

The Difference



There's a difference at Heathwood Hall Episcopal School. Students are supported and challenged to achieve the *highest* standards... to *experience* the learning... to go *beyond*. It's the difference between...

Art student...and artist.

- Our programs integrate art and music into daily classroom life. Our graduates have studied creative fields at Carnegie-Mellon, NYU Film School, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Ringling College of Art and Design, Rhode Island School of Design and the University of Michigan, to name a few.
- Our Upper School Chorus received a "Superior" rating, "Best in Class" and "Top Three Soloist" distinction at the 2009 Disney Festival – an event open to private and public schools nationwide.
- We had eight winners in the 2009 SC State Fair Art Contest as well as a SCISA Art Award winner.
- Students and faculty earned four "Superior" ratings at the Palmetto Dramatics Association this year.

Participating... and leading.

- Athletic accomplishments this year include: Football, SCISA Region 1 Class AAA Champions and SCISA State Runner Up; Girls' Golf, State Runner Up; Girls' Tennis, Region Champion; Girls' Cross Country, 3rd Place finish in the region; Boys' Cross Country, Region Runner Up; Boys' Basketball, State Runner Up and Region Co-Champions; Girls' Basketball, 2nd Place in Region and State Semi Finalist; Wrestling, 3rd Place in State Tournament.
- Ours is the state's most honored independent school faculty and includes Fulbright Scholars and seven recent state Teachers of the Year, a current Teacher of the Year finalist, as well as the current state Conservation Teacher of the Year and a 2009 recipient of a National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) award.
- We were the first school in the Midlands to require community service for graduation. Our students regularly serve through Harvest Hope Food Bank, HomeWorks, the Red Cross and the Salvation Army, as well as an annual service mission to Johns Island, SC.
- A world perspective on education has long been a hallmark of our school. Winterim, a weeklong educational experience off campus, and our International Studies Diploma Program (ISDP) helps students understand, appreciate and learn to contribute their part in our global society.
- More than 60 classrooms have SMART Boards, and students have access to more than 230 computers on campus, including 80 Netbooks, as well as wireless technology and video and editing equipment.

Teaching a class... and inspiring one.

- Our class sizes are limited so students, faculty and parents know each other well.
- One-on-one attention is provided with the assistance of a second (Associate) teacher in every classroom from nursery school through grade four.
- We encourage students to select their own research topics to ensure they are fully engaged in their learning.

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English student... and writer.

- Our innovative early literacy program introduces children to the joy of reading.
- In 2009, seven student won regional and national essay contests.
- Our graduates tell us they are better prepared than their peers as writers when they enter college.
- Alum Josh Lieb ('90) is a co-executive producer for "The Daily Show With Jon Stewart," which recently won two more Primetime Emmy Awards, and is the author of a new book, "I Am a Genius of Unspeakable Evil and I Want to be Your Class President."

Going to college... and succeeding at your *top college* choice.

- 100% college acceptance is a time-honored expectation.
- Our students have received more college academic scholarships than any other independent school in the area – more than \$20 million since 2001. Our students consistently are awarded National Merit and National Achievement finalist and commended honors.
- Our full-time college counselor works with students to help them discern the best college fit, assist with the application process and coordinate college visits.
- Our graduates attend some of the finest institutions of higher education, including Duke, Emory, Harvard, North Carolina, Notre Dame, Princeton, Stanford, Vanderbilt, Yale and in-state honors programs at College of Charleston, Clemson and South Carolina.
- Completion of the Senior Exhibition, a yearlong, dissertation-style project, is a graduation requirement.

Memorizing facts... and critical thinking.

- At Heathwood Hall, learning is not only about getting the right answer, it's understanding how you got it. Our students are asked to think critically and carefully prepare for a rigorous course of study. They are required to think on a higher level – creatively and abstractly – to solve problems and offer their own thoughts and conclusions.
- 37 of our 64 seventh-grade students have qualified for the Duke University Talent Identification Program. Duke TIP identifies gifted children and provides resources to nurture the development of these exceptionally bright youngsters.

Science student... and scientist.

- We challenge our students to go beyond the classroom and textbook and apply scientific method and inquiry in the real world. Our inquiry-based science program investigates life, earth, physical and environmental sciences and is taught using a hands-on approach.
- Two Upper School students recently attended the American Junior Academy of Sciences (AJAS) national meeting in California because of their outstanding science research project.
- An Upper School faculty member was honored with the 2009 Governor's Award for Excellence in Scientific Awareness.
- Currently, seven students are competing in the SC Academy of Science Middle/Elementary School Academy Annual Contest. Ten sixth graders are competing in the SC Department of Health and Environmental Control Champions of the Environment Environmental Essay and Poster competition.
- In 2009, we placed 1st, 2nd and 3rd in the Richland Co. Conservation Commission Essay competition.

Schoolyard... and a one hundred and thirty-three acre outdoor classroom.

- The beauty and wonder of our campus is studied through integrated scientific studies of the local habitats: ponds, forests, wetlands and rivers.
- Our unique and renowned PEAK Outdoor Center enhances leadership, environmental and outdoor education.
- Our greenhouse allows students to practice data collection, perform experiments and understand plant pollination and growth in a unique way, involving partnerships between younger and older students known as "Biology Buddies."

A moment of silence... and living in faith.

- Our students participate in weekly services in our Chapel of the Epiphany, which is enriched with prayer, music, worship and a spirit of celebration.
- Character, civility and personal responsibility are fostered through prayer, Chapel services, our Honor Code and by an Honor Council.