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CCSD Students Honored for Excellence in Global Studies

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Charleston, SC – The World Affairs Council of Charleston and CresCom Bank presented nine Charleston County School District (CCSD) high school students with the John M. Settle Award during a ceremony at The Citadel's Holliday Alumni Center April 11, 2018. This award is named after the late John M. Settle, Sr., a graduate of the former Charleston High School and The Citadel, and Chairman Emeritus of Community First Bank (now CresCom Bank).

Students receive this honor based on their excellence in world studies, academics, and community service.

The following CCSD students received the 2018 John M. Settle Award:

- Adriana Ballinger (Academic Magnet High School)
- Jordan Behrens (West Ashley High School)
- A'nya Bennett (R.B. Stall High School)
- Alex Clifford (Charleston County School of the Arts)
- Maggie Deas (Baptist Hill Middle High School)
- Raven Gamble (Burke High School)
- Ethan Guthrie (James Island Charter High School)
- Alexis Hamilton (Military Magnet Academy)
- Austin Setser (Wando High School)

The World Affairs Council of Charleston (WACC, formerly the Charleston Foreign Affairs Forum) was founded in the early 1980s as a non-profit, nonpartisan organization. The WACC mission is to educate and engage the wider Charleston community through timely nonpartisan activities on world affairs and international relations.

"As a community bank, CresCom is committed to our local markets and to making decisions in the best interest of our community," explained Joe Bonnaci, Senior Vice President at CresCom. "When John Settle started Community FirstBank, he had that in mind. His interest in the education of our youth is an important part of that concern. Mr. Settle was educated in our public schools and considered it important that they flourish."

Each student will receive a plaque recognizing his or her award. In addition, they will receive copies of the book *Mountains Beyond Mountains*, describing the work of Dr. Paul Farmer who brought health care to a number of impoverished countries.

Each participating school receives a *Great Decisions* briefing book, published by The Foreign Policy Association, which highlights thought-provoking foreign policy issues currently facing America.

This is the 13th year the Settle Award has been given to CCSD students.

For more about this honor, contact WACC Board Member Jane Wilford at jane.micholet.wilford@gmail.com.

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About the Charleston County School District

Charleston County School District (CCSD) is the second largest school system in South Carolina representing a unique blend of urban, suburban, and rural schools that span 1,000 square miles along the coast. CCSD serves more than 50,000 students in 86 schools and specialized programs. With approximately 6,100 employees district-wide, CCSD is the fourth largest employer in the region.

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.