

Excellence in Vestavia 2015 - 2016

Summary:

There are 462 seniors. (226 or 51% of the seniors will graduate with the Advanced Academic with Honors Endorsement on their diplomas)

- 88% going to four-year colleges
- 9% going to two-year colleges
- 3% entering military, working full-time, or taking a “gap year”
- 16% will enroll in 52 different colleges in 21 states outside of Alabama
- Those staying in Alabama will enroll in 22 different colleges and universities
- 8 National Merit Finalists
- 1 National Merit Semifinalist
- 13 National Merit Commended Students
- 66% of the graduates were offered scholarships. The amount offered is more than \$26 million dollars (most in school history) and the accepted amount is more than \$10.6 million (also the most in school history).

Academic Accomplishments:

- The “**We the People**” **Team** won the district and state competition (for the 12th year in a row) and placed 4th in the nation.
- The Math Team placed in several competitions this year including 1st place at the Furman University tournament.
- Approximately 935 **Advanced Placement Exams** were administered in 28 **subject areas**. This number represents an increase from last year of 52 exams administered
- 26 Students were chosen to attend The University of Alabama Honor Choir. The following choirs received the overall top choir in their division for the National Choral Festival: Honor Choir, Women’s Ensemble, Men’s Choir, and Just Singin’. Men’s Choir scored straight superior ratings on stage. Show Choir and Just Singin’ received straight superior ratings at the ACDA Show Choir and Jazz Choir Festival. Show Choir competed in a number of performances and was Grand Champions of their division at the Diamond Classic. The Choral Department has once again been invited to participate in the 2017 Choir Nationals held in New York. Just Singin’ was invited by the Arts Alliance Council to be featured at their Arts Advocacy Conference and sing at the Capital. Just Singin’ was invited to sing for the opening of the new Vestavia Hills City

Hall. Just Singin' was invited to sing for the Mayor's Prayer Breakfast in April.

- The Rebel Marching Band earned superior ratings at marching band festivals in the fall of 2015. All three Concert Bands received superior ratings at Music Performance Assessment. Twelve students were selected for the Alabama All-state Band. Five students were selected for the Alabama All-State Orchestra. Three students were selected for the Alabama All-State Jazz Band. Two students were selected to perform

with the Music For All Honor Band of America. Several students performed with honor bands at the University of Alabama, Auburn University, Samford University, UAB, and the University of Montevallo.

Athletic Accomplishments:

17 of 21 teams qualified for state playoffs

3 Team State Championships (Softball still playing)

- Wrestling, Girls Tennis, Girls Soccer

12 Individual State Champions (Seniors listed below)

- Henry Barrett - Indoor Poll Vault
- Henry Barrett - Outdoor Poll Vault
- Hayden Hill - Wrestling 160
- Will McCoy - Outdoor Men's javelin
- Anna Moers - Swimming 100 Backstroke

Philanthropy:

- **The Relay for Life** event raised more than **\$275,000** for the **American Cancer Society (the most ever)**.

- **SGA** raised **\$25,000** for **Children's Harbor**

- **The canned food drive** collected more than **26,000** cans for area food banks

- **Habitat for Humanity** funded and built **their eleventh house**

- Eleven seniors earned the President's Volunteer Service Award for completing a minimum of 100 community service hours, including three who received the Gold Level Service Award for completing 250 or more hours of community service

- This is just a sample of many more activities related to community service that occur throughout Vestavia Hills High School