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CCSD Scholars and Schools Make Mark at TTC Quest

Charleston, SC – Charleston County School District (CCSD) students and schools performed at a high level once again at the 33rd Annual Quest Academic Competition at Trident Technical College (TTC) on Saturday, March 2, 2019.

Three CCSD schools won team titles. Camp Road Middle won Level I (6th grade) for the second year in a row, Moultrie Middle won Level II (7th and 8th grade), and Academic Magnet won Level III (9th and 10th grade).

"I am so proud of my students for the time and effort they put into this competition," said David Parler, Camp Road principal. "They are incredible young folks. I am proud of their composure during the competition; their school spirit; being great ambassadors for Camp Road Middle; and being gracious winners."

Camp Road Quest Coordinator Nancy Vitalli described being a member of the Quest Team as no easy task and one that requires time, dedication, and focus.

"My students embodied all of these characteristics, and I am unbelievably proud of their hard work and sacrifice leading up to the competition," said Vitalli. These young minds truly understand the meaning of teamwork, and because of this they were able to bring home the Level I victory."

Moultrie Middle School Principal Ryan Cumback called his QUEST team extraordinary. "I am so proud of our students and all the hard work they invested into this year's Quest competition," Cumback said.

"Our students were not only driven by competition but also for a love of the content," added I'isha Pinckney Moultrie's Level I Math Coach. "

Students participated in four levels of competition: Level IV (11th and 12th graders), Level III (9th and 10th graders), Level II (7th and 8th graders), and Level I (6th graders).

Students earned points in team competitions in math, science, and social studies, and in individual competitions in composition, public speaking and visual arts. Schools whose students earned the most total points won overall awards at each level. Special competitions that did not contribute points toward the overall awards

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were held in automotive, computer-aided design, computer programming, culinary, French, horticulture, Spanish, video/film, and welding.

The following is the list of CCSD winners (students and schools) and those who placed in the Top-3 in the various competitions:

Level I

Overall

Camp Road Middle School – First Place

Thomas C. Cario Middle School – Second Place

Composition

Ailynn Hlavac - Camp Road Middle School – First Place

Aspen Hain - Moultrie Middle School – Second Place

Mathematics

Camp Road Middle School (Edward Mack, Boyd Bridges, Quinn Mulholland) – First Place

Thomas C. Cario Middle School (Jack Keifer, Maxwell Peters, Annabelle Twomey) – Second Place

Public Speaking

Jackson Pearce - Camp Road Middle School - First Place

Ava Grace Luckie – Camp Road Middle School – Third Place

Science

Thomas C. Cario Middle School (Kyle Schuette, Ethan McCleary, James Benetti) - Second Place

Camp Road Middle School (Sydney Simpson, Caleb McCrary, Logan Black) – Third Place

Social Studies

Camp Road Middle School (William Herring, Noah Counts, Eliza Ladd) - First Place

Visual Arts

Rowan Ruppel – Charleston County School of the Arts – Second Place

Kaitlin Barnard – Thomas C. Cario Middle School – Third Place

Level II

Overall

Moultrie Middle School – First Place

Composition

Cambridge Surch - Laing Middle School – Second Place

Margie Moore – Camp Road Middle School – Third Place

Mathematics

Moultrie Middle School (Sam Henshaw, McRae Wallace) – First Place

Thomas C. Cario Middle School (Jeffrey Song, Brady Setser, Jessie Ross) - Third Place

Public Speaking

Colin George – Thomas C. Cario Middle School – Second Place

Science

Moultrie Middle School (Finaly Palmer, Troy Rauchut, Joseph Garner) – First Place

Laing Middle School (Laura Cowart, Isabelle Wilson, Joseph Virgilio) – Third Place

Social Studies

Moultrie Middle School (Ben Henderson, Ashley Jackson, Vishwa Veeraswamy) - Second Place

Thomas C. Cario Middle School (Wes Baldwin, Grayson Garner, Caroline Tiller) - Third Place

Visual Arts

Laura Robertson – Moultrie Middle School – First Place (Tie)

Savannah Bowlin – Moultrie Middle School – Third Place

Level III

Overall

Academic Magnet High School – First Place

James Island Charter High School, Wando High School – Third Place (Tie)

Mathematics

Academic Magnet High School (Vansh Nagpal, Ethan Ouellette) – First Place

Wando High School (Sarah Rickborn, Claire Gaddy, Adam Swanson) - Second Place

Academic Magnet High School (Jennifer Lee, Shreyas Mytri, Preston Sessoms) - Third Place

Public Speaking

Isabelle Turner – Wando High School – Third Place

Science

Academic Magnet High School (Ansel Dietrich, Miles Turk, Timothy Wilson) – Third Place

Social Studies

James Island Charter High School (William J. Wells IV, Emma Abrams, Elias Wendt) – First Place

Academic Magnet High School (Josh Moore, McKenna Ronchetto, Liam Wood) - Second Place

Academic Magnet High School (Sophia Butcher, Amelia Butcher, Amelia Kitchens) - Third Place

Level IV

Overall

Wando High School – Second Place

Composition

Carly Stoy - Wando High School – Second Place

Isabel Netherland - James Island Charter High School – Third Place

Mathematics

Academic Magnet High School (James Staubes, Ashley Fister, Shreyon Roy) – First Place

Wando High School (Dylan Smith, Giyoung Kim, Jack Mays) – Second Place

Science

Wando High School (Eric Won, Spencer Margosian, Anurag Valiveti) – Second Place

Visual Arts

Grayson Bair - James Island Charter High School – Second Place

Special Competitions (Grades 9 -12)

Automotive

Garrett Haldrup - Wando – Second Place

Computer Aided Design

Claire Andersen - Wando High School – Third Place

Computer Programming

Academic Magnet High School (Alex Huang, Kyle Smith, Manning Unger) – First Place

Wando High School (Gabe Cutter, William Eustis, Caleb Watson) – Second Place

Wando High School (Clemente Farias, Allison Fister, Catherine Stewart) - Third Place

Horticulture

Rainey Spears - Wando High School– Third Place

Spanish I

Sarah Nelson – Academic Magnet High School – First Place

Anyjah Sally – Academic Magnet High School – Second Place

Heather Harris – Wando High School – Third Place

Spanish II

Keiry Mora Garcia – Academic Magnet High School – First Place

For more information about TTC Quest, contact TTC's Marketing Coordinator, Noelle Blaney, at (843) 574-6556. For more about CCSD's participation in the event, contact the Office of Strategy and Communications at (843) 937-6303.

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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.