

South Forsyth High School: 2014-2015 Year-at-a-Glance



Academic Honors

South Forsyth High School and our surrounding community please join us in recognizing the following students from our school who have qualified as Semifinalists in the 2015 National Merit Scholarship Program! Our four students have the opportunity to continue in the competition for some 7,600 National Merit Scholarships worth about \$33 million that will be offered next spring. This opportunity can also enhance the educational opportunities for these academically talented young men and women.

Rohil Konda

Akhil Kota

Averi Lewis

Abigail Newsome



South Forsyth High School had the 12th highest SAT score in the state and highest in the district with a score of 1647.

Congratulations to the following students who will represent Forsyth County in the electronic state interviews:

Jessica	Tang	South Forsyth	Communicative Arts
Amanda	Bock	South Forsyth	Engineering and Design
Garrett	Colvin	South Forsyth	Mathematics
Ben	Conte	South Forsyth	Music - Jazz/Saxophone
Grant	Gerwitt	South Forsyth	Music - Jazz/Trumpet
Daniel	Graves	South Forsyth	Music - Voice/Baritone/Bass
Kyle	Carozza	South Forsyth	Music - Voice/Baritone/Bass
Evan	Calatayud	South Forsyth	Music - Voice/Tenor
Sean	Chua	South Forsyth	Music - Woodwind/Flute
Austin	Kim	South Forsyth	Music-Brass/Tuba
Caroline	Kajzer	South Forsyth	Science
Natalie	Strandquist	South Forsyth	Social Studies
Katie	Reneslakis	South Forsyth	Spanish
Cole	Ferguson	South Forsyth	Theatre
Elle	Porter	South Forsyth	Theatre

The state will contact these students on Nov. 5 to provide a link to the online application and details about other required submissions.

Please remind the nominating teachers and counselors for these students that they will be contacted for their recommendations.

Finalists from these electronic interviews will move on to state interviews in January/ February, 2015.

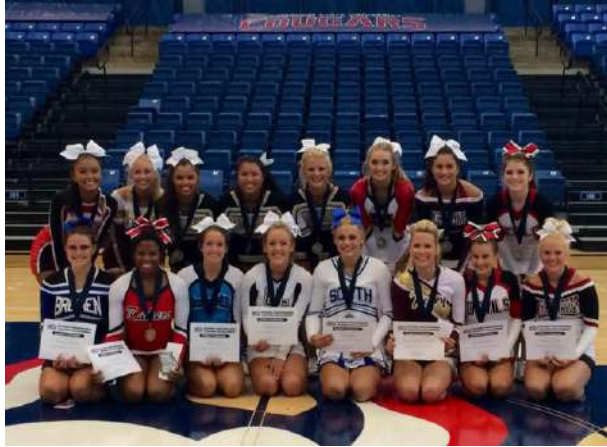
Fine Arts Honors

This past Saturday, October 11th, the War Eagle Marching Band participated in the Blue Ridge Mountain Marching Festival at Fannin County High School. In total 17 bands competed. This marks the largest competition the War Eagle Marching Band has participated in within the last four years, at least. The band competed in and won class 3A and scored higher than all of the 4A bands as well as 5A bands except for one. Of the total 17 programs there, South placed 2nd overall with a score of 95.17. This also marks the highest score we have received in recent memory.

Athletics Honors

Congratulations to Cassie Koes for being selected to the GCCA All-State Cheerleading squad comprised of the top 16 Student-Athlete Cheerleaders in the state of Georgia! The selection process began with over 200 applicants. The top 40 applicants participated in an interview and performed individually for a panel of judges at Columbus State University on Saturday, August 9, 2014 to compete for a spot on the All-State Team. The top Cheerleader of the Year will be named at the GHSA State

Cheerleading Championship in Columbus, Ga on Saturday November 15, 2014. We are VERY proud of you all!



Congratulations Varsity Competition Cheerleaders for winning 1st place at the Dawson County Cheer Classic on Saturday September 27, 2014. Congratulations to JV for a solid 2nd place performance as well!



Last Week, September 22nd-26th, was another great week for War Eagle Athletics. All Fall Sports teams were in action, with something on the line each time they play. The Lady War Eagle **Softball** Team played for a tie

for the lead of the Region 6-AAAAAA standing v. Lambert and they came through with a huge win. This game almost solidifies our team of an opportunity to host a first round state play-off game for the second consecutive year and got the team into the State Top 10 Rankings for the first time this season at #9. The **Volleyball** Team continued their unbeaten record in Area Matches at Northview, by beating Lambert and Chattahoochee last week. With a week left, this puts them a great position for the Area Tournament coming up around the corner. **Competition Cheer** went to the Tiger Classic at Dawson Co. High School and brought back a first place trophy after a week off. They are really just getting their season started having gone to just two competitions and a lot of opportunities ahead before Region in November. South Forsyth **Cross Country** traveled out of State, to Chattanooga, TN, over the weekend and had another great showing, with the girls winning their division and Savannah Carnahan setting a school record. The boys finished fourth. It was another set of top 5 finished for the teams and last week both were ranked in the GA MileSplit State AAAAAA Top 10, with the girls at #1 and boys #9. To wrap-up the report on last week's events, we have a Friday Night **Football** Game that will not be forgotten soon. Not only did the team come back from an early two touchdown deficit, but they reached the 4-0 mark in Region play for the first time since 2002 and Tyler LaFlamme had a performance that has only been topped twice in Georgia High School History, gaining over 430 yards in the game. Can we all say **SOUTH STRONG!**



Tyler Laflamme vs. Chattahoochee

33 Carries

435 yards

13.18 yards per carry

5 TDs



Varsity Competition Cheerleaders earn first place at the Mountain View Gold Rush Invitational on **Saturday October 4, 2014.**

Week of September 29th – October 4th

It is a great time to be a War Eagle at South Forsyth! The Fall Sports Teams have really stepped up all season and last week was no different. Lady War Eagle **Softball** assured themselves of hosting a First Round State Play-off series with two more Region wins. They also rose in the State AAAAAA Top 10 Rankings to #7. South Forsyth **Volleyball** marches into their Area Tournament this week as the #2 seed with a bye in the first round.

Competition Cheer traveled to Parkview and competed in the Mountain View Gold Rush Invitational. For the second week in a row the team came home with the Championship Trophy. With two wins in three tries they are off to a great start in preparation for defending their Region Championship later in the fall. The War Eagle **Cross Country** teams went to Unicoi State Park for a Thursday run and continued to build on their successful season with a win by the girls and a second for the boys team. In addition, both JV teams had huge victories. Our girls are still ranked #1 in the AAAAAA standings and the boys climbed to #7. Although we did not have our regular Friday Night **Football** fix, the 9th and JV teams had big wins on Thursday v. Chattahoochee. In addition, Tyler LaFlamme was recognized several times during the week by local newscast and will be honored by the Atlanta Touchdown Club this week for his incredible performance against Chattahoochee in a War Eagle win the prior week. To add to these recognitions, Coach Arnette also reached his 75th career win this season. The fall has seen many achievements already and with tournament and

play-off season being started this week, let's all show that ***SOUTH STRONG Spirit*** and support our teams in the home stretch. ***GO WAR EAGLES!!!***

Week of October 6th – 10th:

All that I can say is WOW! Last week was a huge week for the South Forsyth Fall Athletic Teams! War Eagle **Softball** won both of their final region 6-AAAAAA games, including Senior Night to capture a First Round Home State Play-off match-up. In addition, they stayed in the State AAAAAA Top 10 Rankings for the third consecutive week. Lady War Eagle **Volleyball** competed in the Area Tournament and was barely caught by the hosting Johns Creek Gladiators in the Championship Match. They to left the week with the right to host a First Round State Play-off date. **Competition Cheer** made a short trip to Peachtree Ridge High School to compete against some of the best AAAAAA teams in the state and finished third in a top group of four which were all from Region 6 AAAAAA. The Girls and Boys **Cross Country** teams had another outstanding weekend at the Asics Invitational in Douglasville, Georgia. Our girls finished first, with Savannah Carnahan winning the race in school record time, and the boys finished second. This was a huge meet heading down the back stretch of the season as they prepare for Region in a few more weeks. Both teams remain ranked in the State AAAAAA Top 10. The girls are currently #1 and bots #7. Friday Night's **Football** game against Northview was a game that saw school records broken and an undefeated region record stay intact. The War Eagles came out with a real determination that just grew as they continued to build a lead, and our defense made big play after big play. Alex Barbir had field goals from 56 52, and 44 yards, with the longest being

a possible school record. This capped off a great Homecoming Week and helps set the tone for a great week ahead at the Home of the War Eagles with some incredible action to be played on campus. I want to encourage everyone to come out to see all of our War Eagles competing this week and show their **War Eagle SOUTH STRONG Spirit!!! GO SOUTH!!!**

Week of October 13th – 17th:

Our Marching War Eagle Band went to Rockdale County High School this weekend and won Grand Champion of their competition. This made two consecutive winning weekends for the band! State Play-offs began last week and we are still going *South Strong*! South Forsyth **Softball** defeated visiting Woodstock High School 1-0 and 2-1 in extra innings to extend their play-off run this fall. They will be on the road, traveling to Brookwood High School this week. Their play has earned them a jump in the AAAAAA State Polls to #7. The Lady War Eagle **Volleyball** team also hosted an exciting 5 game match, coming from a 2-0 deficit to knock off visiting Lassiter High School, 3-2. The week saw our volleyball team re-enter the AAAAAA Rankings at #9. They will travel to Rockdale County to try and advance to the State's Elite 8 for the third consecutive year. The **Competition Cheerleaders** were at Woodstock HS and had another Top 3 performance. With Region getting closer they are putting themselves in a great place to make State again. Although varsity **Cross Country** teams had an off week, the girls maintained their #1 State Ranking and the boys moved up to #4. Friday Night was Pink Out at the Football game against West Forsyth. The stands were full of pink and cheered hard for our 5-1 War Eagle's, but unfortunately it was not their night. They fought all night but came up short 27-14. They are still fighting for that State Play-off spot

and travel to Alpharetta with a 5-1 region record to protect this week. If you have the opportunity to go on the road this week, get out to some of our teams action this week and help keep Fall Alive for the ***South Strong War Eagles*** this season. ***GO SOUTH!!!***

November 8th 2014

Please join me in congratulating the Varsity Competition Cheerleaders for earning Region Runner-Up in what we all know is a very tough Region 6-AAAAAA! You can view the SOUTH STRONG performance here: http://youtu.be/RktAh74_7wc

Wish the girls luck as we head to Columbus next week to battle for the State Championship!!!

Varsity Football playing in the Region 6AAAAAA game on November 14th against Etowah HS

Varsity Competition Cheerleading competing in Columbus, GA for state playoffs.

Individual Honors

Here are the results of our 2014-2015 Forsyth County School Foodservice Culinary Arts Competition Recipe Contest :

Thinking outside the box L/S Entree Alfredo Veggie pasta bake # 10 South East Campus
Tracy Kerns

Co-Curricular Awards



Photo: Magazine | August-September 2014



Rising seniors take part in American Legion program

Sixteen boys and 12 girls from Forsyth County were selected to take part in a prestigious government education program this summer.

Each year, members of the American Legion Post 307 and the post's ladies auxiliary choose outstanding high school students to take part in the organization's Boys and Girls State programs.

The programs began in the 1930s. Today, they offer a weeklong course of instruction and application of the fundamental principles and procedures of city, county and state government.

"They experience six days of brotherhood or sisterhood and learning about our republican form of government, creating a functioning state," said John Arant, commander of American Legion's 9th District and a member of Cumming Post 307.

This year, Girls' State was held on the campus of Georgia Southern University Statesboro, while Boys' State is presented at Riverside Military Academy in Gainesville.

The students chosen to participate in both programs are rising seniors with a grade-point average of at least 3.0 who have shown strong leadership and community service skills.

The boys and girls are nominated by the program by school counselors. They are then interviewed by committees from the legion and the ladies auxiliary.

The groups pay all expenses of the students during their time in the programs.

— Crystal Ledford

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Georgia State School Superintendent Recognizes Three South Forsyth High School Marketing Students

The state superintendent's recognition of high achieving Georgia students was held on Tuesday, August 5, 2014 at the Georgia Department of Education. State School Superintendent, Dr. John Barge, recognized the outstanding achievements of three South Forsyth High School international winners from the 2013-2014 school year. Out of 200,000 Career and Technical Student Organization (CTSO) members in Georgia at many different schools, South Forsyth High School's was one of only two schools to be invited with international DECA winners. Parkview High School was also invited to attend.

An excited crowd of friends, teachers, administrators, and families filled the superintendent's conference room as South Forsyth marketing students Amanda Guglielmo, Liam Shannon, and Brian Mesa were recognized for their winning performances at the 2014 international DECA competition. These high school marketing students were three out of only five marketing students in the entire state to be included in this prestigious event in the State's capital. "This is an incredible opportunity to reflect on how far our students have come and the tremendous hope they have for the future," said Seth Hutchinson, South Forsyth High School marketing teacher.

DECA, an association of marketing students, prepares emerging leaders and entrepreneurs for opportunities in marketing, finance, hospitality, and management in high school and college around the globe. Amanda Guglielmo, Liam Shannon, and Brian Mesa are shining examples of South Forsyth High School marketing students going beyond expectations as they prepare for college by integrating their co-curricular DECA experiences with their classroom activities, applying learning in the context of business, and promoting competition. "It is very inspiring to watch students leverage their academic preparation to become community oriented and professionally responsible through DECA," said Seth Hutchinson.

Pictured left to right: Debra Moore, South Forsyth High School marketing teacher and DECA advisor; Amanda Guglielmo, SFHS marketing student, Dr. John Barge, State School Superintendent; Brian Mesa, SFHS marketing student; Liam Shannon, SFHS marketing student; Seth Hutchinson South Forsyth High School marketing teacher and DECA advisor.

High Q Academic Bowl – Student from SFHS participated in High Q on WSB-TV Channel 2. The results will be aired on October 18th.





Faculty Honors

For three years South has earned the distinction, in the county, of being a Gold Green School under the leadership of **Ann Kohler**. We have earned this for our outstanding recycling programs throughout the school, our educational programs and lessons taught in our Science department. Our Special Education, Seeds to Table ever expanding garden area and our Administrations' commitment to being an environmentally friendly and conscious school.

Chris Webb was also named Keep Forsyth Beautiful “Volunteer of the Year” for his countless volunteer hours throughout the year and for his commitment to encouraging his APES students to volunteer and become good stewards of our planet and community.

South again shows that it not only excels in Academics but in social and community values too.

In November, **Mr. White** will be presenting “BYOT and Beyond” and “Effective Student Presentations” at the GaETC conference in Atlanta. **Ms. MacAllaster** will also be presenting “Hybrid” at the same conference.



Mrs. Melissa Smith was nominated for **Teacher Tribute Initiative at Stanford University** by **Akhila Moturu**. She received an exceptional teaching certificate from Stanford University---Congratulations!

Last year's 2014 Aerie, *Timeless*, was ranked as a Gold Medalists by the Columbia Scholastic Press Association. The yearbook will now go on to compete for Gold and Silver Crown titles but those are awarded nationally to the top 1% and the next 4%. It's an incredible honor to even be considered. We are very proud of the yearbook staff and their sponsor, Ms. Erin Powell.

September 2014: AP accolade for James Elrod from Trevor Packer, Senior Vice President, AP and College Readiness, The College Board.

“The College Board’s Advanced Placement Program (AP) and Educational Testing Service congratulate your school for the significant contributions made by James Elrod at the 2014 AP Reading.

In June 2014, 350 high school AP HUMAN GEOGRAPHY teachers joined forces with college faculty who teach in the same discipline to score 137,145 exams in Cincinnati, OH. The careful evaluation of students’ work by your faculty member and other highly qualified professionals is one of the most important aspects of the AP Program. A huge part of the AP Program’s success is due to an evaluation and scoring process that reflects the high standards of AP Readers who, by virtue of their experience and expertise, have appropriate student performance expectations within their respective disciplines.

In addition, many AP teachers report that participating in the AP Reading is an incredibly valuable professional development experience. The time spent examining students’ performance, as well as the opportunity to exchange ideas about the types of instructional practices that lead to optimal student performance, are highly valued aspects of the overall AP Reading experience.

The AP Program would like to extend appreciation to your school for supporting your teacher’s attendance at the 2014 Reading, and to commend you for recognizing the value of the experience to your teacher, and subsequently to your AP students.”