



Grosse Pointe South Pointes of Pride Student Highlights from the 2016-2017 School Year

- Niche.com has ranked GPPSS #1- the best teachers in Metro Detroit for 2017, based on “parent ratings of teachers, teacher salaries, teacher absenteeism, teacher tenure and student-teacher ratio.”
- Kaitlin Malley honored WXYZ-TV’s Brightest & Best.
- The Washington Post, ranked South 5th, as one of the most challenging high schools in Michigan.
- US News & World Report, ranked 8th in Michigan “Silver” 2016.
- South executed their third *Out of the Darkness* walk to promote suicide prevention.
- GPS Mock Trial team received an honorable mention, 4th out of 14 teams, at Macomb County Courthouse competition.
- Congrats to GPS Quiz Bowl team for their 1st place win in the MAC Tier II tournament. The team competed admirably at MSU in the State Championship.
- GPS Destination Imagination team won their region and they go on to compete in for the State Competition
- Poetry Slam team travelled to the Spring Speech Tournament on Mackinac Island. Six of our poets made it into the finals. One student took 6th overall and another student brought home the 2nd place trophy.
- The Tower: MIPA awarded 48 Tower students individual awards for writing, photography and design.
- The Tower: Tower Pulse website won a Spartan Award, the highest award for overall quality a student website can win in Michigan.
- The Tower: The Tower Newspaper won a gold award, the second highest award for overall quality a student newspaper can win in Michigan.
- Scholastic Art and Writing included 14 Gold Key Senior Portfolio winners, breaking a new record. South also had 58 individual awards.
- AP Studio Art had 100% passing for AP 2D Design and AP Drawing in 7th year.
- National Scholastic Art and Writing in New York City included 4 Medals for South students; 2 Senior National Silver Portfolios, a National Gold Medal and National Silver Medal.
- Congressional Art Competition 2016 – South won 2nd place for the 14th district, taking a top spot for the fourth year in a row.
- ARTFEST 2017 showcased the best of South’s creative side! Students were recognized and rewarded with over \$8,000 in award money and sales.
- National Art Honor Society: South students make a difference through community service with their art in Grosse Pointe and Detroit elementary schools and non-profits.
- FOCUS HOPE Diversity Program and 4 Art students value diversity in the fall of 2016 through FOM’s 8 week program in Detroit and the final gallery show.
- The New Grosse Pointe Art Center Promising Artist Show North and South. Approximately 40 South and North students were recognized, and two South artists took home 1st and 2nd places.

- Photographer's Forum Magazine recognized a South art student with publication of her work in the Best of College and High School Photography 2017.
- Wayne State's 2017 Tri-County High School Exhibition included a beautiful drawing by one of South's talented art students.
- Kroger Black History Month 2016; one winner honored from South High School.
- TV Prod. 1st Place at the Meijer Great Choices PSA content in Diversity content.
- TV Prod. Semi-Finalist – Emagine Hush Reel Contest
- TV Prod. Mich. Interscholastic Press Assoc. awarded 2nd place for Two Week Short Film Challenge.
- TV Prod. South Student Chosen as CATCH & Detroit News Outstanding Graduate for 2017 in the Vocational/Technical area.
- South High – 2015-2016 “Evergreen Level Award” designation as a Michigan Green School.
- 4 National Merit Scholarship Finalists – Jack Burgoyne, Kurt Huebner, David Scupholm, Kara Semanision
- AP Scholars – 83 (Granted to students with scores of 3 or higher on three or more exams).
- AP Scholars with Honors (Granted to students with an average score of at least 3.52 on all AP exams with scores of 3 or higher on 4 or more exams)
- AP Scholars with distinction (granted to students with an average score of at least 4.03 on all AP exams with scores of 3 or higher on five or more exams).
- National AP Scholars (Granted to students who receive an average score of at least 4.37 on all AP exams with scores of 4 or higher on eight or more of exams)
- Two Engineering Graphics students participated in the University of Michigan Dearborn Engineering Experience. They had to build a battery-operated vehicle that could traverse two different courses.
- Four Architecture students entered house models they designed and built in the M.I.T.E.S. (Michigan Industrial Technology Education Society). Two students earned honorable mentions and one student took ninth place.
- One Senior won the Leslie “Buddy” Reames Achievement award for demonstrating outstanding industrial technology skills over his four years at South.
- Architecture Club members went on many after school field trips to study some of the great architecture in the area. Masonic Temple, Detroit Public Library, the Fisher building and the Boston Edison neighborhood were some of the trips.
- MSBOA All-State Band & Orchestra: W. Beardslee, K. Gurovich and H. Hermon
- South Symphony Orchestra and Concert Orchestra participated in the MSBOA Festival. Both groups earned straight 1st Division (Superior) ratings in adjudicated performance from all three judges and 1st Division rating adjudicated sight-reading.
- Michigan Thespian Festival includes the opportunity to compete in individual event competitions and audition for scholarship opportunities before college and university recruiters, which could lead to national recognition at the ITF. South's Thespian Troupe #49 presented their fall production of Lost in Yonkers. Troupe #49 took six Superior Honors. Director Meaghan Dunham was inducted into the Michigan Educational Theatre's Hall of Fame.
- Pointe Singers: Second Runner-up Women's Division Findlay H.S. Grand Champion Show Choir, Best Vocal Sound, Class A Champion, Best Male Soloist Eion Meldrum Bishop Luers H.S.
- Tower Belles: Second Runner-up in Championship Division Findlay H.S., Grand Champion Women's Show Choir, First Runner up Soloist Melody Balos Bishop Luers H.S.
- South Singers: First Runner-Up in Prep Division at Findlay H.S.
- Sounds of South: Division 1 Rating – States Qualified MSVMA Districts, Division 1 Rating MSVMA States.
- All Choirs: States Solo & Ensemble – 22 Events rated 1 or 2. District Solo & Ensemble – 29 Events rated 1 or 2, 27 Events Qualified for States, DSO-Home for the Holiday's – Six shows with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra, Music Theatre S&E-26 Events Excellent or Superior.
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- Niche.com ranked South's Athletic program 16th of 12,814 school athletic programs in the United States.
- National Championship competitor (1)
- 9 Total number of teams finishing among the top ten in the State: Top ten in the state (4), top five in the state (3), state runner-up (1) and state champion (1)
- Regional Championships – 3
- District Championships – 2
- Field Hockey – 2016-2017 top ten state finish-state quarter finalist/quarterfinal loss was to the eventual state champion (division one)
- Football – 2016-2017 district champions, top ten state finish-state quarter finalist (division two)
- Golf – 2016-2017 regional champions, state runner-up (division one)
- Ice Hockey (female) – 2016-2017 top five state finish/semifinal loss was to the eventual state champion (division one)
- Sailing (co-ed) – 2016-2017 state champions (division one) national regional runner-up of nine state Midwest region, national championship competitor that finished in the top dozen nationally out of 594 high school sailing programs.
- Swimming and Diving (female) – 2016-2017 top five state finish-fifth (division two)
- Swimming and Diving (male) – 2016-2017 top ten state finish-sixth (division two)
- Tennis (female) – 2016-2017 regional champions, top five state finish-fourth (division one)
- Tennis (male) – 2016-2017 top ten state finish-ninth (division one)
- Track and Field (female) – 2016-2017 regional champions (division one)
- The girls cross country team advanced to the state finals for a state record 37th consecutive year.
- The girls' track, team won their 17th consecutive state regional championship and finished their 8th straight undefeated season.
- Volleyball – 2016-2017 district champions (class A)

We are Proud of Our Students! *“The single most common characteristic among successful people is that they were involved in student activities.” (NAASP Research on Student Activities)*

