

North Springs Charter High School 2015-16 Highlights and Achievements

Academics & Scholarships

- Named 2016 Most Challenging High School for Academic Rigor by *The Washington Post*
- Named 2016 Advanced Placement honor school for STEM, Humanities and AP Access and Support
- NS graduation is 90%; highest in the Central Learning Community; over last 4 years had 2nd highest gain of ANY Fulton County School
- School Governance Council wins \$93,000 Seed Fund grant for STEAM consultant as NS moves to become STEAM certified
- 3-2016 National Merit Finalists!
- 1- 2016 Georgia Scholar (1 of only 151 graduating seniors from schools across Georgia)

Math & Science

- Math/Science Magnet student accepted to MIT
- 8 Spartans accepted early to Georgia Tech
- 2016 Science Olympiad team competes at STATE
- 6 Spartans advance to 2016 STATE Science fair
- 58 AP Calculus students compete in COMAP global math modeling competition
- NS hosts 6th annual STEM event. a most successful STEAM showcase for SSEF
- 2 Spartans compete for first time ever in Georgia Brain Bee and place in STATE Top 5
- 8 students compete for first time in Technology Student Association STATE conference –all place in the Top 20 or higher!
- Former M/S student wins congressional medal

Career, Technical & Leadership

- Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) wins 2016 Superior Gold Chapter of the Year with over 200 members!
- 20 FBLA competitors place in the 2016 STATE Top 10 and 7 are advancing to Nationals
- ACDC hosts ACE Day showcasing skilled trades and ACE mentor program to Community Foundation for Greater Atlanta; later received \$5,000 grant for ACE program (Architecture, Construction and Engineering); 20 students attend CEFGA World of Construction Expo
- Digital Design and Computer Science Students take field trip to Salesforce; Business Law visits Journey Through Justice at the State Bar of Georgia, former Secretary of State Lewis Massey speaks to Entrepreneurship class, successful Juice Joint becomes model for another other school entrepreneurial venture
- North Springs' Work-Based Learning (internship) program is now outpacing all other FC schools and 90% of WBL placements align with student's long-term career goals, pathway completion or magnet affiliation; next year North Springs will have a full-time WBL coordinator
- 6 HOSA students (future healthcare professionals) are 2016 STATE finalists, 3 students will be competing at Nationals
- Graphic Design student wins SSEF STEAM logo competition
- CTE hosts outstanding 2016 Career Expo with 65 exhibitors

Friends of North Springs Foundation

- Awarded \$10,300K grant from Sandy Springs Society for math department clicker response systems
- Awarded \$5,000 grant from City of Sandy Springs for new trash containers
- Raised over \$29,000 at successful 2016 Spartan Spectacular
- Awarded \$2,000 grant from Northside Hospital for health science equipment
- Received \$300 grant from Partners in Education for the Theater
- Raised \$3,500 for new Spartans Helping Spartans Fund
- Dispersed \$25,000 in Teacher Grants
- Working to establish and fund new music technology classroom and music recording studio

Visual & Performing Arts

- 3 Spartan Musicians perform for the historic 24th annual Trumpet Awards
- 4 students make 2016 All-State Band and All State Orchestra- 3 as first chairs, 2 All-State chorus semifinalists, 1 finalist
- Amazing North Springs music program featured in cover and inside story for Perimeter Lifestyle North Magazine
- Band wins all superiors and A's in every category- highest score in 10 years!
- 2 VPA students selected to 2016 Governor's Honors program; 6 semifinalists
- Music students perform at 2016 OrlandoFest at Universal Studios – NS Choir places first; Symphonic Band places 2nd!
- VPA artists visiting Sparta include actor Jessie T. Usher, dancers Deon Lewis and Damon Belmon, and spoken word poets Dichotomy, Journee and Abyss
- 9 students exhibit at Roswell Visual Arts Center juried show and Spartans wins Best of Show; 2 students accepted to Dogwood Arts Festival
- North Springs Visual & Graphic Design department partners with Whole Foods for student holiday art exhibit and Opening Reception for November exhibit Growing a Business
- 2016 – 19th Juried Art Show on display in two locations 2D work at Pizza Crosta and 3D work at Kudzu Antiques- with over 65 student work on display
- Drama magnet performs *The Wiz*- with largest cast and crew for NS production
- NS student choreographer wins 2016 KSU Dance Festival- first time in history of the festival winning dance composition –performed by NS Company dancers – is the creation of a student!
- 2 Crossroads cast members selected for 2015 Georgia Theater Conference All Star Cast and Spartan is honored as Best Actor

Humanities

- World history students travel to Iceland over Spring Break 2016
- North Springs host 11 students and 2 teachers from Taicang China
- Two students win 2016 State Department all-expense paid scholarships to study Chinese this summer in China
- The 2015 Echo Literary Magazine is awarded excellent with 1 mark of distinction AND
- The Oracle online student newspaper receives the highest Superior rating from the Georgia Scholastic press Association and is ranked Top 5 High School news site in Georgia!
- 14 Spartans attend 2016 Model UN at Kennesaw State and 3 students' position papers win