRAN RAVINDRA placing in the South Carolina Region II Science and Engineering Fair.

Congratulations to ERICK HIGHTOWER, JASON FREE, and DESHAUN WARE for their All-State performance in the South Carolina High School Powerlifting Competition on Saturday, April 7. 2nd place - Jason Free, Deshawn Ware. 3rd place - Erick Hightower. Congratulations to Coach Mike Armstrong for working with strength coaches from around the state to organize and host this very first annual high school powerlifting meet.

GREGORY RASSOLOV earns high score on the American Invitational Mathematics Exam and qualifies for 3rd Annual USA Junior Math Olympiad Competition.

The Viking Singers receive Superior and Excellent ratings at the annual South Carolina Choral Festival.

Spring Valley Symphonic and Concert Bands receive Superior and Excellent ratings at the State Concert Performance Assessment.

THOMAS AGOSTINI winner of 1st Place in the Columbia Downtown Triathlon 2012.

ALEXIS MITCHELL, recipient of the 2012 NABA, South Carolina Association of Black Accountants Scholarship.

Congratulations to SVHS Latin Club members placing high in the South Carolina Junior Classical League Convention held at Cardinal Newman High School. ERIKA ARVAY - 1st Place, SHARIKA RAO - 2nd Place, JUSTINE FLORA - 2nd Place, and MEG TEUBER - 5th Place.

JJ MILAKOVICH selected to perform in the Bands of America National Honor Band audition, earning 3rd chair.

SVHS Chamber Orchestra won 1st Place in High School String Orchestra Division and 2nd Place overall at the National Orchestra Festival. This is the most important orchestra competition in the country.

Spring Valley Mock Trial Team place 5th in the State Competition.

Spring Valley Viking Singers selected to perform in the SC All-State Chorus Festival at Winthrop University (Rosemary Ott, Crystal Rhodes, Alyssa Stewart, Michelle Velez-Martinez, Brennan Booker, Reilly Brown, Spencer Green, Victor Volious, Alexa Cotran, and Hannah Jessup).

SVH Vikings AFJROTC drill team win at 2012 Air Force National Drill Championship placing in the top 5% out of 984 AF-JROTC high schools from around the WORLD.


SHAQUITA WALKER named Most Valuable Player of SVH Girls Basketball Team.
Erica Arvey, Hannah Sablo, Colton Rabon, and Hayley Loughlin recognized as the Region 6 winners for the 2012 Picasso Project. 1st Place – Erica Arvey, 1st Place - Hannah Sablo, 2nd Place – Colton Rabon, 3rd Place – Hayley Loughlin.

Coach Anne Long named to the South Carolina Athletic Coaches Association’s Hall of Fame.


Congratulations to Bernard Whitmore on being named Mr. Spring Valley 2012. Mr. Senior – Victor Voilous, Mr. Junior-Johnasten Cooper, Mr. Sophomore-Campbell Phemister, Mr. Freshman-Ethan Jedziniak, Mr. Nice Guy-Victor Voilous, Mr. Money Maker and Mr. Grand Talent-Bernard Whitmore.

SVH Vikings JROTC drill team wins 2012 "Top Gun" All Services State Sringer Drill Championship.

Rachel Smith receives Congressional Medal Silver Award by Congressman James Clyburn.

Kailey Charles named 2012 Carson Scholar.

Asia Dozier named 2011-12 Gatorade South Carolina Girls Basketball Player of the Year.

Shaquita Walker recorded a TRIPLE-DDOUBLE scoring points to lead the Lady Vikings first basketball playoff game.

Jordan Moody, Bryant Carlos, and Sherard Coward win First Place in the 2012 Palmetto Power Clean Competition.


Mimi Harding, Liqui Zhao, Brennan Booker, Nicolas Thrteatt, Orializ Martinez, Paul Currey, Aaron Roach, William Edwards, David Hodge, Suraj Vyta, Amanda Grimes, Rosemary Ott, Nicole Lazar, Kathryn Connell, Matsuri Ogawa, Raym McCormick, Michele McDonald, Brendan Ayres awarded seats in the South Carolina Region Band.

Abhinav Gnaney, Afia Khan, Richard Chen, Gregory Rassolov, Mibeer Bavare, Aakash Shingala, Sean Noh, and Sami Patel participated in the High School Math Competition at the College of Charleston. Richard Chen placed 2nd in the Written Test Level II.

Gregory Rassolov, David Qu, and Richard Chen Top Score Winners in the American Mathematics Contest.

Dr. Chris Selby published article "Advancing Strategies for Teaching Orchestras to Tune Themselves" appeared in the February 2012 publication of American String Teacher.

Congratulations to Chris Selby for representing SVH at the SC Music Educators Association State In-Service Conference and SC All-State Orchestras.

Coach Anne Long named East Team Head Coach for the 2012 McDonald's All American Game.

AFJROTC Drill Team wins the 2012 Low Country Championship. The team placed first overall and won the 2012 Hunley Sword Saber Award.

SVH Mock Trial Team wins at the Midlands Regional competition. Congratulations Joseph Guy, Bushra Islam, Mehrad Khandkar, Stella Kim, Matthew McQuilla, Tina Monzavi,
Robert Owen, Serena Patel, Joong Pyo, Emily Swan, Aditi Tailor, Himabindu Vinnakota, and Tiffany Sahe Starks.

- Xylina McDaniel recognized as one of the **TOP 24 players** in the country by the McDonald’s All-American Basketball Team.

- Morgan Conde selected as the WLTX Player of the Week.

- Congratulations to Jake Farell, Nicolette Hook, Afia Khan, Michael McDonald, Catherine Pollock, and Andrew Voss on being selected as Finalists in the 2012 National Merit Scholarship Program.

- Reilly Brown, Abinav Gainey, Afia Khan, Ali Miraza, Andrew Voss, Ming Wong scored perfect 800’s on Math SAT. Afia Khan, Ali Mirza scored perfect 800’s on Writing.

- Spring Valley Math Team place 2nd in Division I at the High School Mathematics Contest at USC. Twelve participants were Abhinav Gianey, David Qu, Afia Khan, Richard Chen, Gregory Rassolov, Miheer Bavare, Andrew Voss, Aakash Shingala, John Magradey, Saeed Siddiqui, Sarah Lee, and Sean Gorman.

- Kylie Mitchell won South Carolina Girls State Wrestling Championship. Adrianne Reese won a “true second”. Both girls qualify for the SC Girls All Star team.

- John Milakovich, Akari Ogawa, Wesley Paulman, Jonathan Lee, and Troy Herrmann earn top seats for All-State Band. Twenty-three students were selected to the All-Region Band.

- Congratulations to Jessika Banks and Shalise Bowens on being selected as Finalists in the 2012 National Achievement Scholarship Program.

- Jordan Byrne, Meghan Franco, Shannon Hall, Afia Khan, DJ Lee, Joseph Marazzo, Courtney Noh, David Qu, and Rana Sobeih chosen as Semifinalist at the Junior Science and Humanities Symposium (JSHS) Awards competition to compete for the opportunity to attend National JSHS in Bethesda, Maryland.

- Congratulations to Sarah Smith and Kamry Bell on being named Miss Spring Valleys 2012. Miss Senior - Alexis Murria, Miss Junior-Aubrey Cain, Miss Sophomore-Ansley Seay, Miss Freshman-Greer Seay, Miss Congeniality-Aubre Cain, Miss Grand Talent-Ansley Seay, and Miss Viking Spirit-Chandra Cole.

- Asia Dozier and Xylina McDaniel selected as candidates for the prestigious McDonald’s All-American Basketball Team.

- Congratulations to Christine Nixon and Afia Khan for establishing the Spring Valley High School No Boundaries group to raise money for Doctors without Borders.

- Rick Crumpler voted into the SCTCCCA Coaches hall of Fame.

- Anne Long named the 2011 National Federation State Basketball Coach of the Year.

- Michael Armstrong successfully defending his dissertation.

- Mark Allen, Briana Bell, Sarah Fishburne, Sydney Johnson, DJ Lee, Karen Lee, Song Lee, Martin Li, Christine Nixon, Courtney Noh, Zach Patton, Katie Peffen, David Qu, Keeania Ross, Sarah Smith, Miosha York selected as a member of the South Carolina All-State Orchestra.

- Porsha Spain received 2nd place in the Senior Video category, and Colton Rabon received 1st place in the Junior Video category at the 2011 Richland County Farm-City Week competition.

- Stacey Baker, Joshua Drews, Katherine Farnell, and Jason Paddock receive National Board Certification.

- Six SVH Art students receive honors at the 2011 Scholastic Arts Awards including three Gold Key and three Silver Key (highest and next highest) Awards. Gold Key winners will go on to New York compete at the national level. Jelani Dozier (digital art) Beasts; Catherine Pollock (printmaking) Opiate Of The Masses; Passhunate Scott (printmaking) Untitled, Gold Key; Kali Fletcher (photography) Sunset Silhouette; Colton Rabon (digital art) Gaze, Gold Key; Colton Rabon (digital art) In Pieces, Silver Key; Abby Rausch (photography) Composition Study 1; Aaron Gibson (printmaking) Russian Forest, Silver Key; Madeline Harris (mixed media) Mother Nature’s Song; Jordan Mickle (sculpture) Mohican Homage; Linda Thomas (printmaking) Clown Baby, Gold Key; Steven Williamson (printmaking) The Cave, Silver Key.
Kendall Canzater sign on with Bethune-Cookman University and Cristina Nazario sign on with Western Carolina University.


Spring Valley alumnus Kate Niehaus, currently studying biomechanics at Stanford University, named a Rhodes Scholar. Kate is one of only 32 American students who have achieved this prestigious recognition, and as a result, she will have the opportunity to study at Oxford University in England.

AP Photography students Porsha Spain won 2nd place in photo-slide show and Colton Rabon won 1st place for photo-video in the annual Richland County Farm City High School Competition.

Akari Ogawa, Tori Sanford, John Milakovich, Wesley Paulman, and Troy Herrmann earned top chair placement at 2011 Winthrop Invitational Honors Band Clinic.

Ken Adler successfully renewed National Board Certification.

Trina McKnight and Kay Black, science teachers nominated for the Forms & Supply, Inc. Teacher of the Week.

Asia Dozier and Xylina McDaniel selected as two of the Top 5 Seniors and as two of the Elite 5 Basketball Players in South Carolina by the SCBCA.

Spring Valley Varsity Girls Basketball Team chosen as the #1 AAAA pre-season team in South Carolina.

Akari Ogawa, Tori Sanford, John Milakovich, Wesley Paulman, and Troy Herrmann selected by Winthrop University to perform in the 2011 Winthrop Invitational Honors Band Clinic.

Richard Taylor selected to play on the 2011 Annual North/South All-Star Football Game, December 10, 2011 in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina.

Melinda Lee and Geremy Saitz receive their National Board renewal certifications.

Maureen McKelvey, math teacher nominated for the Forms & Supply, Inc. Teacher of the Week.

Cristina Nazario receives All-State Volleyball recognition by the South Carolina Coaches Association of Women’s Sports.

Holly Barber named 2011 Region IV AAAA Coach of the Year for Girl’s Tennis.

Deanna Rudnik named 2011 Region IV AAAA Coach of the Year for Volleyball.

Alexa Cotran, Hannah Jessup, Rosemary Ott, Crystal Rhodes, Alyssa Stewart, Michelle Velez-Martinez, Brennan Booker, Reilly Brown, Spencer Green, Victor Volious selected into 2011-2012 South Carolina All-State Choir.


Kara Saxon receives the 2011 Promising Young Professional Award at the 2011 South Carolina Art Education Association annual conference.

Kay Black successfully renewed National Board Certification.

Sharon Lewellen successfully renewed National Board Certification.

Four Spring Valley High School art students win awards at the South Carolina State Fair (Parker Byun - Twelfth Grade Merit Award, Krystian Singletary - Eleventh Grade Merit Award, Sydney Johnson - 2nd Place 11th Grade, Sydney Watts - 3rd Place 10th Grade).
Jessica Woodford was the Richland County representative at the 2011 Youth Conservation Camp at Lander University and attended the 2011 South Carolina Conservation Districts Youth Workshop.

Cheryl Guy invited by The Social Foundations Colloquium of the University of South Carolina Department of Educational Leadership and Policies to participate in a panel discussion based on her dissertation, Troubled Times: The Desegregation of Public Schools in Chesterfield, South Carolina, 1965-1971.

Heath Owen receives Eagle Scout Award, the highest rank attainable in the Boy Scouts of America.

Jai McQuilla selected as an Outstanding Participant in the 2012 National Achievement Scholarship Program.

Brittany Beasley, Ryan Beasley, Abhinav Gianey, Sean Gorman, Sarah John, Mehrab Khandkar, Wesley Paulman, Virginia Skipper, and Ming Wong recognized as Commended Students in the 2012 National Merit Scholarship Program.

Jessika Banks, Shalise Bowens, Sydney Johnson, Lundeen Smith, and Alyssa Stewart recognized by the College Board as 2012 National Achievement Scholarship Semifinalists.

Afia Khan, Niccollete Hook, Jake Farell, Michael McDonald, Catherine Pollock, Andrew Voss, and Jessica Woodford recognized by the College Board as 2012 National Merit Semifinalists.

Bushra Rahman, (former SVH graduate) Commended by the College Board's Advanced Placement Program for outstanding academic performance, earning the designations of AP Scholar with Distinction, State AP Scholar, and National AP Scholar.

SVH National and SC State Champion Air Force JROTC drill team featured on the cover of The Supply Room, a national magazine.

Mason Cloy (former SVH graduate) honored on Military Appreciation Day at the Clemson vs. Wofford game carrying the POW/MIA flag.

Jessica Banks guest speaker to the district’s brand new teachers to the profession (induction teachers) on September 22, 2011 at the Books-A-Million in the Village at Sandhills.


Xylina McDanie, featured in an article in the Wall Street Journal entitled "The Rise of Wellborn Daughters: Many Top Women’s Basketball Prospects Have Famous Athletes for Dads; a Societal Shift".

Matthew Owens selected as one of three state finalists for the 2011 Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching, the Nation's highest honors for teachers of mathematics and science.

Abhinav Gianey and Andrew Voss scored perfect 800's on Math Level 2 SAT.

Phonecia Hughes, featured in the June cover story of Jolie, earns her one of 6 percent of girls in Girl Scouting nationwide who has earned the Girl Scout Gold Award, the organization’s highest honor.

Chet Frye accepted to work at USC Electrical Department for six weeks over the summer as part of the Research Experience for Teachers (RET).

Taylor Guerrieri (2011 SVH graduate) was chosen in the Major League Baseball draft as the 24th overall pick by the Tampa Bays Rays.

Jeffrey Livingston (former SVH Student Body president) is June 2011 honoree in the AT&T African American History Calendar.

Brandon Demby recognized as the district’s Secondary Café of the Year

SVHS Creative Problem Solving Team awarded first place at the 2011 HOSA National Conference. The team members included: Justin McDuffie, Nirav Mathur, and Mary Sheffield. Fei Fei Deng placed top ten for Dental Terminology, and Justin McDuffie was recognized as an Outstanding State Officer as well as for his community service.