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

June 28, 2016 Board of Trustees Meeting

STUDENTS

2016 4A Boys Soccer State Champions

River Bluff High's boys soccer team won the school's first soccer title in easy fashion May 14 with a 5-0 victory over Clover. Four goals were scored in the first half to put the Gators on the path to a historic win.

Coach Phil Savitz now has 15 state championships and 700 wins in his career. He was named 2016 4A Region V Coach of the Year.

Members of the championship team are **James Buchman, Jacob Darnell, Connor Deany, Ben Freiburger, Russell Hammond, Caldwell Loftis, Ryan Meetze, Sean O'Hara, Jacob Ryan, Justin Salters, Miles Silber, Parker Wingard, Evan Dowdy, Connor Kelly, Austin McNair, Marcelo Malpartida, Adam Mills, Logan Platt, McLean Robertson, Hampton Scott, Connor Slattery, Preston Floyd and Jonathan Foster.**



2016 4A Girls Soccer State Champions

Lexington High has won nearly 50 state titles in its history, but the first soccer title came May 14 on the feet of the Lady Wildcats.

The LHS girls soccer team completed a perfect season in the 105th minute of the 4A title game against defending state champion J.L. Mann.

Members of the championship winning Lady Wildcats are **Maggie Carpenter, Ali Rider, Bailey Feder, Tanner Behling, Jessica Fedorka, Maddy Goodman, Madison Carrier, Callaway Grady, Abby Quenneville, Megan Classer, Susanna Hutto, Mary Katherine Waters, Brooke Power, Tiara Evans, Maggie Mahoney, Gabby Carter, Katie Slick, Pamela Neary, Siera Kirby, Julia Gherardi, Hailey Schopp, Cassidy Bouknight and Maggie Schopp.** The Lady Wildcats are coached by Coach **Chris Fryland.**

2016 Clash of the Carolinas Participants

Three Lexington One soccer players were named to the Clash of the Carolinas roster by the South Carolina High School Soccer Coaches Association.

Lexington High's **Maddy Goodman** and River Bluff High's **Connor Deany** and **Ben Freiburger** will represent South Carolina on July 9 during the game at Cardinal Gibbons High School in Raleigh.

The Clash of the Carolinas was founded in 2007 and is the nation's only interstate prep soccer all-star event for the Carolinas' top seniors.

2016 North-South Baseball All-Stars

Lexington County School District One sent multiple players to this month's North-South Baseball All-Star game, organized by the South Carolina Baseball Coaches Association.

Earning a spot on the roster were Gilbert High's **Caleb Watkins**, Lexington High's **Justin Bowers** and **Brice Kirven**, Pelion High's **Quentin Driggers**, as well as **Will Bradford** and **Ryan Reynolds** from River Bluff High, and **Steven Estep** from White Knoll High.

Playing on the South squad on June 11 were Bowers, Kirvin, Estep, Bradford and Reynolds, and Driggers represented the North team. Watkins was chosen for the SC Select All-Star Team.

Head Coach **Mark Bonnette** of River Bluff High was tapped to coach the South 1A/4A All-Star Team.

2016 North-South Boys Golf All-Stars

Lexington High's **Nicholas Beiers** was named to the 2016 North-South Golf All-Star team by the South Carolina Athletic Coaches Association.

Beiers finished in the top 20 at the state tournament this year and helped the Wildcats take third place overall. He also finished tied for second at the region tournament in May.

Pelion High Head Golf Coach **Parrish Deans** coached in the North-South All-Star event.

2016 North-South Boys Soccer All-Stars

Five Lexington District One boys soccer players were named to the South Carolina High School Soccer Coaches Association all-star team this year.

Gilbert High's **Cody Duncan**, Lexington High's **Conley Waters** and **John Rowe** from White Knoll High joined **Russell Hammond** and **Caldwell Loftis** from River Bluff High on the 2016 North-South Boys Soccer All-Star squad.

All five players represented the South squad during the June 18 game, which ended in a 1-1 draw.

Additionally, the South team was coached by two Lexington District One coaches, **Will Gettys** from Lexington High and White Knoll High's **Tim Green**.



2016 North-South Boys Tennis All-Stars

The South Carolina Athletic Coaches Association named two Wildcats as all-stars in boys tennis.

Lexington High's **Thomas Bryan** and **Will Horton** are 2016 North-South Boys Tennis All-Stars.

The tournament was held May 20 and 21.

2016 North-South Girls Soccer All-Stars

Lexington District One was also well represented during 2016 North-South Girls Soccer All-Stars.

The South Carolina High School Soccer Coaches Association named five players to the squad, including Lexington High's **Tiara Evans** and **Ali Rider**, **Mallory Foster** and **Alli Glenn** from River Bluff High, and **Hannah Simmons** from White Knoll High.

The district's all-stars played for the South squad, but the North all-stars took the 3-0 victory on June 18.

2016 North-South Softball All-Stars

Three outstanding Lexington District One softball players earned a spot on the 2016 North-South Softball All-Star team for the June 14–16 event.

Gilbert High's **Alicia Dorgan** from played on the South team for 3A/2A, and Lexington High's **Courtney White** and **ShIPLEY Yonkers** played on the South team for 4A/1A.

The team is put together by the South Carolina Coaches Association of Women's Sports.

2016 South Carolina Coaches Association for Women's Sports Player of the Year

Lexington High's **Brooke Power** was named Player of the Year by the 2016 South Carolina Coaches Association for Women's Sports.

Power, a forward on the 2016 state champion team, scored 14 goals and dished out 16 assists this season.

2016 Track and Field Individual State Champion

River Bluff High Student **DJ Ledell** now has three state titles to his name. A rising senior, Ledell won his third state title in the triple jump this spring.

He also finished fourth in the long jump with a new personal record of 22 feet 4 inches.

2016 USA TODAY All-USA Boys Soccer Team First-Team Player

A River Bluff High soccer player was named to a nationwide all-star list in the first year of its existence.

USA TODAY High School Sports released the inaugural ALL-USA Boys Soccer Team on June 22, featuring RBHS midfielder **Marcelo Malpartida** on first team. He is the only player from South Carolina to make the list.

Players were chosen based on performance, level of competition and strength of schedule.

USA TODAY described him as “the ultimate playmaker,” dishing out 25 assists and helping River Bluff High win the state title.

DECA International Career Development Conference First-Place Winner and DECA Emerging Leader Honor Award

RBHS Student **Abby Moore** won first place in the retail merchandising series individual event during the international competition conducted as part of the DECA International Career Development Conference held in Nashville, Tennessee this past April.

During the competition, Moore successfully completed a written test with 100 marketing, management, finance, business law and economics questions, and completed two role-play events concerning pricing and marketing information management.

Moore, who is president of the RBHS DECA chapter, also received the DECA Emerging Leader Honor Award, which is presented to high school seniors who have attained a cumulative GPA of 3.2 and completed at least one course concerning marketing, business management and administration, entrepreneurship, finance or hospitality and tourism.

The award recognizes DECA students who have demonstrated that they are academically talented, community oriented, professionally responsible and experienced in leadership.

RBHS Career and Technology Education Teacher **Carol Lynn Nute** serves as an adviser for DECA students at RBHS.

2016 Festivals of Music Virginia Beach First-Place Winners

Lexington High’s Chamber Choir won first place in the chamber choir division at the 2016 Festivals of Music Virginia Beach competition held in April in Virginia Beach, Virginia, while the **LHS Chamber Chorale** won first place in the concert choir division.

The LHS Chamber Choir received additional recognition as Best Overall Choir, grand champions, for attaining the highest score for any choir that performed during the competition in April.

The LHS Chamber Choir performed “The Sky is Low, the Clouds are Mean” and “Glorious Peace” at the competition. The LHS Chamber Chorale sang “Amor Vincit Omnia” and “My God is a Rock.”

LHS Choral Director **Gary Calloway** teaches the students who performed at the Festivals of Music.

National Art Education Association 2016 National Leadership Conference National Art Honor Society National Exhibit Participants

White Knoll High students **Cynthia Johnson** and **Dalton Teem** each created artwork that was selected to be displayed at the National Art Honor Society National Exhibit during the National Art Education Association 2016 National Leadership Conference, which will be held in Arlington, Virginia this July.

The drawings that Johnson and Teem created will be among 100 works of art on display at the National Art Honor Society exhibit. Artwork for the exhibit was submitted by high school students from National Art Honor Society chapters nationwide.

WKHS visual arts teacher and fine arts department head **Marion Mason** serves as the adviser for the school’s National Art Honor Society chapter.



2016 South Carolina Band Directors Association Winter Ensemble Championships First-Place Winner

The River Bluff High School Varsity Winterguard placed first and won the state 1A championship in the color guard competition, held March 19 at Colleton County High School.

The Winterguard is one of the most successful color guard programs in South Carolina, winning numerous awards and maintaining a consistent level of excellence.

The RBHS Winterguard placed second in the 2015 South Carolina Band Directors Association Winter Ensemble Championships and was runner-up for the state 1A championship in the color guard competition.

RBHS Students **Reilly Barrineau, Kelsie Brownlee, Katie Carrillo, Vi Doan, Zhara Gregg, Madison Lambert, Abby Montgomery, Iriana Molusky, Caroline Mundy, Taylor Newton, Ashley Sansone, Kaitlyn Sawvell, Emma Weick, Kristina Wuchenich** and **Charli Zahm** are members of the Varsity Winterguard, while RBHS Dance Teacher **Garry Hilton** directs the Varsity Winterguard.

South Carolina Future Farmers of America 2016 Forestry Career Development Event First-Place Winner

The Gilbert High Future Farmers of America Forestry Team won first place in competition conducted as part of the South Carolina Future Farmers of America 2016 Forestry Career Development Event held May 7 at Harbison State Forest in Columbia.

The GHS Forestry Team will compete next at the national competition during the 2016 National Future Farmers of America Convention and Expo, which will be held in October in Indianapolis, Indiana.

During the state competition, GHS Forestry Team Students **Kathleen Baker, Kasch Frick, Marshal Hallman** and **Lewis King** completed a general knowledge examination, tree identification and tree measurement as well as practicums on timber stand improvement and equipment identification.

GHS agriculture teacher **Derrick Cooper** serves as the adviser for the school's FFA chapter.

2016 Class 4A Region V Tennis Coach of the Year

White Knoll High's **John Trowbridge** was named Coach of the Year for Region V of Class 4A.

He led the Timberwolves men's tennis team to an overall record of 4-6.

The coach-of-the-year honor is the second in a row for Trowbridge.

2016 Class 4A Region V Track Coach of the Year

Erica Gambrell, head coach for girls track at White Knoll High, was named Track Coach of the Year for Class 4A, Region V.

The girls track team finished the regular season with a 29-1 record and also won a region championship.

DonorsChoose.org Project Funding

Two Lexington District One elementary teachers received funding through donorschoose.org.

Haylee Boltjes and **Leigh Toste** of Saxe Gotha Elementary had their classroom ideas funded for a total of \$1,243.

DonorsChoose.org allows public school teachers to post project needs on the website. People can then review various projects and choose one or more to support financially.

Toste requested funds to buy new classroom seating for her active students in second grade. Donations allowed her to purchase wobble chairs, bouncy bands and wobble cushions to help students have movement while staying engaged in their tasks.

Boltjes' project for her second-grade classroom is "Wild About Animals Part 2," during which students created a poster, PowerPoint slide and clay model of an animal they choose.

People who donated through DonorsChoose.org allowed Boltjes to purchase the necessary art supplies and trays to keep supplies organized in the classroom.

Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History 2016 South Carolina History Teacher of the Year Award



Meadow Glen Middle Sixth-Grade Social Studies Teacher **Albert Robertson** won the Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History 2016 South Carolina History Teacher of the Year Award.

Robertson will be considered next for the Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History 2016

National History Teacher of the Year Award.

A panel of South Carolina teachers, administrators and scholars selected Robertson for the honor of South Carolina History Teacher of the Year.

He received recognition for his use of primary source documents in his classroom, his career achievements in education, and the creativity, dedication and inspiration that he has shown in engaging his students in the study of American history.

Robertson taught MGMS students several units of study in World History courses that involve American history, encouraging his students to view American history from the perspective of people who live outside the United States in addition to the viewpoint of Americans at home.

Palmetto State School Counselor Association Vice President

White Knoll High's counseling department director, **Dr. Crissy Roddy**, was recently elected secondary level vice president for the Palmetto State School Counselor Association. She will serve in the position until 2018.

The mission of the Palmetto State School Counselor Association (PSSCA) is to promote excellence in the profession of school counseling in order to enhance service to all students.

South Carolina Athletic Coaches Association 2015–2016 Athletic Trainer of the Year

Stacey Baynham, co-head athletic trainer at River Bluff High, was named the Athletic Trainer of the Year by the South Carolina Athletic Coaches Association.

Baynham has served as a high school athletic trainer for 20 years, including three years at RBHS.

Street Law, Inc. and United States Supreme Court Historical Society

Supreme Court Summer Institute Participant

River Bluff High Social Studies Teacher **Linsy Dooley** was selected to participate in the prestigious Supreme Court Summer Institute, which was held in June in Washington, D.C.

Dooley was one of 60 teachers nationwide who was selected to participate in the program.

The program enables teachers who instruct classes in civic education and law-related topics to study recent U.S. Supreme Court cases in detail and learn innovative teaching methodologies for conveying what they learn to their students. Teachers receive instruction from legal scholars, legal educators and news media reporters as well as from well-known lawyers who have handled cases reviewed by the Supreme Court.

Upon completing the program, teachers should have the skills needed to present workshops at their schools and in the community concerning the Supreme Court.

South Carolina Association of School Administrators 2015–2016 Palmetto's Finest Schools Awards Finalist

Lexington Middle School was one of three middle schools named a finalist in competing for the South Carolina Association of School Administrators 2015–2016 Palmetto's Finest Schools Awards.

While LMS did not win an award, being named a finalist for the award is a significant accomplishment.

Principal **Ryan Pool** accepted a plaque from the South Carolina Association of School Administrators, celebrating the school's accomplishment as a finalist for the Palmetto's Finest Schools Awards.

"We do this because we want to always push ourselves to be better," Pool said



LMS won the Palmetto's Finest Schools Award in the 1984–1985 and 1988–1989 school years. The school is home to 830 students in grades 6–8. LMS strives to teach students to be "inspired, prepared and empowered to lead the world."

SCASA established the Palmetto's Finest Schools Awards in order to recognize a select group of exemplary schools that have excellent instruction, outstanding school leaders and strong support from their school families and communities as well as businesses. The awards are presented annually to two elementary schools, one middle school and one high school in South Carolina.

The selection process for the Palmetto's Finest Schools Awards includes a comprehensive review of each school's program, focusing on how the school impacts the lives of its students and its community.

Lexington County 2016 Community Development Block Grant Program

Lexington County Council approved a Lexington County Community Development Block Grant award in the amount of \$41,669 for the after-school program at **Red Bank Elementary**.

RBES currently offers an after-school program, serving about 50 students, that requires parents to pay a fee in order for their children to attend the program.

The Community Development Block Grant award will enable the school to provide scholarships to 45 students whose parents cannot afford the fees for their children to attend the after-school program. The grant will also allow RBES to transport the 45 scholarship students to their homes at the conclusion of each school day.

Money from the grant will enable RBES to add dance, drama, visual arts and team-building programs to the after-school program.

RBES will implement a Run Hard Running Team for students in the after-school program. Students will run twice a week and train to compete in a 5K race while also learning about teamwork, leadership and perseverance.

An academically enriched after-school program plays an important role in ensuring that students, who need assistance, receive the services needed to strengthen their skills and ensure their academic success.

South Carolina Department of Education 2016 Palmetto Gold and Silver Awards

The South Carolina Department of Education presented Palmetto Gold Awards in February to 18 of Lexington District One's 30 schools, recognizing each school's entire student body's academic performance.

The South Carolina Department of Education's Palmetto Gold and Silver Awards program recognizes schools for overall academic achievement and for closing the achievement gap among historically lower performing groups of students.

The Lexington One schools receiving Gold Awards for general performance are **Carolina Springs Elementary, Gilbert High, Lake Murray Elementary, Lexington Elementary, Lexington High, Lexington Middle, Lexington Technology Center, Meadow Glen Elementary, Meadow Glen Middle, Midway Elementary, New Providence Elementary, Oak Grove Elementary, Pleasant Hill Elementary, Pleasant Hill Middle, Rocky Creek Elementary, Saxe Gotha Elementary** and **White Knoll High**.

White Knoll Middle received a Silver Award for general performance.

In addition to their Palmetto Gold Awards for general performance, two schools, **Lake Murray Elementary** and **New Providence Elementary**, received Palmetto Gold Awards for closing the achievement gap.

Eight other schools, Lexington Elementary, Lexington Middle, Meadow Glen Elementary, Oak Grove Elementary, Pleasant Hill Middle, Rocky Creek Elementary, Saxe Gotha Elementary and White Knoll Middle, received Palmetto Silver Awards for closing the achievement gap.

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