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to form the Principal Collaboration (D20PCP) have wasted no time in making good on their promise

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Mary Ford Early Learning & Family Center
The Mary Ford Parenting Team hosted a Fatherhood Event, Decorating with Dads. The school was able to gather 50 parents and their families to share in this wonderful experience. Santa was there as well.

Murray-LaSaine Montessori School
Murray-LaSaine Montessori School students in Lower Elementary put on a spectacular holiday concert for their families. Lindsay Linderman, music teacher, organized the event.

St. Andrew's School of Math and Science
First and second grade students in the St. Andrew's School of Math and Science Baton and Dance club performed in the Folly Beach Christmas Parade. The club is taught by teachers Vickie Klatt and Ashley Tiner.

Stiles Point Elementary School
Stiles Point Elementary School students in Mrs. Tarpley's 5th grade class spent several days before the break working on their holiday projects.

Wando High School
Wando High School Orchestras surprised Carolina Park Elementary School students one morning just before the break with some holiday tunes!
"I loved it," said Millar. "I can’t say enough good things." He graduated from Clemson University in just three years and earned his Master’s Degree in Plant and Environmental Science. His passion for horticulture began at an early age, stemming from his interest in farming. "I was both a fun student and I can imagine his delivery to his teachers," said Donohoe. "I am confident he will be successful and get very many students hooked on this path where they too are bitten by the horticulture bug."

Careers opportunities

Outside of teaching horticulture, there are many career opportunities for students interested in the profession. The major is comprised of four courses: Introduction to Horticulture, Landscape Technology, Nursery Management and Garden Center, and Turf Lawn Management. "There are so many paths a person can go down with horticulture," said Millar. "Even if a student doesn’t pursue it, you’ll know how to keep a plant alive, grow your own food, and have a deeper appreciation for where your food comes from. You’ll be more empowered for life."

Donohoe hired an award-winning tracker, Polyester, after seeing her vision for the horticulture wing at ECCAS come to fruition. She had never everything she saw at “Growing Minds Farm, which is a STEM-based learning platform geared toward cultivating and empowering youth to grow food artfully and everywhere. Donohoe works with schools across the district to utilize school gardens to their maximum potential. She also hosts groups of all ages (year-round) at her non-profit Growing Minds Farm, which opened to the public in 2015. Growing Minds helped to preserve the rich agricultural history of a nearly five-acre farm in the historic Phillips Community. It was transformed from bare land into an educational demonstration farm featuring sustainable agriculture techniques. Therefore, this farm is not only full of resources, hydroponics, forestry, turf management, and more.

Haircuts for Ellington students

Students from Baptist Hill Middle High School visited E.B. Ellington Elementary School and treated them to a lesson in barbering and styling. Some even posed as models and received a haircut.

Donohoe at Trailer

ECCAS students enjoy a field trip to Growing Minds Educational Farm

Paul Miller and Katie Donohoe

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Now taught by former student

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Hampstead Mall Renewal

At the intersection of America and Columbus streets, on the Eastside of Charleston, a transformation is happening: The historic Fraser Elementary is being reborn as a new home for Early College High School and Hampstead Mall, Charleston's oldest park, is seeing its own remarkable renewal.

This summer the Charleston County School District plans to remake the southeast quadrant of Hampstead Mall. The district hopes to have the park ready this fall. “The park will be used exclusively by Early College High School during school hours but will be open to the public during daylight hours when school is not in session including weekends, holidays, and even the summer, according to an agreement with the city.”

The renovation of Mary Conway Park, the northeast quadrant of Hampstead Mall, was completed in December. The grand oaks were pruned, the buckled sidewalks removed, the pergola repainted and the fountain repaired. Irrigation was added, the park densely planted and a new lawn was laid.

The city’s Parks Department led the project, with much assistance from the Charleston Parks Conservancy, Trident Technical College (which owns the parcel), and neighborhood residents.

A year ago Philip Simmons Park, just across the street, was also replanted in a similar grassroots effort. In an unprecedented fundraising drive, Eastside residents and businesses donated more than $20,000 toward the park’s project. The neighborhood also won a $12,000 AARP grant to support the renewal of Philip Simmons, named for the famed Charleston artisan.

A historic marker telling the story of Hampstead Mall and Hampstead Village, the original neighborhood that was first laid out in 1769 will also be installed.

Wando High School Principal Kim Wilson was recently selected as a Claes Nobel Educator of Distinction by The National Society of High School Scholars (NSHSS). A role model to pupils, Wilson was nominated by Senior, Marissa Jones for outstanding dedication and commitment to excellence in the profession.

Each year, student members of NSHSS are invited to nominate the educator who has made the most significant contribution to their academic career for the Claes Nobel Educator of Distinction award. This honor recognizes exemplary educators whose passion and devotion inspire their students to grow and develop as scholars, leaders and citizens.

The National Society of High School Scholars seeks to advance the goals and aspirations of high-achieving students through unique learning experiences, scholarships, internships, international study and peer networks. From attending the annual Nobel Week festivities in Stockholm, to internships with major corporations and government agencies, pre-college summer study programs, and more than $2,000,000 in exclusive scholarships awarded annually, NSHSS is continually seeking new ways to provide lifetime learning and growth opportunities for academically talented and accomplished student leaders, and the educators who support them.

“Dedicated educators who exhibit a commitment to excellence deserve our highest praise and appreciation,” said NSHSS President James W. Lewis. “Through our Educators of Distinction program and the grants we provide to support professional development and enrich classroom instruction, we hope to acknowledge and encourage the vital work of the teachers, counselors and administrators who are shaping the intellect and character of our young scholars.”
**CCSD SPORTS & ARTS**

Mikey Rosa signs to play football at The Citadel

Congratulations to Wando’s Mikey Rosa for signing to play Division I football at The Citadel next year! He is the grandson of former Citadel President Lt. Gen. John W. Rosa.

AMHS WELCOMES COACH RAYMOND KNAUER AS ITS NEW RAPTOR ATHLETIC DIRECTOR

Born and raised in Pittsburgh, PA, Raymond Knauer moved south beginning his teaching career in 2004 at North Charleston High School (NCHS). He has served as a coach, teacher, instructional coach and athletic director at NCHS for the past eighteen years. During the past seven years, Coach Knauer has worked to build NCHS athletic programs into a regional force and he leaves a legacy of improved student outcomes on the fields, courts, and in the classrooms.

"In my role, I have done anything to meet a challenge and solve a problem," said Knauer. "I strive to always serve student-athletes and find creative solutions to unique situations. I am a huge, loyal advocate for my students and my school."

A former lacrosse athlete, Coach Knauer has some Academic Magnet connections as well. He was instrumental in starting the Raptor lacrosse program serving as assistant coach during the program’s first two years.

Knauer has also coached cross-country and football and has invested energy in creating a more robust athletic program at NCHS. He loves the spirit of competition and believes that every sport is important and meaningful for a successful athletic program. Coach Knauer has embraced the use of social media to publicize and grow athletic programs and has received recognition for his work marketing athletics with Instagram, Facebook, Twitter, and school websites.

"You have to get information to the community wherever the community gets its information," Knauer said. "That has changed over the past decade, so our communication plans have changed too."

Knauer also brings an outstanding working knowledge of the South Carolina High School League coupled with over a decade of positive relationships with regional athletic directors and coaches. He has formed partnerships with an array of local, regional, and national organizations to serve athletic goals and is known in the local sporting community for his affable straightforwardness and "whatever it takes" work ethic. He knows the systems and processes of the Charleston County School District and is familiar with the local collegiate landscape for athletics.

"Sometimes you have to look far and wide to find something that has been right here all along," said Sharon Williams, AMHS’s outgoing athletic director. "Raymond is the right hire for Magnet."

**ARTS INTEGRATED INSTRUCTION AT ANGEL OAK**

The arts are an integral part of the Angel Oak Elementary School experience; students not only take part in extensive arts-related classes but they also experience arts-integrated instruction within their core classes. Arts-integrated instruction supports the teaching of standards in both the arts genres and core content areas to promote student engagement and booster student achievement. That commitment led to the school recently earning their certification with the state’s Arts in Basic Curriculum (ABC) Institute. The Owls are one of three schools to earn this distinction this school year, one of just 69 in the state overall. According to the South Carolina Arts Commission, research conducted within ABC Schools have repeatedly provided evidence to the value of arts education in a student’s life. Data collected in 2018 from Gallup Organization research confirmed that South Carolina students who had access to the arts in their curriculums were more hopeful and more engaged than students who didn’t.

"We are very proud to have earned our ABC certification and to continue to support our students in our arts-integrated school model," said Principal Judith Condon. "This certification allows us to continue to expand arts opportunities for our students and to reinforce the arts as a powerful tool for learning."

Angel Oak Elementary earned additional distinctions as part of its commitment to the arts in the past few years. Condon was named the 2021 Palmetto State Arts Education Administrator of the Year Award, and in October 2022, the school was recognized as an ArtsNow Leadership School.
Focus ON CCSD

Lucy Beckham teacher receives honor

In honor of Lucy Beckham Day, celebrated December 14, 2022, administrators at Lucy Beckham High School (LBHS) wanted to highlight an award given annually to educators that exemplifies the spirit and heart of Lucy Beckham and former Wando High School principal. Beckham was a math teacher at Wando High School before becoming an administrator. She had a very tender passion and upon her departure from the classroom, she gifted the podium to a colleague, Karen Radcliff. In 2018, Anna Dassing was visiting Ashley High School when Radcliff was the principal. Radcliff gifted the podium to Dassing and she used it often as she worked with counselors, district officials, and fellow administrators while the school was being built. Dassing brought the podium to LBHS and in the Spring of 2020, gifted the Lucy Beckham Leadership Legacy Award. The award was introduced given to Kristen Manna for her extraordinary commitment to opening Beckham. In the Spring of 2022, Manna passed it along to Megan Maritich who proudly displays and uses the podium in her classroom.

“Megan is beyond deserving of the Lucy Beckham Leadership Legacy Award,” said Manna. “She not only sees the best in everyone around her, but she brings out the best in everyone around her. She consistently looks to serve and help others as she leads by example and lifts up her colleagues and students. Megan’s own standard for herself is far above and beyond any and all expectations. She selflessly gives of her time and her talents. It is truly a joy to work alongside Megan and her passion for teaching students, not only math, but life.”

According to Dassing, Megan truly exemplifies the Leadership Legacy as she leads the math department and has finished her school leadership certification.

“We are honored to have her loving and teaching our students and staff,” Dassing lamented.

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Unsung Heroes at CCSD

Julie Garrett, Middle School Science
St. James-Santee Elementary Middle School

“Mrs. Garrett personifies dedication and excellence in her profession. She is always willing to go the extra mile for students and help them succeed. Their well-being and success are always her priority which means she is never idle but always working hard to help every middle school student at St. James-Santee. There is no problem she doesn’t try to solve and no child she doesn’t help. She is a real team player, a valuable educator, and a fantastic community member.”

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Adrian King
Turning Point Academy

Mr. King is a teacher, educator in every sense of the word. He truly puts students as the “Heart of his Work”. His PBIS ticket program positively changes behavior in so many students. He is also the founder of Project 82 which brings awareness to literacy in South Carolina. Mr. King also serves on charities from giving out turkeys to full Thanksgiving dinners for families. Mr. King is active in CCSD on the Teacher of the Year round table and the Teacher Pay Task Force.

Mr. King as President of the Charleston County Education Association, has impacted the community and students lives in many ways from sponsoring the Baptist Hill Volleyball Team (300$), Girls with Pearls (1,000$) and Workmen’s Cafe ($300). This year he restarted the Septima Clark Leadership Award, which CCEA awarded to Dr. Binyard and Ms. Robinson of Clark Academy. The award originally given in 1974 for service to students will now be awarded annually.

Mr. King is a retired military officer, who is now continuing his life of service by putting students first.

Nathaniel Pearson, Assistant Principal
North Charleston High School

“Mr. Pearson evinces the epitome of teamwork. Whenever a faculty or staff member is in need of assistance and no matter how busy his agenda is, he assist. Often he is called upon to take on extra administrative chores and has yet to make a complaint. Often from co-workers, his advice is sought from discipline to student counseling, from curriculum to extra-curricular activities, and from college and career readiness to sporting events, and transportation. He is an assistant principals’ assistant principal. In addition, he is very trustworthy. If he says he is going to accomplish a task, please consider the task accomplished as one never has to worry about his word’s ethics. He is objective, judicious, sagacious, creative, and always has a sense of calmness. Mr. Pearson is well-liked by all – particularly students. He never tires of the quotidian tasks that he is described as the “Energizer Bunny” – never has anyone seen him idle. He is indeed always on the go with his instructional and non-instructional responsibilities and assignments. However, no educational administrator is beyond reproach. Sadly, however, the only criticism of him is that he eats too much candy!”

-nominated by a colleague

Jasmine Robinson, Kaleidoscope Coordinator
James Simons Montessori School

Jasmine has demonstrated teamwork from the time she started under Darron Teal years ago at James Simons. She was always stepping up to the plate by assisting parents like me who has a million and one questions about different programs the kids can join. Since she has taken on the Site Coordinator position, she treats each child like they are her own by showing love, which is a virtue. Jasmine exemplifies RESPECT no matter who you are, what age, or what position you hold. If respect is given, respect will be shown. I believe this is why her team supports her and her children ELCCLS.
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NCES drama students visit Sottile Theatre

Drama club students in the third, fourth, and fifth grades from North Charleston Elementary School had the opportunity to visit the Sottile Theatre during their production of Mike Reiss: Christmas at Firbelty. CoC Department of Theater and Dance chair, Jessica McCaffrey, and Operations Manager, Mike Ritzman, provided a guided tour of the theater and faculty spaces where students learned about lighting, stage design, and makeup. McCaffrey explained the space's design and layout, focusing on the practical aspects of performance. The students were engaged and enthusiastic throughout the tour, asking questions and taking notes on the details of the production setup.

Wando's yearbook staff makes history with national award

For the first time in school history, Wando High School's yearbook, Legend, has been recognized as the top yearbook in the nation by Quill & Scroll. Wando's 2022 edition, "Something Within Us," earned the international scholastic journalism organization's Blue and Gold Award for Staff Excellence in the Class A Division (schools with 1,000 students or more). Only one school in each class nationwide received this honor.

"This is a monumental achievement for our program and these students," said Phillip Caston, Wando's yearbook adviser (and English teacher). "It's gratifying to be ranked among some of the top yearbooks in the nation. We are proud of our yearbook staff and editors, who are some of the most talented and gifted students in the school," said Kim Wilson, Wando's interim assistant principal. "It's incredible to see these young people create something truly amazing," said teacher-librarian Janice Richter. "They work hard all year and we are excited to take them home and share them with their families."

Members of the Legend staff collected 16 individual awards from Quill & Scroll this year as well, setting a new Wando yearbook record. The following students were honored:

First Place, Academics Spread – Graduate Abigail McLeod
First Place, Student Life Photo – Graduate Sarah Cote
First Place, Photo Illustration – Graduate Abigail McLeod
First Place, Clubs or Organizations Writing – Senior Katie Brown
First Place, Academics Writing – Senior Ainsley Doyle
First Place, Sports Feature Writing – Junior Grayson Sams
First Place, People Spread – Senior Sam Bumgarner
Second Place, Clubs or Organizations Spread – Senior Evie Whitesell
Second Place, Personality Profile – Graduate Lily Higgins
Second Place, Clubs or Organizations Writing – Senior Jordan Canoe
Second Place, Clubs or Organizations Writing – Senior Abigail Duffy
Second Place, Clubs or Organizations Writing – Senior Sam Bumgarner
Third Place, Clubs or Organizations Spread – Junior Jordan Canoe
Third Place, Clubs or Organizations Writing – Senior Sydney Lewis
Third Place, Clubs or Organizations Writing – Caroline Berman

"We're incredibly proud of how far we've come as a yearbook staff and how far these students have come as writers and editors," said Caston. "We've seen hundreds of times the empowering impact authors/illustrators can have on school communities," said Swanson. "When kids realize we are just regular people, they recognize their own capacity to create. They start reading, writing, drawing, and telling their own stories."

Burke Students' Career Exploration

The SC Be Pro: Be Proud truck brought career exploration to the students at Burke High School last month. Be Pro: Be Proud is a workforce development initiative introducing America's students to real-world careers through virtual reality experiences. Be Pro: Be Proud books to connect interested students to resources, training and employment opportunities in the construction, manufacturing, transportation and utilities sectors.

Author/illustrators visit students at Charleston Progressive

Charleston Progressive Academy (CPA) students received a visit last month from children's author/illustrator duo Matthew Swanson and Robbi Behr during their nationwide “Book of Books Tour.” CPA was the only school in South Carolina to host the pair on this inaugural tour.

The couple are cross-country touring the United States in a school bus home with their four children for the 2022-2023 school year. They are visiting Title I elementary schools in All 50 states and Washington, D.C., and by the end of the journey, they will have gifted 25,000 hardcover books to students and teachers.

"The enthusiasm that this book tour instilled in our students was truly amazing," said teacher-librarian Janice Richter. "After they got to meet and talk to Matthew and Robbi, they made deeper connections to the books they were reading about the books. Students were buzzing about the books all week and were excited to take them home and share them with their families."

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Wando's yearbook staff makes history with national award

For the first time in school history, Wando High School's yearbook, Legend, has been recognized as the top yearbook in the nation by Quill & Scroll. Wando's 2022 edition, "Something Within Us," earned the international scholastic journalism organization's Blue and Gold Award for Staff Excellence in the Class A Division (schools with 1,000 students or more). Only one school in each class nationwide received this honor.

"This is a monumental achievement for our program and these students," said Phillip Caston, Wando's yearbook adviser (and English teacher). "It's gratifying to be ranked among some of the top yearbooks in the nation. We are proud of our yearbook staff and editors, who are some of the most talented and gifted students in the school," said Kim Wilson, Wando's interim assistant principal. "It's incredible to see these young people create something truly amazing," said teacher-librarian Janice Richter. "They work hard all year and we are excited to take them home and share them with their families."

Members of the Legend staff collected 16 individual awards from Quill & Scroll this year as well, setting a new Wando yearbook record. The following students were honored:

First Place, Academics Spread – Graduate Abigail McLeod
First Place, Student Life Photo – Graduate Sarah Cote
First Place, Photo Illustration – Graduate Abigail McLeod
First Place, Clubs or Organizations Writing – Senior Sam Bumgarner
First Place, Academics Writing – Senior Ainsley Doyle
First Place, Sports Feature Writing – Junior Grayson Sams
First Place, People Spread – Senior Katie Brown
Second Place, Clubs or Organizations Spread – Senior Evie Whitesell
Second Place, Personality Profile – Graduate Lily Higgins
Second Place, Clubs or Organizations Writing – Senior Jordan Canoe
Second Place, Clubs or Organizations Writing – Senior Sam Bumgarner
Third Place, Clubs or Organizations Spread – Junior Jordan Canoe
Third Place, Academics Writing – Senior Sydney Lewis
Third Place, Clubs or Organizations Writing – Caroline Berman
Honorable Mention, Student Life Spread – Senior Brooke Tribick

"We're incredibly proud of how far we've come as a yearbook staff and how far these students have come as writers and editors," said Caston. "We've seen hundreds of times the empowering impact authors/illustrators can have on school communities," said Swanson. "When kids realize we are just regular people, they recognize their own capacity to create. They start reading, writing, drawing, and telling their own stories."

By visiting a Title I school in each state, Swanson and Behr (the producers of Quill & Scroll's Challenge) hope to bring books and creative learning opportunities to historically underserved communities and highlight the homegrown work of public educators.

Swanson and Behr will also work with the departments of education and sociology at Washington College to measure the impact of one-time author visits to Title I elementary schools filling a critical gap in the research on this topic. The data could provide a powerful tool for promoting future literacy programming.

"This sparked an interest in reading that transcended the walls of our classrooms. I am so grateful that CPA was selected for this incredible opportunity," added Richter.

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