

PROOF POSITIVE

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

July 15, 2014

2014 Palmetto Fellows Scholarship recipients

The Palmetto Fellows program recognizes the most academically talented high school seniors in South Carolina. Recipients receive up to \$6,700 their freshman year and \$7,500 for three years after to put toward the cost of attending college in South Carolina.

The following Lexington One graduates qualified to receive the scholarship:

Gilbert High

Robert Curry
Christian Duncan
Alexandra Henley
Caleb Melton
Kenneth Phelps
Laityn Shaw
Michael Shealy
Mitch Spires
Hannah Swearingen
Katie Tetanich
Zachary Thier
Tyler Watson
Victoria Wills

Lexington High

Grant Alexander
Gracen Bennett
Alex Berg
Julia Bian
Brandon Blackwell
Paul Boland
Sydney Boykin
James Brittingham
Gloria Burke
Byron Byars
Alyssa Cacka
Brianna Chavarria
Trev Comstock
Brian Farchione
Lauren Feder
Katherine Fleck

Megan Floyd

Morgan Gobbi
Perry Hammond
Zachary Harrington
Thomas Harris
Michael Harrison
Jolie Hiers
Caroline Hill
Daniel Hoppe
Annie Hu
Allison Huggins
Madison Jackson
Angella Jiang
Madison Kalmanowicz
Vikram Krishnamurthy
Erin Lavisky
Shannon Mahoney
Brian Maxwell
Stanley McAfee
Jill Mooney
Michael Oswald
Erin Reed
Connor Rouillard
Isha Shah
Shaily Shah
Jenna Smith
Jonathan Stokeld

Pelion High

Amber Chavis
Aubrey Hite
Tyler Poole

Coleten Shaner

Rebekah Treaster
Jeremy Williams

River Bluff High

Madison Adams
Jeb Bennett
Kirsten Edwards
Freddy Huang

White Knoll High

Alexander Bedenbaugh
Ashlee Bennett
Ariel Benton
Isabella Berry
Madison Capotosti
Alexandra Cordes
Kristen Davis
Christopher Donaldson
Trenton Duncan
Madison Fisher
Marion Hope
Natalie King
Kinsey Lee
Trayton Miller
Victoria Oswald
Sripriya Raja
Kristen Smith
Morgan Spires
Morgan Thomas
David Truesdale



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2014 S.C. State Future Farmers of America (FFA) Convention winners

Members of Pelion High's FFA Team competed in the 2014 S.C. State Future Farmers of America Convention June 11–13, 2014, on the Clemson University Campus.

PHS Student **Brooke Feder** won the State FFA Creed Speaking Contest. She was selected from eight finalists from State FFA Regional Competitions and will receive an expense-paid trip to the National FFA Convention in Louisville, Kentucky in October.

Bayleah Jackson was named the winner of the State Individual FFA Member Award. This award recognizes the most outstanding FFA member in South Carolina and is determined by aspects of FFA membership including participation in FFA activities, supervised work experience and academic performance.

PHS FFA Member **Brandon Myers** won the State FFA Extemporaneous Speaking Contest. He was selected from eight finalists from State FFA Regional Competitions and will receive an expense-paid trip to the National FFA Convention in Louisville, Kentucky in October.

Myers also took home the State Poultry Proficiency title for producing and selling free range eggs to local businesses as his FFA-supervised experience.

Brent Summers was elected State FFA Vice President. This marks the third consecutive year that a PHS FFA Chapter Member was elected to a state office position.

PHS FFA advisers are **Frank Stover** and **Daphne Jensen**.

S.C. Thespian Society and Palmetto Dramatic Association Festival Competition winners

The Lexington High Drama Department ended the 2013–2014 school year with big wins.

Cast members traveled to the South Carolina Thespians Society and Palmetto Dramatic Association Festival Competition, where they won Best Costume and the Best Set awards. The group also earned the title of State Champions and represented South Carolina at the 2014 International Thespian Drama Festival in Lincoln, Nebraska.

At the international festival, the Lexington High Drama Department received the highest award, Excellence in Performance, for their performance of "Monkey Do."

LHS Drama students include: **Laini Ashcraft, Kelsey Barnes, Katherine Beckham, Cara Bevensee, Jimmy Clayton, Isabella Dunsith, Devon Eilers, Rachel Gasdia, Maggie Hornacek, Alex Krupin, Chance Morgan, Andrew Mullin, Liam Myhill, Brianna Rafferty, Meg Ray, Elaine Rivers, Tiffany Settle, Logan Shipman, Marissa Smith, Hannah Snelgrove, Evelyn Stith** and **Caleb Terry**.

At the festival, students are selected from the 4,000 participants through an audition process to star in main stage musicals.

Mullin received the lead role in "Musicalworks" and has an opportunity to attend a workshop with writers Mark Shaiman and Mark O'Donnell of the musical "Hairspray." **Myhill** received the lead role in "Playworks" and will be published as an original cast member in the Samuel French script "This Play is Not about Pirates."

LHS Drama Teacher is **Christin Pirkle, Ph.D.**

2014 North-South All-Star Softball

The S.C. Coaches Association for Women's Sports selected Lexington High's **Emily Mattone** to play in the North-South All-Star Softball games. Emily played on the 4A/1A South Team during the June 18 All-Star game where her team defeated the 4A/1A North Team 10–6.

LHS Softball Coach **Russell Spires** was selected to coach the 4A/1A South Team in the North-South All-Star Softball Games.

Jewish Foundation for the Righteous 2014 Summer Institute attendee

The South Carolina Council on the Holocaust nominated Pleasant Hill Elementary German Teacher **Jan Steele** to participate in The Jewish Foundation for the Righteous 2014 Summer Institute for Teachers.

The intensive academic seminar was held at Columbia University June 22–26, 2014. Steele learned from Holocaust survivors such as Roman Kent and renowned Holocaust scholars. The Jewish Foundation selected 30 teachers from the United States and Eastern European countries.

Steele will serve as a resource person and teacher trainer for the South Carolina Council on the Holocaust and The Jewish Foundation for the Righteous.

2014 S.C. Athletic Coaches Association Athletic Trainer of the Year Award

The South Carolina Athletic Coaches Association named Pelion High Head Athletic Trainer and Assistant Athletic Director **George Wham** the 2014 Athletic Trainer of the Year. The award honors Wham for his contributions to high school sports and the athletic training profession in South Carolina.

In recent years, Wham has led the effort to pass the South Carolina Student Athlete Concussion Law and the South Carolina High School League Preseason Acclimatization Plan.

The University of South Carolina also selected Wham for the inaugural University of South Carolina Athletic Training Alumni of the Year Award. The award honors Wham for being an advocate for the athletic training profession in South Carolina.

Wham is a member of the National Athletic Trainers' Association, the South Carolina Athletic Trainers' Association and the South Carolina Athletic Coaches Association. He chairs the SCATA Governmental Affairs Committee, serves on the NATA District 3 Secondary Schools Committee and will serve as president of the South Carolina Athletic Coaches Association during the 2014–2015 school year.

2014 S.C. Sustainable Forestry Teachers' Tour participant

Pelion High Science Teacher **Beth Harrison** participated in the South Carolina Sustainable Forestry Teachers' Tour sponsored by the South Carolina Forestry Association and the South Carolina Forestry Commission.

The training began with a three-day advanced workshop at Harbison State Forest where teachers studied the impact forests have on the state's environment, economy and quality of life. Participants received resources to use in their classrooms along with environmental education training through Project Learning Tree.

Participants toured the Lowcountry of South Carolina learning about forest management, wildlife conservation and endangered species protection. Tour stops included public and private forestlands, lumber and paper mills, and engineered wood product mills.

Outstanding Service Award for HOSA Secondary Chapter Advisers

Gilbert High Health Science Teacher **Sharie Cato** was awarded the Outstanding Service Award for HOSA Secondary Chapter Advisers at the 2014 HOSA National Leadership Conference in Orlando, Florida.

The award is given to a chapter adviser from each HOSA region who has made outstanding contributions at the local, regional, state and national levels by promoting the development and progress of future health care leaders. Cato's HOSA accomplishments range beyond the classroom and provide models of excellence for fellow HOSA advisers and student members.

Cato was awarded the South Carolina HOSA Outstanding Service Award in March, which made her eligible to compete against 13 other states for this regional honor.