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Charleston teen named Distinguished Young Woman of South Carolina

Noth Charleston, SC – On Saturday, July 24, 2021, Academic Magnet High School's Mary Compton was named the Distinguished Young Woman of South Carolina for 2022 and won over \$5,000 in cash scholarships during a statewide scholarship program for high school girls held at the Lexington One Performing Arts Center in Lexington, SC.

Compton was one of 12 high school senior girls from South Carolina who competed to represent the state as the Distinguished Young Woman of South Carolina for 2022. Participants were evaluated in the categories of Scholastics (25%), Interview (25%), Talent (20%), Fitness (15%), and Self-Expression (15%). In addition to being named the Distinguished Young Woman of South Carolina for 2022, she also received awards in the areas of Self-Expression and Interview.

Throughout the next year, Compton will represent the state at various public events and serve as a role model to young people by spreading the program's national outreach message of "Be Your Best Self." The outreach program is designed to encourage self-esteem and excellence in all young people through its five principles: Be Healthy, Be Involved, Be Studious, Be Ambitious, and Be Responsible.

Compton is the daughter of Beth and Matthew Compton and is a rising senior at Academic Magnet.

The 65th National Finals will take place June 23 - 25, 2022, in Mobile, AL. Compton, along with 49 other representatives from across the country, will participate in personal development activities and community service projects before competing for the opportunity to become the Distinguished Young Woman of America for 2022 and for additional cash scholarships. Georgia's Destiny Kluck, who is attending Brandeis University, was named the Distinguished Young Woman of America for 2021.

For more information on Distinguished Young Women of South Carolina or to set up an interview with Mary, please contact Jordan Hudson, State Chairman, at southcarolina@distinguishedyw.org or (843) 647-8142. Follow Mary's year on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#).

For more information contact Principal Perlmutter at (843) 746-1300.

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Charleston County School District (CCSD) is a nationally accredited school district 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 approximately 49,000 students in 88 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.

About Distinguished Young Women

Founded in 1958, Distinguished Young Women is a free program that encourages participants to reach their full individual potential. Our mission is to empower young women by providing over \$1 billion in scholarship opportunities, connecting with a nationwide network of women, developing their self-confidence, and participating in our Life Skills Workshops that prepare them for success after high school. National sponsors include Barbara Barrington Jones Family Foundation, Mobile County, City of Mobile, Alabama Power Foundation, Shoe Station, Gant Travel Management, Wellington and Bonnie Coffeen, Regions Financial Corporation, Jostens and Alabama Media Group.

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