

PROOF POSITIVE

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

July 21, 2015

2015 Palmetto Fellows Scholarship recipients

The Palmetto Fellows Scholarship 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 their sophomore, junior and senior years to put toward the cost of attending college in South Carolina.

The following Lexington One graduates qualified to receive the scholarship:

Gilbert High

Kaci Bullard
Edit DeJesus
Riley Farmer
Kayla Goodman
Haven Hendrix
Cathlynn McGrady
Phoebe Ngo
Emily Pilot
Morgan Reeves
Alena Senf

Lexington High

Jasmine Albarghsh
Jonathan Bartlett
Nathaniel Boyer
Jenna Call
Laina Carnes
Katherine Carroll
Emily Cox
Jeremiah Davies
Sydney Garling
Andrew Gatch
Adam Hajji
Ronald Herrygers
Danielle Hightower
Claire Holmgreen
Samantha Hubbard
Graham Jackson
Lee Johnson
Andrew Karp
Joanne Lee

Basil Lin
Logan Martin
Kristin Miller
Morgan Nichols
Daisy Park
Celine Peksenar
Savannah Petrone
Sean Powers
Cana Rainwater
William Ronan
Brennan Shealy
Catherine Shirer
Jason Smith
Kathleen Smoak
Shelby Stoltz
Ryan Trumbauer
Justin Walker
Hannah Wells
Dallin Williams
Kevin Zhao

Pelion High

Hailey Gunter
Tommy Pan
Trenton Ward

River Bluff High

Jonathan Aldinger
Reagan Bearden
Richard Bisbee
Hannah Blaine
Logan Blankenbeckler

Mackenzie Briggs
Veronica Chiu
Matthew Clapp
Charles Dunnavant
Meredith Griffin
Kennedy Hawkins
Hannah Jur
Shivani Kapur
Alexis Lain
James Laurence
Royce Lehman
Abigail Mellott
Ashley Padgett
Joseph Roberts
William Rummel
Nikil Sairam
Belle Scott
Nicole Vonada
Jacqueline White
Carolyn Wilund
Kala Windham
Alexis Wynne
Qiang Zhang

White Knoll High

Savannah Cagle
Alexia Cooper
Jacob Cordes
Amber Davis
Jacob Estrada
Luke Fort
Heenali Fozdar

Alexis Hoffman
Conner Kirkwood
Mary Lambdin
Jamie Russell
Katherine Smith
Carly Tew
Mackenzie West
Christopher Wheeler

References to trademark and brand ownership have been removed for ease of reading, but in all cases should be taken as read and respected.



Lexington County School District One does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, disability or age in admission to, access to, treatment in or employment in its programs and activities. The following people have been designated to handle inquiries or complaints. The Chief Human Resources Officer handles inquiries/complaints regarding Title IX. Inquiries/complaints regarding Section 504 for elementary students go to the Coordinator of ESOL/RtI and for secondary students to the Director of Counseling and Advisement. The Mathematics Coordinator handles inquiries/complaints regarding Title II. Contact these people if you have questions regarding these issues at 100 Tarrar Springs Road, Lexington, SC 29072 and telephone number (803) 821-1000.



2015 North-South All-Star Softball

Three Lexington One athletes played in the 2015 North-South All-Star Softball games held last month at the University of South Carolina Aiken.

The South Carolina Coaches Association of Women's Sports selected River Bluff High's **Natalie Willis** and White Knoll High's **Megan Anderson** and **Kristina Gartman** to play on the 4A/1A South Team.

Sarah Zaengle coaches the softball team at RBHS, and **April Farr** coaches the WKHS team.

South Carolina Future Farmers of America Forestry Career Development Event First-Place Team Winners

The Gilbert High FFA Forestry Team finished first in the South Carolina FFA Forestry Career Development Event, held at Manchester State Forest in Wedgefield.

Gilbert High FFA Forestry team members include **Walker Blount**, **Forrest Burkett**, **Nathen Hilley**, **Joey King** and **Jordan Lindler**.

The students completed a general knowledge exam, tree identification, tree measurement and two practicums on forestry-related topics.

This fall, the team will travel to Louisville, Kentucky, to take part in the National FFA Convention and Expo competition.

Derrick Cooper is the GHS FFA adviser.

South Carolina Future Farmers of America Forestry Career Development Event First-Place Winner

Gilbert High Forestry Team Member **Walker Blount** won first place overall in the South Carolina Future Farmers of America Career Development Event.

Blount earned the highest individual score for the required elements which included a general knowledge exam, tree identification, tree measurement and two practicums on forestry-related topics.

The GHS FFA Adviser is **Derrick Cooper**.

2015 Lexington One School Nurse of the Year

Lexington County School District One nurses named Midway Elementary Registered Nurse **Betsy Stephens** the 2015 Lexington One School Nurse of the Year.

Stephens' peers also selected her for the honor because of her ability to work with students regardless of their age or need, and for the awareness she raises about potential health issues that could impact both students and staff.

As the district's School Nurse of the Year, Stephens is now in the running for the South Carolina School Nurse of the Year Award. The South Carolina Department of Education and the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control will name the winner early next year.

Discovery Education Leadership DENny Award Winner

Lexington Elementary Technology Integration Specialist **Suzanne Brooks** recently received a Discovery Education Leadership DENny Award at the 2015 DENny Awards.

The awards honor members of the Discovery Education Community who are transforming teaching and learning. Leadership award recipients are recognized for working tirelessly, serving others and spearheading efforts.

The Discovery Education Community is a global professional learning community that supports teacher growth and encourages the sharing of best practices.

Discovery Educator Network Summer Institute Attendees

Carolina Springs Elementary Technology Integration Specialist **Kristin Magee**, Carolina Springs Middle Social Studies Teacher **Kelly Cagle** and Lexington Elementary Technology Integration Specialist **Suzanne Brooks** attended the Discovery Educator Network Summer Institute.

Discovery Education selected the three to take part in the professional development and networking event held last week at American University in Washington, D.C.

During the institute, Brooks, Cagle and Magee attended workshops and sessions where they collaborated with other educators and learned how to use technology to energize teaching.

National School Public Relations Association Awards Winner

The **Lexington County School District One Communications Office** earned seven 2015 National School Public Relations Association School Communications Awards. The awards program honors successful public relations activities, programs, projects and campaigns that promote public education.

The Lexington One Communications Office received four Golden Achievement Awards recognizing its exemplary work. The district's winning entries include the "Dream Big — Making Dreams Reality in Lexington One" video series, the "Hats Off to our Retirees!" banquet, an InfoSnap Online Student Registration Rollout communications plan and the *Schools of the Future — Now!* communications plan.

The Communications Office also received honorable mention awards for the 2014 Lexington One Electronic District Holiday Card, the Lexington One Elementary Personal Mobile Computing Guide and the Lexington One Kid Superintendent video.

The Lexington One Communications Office is represented tonight by Chief Communications Officer **Mary Beth Hill**, Communications Director **Becky Bean**, Graphic Designer **Caitlin McCullough** and Media Production Coordinator **Rob Starkey**.

PE Central Contest Winner

Gilbert Elementary Physical Education Teacher **Jill Strainer** won a \$50 e-card from PE Central for her "Superhero Field Day" lesson plans.

PE Central is a website for physical education teachers to exchange lesson ideas. The website selected Strainer's idea and posted it for others to see.

Her lesson plans included field day events such as "Phone Booth Dress-Up" and "Incredible Sack Relay."

This is not the first time PE Central has posted one of Strainer's ideas. The website shared her idea for a "Superhero Health" bulletin board last August.

South Carolina Information Technology Procurement Certification Recipient

Lexington County School District One Procurement Specialist **Carol Norfleet** completed the State Materials Management Office's South Carolina Information Technology Procurement and Certification Program.

Norfleet completed 96 training hours over the past year to receive the certification. She has worked in the Lexington One Procurement Department for eight months.