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

May 17, 2016 Board of Trustees Meeting

STUDENTS

2016 Festivals of Music Virginia Beach

Lexington County School District One congratulates River Bluff High choral students who won first-place awards at the 2016 Festivals of Music Virginia Beach competition held in April in Virginia Beach, Virginia. These choirs are led by Choral Director **Miki Keisler**.

The **River Bluff High Bel Canto choir** won first place in the women's choir division by performing "Sing a New Song," "Dominus Vobiscum" and "Go Where I Send Thee."

The Bel Canto choir includes Students **Lauren Beckwith, Kate Bonham, Matty Bradham, Jordyn Carroll, Maile Carroll, Gracie Carson, Sofie Gray, Zhara Gregg, Chloe Johnson, Caroline Kelley, Ashley Kucharski, Mabry Martin, Bailey Massey, Ivy Munnerlyn, Ashleigh Oswald, Kayla Oswald, Hannah Rogers, Chelsea Ryan, Megan Simmons, Emily Timmerman, Bailey Williamson, Lauren Wilson, Ginny Wright and Vijwala Yakkanti**.

The **River Bluff High Concert Choir** won first place in the mixed choir division by singing "Alleluia" and "Light of Dawn."

The Concert Choir includes Students **Lauren Beckwith, Mitchell Bell, Ansley Birchmore, Kate Bonham, Caroline Boyt, Matty Bradham, Jordyn Carroll, Maile Carroll, Gracie Carson, Harrison Carter, Eliza Chastain, Robby Cope, Lauren Crawford, Shaylor Crawford, Grant Eason, Sofie Gray, Zhara Gregg, Meredith Guidry, Thaddeus Holiday, Chloe Johnson, Tori Johnson, Caroline Kelley, Ashley Kucharski, Stone Lindholm, Miles Martin, Mabry Martin, Bailey Massey, Madilyn McCoy, Bethany McLelland, Abby McNeely, Jessie Miller, Andrew Moss, Ivy Munnerlyn, Tristan Murphy, Blake Newcomb, Ashleigh Oswald, Kayla Oswald, Lanz Pasig, Emma Rocheleau, Hannah Rogers, Chelsea Ryan, Katelyn Sease, Drew Shahoud, Megan Simmons, Conrad Stockman, Emily Timmerman, Jacob Turner, Bailey Williamson, Lauren Wilson, Cameron Wise, Ginny Wright and Vijwala Yakkanti**.

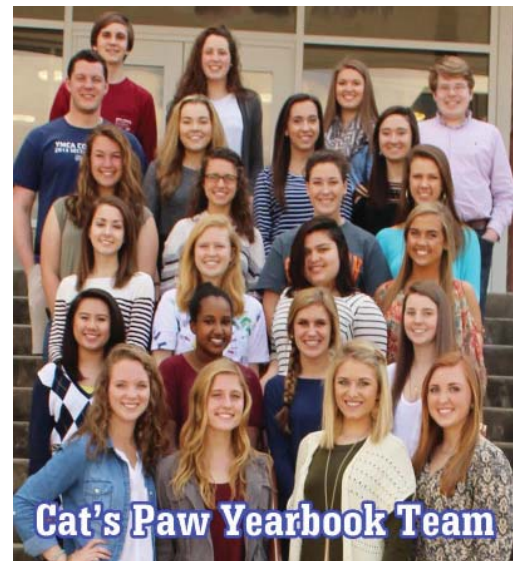
The **River Bluff High Southern Charm choir** won first place in the show choir and specialty choir divisions by performing "Signed, Sealed, Delivered, I'm Yours," "I'm Not the Only One" and "I Want You Back/ABC."

The RBHS Southern Charm choir includes Students **Grayson Anthony, Caroline Boyt, Jason Campbell, Graci Conner, Jose-Pablo Ebner, Caelee Ellis, Courtney Gonzales, Colton Green, Savannah Griffin, Marleigh Hepner, Tiffanie Jimenez, Noah Matthew, Madilyn McCoy, Cole McFadden, Ashlee Morris, Erin Niland, Lanz Pasig, Emma Rocheleau, Katelyn Sease and Drew Shahoud**.

Southern Charm member **Drew Shahoud** received recognition as Most Outstanding Solo Vocalist after singing a solo during their performance of "I'm Not the Only One."

Jostens National Yearbook Design Recognition 2016

Each year Jostens recognizes outstanding yearbooks with a variety of awards recognizing the hard work that goes into putting out a yearbook.



Jostens recognized "**Cat's Paw — Exposed**," the Lexington High yearbook and "**The Tributary**," the River Bluff High yearbook for excellence in design.

They also featured both yearbooks in the 2016 Jostens “Look Book,” which celebrates the nation’s best yearbooks and features the best yearbook covers, photographs, graphics, page designs and creative themes used to chronicle students’ experiences, stories and achievements during the 2014–2015 school year. A panel of nationally recognized scholastic journalism professionals and award-winning yearbook advisers selected “Cat’s Paw — Exposed” and “The Tributary” for recognition.

Lexington High Students **Rosemary Coskrey, Anna Darnell, Grace Anne Martin** and **Daria Schwab** created “Cat’s Paw — Exposed” under the direction of World Language Teacher **Amanda Hajji**.

River Bluff High Students **Stephanie Aull, Adair Day, Katherine Holmes, Elizabeth Koehler, Lauren Lacomba, Samantha Morris** and **Kayla Prevatte** created “The Tributary” under the direction of Career and Technology Education Teacher **Monica Powell**.

2016 Palmetto Dramatic Association and South Carolina International Thespians State Festival First-Place Winner

White Knoll High Student **Monica Damon** won first place for original one-act playwriting for “Teenage Screw Ups” at the Palmetto Dramatic Association and South Carolina International Thespians State Festival, held in February at Dorman High School in Roebuck.

Damon also directed the competition performance of her play, which addresses the challenges that students face when parental expectations conflict with the student’s understanding of those expectations.

Theatre Teacher **Brandi Owensby** teaches Damon.

WKHS students won a total of 11 awards at the Palmetto Dramatic Association and South Carolina Thespian State Festival.

2016 South Carolina 4-H Engineering Challenge Enlighten SC Energy Challenge First-Place Winners

The district congratulates four Meadow Glen Elementary fifth-grade students who placed first in the Enlighten SC Energy Challenge.

This challenge took place during the 2016 South Carolina 4-H Engineering Challenge, held April 9 at Orangeburg-Calhoun Technical College in Orangeburg.

MGES Fifth-Graders **Hailey Burrell, Cady Simril, Jane Taylor** and **Saniya Williams** worked as a team while researching how to design an energy-efficient home and then creating a blueprint and scale model of the home they designed for the state competition.

The competition required students to design a layout for the home and surrounding property that maximized the amount of natural light brightening the residence, while also ensuring that the residence was comfortable to live in and cost efficient to cool, heat and light.

Students were also required to incorporate an energy-crop garden in the design. The garden produces crops, such as corn, used to help manufacture energy fuels, while also using nutrients from food waste to improve the fertility of the garden’s soil.

The competition criteria encouraged students to incorporate renewable energy sources, such as solar panels and skylights, in the design of their energy-efficient home in order to reduce the amount of electricity that is used to cool, heat and light the residence. Students were asked to use only recycled or re-purposed materials, such as old camera film, to create solar panels and skylights for their scale model home.

During the competition, judges evaluated entries based on their beauty, creative design, creative use of recycled and re-purposed materials, energy efficiency and cost effectiveness. Students had to explain their design choices to judges as part of the competition.

Fifth-Grade Teacher **Casey Davis** mentored Burrell, Simril, Taylor and Williams through the process.

2016 South Carolina Future Business Leaders of America Leadership Conference Winners

Lexington County School District One congratulates eight students from Lexington Technology Center who won first-place awards at the state competition conducted as part of the 2016 South Carolina Future Business Leaders of America Leadership Conference, held March 11–13 in North Charleston. Business Teacher **Randy Scott** is the FBLA chapter adviser.

Gabe Dieterly won first place in cybersecurity.

Brooke Feder and **Alex Sprang** won first place in business financial plan.

Ryan King and **Audra Knight** won in marketing.

Krissy Salvagin won her award in accounting II.

Mason Smith and **Anthony Willis** won in computer game simulation and programming.

The students will participate in the Future Business Leaders of America National Leadership Conference June 29–July 2 in Atlanta, Georgia.

Future Business Leaders of America provides students with opportunities to develop competent, assertive leadership, strengthen their self-confidence, enhance their understanding of American business enterprise and practice money management. The organization helps students establish occupational goals and facilitates their transition from school to work.

2016 South Carolina Miss Future Farmers of America Pageant Winner

Gilbert High Senior **Allison Harman** won the South Carolina Miss Future Farmers of America Pageant, held March 17 at the Lexington County School District Three Fine Arts Center.

She serves as a great ambassador for the FFA program and her school, where she serves as secretary of the school's FFA chapter and student body vice president.

Previously, Harman received the FFA Star Greenhand and Star Chapter Farmer awards and has won many other awards for showing beef cattle at local, state and regional competitions.

In 2015, Harman served as the South Carolina Beef Ambassador and was elected Commissioner of Agriculture at the 2015 American Legion Auxiliary Palmetto Girls State.

2016 South Carolina State Future Farmers of America Dairy Cattle Evaluation First-Place Winners

Allison Harman also won first place in the individual category of the dairy evaluation competition, held in March. It was the fourth time in five years that Harman placed first in the individual competition.

Gilbert Elementary Fifth-Grader **Ellie Harman** won first place in the team category of the dairy evaluation competition. Ellie Harman, a first-time competitor, is the youngest person to participate in the competition.

The dairy judging evaluation tests students' knowledge of the dairy industry, including a written examination. Each competitor must assess the characteristics of four classes of cattle and rank the cattle based on the characteristics that are most desirable for dairy cattle.

GHS Agriculture Teacher **Derrick Cooper** is the adviser for the school's FFA chapter.

2016 SC HOSA State Leadership Conference First-Place Winners

The district congratulates 18 Lexington One students who won first-place awards at competition conducted during the 2016 SC HOSA State Leadership Conference, held March 16–18 in North Charleston

Five Gilbert High Students **Blythe Faulkner, Cheyenne McCune, Leanne McCune** and **Hannah O'Kelley** won first place in the biomedical debate teamwork event.

Gilbert High Student **Monica Martinez-Orozco** won first place in researched persuasive speaking.

Health Science Teacher **Sharie Cato** and Science Teacher and Science Department Head **Valerie Waites** are advisers for the school's HOSA chapter.

Two Lexington Technology Center students placed first at the HOSA State Leadership Conference. **Sergei Alexeev** won first place in medical law and ethics, while **Ratna Patel** won first place in pathophysiology.

LTC Health Science Teacher **Virginia Bishop** is the adviser for LTC's HOSA chapter.

Two Pelion High students took home first place awards at the same conference. **Kaitlyn Pressly** and **Elizabeth Smith** won first place in the community emergency response team event.

PHS Health Science Teacher **Kerri McLaughlin** is the adviser for PHS's HOSA chapter.

Four River Bluff High students also placed first at the HOSA conference. **Erin Callaham, Ashlyn Humphrey** and **Riley Raybon** won first place in the community awareness teamwork event, while **Cole Metcalfe** won first place in the clinical specialty competition.

RBHS Career and Technology Education Teacher **Angie Diaz** is the adviser for RBHS's HOSA chapter.

Four White Knoll High Center for Public Health and Advanced Medical Studies Students **Makayla Blakely, Bailey Feder, Bri Hall** and **Blaine Olawsky** won first place competition in the public service announcement teamwork event. White Knoll High Student **Hannah Cooper** won first place in pharmacology.

WKHS Center for Public Health and Advanced Medical Studies Public Health Teacher **Nicholas Hanle** is the coordinating adviser for the center's HOSA students. WKHS Head Athletic Trainer **Sheila Gordon** and Health Science Teacher **Katrina Haynes** are advisers for WKHS's HOSA chapter.

Eighty-five Lexington One students won awards at the HOSA competition, and the HOSA chapters at GHS and LTC shared first place for the amount of money they raised for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society as a service project.

SC HOSA State Historian 2016–2017 SC HOSA State President 2016–2017

Two Lexington One students earned officer positions at the SC HOSA State Leadership Conference, held March 16–18 in North Charleston.

Miguel Martinez, Gilbert High, was elected SC HOSA Historian, and **Monica Larson**, Lexington Technology Center, was elected SC HOSA President.

South Carolina Music Educators Association High School Choral Performance Assessment

The **Gilbert High Chamber Choir** placed first in the 3A High School Choral Performance Assessment held March 21, at St. Andrews Presbyterian Church, Irmo. GHS Choral Director **Dr. Janna Brendell** teaches these GHS students.

The Gilbert High Chamber Choir includes Students **Jan Albers, Jessica Amick, Adam Arsi, Hannah Cheatham, Brett Duncan, Cody Duncan, Shaylor Duncan, Kelly Glover, Allison Harman, Bree Harmon, Chance Humphrey, Karina Kasap, Jeremiah Kubilus, Alyssa McMillan, Bree McNemar, Mary Beth O’Cain, Victoria Perez, Hannah Perry, Chandler Renaud, Erin Roof, Matthew Sanders, Olivia Schumpert, Marissa Sligh, Josh Smith, Meredith Stegall, Hunter Stroud, Morgan Taylor, Elizabeth Temple** and **Tanner Watson**.

During the competition, the Chamber Choir sang “A Soft Day” and “Laetatus Sum.”

Pelion High’s Serenata choir placed first in the state 1A/2A High School Choral Performance Assessment. It was the first time that the women’s choir placed first in the state competition.

The Pelion High Serenata includes Students **Tessa Arquette, Katie Ashley, Jensen Baltzegar, Caroline Barnes, Anna Bazemore, Brittney Beems, Madison Behnke, Makayla Bolton, Hannah Daggerhart, Abigail Dowling, Adrianna Edmond, Kayla Ennis, Chloe Ewing, Kailey Fornez, Anna Gantt, Allie Gomas, Emma Gould, Lyndsay Gray, Montanna Hall, Christen Huckabee, Heather Hurt, Jessica Hyder, Uniqua Jackson, Amber Johnson, Josey Johnson, Kaylean Jordan, Ty’Micha Kitching, Melina Marsh, Erin Motter, Makayla Popovich, Catilin Pugh, Erica Roberts, Taryn Spires, Heather Stanfield, Brittany Summers, Katelen Turner, Alontai Walker** and **Brittanie Wilson**.

During the competition, Serenata performed “Weep No More” and “Cantate Domino,” earning them superior ratings in on-stage performance and sight reading.

Pelion High Choral Director **Dr. David Stephenson** teaches these students.

South Carolina SkillsUSA State Leadership and Skills Conference 2016

First-Place Winners

Lexington One congratulates nine Lexington One students for taking home first-place awards at state competition conducted as part of the South Carolina SkillsUSA State Leadership and Skills Conference held April 14–16 in Greenville.

Gilbert High Students **Nathan Craps** and **Hogan Hardee** and Lexington Technology Center Students **Chris Brown** and **Devan Summerour** won first place in the TeamWorks competition.

This area requires students to work as a team while constructing a miniature house and demonstrating their skills in performing carpentry, electrical, plumbing and masonry work.

Judges evaluated students’ ability to comply with building codes, maintain a safe and clean work site, correctly order materials needed for their construction project and properly use tools.

Three other LTC students placed first in individual competitions. **Bryson Denton** won first place in CNC milling. **Travis Mills** won first place in power equipment technology. **Courtney Ward** won first place in first aid and CPR.

Two White Knoll High students placed first in individual competitions. **Neil Drake** won first place in architectural drafting. **Ryan Tuttle** won first place in technical drafting.

Each of these students will compete in the national competition as part of the SkillsUSA National Leadership and Skills Conference held in June in Louisville, Kentucky.

Fourteen Lexington One students won various awards at the state competition.

GHS Building Construction Instructor **Bryan Waters** instructs the GHS students who participated in the state competition, while LTC Power Equipment Technology Instructor **Marty Rikard** instructs the LTC students and WKHS Mechanical and Architectural Design Instructor **Todd Fulmer** instructs the WKHS students.

STAFF

Fund for Teachers 2016 Fellow

River Bluff High Special Education Teacher **Jenny Johansson** was recognized as a Fund for Teachers 2016 Fellow and awarded \$3,915.

The money allows her to participate in the Division of International Special Education and Services roundtable discussions coming up in Managua, Nicaragua.

The roundtable discussions will enable Johansson to learn more about advocacy, research and networking for students with special needs and to receive an opportunity to participate in clinical field work and service project.

Johansson joins nearly 7,000 other teachers previously named Fund for Teachers Fellows.

Lexington District One Educational Office Professionals 2015–2016 Administrator of the Year and Office Professional of the Year

The Lexington District One Educational Office Professionals recently held their awards dinner. At the awards dinner, Deerfield Elementary Principal **Janet Malone** was named the Lexington District One Educational Office Professionals Administrator of the Year for her outstanding service to Lexington One.

She has served as principal of Deerfield Elementary since 2014 and was principal of White Knoll Elementary for eight years before that.

Fiscal Services Specialist **Sylvia Sullivan** was named the Lexington District One Educational Office Professionals Office Professional of the Year for the second time. Sullivan's worked in Lexington District One since 2005.

National Association of School Nurses Excellence in School Nursing Award 2016

Lexington One District Nurse Coordinator **Amy Wood**, RN, received the National Association of School Nurses Excellence in School Nursing Award.

She was recognized for her demonstrated excellence in school nursing practice and for making a significant impact on students, staff and the community.

National Center for Women and Information Technology 2016 Aspirations in Computing Educator Award

Lexington High Advanced Placement Statistics and International Baccalaureate Mathematics Teacher **Sheryn Billue** received a National Center for Women and Information Technology Aspirations in Computing Educator Award for her commitment to encouraging young women to aspire to achieve success in computing.

NCWIT strives to increase the number of women who pursue careers that involve computing. The organization recognizes that great teachers are one of the most important factors in inspiring young women to pursue technical careers that involve computing.

Using innovative techniques to reach all students, Billue believes in providing her students with the very best educational experience each and every time that they enter her classroom. Through thought-provoking rigorous activities and real-world projects, she challenges students to work hard, excel and reach their goals.

Palmetto Dramatic Association 2016–2018 President

White Knoll High Theatre Teacher **Brandi Owensby** was elected president of the Palmetto Dramatic Association at the 2016 Palmetto Dramatic Association and South Carolina International Thespians State Festival. She will serve a two-year-long term.

The Festival was held in February at Dorman High School in Roebuck.

Palmetto State Teachers Association 2016 Dr. Elizabeth Gressette Professional Development Scholarship Winners

Three Lexington One teachers won \$850 Dr. Elizabeth Gressette Professional Development Scholarships.

The Palmetto State Teachers Association awards these scholarships to encourage and support educators who are pursuing advanced degrees.

Pleasant Hill Elementary Second-Grade Teacher **Hope Halfacre-Bryant** continues her work toward a doctorate in education administration at Walden University.

River Bluff High School Mathematics Teacher **Faith Carnes** is pursuing a Master of Education in divergent learning at Columbia College.

Lake Murray Elementary Fourth-Grade Teacher **Tricia Huff** continues a Master of Education and Meadow Glen Middle Assistant Administrator **Kyle Meetze** is working toward a doctorate in education in curriculum and instruction at the University of South Carolina.

Palmetto State Teachers Association Board of Directors Secretary

The Palmetto State Teachers Association elected Oak Grove Elementary First-Grade Teacher **Kimberly Gibson** Board of Directors Secretary.

PSTA, the fastest growing teaching association in the state, is governed by a Board of Directors who volunteer their services.

Officers and district directors are elected at the annual convention and receive no pay or compensation.

SC HOSA 2016 Adviser of the Year

White Knoll High Head Athletic Trainer **Sheila Gordon**, who serves as one of the advisers for the WKHS HOSA chapter, earned a new title this year. She was named the SC HOSA Adviser of the Year for the significant role that she plays with SC HOSA.

Gordon serves as a SC HOSA Board Director and supervises sports medicine events at the organization's annual state leadership conference.

Her commitment to providing her students with the best possible instruction is instrumental to the success of the WKHS sports medicine and health science program as they prepare students to pursue careers in sports medicine and health science.

Lexington One Educational Foundation Joseph M. Bedenbaugh Administrator of the Year Award

The Lexington One Educational Foundation will announce the recipient of the Joseph M. Bedenbaugh Administrator of the Year Award at the board meeting.

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