

PROOF POSITIVE

Honoring Lexington County School District One students and staff receiving state, national and international awards

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2014 Miss Teen America

Lexington High Junior **Catherine Kirkland** was crowned Miss Teen America 2014 earlier this month in Virginia Beach. Kirkland competed at the local, state, then national level where she was honored with this title.

The primary focus of her year as Miss Teen America will be service in her community, state and across the nation. Her platform is "Ending Hunger, especially among children." She plans to educate others on this issue and serve in food banks and shelters.

Kirkland was awarded more than \$2,000 in scholarships and many other prizes.

She plans to study broadcast journalism in college and pursue a career in front of the camera.

S.C. Art Education Association Youth Art Month Exhibit Winner

Isabel Korn, a junior at River Bluff High and a talented artist, recently was named Overall Winner at the S.C. Art Education Association Youth Art Month Exhibit.

Her graphite drawing, "Sun on Autumn Leaves," placed first in the Youth Art Month central-region-level competition and was displayed at the Tapp's Art Center Gallery in downtown Columbia.

Korn won an all-expense-paid trip to New York City during the summer, where she was recognized at an awards ceremony and toured many art galleries and museums.

Korn's teacher is River Bluff High Visual Arts Teacher **Jessica Hawthorne**.

S.C. Junior Golf Association's The Blade Junior Golf Classic Champion

Lexington High Golfer **Hailey Cleary** is the South Carolina Junior Golf Association's The Blade Junior Golf Classic Champion in the Girls 14- to 18-year-old division.

Cleary shot a 72 and a 71 to finish one under par during the two-day event.

The Blade Junior Golf Classic, held in Greenville, is one of the top junior events in the state. The tournament pairs junior golfers from around the state in friendly competition.

Cleary is a member of the Lexington High Girls Golf Team and is ranked 14th in the state among junior girl golfers.

Lexington High Girls Golf Coach is **Brandon Smith**.

2014 S.C. Association for Pupil Transportation Humanitarian Award

Lexington One Bus Driver **Jada Garris** recently received the Humanitarian Award from the South Carolina Association for Pupil Transportation.

The award honors an individual who has a positive and dramatic impact on the pupil transportation system and their community.

Garris received the award for her efforts to raise awareness about the need for stop-arm cameras on school buses to record when someone illegally passes a school bus. She also met with Governor Nikki Haley regarding the issue and spoke before a Senate subcommittee hearing.

Garris is a school bus driver for the Gilbert area.

Gilbert Area Transportation Supervisor is **Steve Senf**.



National Association of School Nurses Executive Committee Member

Lexington One Lead Nurse **Jessica Porter** was elected to serve as an executive committee member on the National Association of School Nurses Board of Directors.

Porter is currently the National Association of School Nurses State Director for South Carolina and was elected by other state directors to serve a two-year term on the executive committee.

The executive committee meets on a monthly basis to discuss issues and concerns, and to continue to advance school nurse practices to keep students healthy, safe and ready to learn.

S.C. School Boards Association's Boardsmanship Institute Recognition

Lexington One Board Members **Sandra Backman, Jean Haggard, Debra Knight** and **Dr. Brad Pitts** have completed levels of the South Carolina School Boards Association's Boardsmanship Institute by earning points throughout the past year to meet the requirements for each level.

Backman and Knight reached Level 4; Haggard completed Level 3; and Pitts reached Level 1.

Points are earned by attending workshops and conferences. The Institute helps board members stay abreast of state and national education issues.



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