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CCSD CLASSIFIED EMPLOYEES GRADUATE FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA

CCSD's inaugural cohort of employees working towards a Master's in Elementary Education graduated from the University of South Carolina on May 6, 2023.

These classified employees will become classroom teachers in the 2023-2024 school year!

Left to right: Sonya Williams, North Charleston Creative Arts Elementary; Corenthia Walker, Sanders-Clyde Creative Arts School; Stephanie Schmidt, Laurel Hill Primary; Ashley Richardson, Mary Ford Early Learning & Family Center; Alicia Ferris, St. Andrews School of Math and Science; and Melissa Runey, Mount Pleasant Academy.



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CCSD celebrates 2023 Teacher of the Year and finalists with the RiverDogs



Charleston County School District (CCSD) teachers were invited to an end-of-the-year celebration with the RiverDogs at Joe P. Riley, Jr. Park. Through a generous partnership with the RiverDogs, discounted tickets were made available to all staff, families, and guests. Teacher of the Year Finalists joined CCSD's 2023 Teacher of the Year, Spencer Quinlan, on the field to be recognized. Quinlan threw out the ceremonial first pitch.

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CELEBRATIONS

SPRINGFIELD’S SPENCER QUINLAN NAMED 2023 CCSD Teacher of the Year

Lexy Marianiello named runner-up



Spencer Quinlan with Superintendent Donald Kennedy



Springfield Elementary students celebrate Quinlan's win

Charleston County School District (CCSD) staff members surprised Springfield Elementary School teacher Spencer Quinlan with the announcement that she had been chosen as the 2023 CCSD Teacher of the Year.

Lexy Marianiello of Burke High School was named runner-up.

Quinlan is a second-grade teacher at Springfield Elementary School where she has taught for 11 years. It has brought her a tremendous amount of joy to work with a team of colleagues that she considers family.

“We are so proud of Spencer for this outstanding honor and recognition,” said Principal Megan Williams. “She is an integral part of our Mustang family and is reliable, patient, and hard-working. She shows up for work each and every day and gives 100 percent to her students and fellow staff members. Her work ethic and belief that all students can be successful are evident in her attitude each and every day. We are so fortunate to have Spencer Quinlan as a part of our Springfield staff.”

Quinlan received her Early Childhood Education degree

from the University of South Carolina. She is a past member of the Palmetto State Teachers Association and the 2014 Rookie Teacher of the Year at Springfield. She is currently the grade level chair for second grade, and a PBIS team member. Quinlan will host College of Charleston interns for the practicum experience this year just as she did in 2017.

Quinlan hopes to use the Teacher of the Year platform to connect families with community resources to meet basic needs.

“We have to fight for our kids,” said Quinlan. “As Teacher of the Year, I will use this platform to continue to communicate with families and work hard to build a bridge of trust and respect between home and school.”

Quinlan hopes to build an ecosystem around supporting students by donating alarm clocks to combat absenteeism and hopes to host tutoring or homework nights at schools across the district and provide free community resources as needed. The school’s parent advocate is an amazing resource, Quinlan explained and she wants to help further

her efforts.

“There are so many problems that our children are dealing with or are exposed to that we can’t see on the surface,” said Quinlan. “We have to get families and students to confide in us their vulnerabilities so that we can help them. I know I speak for my colleagues when I say we come from a place of wanting to help, never a place of judgment.”

Marianiello

Lexy Marianiello, a Burke High School social studies teacher, is in her sixth year as an educator. Marianiello graduated from Clemson University, earned a master’s degree from Binghamton University, and is currently enrolled in The Citadel. She serves on the AVID Site Team at Burke.



Lexy Marianiello
Burke High School

CCSD honors Rookie Teachers of the Year

Charleston County School District (CCSD) honored four first-year teachers Friday, May 19, 2023, by surprising them with Rookie Teacher of the Year awards.

Erin Jones (Jerry Zucker Middle School), Vincent Muleka (Septima Clark Academy), Sarah Vicary (Edith L. Frierson Elementary School), and Amelia Williams (Sanders-Clyde Elementary School) were all honored with a surprise visit from Superintendent Donald Kennedy and district staff.

The CCSD 2023 Rookie Teachers of the Year represent the top first-year teachers at the early childhood, elementary, middle, and high school levels. Each teacher was nominated by their principal for embracing the district’s vision for teachers who truly exemplify the best in their school.

After being selected by the schools, the rookies wrote essays in which they described the ways that they meet the needs of their students and their families. These applications were rated by a team of veteran educators who had the difficult job of finding the top

Rookie Teachers of the Year.

“To be recognized as an outstanding first-year teacher is quite an honor,” said Terri Nichols, Interim Executive Associate Superintendent for Literacy and Leadership. “These wonderful ‘rookie’ teachers are an asset to our district and to the teaching profession.”

CCSD recognized 46 Rookie Teachers of the Year in 2022-2023.

“In our work in the Induction and Mentoring Program, it is always gratifying to see beginning teachers grow into outstanding educators and leaders,” said Shannon Krisak, Interim Director of Evaluation and Mentoring. “I could not be more proud to honor the four recipients of the Rookie Teacher of the Year award. Beginning teachers are navigating so many challenges and it is a privilege to be able to recognize their success. We look forward to the continuous impact that they will make throughout the district as they grow in the profession.”



Erin Jones
Jerry Zucker Middle School



Vincent Muleka
Septima Clark Academy



Sarah Vicary
Edith L. Frierson Elementary School



Amelia Williams
Sanders-Clyde Elementary School

AROUND CCSD

North Charleston Elementary celebrated BETTER WORLD DAY

North Charleston Elementary School (NCES) was one of many schools across the district to celebrate EL Better World Day on Friday, May 5, 2023. At NCES students in kindergarten and third grade celebrated in the library by presenting the videos, stories, and projects they have been working on. This year’s challenge was for schools to see what kind of impact students and staff can have on the world they live in.

Throughout the year students have been working on a larger project. Students participated in a Story Walk where they visited the community, learned about different types of businesses, and discovered the tools

businesses use to be successful.

“We kicked off this project by collaborating with our reading partners at North Charleston High School to walk the neighborhood and invite local businesses to participate,” explained Ryan Stone, NCES Lead Teacher. “Our intent is to continue to build these partnerships within our community and create ways for our students to have a positive impact on our world.”

Stone explained how the EL curriculum studies tools used to reach an outcome of success. The local businesses that students stopped into shared the tools they use so

students could gain an understanding of how certain businesses operate.

“Our North Charleston High School mentors have really made a connection with our students and I think this project has helped everyone involved find their voice,” added Stone.

EL Better World Day is designed to show students that there is no limit to the difference that a group of dedicated, determined students can make in the world around them when given the tools and opportunities to become active contributors to a better world.



SCHOOLS FOCUS ON MAKING LITERACY FUN IN THE SUMMER

Two Charleston County School District (CCSD) elementary schools, Angel Oak Elementary School and Chicora Elementary School, have been awarded a \$3,000 Summer Reading Grant from Dollar General to keep students reading throughout the summer.

Twelve grants were awarded in South Carolina; the grants in CCSD were the only ones in the Tri-county area.

Angel Oak’s teacher librarian, Jennie Church, applied for the grant to provide families STEAM Literacy Packs that can be checked out for the summer. The Literacy Packs will contain materials in English and Spanish so all families, including multilingual families, will have hands-on learning materials.

“Our goal for the summer STEAM Literacy Packs is to avoid summer learning loss by increasing hands-on literacy, giving families new ways to make reading fun, and encouraging student-led inquiry,” said Church.

Each STEAM Literacy Pack will include 11 classic fairy tale stories (bilingual) so families can read one story together per week. Toys such as puppets to integrate arts and literacy; engineering tools such as blocks or magna-tiles for problem-solving; and a family-friendly game for social and emotional learning (SEL) will also be included.

Chicora Elementary School’s fourth grade teacher, Angela Page, wrote the grant for the school’s summer camp. The no-cost summer camp will enroll 100 students for six weeks. Students will have two hours of reading instruction each day. Every student will get their own books that they can then take home. The grant will also provide incentives to motivate and reward students for their hard work over the summer.

“With these additional literacy resources, we hope to prevent the ‘summer slide’ and continue to close the achievement gap” stated Page.

The Dollar General Literacy Foundation has multiple grants available to schools including a family literacy grant and a youth literacy grant. All schools are eligible to apply. Dollar General accepts grant applications each winter.



Summer Literacy at Angel Oak Elementary

UNSUNG HEROES

Karen Green

Math Interventionist

Charleston Progressive Academy

Congratulations to this week's, "Unsung Educator of the Week", Karen Green, Math Interventionist at Charleston Progressive Academy

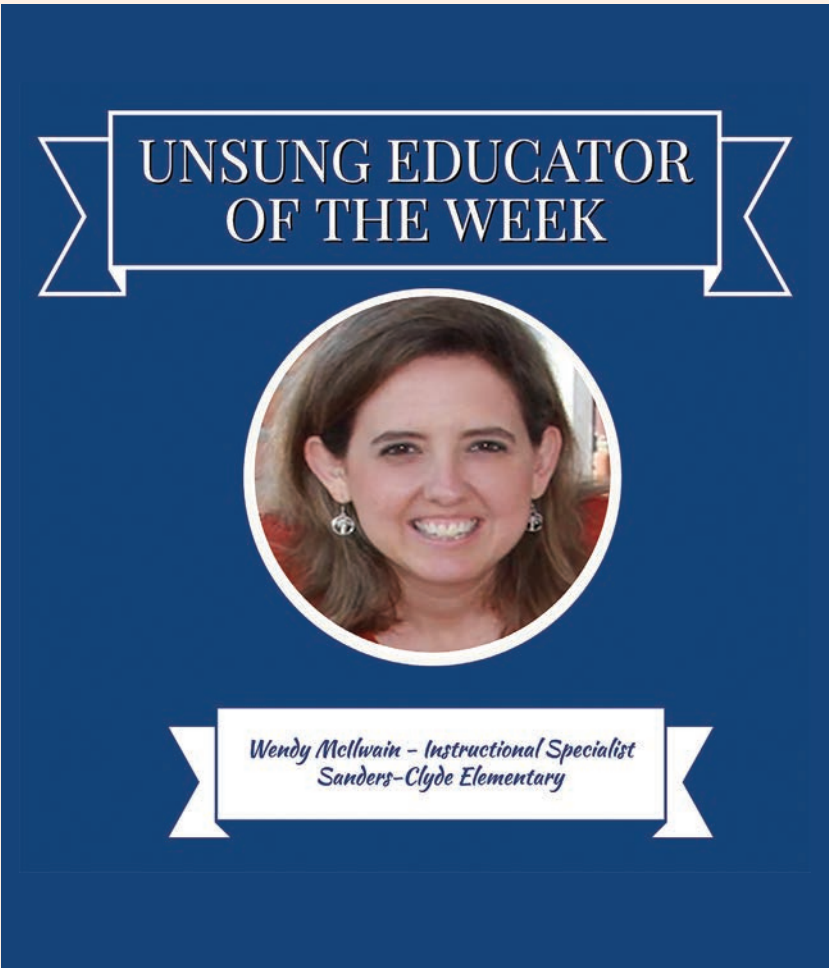
"Ms. Green is new to our school this year, but she is not new to the field of educating, embracing, and encouraging our students".

Her background is with the upper grade-level students, but she has settled into this position as if this is where she is meant to be.

She is a math interventionist at Charleston Progressive Academy, but takes her job up and beyond the classroom as she has come in and made herself an interval part of the CPA family.

All of the students know her and respect her, as she greets them by name every morning, "high fives" them in the afternoon, and tells them that she'll see them the next day.

She is just so friendly and personable and I can't wait for my grandchildren to experience that warm caring spirit in a school atmosphere. – nominated by a colleague



Wendy McIlwain

Instructional Specialist

Sanders-Clyde Elementary School

"Wendy McIlwain is a consummate professional and exemplifies the meaning of a servant leader. She keeps students and staff at the heart of her work. She goes above and beyond the call of duty every single day. There is no task too monumental, or too minute that she is not willing to do in support of administration, staff, students, and families. Mrs. McIlwain is our go-to person for everything in education, whether it is curriculum, instruction, data, professional development, and student support. She actualizes the vision set forth by the administration and works tirelessly with all stakeholders for the success of Sanders-Clyde.

Being very data-driven, Mrs. McIlwain keeps data at the focal point of her work. She guides the teachers in becoming proficient users of data, uses her vast knowledge of the SC standards to enrich our instruction as well as develops plans for our tutoring programs and small-group instruction. Her door is always open - she gives support to our teachers in the classroom and the teachers have a wonderful rapport with her because they know she is there to help along with encouraging, fair feedback. Her positivity and love for learning shine through in the work she does with our teachers and students". – nominated by a colleague

Emily Sandifer

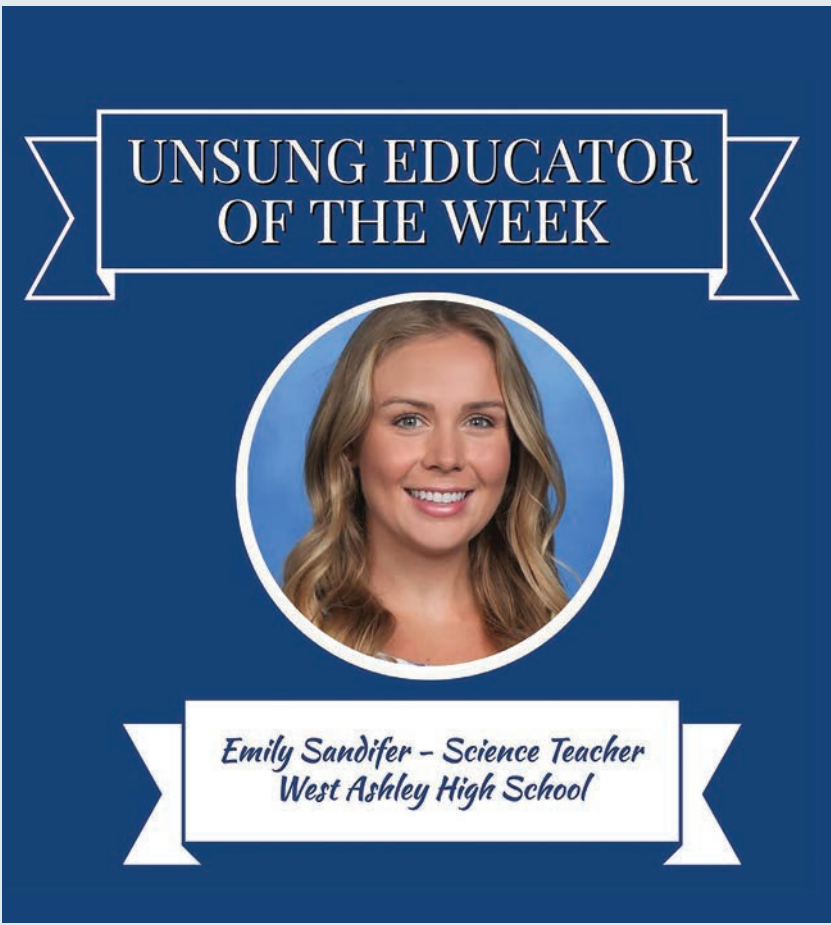
Science Teacher/Junior Class Sponsor

West Ashley High School

"Emily works tirelessly in and out of the class each and every day for the students and staff of West Ashley High School. From teaching Biology to 9th and 10th graders to planning an amazing prom as a Junior Class Sponsor and from organizing staff gatherings to earning her master's in Education Administration to becoming an incredible principal and leader one day, Emily puts her all into everything she does.

She is an extraordinary educator who will do anything for her students, those she works with, and the overall community of which she is a part. I am very grateful to work alongside her on projects too numerous to count which allows me to see her hard work and dedication firsthand.

The world needs more Emily Sandifer's. I'm grateful to call her a friend! – nominated by a colleague

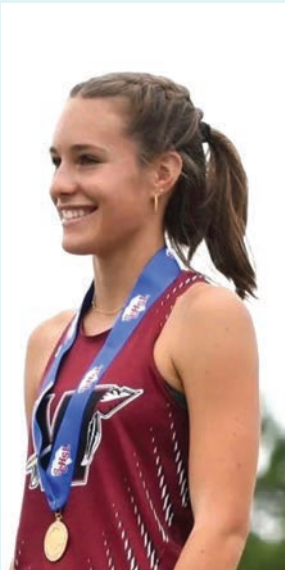


SPORTS

CCSD track and field standouts collect STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

Charleston County School District student-athletes won several state titles at the 2023 South Carolina High School League state track and field championship on May 21 and 22 at Spring Valley High School.

AAAAA



Wando High School's Hannah Togami became a three-time state champion in the girls' pole vault; the senior broke her own state record by clearing 13'2". She won the event by more than two feet.



Julia Galbally won the 100-meter dash with a time of 11.91.



On the boys' side, Wando's Jake Liebert (pictured on the left) repeated as a state champion in the 3,200-meter run with a 9:05.95 (close to 14 seconds faster than the second-place runner). Liebert also collected gold in the 1,600-meter run with a time of 4:11.04.



Fellow Warrior Troy Cocco (pictured in the middle) set the state record in the javelin with a throw of 196'6", winning the event by close to 18 feet.



R.B. Stall High School's Josue Salazar won the 400 hurdles with a time of 52.66 - close to a second and a half faster than second place. He is the first Warrior to capture a state championship in track and field since 2002. Salazar was the runner-up in the 110 hurdles as well.

AAAA



James Island Charter High School's girls' 4x800 girls' relay team won the state title for the third year in a row; Alex LaRue, Alice Taylor, M.K. Huddleston, and Avery Belk captured gold with a time of 9:28.02 - close to two seconds faster than second place, and more than 18 seconds faster than their championship time from last year.



Freshman Nicola Visser of Lucy Beckham High School repeated as state champion in the girls' pole vault state championship with a height of 11'0".



The Bengals also earned a state title in the girls' 800 meters thanks to Julia Goldman and her time of 2:13.52.



Lucy Beckham's boys' team picked up a state title in the 400-meter race; Henry Goldsmith won with a time of 56.11.

AA



Academic Magnet High School's Quinn Swanton took home the gold in the boys' 3,200-meter run; the sophomore recorded a time of 9:44.69




Fellow Raptor Jack Millet captured the state title in the pole vault; the junior cleared 14'0" and won the event by close to a foot and a half.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

SEVEN CCSD STUDENTS EARN NATIONAL MERIT \$2,500 SCHOLARSHIPS

The National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC) released the names of National Merit \$2,500 Scholarship winners for the 2023 National Merit Scholarship Program, and the following seven Charleston County School District (CCSD) students are on the list:

Academic Magnet High School				Lucy Beckham High School		Wando High School
						
Spence D. Cox	Summer D. DeSouza	Angela Mei	Moyu C. Yamaguchi	Mila K. Ganaway	Peyton C. Matheson	Inna Voloshchuk

Ganaway and Matheson are the first-ever National Merit Scholarship winners at Lucy Beckham.

“We are very proud of Mila and Peyton’s exemplary performance and commitment to excellence in all they do,” said Beckham’s principal, Anna Dassing. “They have worked very hard to earn this prestigious award and they are modeling the way for generations to come.”

Nine total CCSD students have earned scholarships in this 68th annual program so far. Two Academic Magnet student picked up corporate-sponsored scholarships last month, and the Raptors led the state with four \$2,500 scholarship winners this year.

“We are so proud of these four AMHS students,” explained Academic Magnet Principal Jacob Perlmutter. “This is just the beginning of the great things they will accomplish in their lives. We look forward to seeing what they do in college and beyond.”

Thirty-five distinguished high school seniors from South Carolina are receiving the \$2,500 scholarship in 2023. According to NMSC, these winners are the finalists in each state that are judged to have

the strongest combination of accomplishments, skills, and potential for success in rigorous college studies.

“Inna has consistently demonstrated tremendous academic and personal qualities that will lead her to great success in college and beyond,” said Wando’s interim principal, Kim Wilson. “Inna is a young person of character and integrity, driven to break down barriers that make it difficult for young women and others to succeed. Inna is one of the brightest rising stars of the Class of 2023.”

NMSC finances most of these single-payment National Merit \$2500 Scholarships. Corporations and company foundations that sponsor awards through NMSC also help underwrite these scholarships with grants they provide in lieu of paying administrative fees. Scholars may use their awards at any regionally accredited U.S. college or university.

High school juniors entered this year’s National Merit Scholarship Program when they took the 2021 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT), which served as an initial screen of program entrants.

Once students were selected as semifinalists, they fulfilled requirements to become finalists. They submitted a detailed scholarship application, which included writing an essay and providing information about extracurricular activities, awards, and leadership positions. Semifinalists also had to have an outstanding academic record, be endorsed and recommended by a high school official, and earn SAT® scores that confirmed the qualifying test performance. From the semifinalist group, over 15,000 students met finalist requirements.

By the conclusion of the 2023 competition, about 7,140 Finalists will receive National Merit Scholarships totaling nearly \$28 million.

NMSC, a not-for-profit organization that operates without government assistance, was established in 1955 to conduct the National Merit Scholarship Program. The majority of National Merit Scholarships offered each year are underwritten by some 340 independent corporate and college sponsors that support NMSC’s efforts to honor the nation’s scholastically talented youth and encourage academic excellence at all levels of education.

SOA sophomore wins poetry contest



Teacher Patrick Martin with student Acadia Reynolds

Charleston County School of the Arts (SOA) sophomore Acadia Reynolds, won first place in the Medical University of South Carolina’s 5th Annual Septima P. Clark Poetry Contest. This competition honors acclaimed Charleston native, teacher, and “Grandmother of the Civil Rights Movement” Septima P. Clark for her dedication to service, education, and equality. As a recipient of the 1979 Living Legacy Award from President Jimmy Carter and of South Carolina’s Order of the Palmetto, she was known for developing literacy and citizenship workshops to promote equality.

“School of the Arts is thrilled to celebrate this award with Acadia,” said Principal Dr. Shannon Cook. “I have long admired Septima Clark’s accomplishments and groundbreaking activism and am pleased that one of our gifted writers is being honored for her poetry and perspective of this incredible educator. We are additionally proud of the work Patrick Martin does with his students-challenging them to learn about those who have left a legacy and to emulate their achievements.”

The theme for this year’s statewide contest was “Unity in the Community: A World United.” Acadia, a Creative Writing major, read her poem at the awards ceremony and won a computer.

“The theme of the contest was unity and connections,” said Reynolds. “I’m excited to have won for my poem honoring holocaust survivor Jadzia Stern, who spoke about the importance of building connections and empathy with a diverse community of people. Like Septima P. Clark, Jadzia Stern was a resilient, hopeful woman that people looked up to.”

AP Language and Composition teacher Patrick Martin said he was proud of her work.

“I am so grateful for Acadia using her writing gifts to amplify the legacy of others,” added Martin. “Her passion for her craft does justice to the sometimes overlooked voices of the past.”

WANDO’S NICOLE BREEN HONORED AS 2023 SC SCHOLASTIC JOURNALIST OF THE YEAR

Wando High School is proud to announce Nicole Breen, co-editor in chief of the school’s award-winning yearbook Legend, was recently named the 2023 South Carolina Scholastic Journalist of the Year by the South Carolina Scholastic Press Association (SCSPA).

Breen is the eighth student from Wando to earn this honor. The senior is also the sixth Warrior to receive this award in the past seven years, and the fifth yearbook student to earn this recognition during that span. It is the highest honor a high school journalist can receive in the state.

“It’s incredible to see our talented students continue the tradition of excellence and dominance in this award,” said Wando English teacher and yearbook adviser Phillip Caston. “Nicole is such an outstanding leader, dedicated student, and talented young journalist. This award is a fitting accolade for her as she finishes her stellar high school career.”

Breen completed an online portfolio of work ranging from writing, photography, design, editing, and entrepreneurship, as well as several letters of recommendation and a personal essay. Breen’s portfolio can be viewed by clicking on this link.

“I am absolutely honored to be named SCSPA’s Journalist of the Year,” Breen said. “Being a part of my school’s yearbook has gifted me in so many ways and to be named Journalist of the Year is truly the cherry on top.”

Breen was honored along with the other 49 state winners at the National Scholastic Press Association in San Francisco on April 22, 2023.

“Nicole exhibits astounding work ethic, compassionate and selfless leadership skills, and full dedication to the craft,” added Caston. “Her attitude is always positive regardless of any adversity she faces, and she inspires her peers to follow paths of excellence as well. Nicole helps set our standard for a competitive yet familial environment in Wando yearbook.”

Breen’s portfolio will represent South Carolina in the Journalism Education Association’s National Journalist of the Year competition. She will attend Auburn University this fall.



Nicole Breen

AROUND CCSD



New bikes for Charleston Progressive Academy

The first day of May 2023 will always be a special day for students and staff at Charleston Progressive Academy. Former CCSD teacher Katie Blomquist and her non-profit Going Places, with support from local businesses, including the Marino Group, which served as the title sponsor for this event, and volunteers, did a surprise bike reveal in the courtyard. Every student (more than 200) received a free, brand-new bike!

This was the 10th bike reveal have now arranged for new bikes to be donated to every student at ten CCSD schools: Pepperhill Elementary (2017), Mount Zion Elementary (2018), Sanders-

Clyde Elementary (2019), Edith L. Frierson Elementary (2019), Stono Park Elementary (2020), Jane Edwards Elementary (2020), Lambs Elementary (2021), Matilda F. Dunston Elementary (2022), Charleston Development Academy (2022), and Charleston Progressive Academy (2023). Several additional schools in the district have received bikes through mini-reveals as well.

Charleston County School District greatly appreciates Ms. Blomquist’s continued efforts to spread joy throughout the district and for the work done by Going Places, local businesses, and volunteers.



JENNIE MOORE ELEMENTARY RAISES MONEY FOR THE LANDON STRONG FOUNDATION

This April, Jennie Moore Elementary School students raised over \$5,000 for the Landon Strong Foundation in honor of one of their classmate heroes, who beat cancer last year, Cooper Lake. He had the honor of dropping the puck at Superhero Night at the Stingrays game.



Cooper Lake

Annual Miss and Mister North Charleston Elementary Scholarship Competition



In partnership with Project Prevent, North Charleston Elementary Schools students in all grade levels “competed” in the annual Miss and Mister North Charleston Elementary Scholarship Competition on Saturday, April 29th, 2023. They participated in onstage interviews and formal wear competitions. The students were trained by a competition coach, Canisha Turner of Executive Reign and according to school staff, the students enjoyed getting on stage and vying for the crown of Miss and Mister North Charleston Elementary. The winners received a scholarship, a bicycle or scooter, and STEM-based toys to support learning at home. One of the questions asked of the students was about their dreams for themselves in alignment with Superintendent Kennedy’s Dream Initiative.

Whitesides student wins state art contest



State Librarian Leesa Aiken, David O'Reilly, Jessica O'Reilly, Sarah O'Reilly, and Whitesides art teacher Jennifer Goodall hold Sarah's two awards at the TBS Student Art Awards Ceremony April 27, 2023.



Mamie P. Whitesides Elementary kindergarten student Sarah O'Reilly created her winning ceramic piece using objects she found in the classroom to make her textural art, *Coastal Flounder*. She worked with her art teacher, Jennifer Goodall, to create her art.

Sarah O'Reilly, a kindergarten student at Mamie P. Whitesides Elementary School, won first place for her age group (6-10) in the Talking Book Services Student Art Gallery Contest and the highest honor of the program among all age groups, the State Librarian Award, from the South Carolina State Library. As the State Librarian Award winner, her work, *Coastal Flounder*, will be in the permanent collection at the State Library.

O'Reilly worked on the ceramic project with Whitesides art teacher Jennifer Goodall, who submitted the project. O'Reilly created the piece using found objects for texture and glazed it with a crystal glaze giving it a unique appearance.

"I am grateful that our State Library encourages and celebrates art created by students who are blind or visually impaired," said Goodall. "Sarah's *Coastal Flounder* is a fantastic example of surpassing limitations to enjoy and experience the powerful process of creating."

O'Reilly and her parents received the award at a ceremony and reception at the South Carolina State Library on

April 27, 2023.

"We are so proud of Sarah," added Principal Michelle Conner. "Her light shines bright in our school. She is always smiling, and her positivity is contagious. We are grateful for our art teacher, Mrs. Jennifer Goodall, and for the South Carolina State Library, for providing the opportunity for Sarah to participate in this contest and receive this award."

Twenty-two schools and 57 students submitted artwork for the contest this year. The Talking Book Services Student Art Gallery is a yearly competition open to South Carolina students who are blind or visually impaired. Winners are selected in three age groups in addition to the State Librarian Award.

Talking Book Services (TBS) is a free library service from the State Library for anyone who has a visual, physical, or print disability that prevents them from holding or reading normal print books. This free library program brings reading materials in digital audio and braille formats to the homes of patrons from preschoolers to centenarians.

CAREER DAY AT JANE EDWARDS ELEMENTARY



The Edisto community partnered with Jane Edwards to broaden the vision of what your students can dream for their futures by participating in the school's annual Career Day. The team at Jane Edwards has embraced their role as DreamMakers and continues to find ways to assist in fulfilling the children's dreams. For example, the Career Fair allowed aspiring firefighters to interact with St. Paul's fire department. The school's SRO collaborates with students who want to be police officers to create obstacle courses to help them achieve their dreams!

Springfield Elementary's Club Showcase and Wellness Night

Springfield Elementary School's final PTA Meeting, Club's Showcase, and Wellness Night was a great success. It was a fun-filled evening for everyone in attendance. It all began with food trucks, PTA business and highlights, followed by a year in review by Principal Williams.

The Club Showcase was hosted by Drama Club student, Londyn Amunyni and Teacher Librarian, Mrs. Stephens. Clubs offered for 3rd through 5th grade this year were: Track with Coach Aaron Hansan; Gardening with Mr. Kevin Forse; Advanced Art led by Ms. Elizabeth Mark; Spanish Club led by Ms. Diana Mesa-Arango; Music directed by Ms. Maria Boutin (3rd grade recorders, 4th grade Ukulele and Chorus and 5th grade Music production); Fashion led by Mrs. Ireana Walker and Drama with Mrs. Stephens.

The Recorders and Ukulele players performed their pieces with precision and pride. When it was time, the Mustang Fashion Club members in attendance showcased four categories of fashion to include: spring, formal, athletic wear and fashion through the decades. To top off the show, students modeled to music created by the 5th grade Music Production Club! What a night!

Later, students and parents were able to visit the various Clubs and Wellness stations while still purchasing food from the food trucks if desired. Stations included: the outside garden, the Spanish and Fashion Club stations; Artwork in the Art display windows, a Zen Room, Cooking Matters with Ms. Cobb, Kids Yoga, Handwashing Station and Blood Pressure Checks with Nurse Millie along with a Photo Booth and Prizes for everyone!



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