



News From “The Hill”

Head of School Blog

Dear TSA Parents / Grandparents / Guardians,

Welcome Back! I hope and pray everyone enjoyed their Easter and spring break. Wow, the weather was gorgeous --- most of the time. We are in the final stretch for the 2017-2018 school year. 34 more days of school and 29 days until graduation for the Class of 2018. Focus on the time remaining. Engage your teachers and put your best foot forward as each of you



finish the school year. The final two attributes for an emerging student leader really go hand in hand --- Emerging student leaders want to “Stand-out” and say “it is about the mission” at hand. They do not want to just “blend in” and claim it is “just about the money.” To “stand-out” and lead is to ensure the focus is on the mission.

Colleges and universities are looking for students who stand-out. These student leaders have a plan, and are well-rounded. Everyone has the choice to either blend-in or stand-out. Whether to focus on the money or the mission. **Where are you?**

Tenacity. Supports. Achievements.

My door is always open so please stop by.

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F. L. Martin III

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Head of School

Upcoming Events

- April 10 First Day back
- April 11 Spring Portraits (Columbia Campus)
- April 11 F&S Meeting
- April 12 Spring Portraits (Main Campus)
- April 20 Shenanigans**
- April 21 Miss General Pageants
- April 25-28 Class Trips
- Sporting Events***
- April 10 V Soccer vs. Calhoun 6PM
- April 11 B Team Baseball vs. Pee Dee Academy 5:30PM
- April 12 V Soccer @ Kings Academy 6PM
- April 13 V Softball @ Williamsburg Academy 6PM
- April 13 B Team/V Baseball @ Williamsburg Academy 4/6:30PM
- April 13 V Soccer vs Northwood Academy 6PM
- April 14 T&F Gamecock Invitational
- April 17 V Softball @ Northwood Academy 5PM

SAT DATES

Test Date	Registration Deadline	Late Registration Deadline
May 5		April 25
June 2	May 3	May 23

ACT DATES

Test Date	Registration Deadline	Late Registration Deadline
April 18, 2018		
June 9, 2018	May 4, 2018	May 18, 2018
July 14, 2018	June 15, 2018	June 22, 2018



New Acceptances

Garrett Hassler (University of South Carolina-Sumter)

Jacob Rodgers (University of South Carolina - Upstate)

College Acceptances To Date 4/8/2018

Hunter Arrants (Anderson University);
(College of Charleston)

John Bracewell (Florida Southern
University); (Coastal Carolina University);
(University of South Carolina); (Wingate
University); (UNC-Charlotte)

Jacob Brown (Brevard College)

Dazjuan Butler (University of South
Carolina)

Anita Cookey-Gam (USC - Aiken)

David Crofts (University of South
Carolina); (Clemson)

Contessa Davis (Wingate University)
(College of Charleston); (University of
South Carolina); (George Mason
University); (Voorhees College)

Garrett Davis (Francis Marion
University);(University of South Carolina)

Jenna DeBrew (Brevard College); (Francis
Marion University)

Jana Marie Faircloth (North Greenville
University); (Charleston Southern

University); (Brevard College); (Anderson
University);(University of South Carolina);
(Wofford)

Zachary Fugate (University of Kentucky);
(Lander University); (Presbyterian College);
(Clemson)

Tristan Furrow (University of South
Carolina)

Joshua Galloway (Coker College)

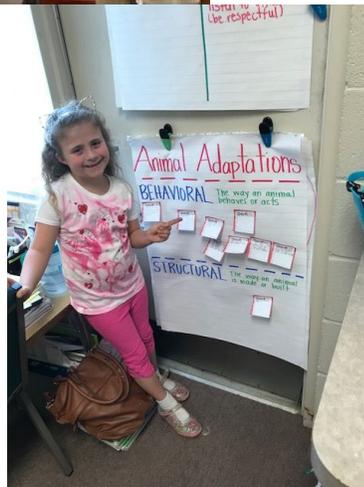
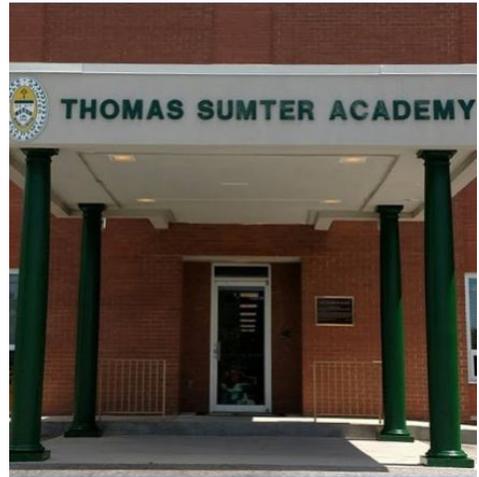
Diamond Gibson (Lander University)

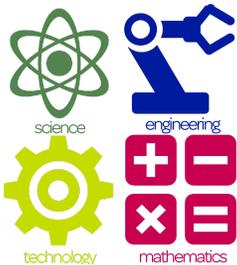
Tyler Gray (Coastal Carolina University)
Carson Hendrix (University of South Carolina- Beaufort)
James "Trey" Holladay (Charleston Southern University); (The Citadel)
Payton Houser (Presbyterian College); (Wofford); (Honors College @ College of Charleston); (Appalachian State); (Clemson)
Taja Hunley (Francis Marion University); (Bluefield College)
Richard Huntley (Newberry College)
Eli Kessinger (Westminster College)
Dante Linder (Charleston Southern University); (Lenoir-Rhyne University)
Allie Lindler (University of South Carolina); (Wofford); (Clemson)
Caetlyn Martin (Anderson University); (Clemson)
Robin Majority (University of South Carolina-Sumter)
Marley McCormick (Erskine College); (University of South Carolina); (Converse College); (Brevard College); (University of Mt. Olive); (Wofford); (College of Charleston); (Clemson)
Liam Miller (Lander University)
Connor Mouzon (Clemson University); (Furman University); (Wofford)
Deep Patel (Brevard College); (Charleston Southern University); (Newberry College); (Wingate University) (University of South Carolina); (Presbyterian College)

Kendall Peckham (University of South Carolina)
Fletcher Rabon (Coastal Carolina University); (Francis Marion University)
Martha "Josie" Reed (North Greenville University); (Charleston Southern University)
Jacob Rodgers (USC-Sumter);(USC Beaufort)
Carmen Silvester (North Greenville University)
Tyler Singletary (Brevard College); (University of South Carolina); (Newberry College); (Lander University)
Mason Studer (Clemson)
Daniel "Gray" Thompson (University of South Carolina)
Ellie White (Charleston Southern University); (Wingate University); (Francis Marion University); (Brevard College); (Presbyterian College); (University of South Carolina)
Kristian "Dakotah" Williams (Brevard College); (Anderson University); (Lander University); (Charleston Southern University); (Francis Marion University); (Coastal Carolina University); (North Greenville University)
Jacob Williamson (Georgia Southern University)
Abigail Wiltshire (Brevard College)

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What STEM/STEAM Education *Is & Isn't*

What STEM/STEAM education is: Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics

STEM/STEAM education is a teaching philosophy that fosters creativity and innovation in South Carolina's students. STEM/STEAM schools are centers of creativity experiences. Unlike a traditional curriculum, STEM/STEAM education teaches students to integrate skills from different subject areas to help them develop innovative solutions to real-world problems.

STEM/STEAM education is designed to prepare students for success in college, in career, and as responsible citizens. STEM/STEAM education develops South Carolina's students' creative, analytical, teamworks, communication and problem-solving skills –all essential to success in today's world, no matter what students' interests or career goals are.

STEM/STEAM education is a direct response to the realization that South Carolina's future will be built on technological leadership, knowledge creation and innovation. South Carolina, along with the rest of the nation, has fallen behind in the global market as other states and nations have gained competitive advantage by asserting their scientific and technological leadership.

STEM/STEAM will elevate South Carolina's position in the global economy and give our students the skills they need to successfully compete with talent from around the world.

STEM/STEAM education is the key to South Carolina's economic turnaround. STEM/STEAM education unleashes students' creativity and gives them the skills needed to conceive and develop the revolutionary products and processes that will shape South Carolina's economic future. A STEM/STEAM-literature workforce will attract investment and jobs to South Carolina, while good jobs and economic opportunity will attract world-class talent.

"A" The A stands for Art. Fine Arts –Visual and Performing Arts. At Thomas Sumter Academy we put a high premium on the Arts. Even if a child is not skilled in the area, there is much that can be learned and developed in the child.

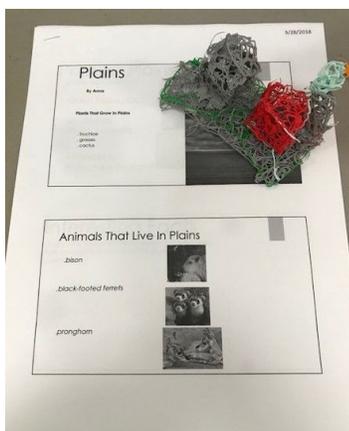
What STEM/STEAM isn't:

STEM/STEAM education is not highly specialized education for an elite group of students. When fully realized, STEM/STEAM will serve all students in any school across South Carolina.

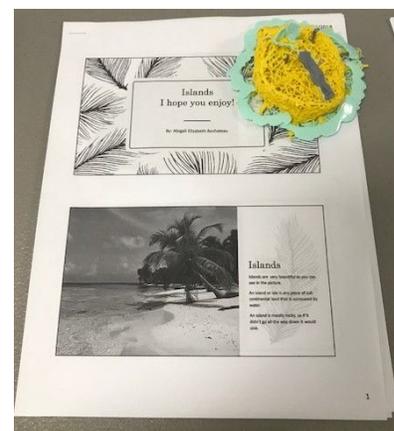
STEM/STEAM education is not only for those interested in science, engineering, technology, arts or math. STEM/STEAM education goes beyond training scientist, engineers and technology professionals. It helps all students develop and apply essential skills through a rigorous and diverse curriculum, a college-ready and work-ready culture, personalized learning opportunities, and a top-flight teaching force. These skills will serve students in all areas of their future education and careers.

STEM/STEAM education is not beneficial only to those enrolled in STEM/STEAM schools or STEM/STEAM Programs of Excellence. All students benefits from a strong STEM/STEAM infrastructure. STEM/STEAM schools share curricular and teacher professional development tools and best practices, impacting surrounding traditional schools. Furthermore, regional STEM/STEAM centers will develop STEM/STEAM curriculum and instructional tools, train STEM/STEAM teachers, share STEM/STEAM best practices and provide STEM/STEAM distance-learning experiences for students across the state.

STEM/STEAM education is not one-size-fits-all. STEM/STEAM is highly personalized education that caters to students' individual learning styles and interests through individual student and faculty interaction. STEM/STEAM students have the opportunity to build upon their strengths and learn in ways that are most meaningful and beneficial to them. Students are active in internships and are often earning college credit while still in high school.



Students STEM
projects using
3D pens.



PROM 2018

TSA high school students signed their Prom Promise this year led by Alumnae, Katherine Watts and Michelle Edens.



PROM 2018



*Congratulations to Miss Ellie White
and Mr. Trey Holladay,
TSA Prom Queen and King 2018*



TSA Alumnae Laura Cushman



March 30, 2018 from The Camden Chronicle News
Laura Cushman, Doing it Her way.
Article and photo by Tom Didato

In what amounts to a pinch-hitter role, Laura Cushman has become her father's ace in the hole. Her vast knowledge and experience in event planning is something which she is sharing with her dad and, in effect, the Carolina Cup patrons. A Thomas Sumter Academy graduate who went on to earn a degree in business administration from the College of Charleston in 2009, the recently-engaged Laura Cushman is spending her final days in Camden, before moving to Switzerland next week, by working in the Carolina Cup office. She is now involved with an event which she grew up attending even before she was old enough to know what all the fuss was about.

"I have missed a few but, not too many," she said with a smile when asked her stretch of Carolina Cup races attended. "I went to every Cup until I was about 22, when I moved away. I've made a few treks back home to see the races but this will be the first one for me in about five or six years.

"I can remember picking out our dresses and hats and, as a little four-year-old, trying to sneak out of the (grandstand) box and into the winners' circle ... great memories. "

Read more here
<http://www.chronicle-independent.com/archives/50039/>

Shenanigans 2018 Around the World

Friday, April 20



*Party around the world
in just one night!*

The O'Donnell House, 120 E Liberty St., Sumter, SC

Tickets on Sale Now!!

Your ticket will include: food, *beverage, silent and live auction, and a night of fun.

Ticket Price

\$25 a person

\$40 a couple

*cash bar

I have enclosed \$ _____ for _____ ticket(s) to Shenanigans 2018.

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City _____ State _____ Zipcode _____

Make checks payable to: Thomas Sumter Academy

Purchase Online

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Big Shout OUT to: Mrs. Gigi Houser and the Class of 2019 Class officers who sponsored, planned, and coordinated the 2018 Prom and Ms. Sandi Dixon and the Sophomore Class for serving at the Opera House in Bishopville. Dinner, dancing, and fun! Great job Class of 2019 and 2020.

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SPECIAL NOTE: With the recent Tax Cuts and Jobs Act signed into law the definition of qualifying expenses has been expanded for your 529 plans to include private school education at the elementary and secondary levels. Check with your CPA!

*Do you have a picture, story, or a score you would like to see in the enews?
If so, please submit it to frank.martin@thomassumter.org by Saturday at 5:00 pm of each week.*

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QUOTE of the week:

“Leadership is not about a title or a designation. It's about impact, influence and inspiration. Impact involves getting results, influence is about spreading the passion you have for your work, and you have to inspire team-mates and customers.” ~ Robin S. Sharma

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