

December 15, 2015

2015 Carolina Panthers Community Captain

Pelion High Senior **Kayla Ennis** was named a 2015 Carolina Panthers Community Captain.

The Community Captain program recognizes 10 outstanding high school student-athletes in North and South Carolina each fall who excel in their sport, the classroom and in their community.

In order to be considered as a Community Captain, individuals must maintain a 3.0 or higher grade point average and perform voluntary service. Winners are honored during an on-field ceremony at a Panthers home game and receive a personalized Carolina Panthers game ball.

2015 North-South Tennis All-Stars

The South Carolina Athletic Coaches Association selected Lexington High Seniors **Amy Lance** and **Katie Thompson** to participate in the North-South All-Star tennis match.

Lance and Thompson played for the South Team during the All-Star Match held in November at the Pavilion in Taylors, South Carolina.

Both Lance and Thompson played for the Lexington High Varsity Tennis Team for six years. They are coached by **Eric Jackson**.

2015 North-South Volleyball All-Stars

The South Carolina Coaches Association for Women's Sports selected River Bluff High Seniors **Sydney Diaz** and **Claire Edwards** and White Knoll High Seniors **Sydney Pigage** and **Logan Windsor** to play in the North-South All-Star volleyball game.

All four players played for the South Team during the 3A/4A All-Star Match held in November at Erskine College. The South Team defeated the North 3A/4A Team three games to zero in a best of five game match.

Diaz and Edwards are coached by **Cindy Esposito** and Pigage and Windsor are coached by **Eric Schick**.

Lexington County School District One Holiday Card Artwork Contest Winners

Middle School students from across the district competed for the chance to have their artwork featured in the district's annual holiday card. This year's design combined the artwork of six students into one digital e-card.

This year's winners are Meadow Glen Middle Sixth-Grader **Ansley Black**; Pleasant Hill Middle Sixth-Grader **Kennedy Gooding**; Lexington Middle Seventh-Grader **Alissa Quintana**; Gilbert Middle Seventh-Grader **Savannah Rye**; Lexington Middle Sixth-Grader **Isabel Smith** and White Knoll Middle Sixth-Grader **Preston Wages**.

The art teacher from GMS is **Jill Sharpe**. LMS' art teacher is **Donna Taylor**. MGMS's art teacher is **June Collins**. The art teacher from PHMS is **Joanna Alford** and **Carolyn Ellis** is the art teacher at WKMS.

2015 Debbie Rogers Cheer Classic First-Place Winners

The **Lexington High Junior Varsity Competition Cheer Team** won first place in the Debbie Rogers Cheer Classic 4A JV Competition.

Members of the Lexington JV Competition Cheer Team are **Alexis Almeida, Kara Beth Boring, Emery Brooks, Caroline Cassidy, Sarah Craven, Taylor Dowling, Kaylie Fringer, Carlee Hatchell, Rebecca Jackson, Taylor Keel, Carsyn Kincaid, Leah Kincaid, Madison Kutyla, Audrey Leaphart, Tori McGee, Grace McMillan, Lexi Neely, Alexis Odom, Katie Grace Ricker, Lindsey Ritchie, Jaden Shaw** and **Sarah Beth Sheridan**. The coaches are **Katie Loonam** and **Jenna Rojek**.

The **Lexington Middle Competition Cheer Team** placed first in the 4A Middle School division.

Members of the Lexington Middle Competition Cheer Team are **Evy Bailey, Camryn Cagney, Kaylee Caughman, Eleanor Clark, Greta Crutchfield, Kate Dinkins, Ashton Felkel, Abigail Foster, Olivia Foster, McKenzie Furtick, Emmie Gray, Savannah Hall, Ramsey Lang, Lyndsey Larick, Katelyn Lesesne, Kaitlyn Masai, Macy McCoy, Ainsley Murphy, Savannah Murray, Abby Pearce, Riley Poirer, Sophie Pioreschi, Riley Reid, Sydney Stewart, Hannah Grace Sweet, T.J. Sulser** and **Hannah Velilla**. The coaches are **Megan Arcovio** and **Lauren Larmon**.

Each squad performed for 2 ½ minutes to demonstrate its cheerleading style and expertise. A panel of judges scored each team.

2015 North-South All-Star Golf Coach

The South Carolina Athletic Coaches Association selected LHS Varsity Girls Golf Coach **Brandon Smith** to coach the South team.

The Fourth Annual North-South All-Star Girls Golf match took place November 13–14 at Timberlake Country Club in Chapin.

Smith has coached the Lexington High Girls Golf Team for seven years.

2015 North-South All-Star Volleyball Coach

The South Carolina Coaches Association of Women’s Sports selected RBHS Volleyball Coach **Cindy Esposito** to coach the 4A/3A South Team.

The annual North-South All-Star Volleyball game took place November 21 at Erskine College in Due West.

Esposito coached the South Team to a three game to zero victory over the North team.

2015 Sigma Delta Pi South Carolina Spanish Teacher of the Year

Sigma Delta Pi chapters from The Citadel, College of Charleston and the National Collegiate Hispanic Honor Society named Meadow Glen Middle’s **Liz Carter** the 2015 South Carolina Spanish Teacher of the Year.

The group selected Carter from a pool of three finalists. Candidates submitted a nomination letter, letters of recommendation, a philosophy statement and a portfolio of student work samples.

Carter, who is in her seventh year of teaching, received a cash award and a plaque.

2015 South Carolina Association of School Administrators Principals of the Year

The South Carolina Association of School Administrators selected Oak Grove Elementary Principal **Sherry Cariens** as the Elementary School Principal of the Year and Meadow Glen Middle Principal **Bill Coon** as the Middle School Principal of the Year.

Each award had a panel of veteran judges who selected Cariens and Coon from an outstanding field of administrators based on their record of demonstrating collaborative leadership and their understanding of what students need to succeed at their highest potential.

Cariens and Coon will now go on to compete for the National Principal of the Year.

DonorsChoose.org Project Funding Recipients

Three Lexington One teachers are incorporating new projects into their classrooms this year thanks to funding received through DonorsChoose.org.

Saxe Gotha Elementary Second-Grade Teacher **Britney Bundrick** used DonorsChoose.org to fund the “Keep Calm While Reading with Fire” project. She received four Kindle Fires and cases for her classroom.

Lexington Middle Sixth-Grade Social Studies Teacher **Mark Garner** used DonorsChoose.org to fund the “Hook Up Our Fishing Team!” project. He received a canoe, paddles and life vests for the school fishing team.

White Knoll Elementary Third-Grade Teacher **Maggie Hall** used the website to secure funding for her project titled “Help Us Focus” project. She received fitness exercise stability balls, bouncy bands for chairs, wiggle seat inflatable sensory chair cushions and other items for her classroom.

American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages Melba D. Woodruff Award for Exemplary Foreign Language Program Recipient

The **Lexington One World Languages Department** was awarded the Melba D. Woodruff Award For Exemplary Elementary Foreign Language Program by the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages.

Melba D. Woodruff was a classroom teacher for more than 40 years. She encouraged her students to do their best, dream their dreams and work hard to fulfill them. She was a leader of the profession as an author and officer of many professional organizations.

Lexington One was nominated by the Southern Conference of Language Teaching. To win this prestigious national award, the winner must meet criteria from six different areas, provide documentation, and letters of recommendation from parents, teachers, administrators and professional organizations, then be selected by a committee.

The Melba D. Woodruff Award is awarded to one organization per year. The winner receives a \$500 prize provided by Wright Group/McGraw-Hill.

Dawn Samples accepted the award on behalf of the district at the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages National Conference in San Diego.

Gene Haas Foundation Grant Recipient

Lexington Technology Center’s Machine Tool Program was a recipient of the Gene Haas Foundation Grant for \$10,000. LTC was one of six programs in South Carolina to receive the grant.

Founded in 1983, Haas Automation, Inc. is America’s leading builder of CNC machine tools. In 1999, Mr. Haas initially formed the Gene Haas Foundation to fund the needs of the local community and other deserving charities. In recent years, Mr. Haas realized the importance of having strong technical programs in our schools to grow and expand opportunities for students to receive necessary training.

To date, more than 1,200 organizations and schools have received funds totaling over \$27 million from the Gene Haas Foundation.

Gray Bedenbaugh and **Bryan Hearn** are here tonight representing the Lexington Technology Center Machine Tool Program.

South Carolina School Boards Insurance Trust Workers’ Compensation Risk Control Grant Recipient

The South Carolina School Boards Insurance Trust awarded **Lexington County School District One** a Workers’ Compensation Risk Control Grant totaling \$59,146.04.

The grant will be used to develop a crisis management app and purchase garbage disposal protectors for all kitchens in the district, proximity readers with key pads for three schools and a safe schools online training system.

Chief Operations Officer **Jeff Salters** is accepting the award tonight.