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Academic Magnet Sending Several Students to CofC's Moore Conference

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North Charleston, SC – Four students from Academic Magnet High School (AMHS) have been selected to participate in the College of Charleston's (CofC) annual Moore Conference for Student Research, which is scheduled for tomorrow, Friday, April 13, 2018.

The event is named after the late William V. Moore (1944-2009); he was a devoted professor, teacher, mentor, and scholar in the Department of Political Science at CofC. His 37-year career at the College included service as Chair of the Department of Political Science, Director of the Master of Public Administration program, Speaker of the Faculty, and NCAA faculty athletics representative. In 2009, Moore's family began the *William V. Moore Endowed Scholarship Fund* that provides a renewable scholarship to a student who demonstrates a commitment to improving the quality of life for all South Carolinians. Other contributions from colleagues, family, friends, and supporters have also established the *William V. Moore Memorial Fund in Political Science*, which supports this student research conference (eighth year of existence) and other initiatives. The keynote speaker for this year's conference is Laura Cantral, Executive Director of the Coastal Conservation League.

The following AMHS students participating, and the topics they are speaking on, are:

- Peyton Funkhouser, "Developing a Culturally Sensitive Intervention for Suicide Prevention Among Choctaw Native American Adolescents" (Academic Magnet High School; Advisor: Donna Taylor)
- Mary Frances Kline "Recommendation of a Diversity Plan to Correct School Factors Contributing to Resegregation" (Academic Magnet High School; Advisors: Gwen Hooffstetter, Judith Peterson and Jerod Bishop)
- Zachary Kronsberg, "Reforming the Electoral College to Better Represent the Will of the People: Analyzing its Components and Alternatives" (Political Science; Advisor: Dr. Kendra Stewart)

- Isabel Root, "An Analysis of Authoritarianism in The Rachel Maddow Show and The O'Reilly Factor in the Context of the 2016 Election" (Academic Magnet High School; Advisor: Dr. Karyn Amira)

AMHS is the only high school participating in the Moore Conference for Student Research at CofC this year.

For more information about the conference or the AMHS students scheduled to present, contact Principal Catherine Spencer at (843) 746-1300.

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CCSD offers a diverse, expanding portfolio of options and specialized programs, delivered through neighborhood, charter, magnet, IB (international baccalaureate), and Montessori schools, and is divided into three Learning Communities. Options include specialized programs in science, engineering and mathematics; liberal arts; music and other creative and performing arts; career and technical preparation programs; and military and other public service enterprises.