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CCSD students place in Septima Clark Poetry Contest

Charleston, SC – Belle Hall Elementary School fifth grader Adair Dombrowski won first place (at the elementary school level) in the (state wide) third annual MUSC Septima Clark Poetry Contest in collaboration with Charleston Poet Laureate Marcus Amaker.

The theme was "Life During Covid." As a first place winner, Dombrowski will receive a Chromebook, hover board, and bicycle.

The awards ceremony was aired live Friday, May 14, 2021; the top three finalists from each division (elementary, middle, and high school) read their poems and the winners were announced.

Other Charleston County School District students who placed in the competition include:

- Christina Crowell of Charleston Development Academy Public Charter School – second place (Middle School)
- Callie Ingram of C.E. Williams Middle School – third place (Middle School)
- Bethany "Autumn" Rouse of Charleston County School of the Arts – third place (High School)

This annual contest honors acclaimed Charleston native, teacher, and "Grandmother of the Civil Rights Movement" [Septima P. Clark \(1898-1987\)](#) for her dedication to service, education, and equality. As a recipient of

the 1979 Living Legacy Award from President and 2002 Nobel Prize Winner Jimmy Carter, she was known for developing literacy and citizenship workshops to promote civil rights and equality. She was also recognized by the State of South Carolina in 1982 with South Carolina's highest civilian award, known as the Order of the Palmetto.

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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.