

# Asheboro CITY SCHOOLS

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"One of the things that I love about Asheboro High School is the **diversity** and the **unique culture** that is available to everyone."

**Matthew Queen**, AHS Class of 2015, was a 2015 recipient of the Morehead-Cain Scholarship at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. As a Morehead-Cain Scholar, he received full funding for his studies and additional enrichment and leadership opportunities.



"The teachers at Asheboro High School motivated me, encouraged me, and **challenged me to do my best.**" Being involved in the AVID program helped me to stay determined and prepared me for college."

**Twyla Little**, AHS Class of 2015, was an Asheboro City Schools Education Foundation recipient who is now attending Elon University, studying biology. At Asheboro High School, Twyla served the Asheboro community by volunteering as a mentor at Charles W. McCrary Elementary School and at the Central Boys & Girls Club of Asheboro. Graduating in the top 15 percent of her class, Twyla aspires to be a pediatrician in her career.

# Letter from Dr. Terry Worrell: To Our Community:

Thank you for taking the time to review this report from Asheboro City Schools!

The purpose of this publication is to provide an update to our community on the 2014-2015 school year. We recognize that many in our community are not directly connected to our schools and we hope that the information you read on the following pages will give you a glimpse into our school district. While we hope you will enjoy what you read, nothing can take the place of seeing the tremendous hard work of our students and teachers firsthand. If you haven't been in one of our schools in a while, or ever, we invite you to visit soon!

During the 2014-2015 school year, we saw significant increases in student performance and growth. All eight schools met or exceeded academic growth expectations – an indication of the amount of learning from one year to the next. The amount of growth achieved across the district is a tribute to the hard work and dedication of our students and staff. Details of our academic results can be found on page 7.



This report is divided into five sections, including: ACS Student Successes; A Learning Community of Excellence; Excellence in the Arts; A Community of Stewards; and Athletes in Action.

Whether you are a parent, employee, community organization, or a taxpayer, we thank you for supporting superior education at Asheboro City Schools.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Terry W. Worrell". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name being more prominent.

Dr. Terry W. Worrell  
Superintendent



## Board of Education

The Asheboro City Board of Education provides vision and direction for the school district and advocates for the students and staff of Asheboro City Schools. We are grateful for their support, dedication, and many years of service.

**Sitting from left:** Linda Cranford, Gustavo Agudelo, Jane Redding, Joyce Harrington, Gidget Kidd;

**Standing from left:** Archie Priest, Chris Yow, Phillip Cheek, Kelly Harris, Kyle Lamb, Stephen Jones

*"The 2014-2015 school year marked a new season for Asheboro City Schools under the leadership of Dr. Terry W. Worrell as Superintendent. Dr. Worrell began serving with ACS in July 2014 and quickly began implementing new ideas, academic strategies and initiatives. The Board of Education has been very pleased with Dr. Worrell's leadership and vision and believes that her dedication to student learning will lead Asheboro City Schools to even greater success."*

*-Jane Redding  
Board of Education Chair*



## ACS Student Successes

Asheboro High Schools (AHS) graduating class of 2015 was awarded \$2,996,883 in academic and athletic scholarships, grants and other monetary awards given by community clubs, colleges and universities, and branches of the military. Out of a class of 284, 12 students maintained an unweighted grade point average of 4.0 for their entire high school career.

**Manuel Badillo**, AHS Class of 2015, was a recipient of the Gates-Millennium Scholarship, funded by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. The scholarship provides a full-ride to any college or university for undergraduate and selected graduate programs. Manuel is attending the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill this year.



"Through my experience as a drum major, and participating in the Science Olympiad program, I learned how to **think independently** and how to problem-solve."

**Monica De La Vega**, AHS Class of 2015, is attending the University of Pennsylvania, an Ivey League school to study nursing. The University of Pennsylvania has one of the best nursing programs in the country.



"It is really great to be a part of something where you are not afraid to **be who you are.**"

**Sydney Rogers**, AHS Class of 2015, was a recipient of the Goodnight Scholarship at North Carolina State University. The program awards North Carolina residents who aspire to study in a STEM-related discipline at N.C. State with an annual scholarship valued at \$17,500 per year for up to four years. The program also offers professional development, networking, and service opportunities.



"I have been able to enjoy embracing different cultures and finding hundreds of friends to be able to **share, laugh, and grow** with – personally and academically."

## CIEE Study Abroad Scholarships

Asheboro High School was awarded \$20,000 in grants for Global Navigator Scholarships. These awards went to students for summer study abroad in programs designed and directed by CIEE, the Council on International Educational Exchange, a leader in international education. Asheboro High School was one of only 50 U.S. high schools chosen to receive CIEE scholarships. AHS was selected as a result of its commitment to developing global citizens and enthusiasm for world language instruction.



## The Mustache Fraternity

The Mustache Fraternity at North Asheboro Middle School (NAMS) was created and is led by a group of male teachers at the school. The club provides guidance and fosters a spirit of service and community among 8th grade male students, with the goal of shaping a diverse group of 8th grade boys into mature young men, who are ready for the challenges of high school. During the year, the fraternity completed service projects at their school and in the community.



## S.T.E.A.M. Innovations Academic Competition and Summer Camp

In conjunction with the district's annual Digital Expo in April, Asheboro City Schools held its inaugural S.T.E.A.M. Innovations Competition. The competition challenged students to create a product to solve a real-world problem. Students worked in teams to develop their product idea, marketing plan, budget, and business strategy, and ultimately created a model of their project and presented to a panel of judges. The winning team's concept was a smart watch that would be used by students and teachers to create efficiencies in the teaching/learning process.

In July, Asheboro City Schools hosted a Summer S.T.E.A.M. Camp at the Asheboro High School Zoo School. Students had the opportunity to participate in learning activities in the areas of computer programming, technical writing, robotics, outdoor learning, horticulture, product design and development, and more.



## AHS Zoo School Students Meet Governor McCrory

In October, two AHS Zoo School students participated in the grand opening ceremonies of the new polar bear exhibit at the NC Zoo. Jessica Arellano and Shacoria Mitchell met with Gov. McCrory while he was at the zoo to answer questions about the AHS Zoo School and about projects they completed concerning polar bears.

## Globe-Trotters

Globe-Trotters is an extended learning program offered to 2nd – 5th graders at Charles W. McCrory Elementary School. The program is funded through a 21st Century Community Learning Grant. The 2014-2015 school year was the second year of the program, which focuses on literacy, STEM opportunities, youth development, and family involvement. In April, the McCrory Globe-Trotters planted a garden with the help of kindergarten teacher Karen Young and her husband. The Young's taught students about the processes of growing and harvesting vegetables. Later in the summer, students harvested and ate their very own veggies.

## AHS DECA Attends International Conference

The Asheboro High School DECA Chapter attended the DECA International Career Development Conference in Orlando, FL in the spring of 2015. Students competed in business competitions, attended workshops, and networked with a host of DECA students from the United States and eight other participating countries.



# A Learning Community of Excellence

## Academic Growth

For the 2014-2015 school year, all eight Asheboro City Schools met or exceeded expected growth expectations. To meet expected growth, the school's students must make learning progress in line with what is expected for one year. To exceed expected growth means that there is significant evidence that the school's students achieved learning progress greater than what is expected for one year. We are very proud of the hard work of our students and teachers.

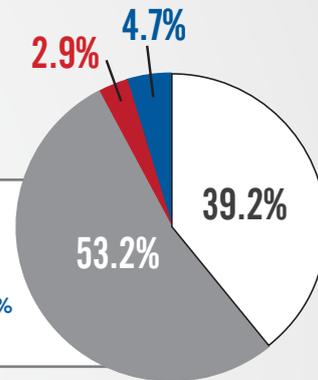
School	Growth Level	Growth Index
<i>Elementary Schools</i>		
Balfour	Exceeded	4.33
Charles W. McCrary	Exceeded	6.14
Donna Lee Loflin	Met	-0.18
Guy B. Teachey	Exceeded	3.41
Lindley Park	Met	0.01
<i>Middle Schools</i>		
North Asheboro	Exceeded	13.9
South Asheboro	Exceeded	8.56
<i>High School</i>		
Asheboro High School	Exceeded	2.71

\*A growth index of 0 is equivalent to one year of growth. Schools with a growth index between -2 and 2 are considered to meet expected growth; schools with a growth index greater than 2 are considered to exceed expected growth.

## Cohort Graduation Rate

The Class of 2015 continued the trend of steadily increasing the graduation rate for Asheboro City Schools. The AHS graduation rate continues to be higher than the North Carolina state average.

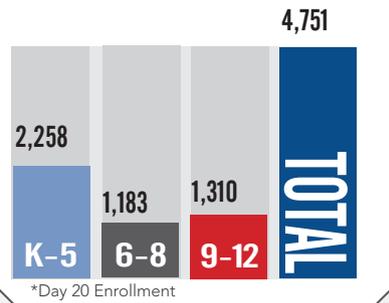
	ACS	NC
2011-2012	85.1%	80.2%
2012-2013	86.3%	82.5%
2013-2014	86.4%	83.9%
2014-2015	86.8%	85.4%



## Graduation Intentions

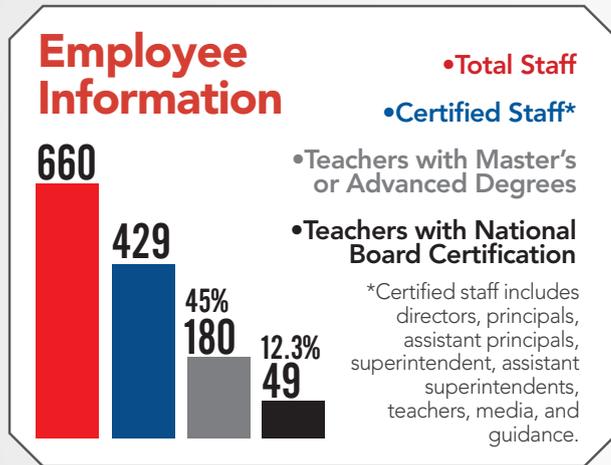
- Four-Year University
- Community & Technical College/Trade School
- Military – 2.9%
- Employment – 4.7%

## Student Membership



# A Learning Community of Excellence (cont.)

## Employee Accomplishments



**Jessica Hoffmire**  
Lindley Park Elementary,  
Apple of Excellence  
Outstanding First  
Year Teacher



**Chris Burian**  
North Asheboro Middle School,  
Teacher of the Year



**Paula Owens**  
Principal of the Year,  
Donna Lee Loflin  
Elementary



**Susan Jarrett**  
Lindley Park  
Elementary,  
NC Elementary Music  
Teacher of the Year



**Dr. Julie Pack**  
ACS Director of  
Secondary Education,  
Danny Hardee Central  
Region Career Technical  
Education Administrator  
of the Year

## Teacher Leadership Academy

During the 2014-2015 school year, teachers from across the district participated in Cohort 5 of our Teacher Leadership Academy (TLA). TLA was launched in 2010 to promote teacher leadership within our schools and to offer ongoing professional development opportunities.



# Excellence in the Arts

## Asheboro High School Symphonic Wind Ensemble Receives Superior Ratings

The Asheboro High School Symphonic Wind Ensemble received superior ratings from all four judges in Grade IV/V music and the NC Bandmaster's Association Central District Music Performance Adjudication in March. These were the 61st and 62nd superior ratings earned by the AHS band since 1957, a total unmatched in North Carolina.



Ms. Yulissa Hernandez,  
Asheboro High School, Holiday Card Winner

## Students Selected for North Carolina Elementary Honors Chorus

A total of fourteen students from Asheboro City Schools were selected for the NC Elementary Honors Chorus. This is the highest number of participants we have had at the elementary level, thanks to the hard work and dedication of our elementary music teachers. The selected students performed at the NC Music Educators Conference in November 2014.



## The Park Street Players at Asheboro High School Perform Godspell

The Park Street Players at Asheboro High School presented *Godspell*, a musical by Stephen Schwartz, in the fall of 2014 and Tim Kelly's murder mystery, *The Butler Did It*, in the spring of 2015. These shows continued the long tradition of high-quality performances by the Park Street Players.



Alberto Velazquez (center) as Jesus from the AHS Production of *Godspell* during rehearsal. PHOTO BY PAUL CHURCH

# A Community of Stewards

## Pathways to Prosperity Initiative

During the 2014-2015 school year, Dr. Worrell, Superintendent of Asheboro City Schools, Dr. Stephen Gaineey from Randolph County Schools, Dr. Bob Shackelford with Randolph Community College, and several other representatives from the district, collaborated with employees from Randolph County Schools, Randolph

Community College, and several local businesses on a joint initiative called Pathways to Prosperity. This partnership focused on creating seamless educational pathways for students in high school and community college, with a goal of leading to lucrative jobs in our community. Over 40 participants from education and industry were a part of the development process.



## ACS Partners with the Randolph County Public Library

Throughout the 2014-2015 school year the Randolph County Public Library was a great partner. At our initial open house and parent night events in the fall, the library came to help families sign up for library cards. They also hosted several school events at their Asheboro location and partnered with the district to help connect students with books during the summer. The library is a fantastic resource for our students and our community.

## Working Together with Randolph County Communities in Schools

Communities in Schools continues to be a strong partner in our schools. This organization brings adults from the community and other resources into our schools to address students' unmet needs. CIS helps meet the needs of our students through mentoring and reading programs, and through the well-known Backpack Pals program which provides nutritious, non-perishable food for students over the weekend and is supported by various organizations in the community.



## NAMS and SAMS Partner with the East Side Local Development Corp.

The East Side Local Development Corporation had a significant impact during the 2014-2015 school year. Mr. Lennitt Bligen met with 6th grade students at NAMS and 8th grade students at SAMS to present a career exposure program. This program helped educate over 450 students from NAMS and SAMS about career opportunities and the educational pathway to those careers.



# Athletes in Action

## Seventeen Athletic Teams at Asheboro High School Named NCHSAA Scholar Athletic Teams

During the 2014-2015 school year, our student athletes excelled in the classroom. Seventeen of our athletic teams at Asheboro High School were named North Carolina High School Athletic Association Scholar Athletic Teams for having a team G.P.A. of 3.1 or higher. The AHS Women's Tennis team had the highest team G.P.A. amongst their peer teams in the state.

### Teams included:

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|-------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Baseball                      | Soccer - Men & Women's   |
| Basketball - Women's          | Softball                 |
| Cheerleading                  | Swimming - Men & Women's |
| Cross Country - Men & Women's | Tennis - Men & Women's   |
| Golf - Men & Women's          | Volleyball               |
| Lacrosse                      | Women's Track            |

## Asheboro High School Women's Volleyball Team wins Mid-Piedmont Conference

The Asheboro High School Women's Volleyball Team won the Mid-Piedmont Conference and made it to the 4th round of the state 3-A playoffs.

## North Asheboro Middle School Wins the Otis Thomas Sportsmanship Award

North Asheboro Middle School won the Otis Thomas Sportsmanship Award for sportsmanship on the athletic field. This was the 9th time that NAMS has won this award in 13 years.

## Asheboro High School Students Win North Carolina State Wrestling Championships

Asheboro High School students, Nic Coe and Sawyer Davidson, won individual NC State Wrestling Championships in their weight classes. They both also competed in the NCHSAA High School National Wrestling Championships and both achieved National All-American rankings. Davidson placed 3rd overall and Coe defended his title and won his 2nd national championship.



## Asheboro High School Tennis Player Places in Tennis Finals

Asheboro High School Varsity Tennis player, Austin Allen, completed his senior season placing in the top four in the NCHSAA 3-A State Tennis Finals. Austin was named Most Valuable Player of the conference for all four years of his high school tennis career.



## From High School Athletics to Collegiate Level

Twelve Asheboro High School students were signed to continue their athletic careers at the college level.

## South Asheboro Middle School Soccer Undefeated

South Asheboro was undefeated in both Boys and Girls Soccer during the 2014- 2015 school year.



Report to Community 2014-2015

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