

PROOF POSITIVE

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



September 15, 2015

National Association for Music Education's 2015 Student Composers Competition winner

The National Association for Music Education named River Bluff High Junior **Ian Jones** a winner in the 2015 Student Composers Competition.

Jones is one of nine winners selected from across the country.

In October, he will attend the NAFME National In-Service Conference, where a full band will play his winning entry "Create." This year's conference is at the Gaylord Opryland Hotel in Nashville, Tennessee.

Jones, who is currently a member of the River Bluff Gator Band, previously attended White Knoll High. As a member of the White Knoll Timberwolves Marching Pride, he performed at Carnegie Hall.

South Carolina Long Course State Swimming Championship winner

Pleasant Hill Middle Eighth-Grader **Jackson Hardy** competed in and won the South Carolina Long Course State Swimming Championship in the boys 13- to 14-year-old 50-meter freestyle competition.

During the competition, held at the University of South Carolina in July, Hardy beat nine other swimmers in the championship heat with a time of 25.44 seconds.

Following his win, Hardy was selected to represent South Carolina in the Zone Championships in Mississippi last month. He was one of eight swimmers to make the finals in the 50-meter freestyle.

Hardy began swimming competitively four years ago.

United States Army All-American Marching Band member

White Knoll High Senior **Alex DeLoach** is headed to Texas as a member of the 2016 United States Army All-American Marching Band.

DeLoach is one of only three South Carolina high school students that the National Association for Music Education selected for the 125-member roster.

Band members receive an all-expenses-paid trip to perform during halftime of the All-American Bowl at the Alamodome, January 9, 2016, in San Antonio, Texas. The bowl features the nation's top high school senior football players and marching band members.

DeLoach plays the trumpet for the White Knoll Timberwolves Marching Pride. **Bob Barfield** is the WKHS band director.

2014 and 2015 Mickelson ExxonMobil Teachers Academy participants

Two Rocky Creek Elementary teachers took part in the Mickelson ExxonMobil Teachers Academy.

In 2014, Third-Grade Teacher **Katie Crapps** attended the weeklong professional development program that equips teachers with innovative ways to teach science and mathematics, and inspire their students in these subjects. Fourth-Grade Teacher **Emily Kimpton** attended the 2015 academy.

More than 1,500 teachers from across the country apply each year to take part in the all-expenses-paid academy, but around 150 are selected for the learning opportunity held at Liberty Science Center in New Jersey.

The Mickelson ExxonMobile Academy began in 2005, when ExxonMobile partnered with PGA Golfer Phil Mickelson and his wife to provide this opportunity for teachers.

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2015 Science Participatory Learning, Understanding and Sharing Institute participants

Three Lexington County School District One teachers learned new skills and enhanced content knowledge during the 2015 Science Participatory Learning, Understanding and Sharing Institute held at Roper Mountain Science Center in Greenville.

Meadow Glen Middle Eighth-Grade Science Teacher **James Costner**, Pleasant Hill Elementary Fourth-Grade Teacher **Alexandra Hayth** and Forts Pond Elementary Fourth-Grade Teacher **Maryellen Roever** joined other educators selected from across the state for intensive training in science teaching methods and activities.

The summer program offered a variety of weeklong classes that encouraged teachers to incorporate mathematics and English language arts skills into their science lessons and to make science connections while teaching other disciplines.

The Science P.L.U.S. Institute is funded by a South Carolina Education Improvement Act grant.

2017 Bands of America Honor Band in the Rose Parade staff member

White Knoll High Band Director **Bob Barfield** will represent Lexington County School District One at the 128th Rose Parade as a member of the 2017 Bands of America Honor Band staff.

Music for All, a national music education organization, selected Barfield and 19 other band directors from across the nation to serve as band staff members. Barfield will be part of the instrumental staff team.

Barfield will work with Band of America Honor Band students through FaceTime and Skype for several months before the band's performance in the 2017 Rose Parade, January 2, 2017, in Pasadena, California. He will also spend the week before the parade in California rehearsing.

Barfield is in his 23rd year of teaching high school band and his third year as director of the White Knoll Timberwolves Marching Pride.

American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Language Oral Proficiency Interview Limited Tester Certification recipient

Lexington High Teacher **Jason Bagley** earned the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages Oral Proficiency Interview Limited Tester Certification in French.

With his new certification, Bagley can conduct an ACTFL OPI, which is a standardized assessment of functional speaking ability. The assessment is a carefully structured conversation between the tester and the person whose speaking proficiency is being assessed.

Academic institutions, government agencies and private corporations use the ACTFL OPI for hiring, professional certifications, promotions and student assessments.

To achieve this certification, Bagley had to attend a workshop, demonstrate his ability to conduct rateable samples, demonstrate language proficiency and submit recorded interviews through an intense, year-long process of guided and individual interviews of language learners.

2015 Let's Move! Active Schools National Recognition Award winner

Midway Elementary's ongoing efforts to promote physical fitness and healthy habits helped the school win a 2015 Let's Move! Active Schools National Recognition Award.

MES Principal **Jan Fickling** and MES Physical Education Teacher **Laura Gates** represent the school tonight.

In order to receive the award, MES completed 10 requirements including increasing physical education class to 60 minutes a week, increasing recess to at least 90 minutes a week, modeling physical activity behaviors and providing sequential physical education curriculum consistent with standards.

As an award winner, the school received a certificate of recognition, an electronic banner for the school's website, a large indoor banner and a promotional kit.

Fuel Up to Play 60 NFL FLAG Essentials Kit recipient

Midway Elementary received a Fuel Up to Play 60 NFL FLAG Essentials Kit.

MES Physical Education Teacher **Laura Gates** entered the contest to help acquire equipment useful for the school's physical education program.

The kit, valued at \$320, includes 10 footballs, 50 flag belts, elementary NFL FLAG football curriculum, one NFL FLAG poster and recognition certificates for students.

Jan Fickling is the principal of MES.

Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Silver Certification recipient

Meadow Glen Elementary, represented tonight by Assistant Principal **Todd Wade**, recently received LEED Silver certification.

There are four levels of the LEED green-building certification program. Buildings receive points for reaching specific milestones in five key areas of human and environmental health: sustainable site development; water savings; energy efficienc; materials selection; and indoor environmental quality.

MGES received 50–59 points to earn LEED Silver certification.

Michelin Golden Apple Teacher Grant recipients

Twice each school year, the Lexington One Educational Foundation, represented by Executive Director **Connie McFarland**, and the Michelin North American Lexington Site, represented tonight by Business Unit Leader **Cleve Johnson**, award the Michelin Golden Apple Teacher Grants.

The most recent recipients include: **Paul Berrian** from Meadow Glen Middle; **Meghan Blackburn** from Lexington Middle; **Angela Brown** and **Sandy Cherry** from Saxe Gotha Elementary; **Betsy Goodman** from Pleasant Hill Elementary; **Marla Hamilton** from the Lexington One Parenting Center; **Corrine Hash** from Carolina Springs Elementary; **Mary Joy** from Red Bank Elementary; **Susan Joyner** from Oak Grove Elementary; **Ashley Williams** from Lexington High; and **Melanie Wyndham** from White Knoll Elementary.

Walter P. Rawl and Sons, Inc. School Garden Mini-Grant winners

Walter P. Rawl and Sons, Inc. established School Garden Mini-Grants to help Lexington One schools enhance students' knowledge of diet and nutrition by providing financial assistance toward planting and sustaining a school garden.

Tonight the Lexington One Educational Foundation, represented by Executive Director **Connie McFarland**, and Walter P. Rawl and Sons, Inc., represented by Vice President of Field Operations **Charles Wingard**, present the grant recipients.

Teachers from three schools and one student submitted applications and received grants for their schools. Fall 2015 grant recipients include: **Paul Berrian** from Meadow Glen Middle; **Anné Peterson** and **Mary Ashley Rodriguez** from Pleasant Hill Middle; **Luke Clamp, Ed.D.**, and **Ben Yarborough** from River Bluff High; and **Karen Leonhardt** and **Roy Turner** from Saxe Gotha Elementary.

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