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Inspirational speaker, Chris Singleton visits Buist

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Charleston — The students at Buist Academy for Advanced Studies were treated to a special guest speaker this week. Motivational speaker Chris Singleton read his latest book *Different: A Story About Loving Your Neighbor*.

The beautiful book teaches kids that differences - whether through race, nationality, gender, or more - are something to accept and celebrate.

Singleton, a Goose Creek native, is a former professional baseball player in the Chicago Cubs organization as well as an inspirational speaker who has traveled the country speaking to over 60,000 students. He also graduated Charleston Southern University. Today he is employed with the Charleston Riverdogs.

Singleton's mother, Sharonda Coleman Singleton, was murdered along with eight other victims at Mother Emanuel AME church in Downtown Charleston, on June 17, 2015 by an individual who wanted to start a race war in the United States.

Singleton inspired his city and the nation by forgiving the man who murdered his mother and stating that "Love is stronger than hate." He inspires his audiences through his personal experiences of adversity and his belief that God can guide them through any storm they go through.

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About the Charleston County School District

Charleston County School District (CCSD) is a nationally-accredited school district that is committed to providing equitable and quality educational opportunities for all of its students. CCSD is the second-largest school system in South Carolina and represents a unique blend of urban, suburban, and rural schools spanning 1,300 square miles along the coast. CCSD serves more than 50,000 students in 87 schools and specialized programs.

CCSD offers a diverse, expanding portfolio of options and specialized programs, delivered through neighborhood, magnet, IB (international baccalaureate), Montessori, and charter schools. Options include programs in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM); music and other creative and performing arts; career and technical preparation programs; and military.

