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

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South Carolina Association of Student Councils State Convention

First-Place Winners

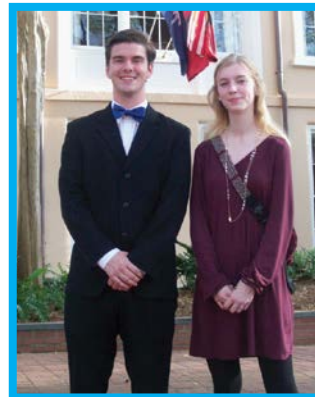
The White Knoll High Student Government Association brought home three awards from the annual South Carolina Association of Student Councils state convention, including a first-place award for one of their innovative projects.

Council members submitted projects they had completed during the school year that they believed embodied the Timberwolf Sprit. The annual White Knoll's Got Talent Show placed first in the Recreational Activities category, while the SGA's Honoring the Brave: A Veterans Day Tribute Museum project received a second-place award.

The council also received its fourth consecutive Gold Honor Council award.

The White Knoll High SGA was led last year by president **DeeJay Woods** and vice president **Jennifer Tucker**. Tucker will serve as president for the 2016-2017 school year.

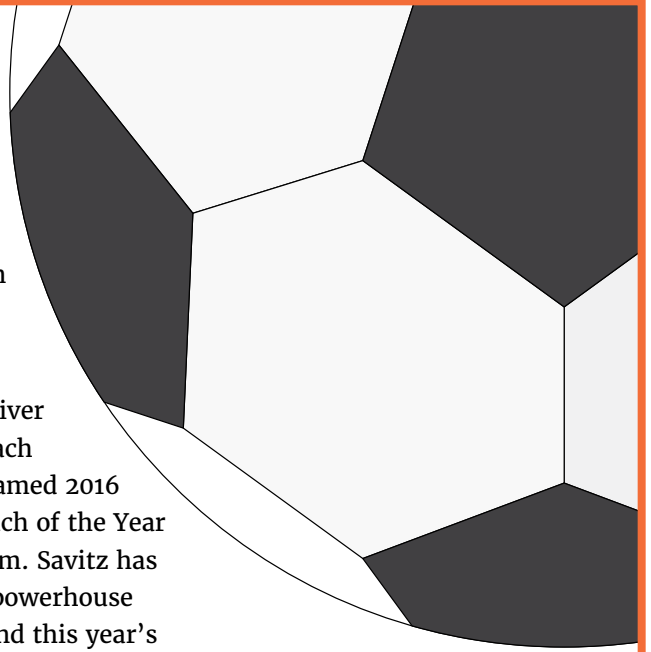
Craig Wheatley serves as White Knoll High's SGA adviser.



Honors and Achievements

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TopDrawerSoccer.com TeamSnap Spring All-America First Team and Coach of the Year



The River Bluff High soccer team continues to draw national attention after last year's state championship victory.

TopDrawerSoccer.com, the home of pre-professional soccer scores and information, has named its 2016 Spring All-America Team. Making first team as one of the country's best midfielders is River Bluff High's **Marcelo Malpartida**.

Malpartida helped lead the Gators to a 24-1 season and a state title, and he scored a much-needed goal in River Bluff's 1-0 win over previously

undefeated Wando High in the Lower State semifinals.

Also representing the River Bluff soccer team is Coach **Phil Savitz**, who was named 2016 Spring All-America Coach of the Year by TopDrawerSoccer.com. Savitz has built the Gators into a powerhouse in just three seasons, and this year's state title is his 15th as a coach. He is one of only seven coaches to ever reach the 700-win mark.





American Geographical Society Human Geography Teacher Fellow

An engaging and innovative teacher from Lexington High received national recognition this summer.

Katherine Dew was named a 2016 Human Geography Teacher Fellow by the American Geographical Society. She is one of only 50 teachers in the nation to earn this achievement and was invited to attend a symposium at Columbia University in New York.

This is the first year of the American Geographical Society's Geography Teacher Fellow program.

Presidential Awards for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching 2016 State-Level Finalist

A teacher's unique approach to science instruction has earned her a presidential honor.

Jeanne McKinney, a STEM teacher at Meadow Glen Elementary and an elementary STEM coach, was named a 2016 state-level finalist by the committee for the Presidential Awards for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching.

McKinney was recognized as part of the K-6 science teachers category. Up to five state-level finalists will be selected as national winners and receive a \$10,000 prize.

The Presidential Awards for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching are the nation's highest honors for teachers of mathematics and science.

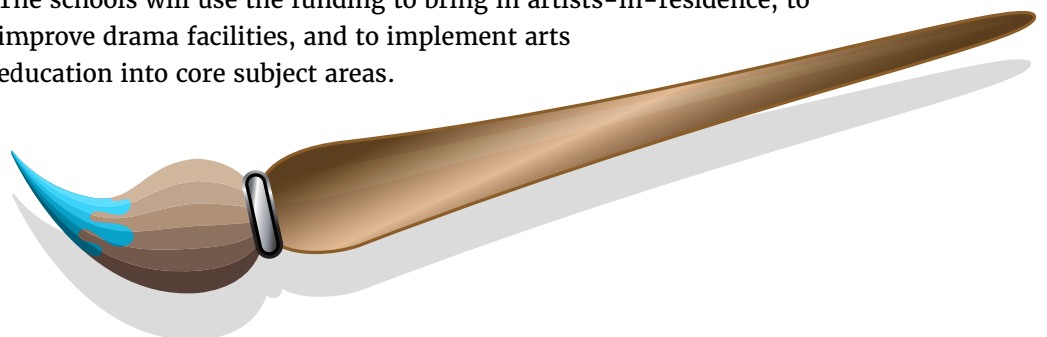


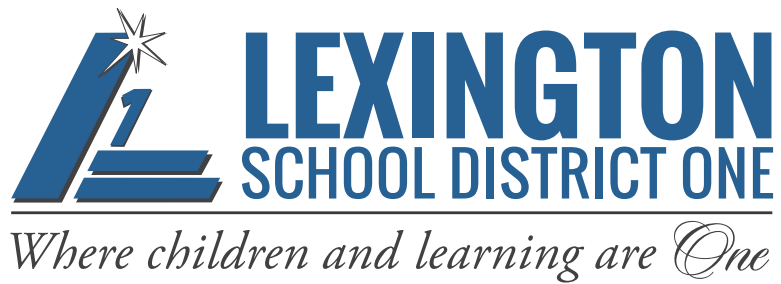
SC Arts Commission Arts in Basic Curriculum Grant Recipients

Two Lexington District One schools recently received grant funding from the S.C. Arts Commission to support arts education.

Jessica Robbins, **Shannon Canady**, **Mickey Summerall** and **Lori McKelvey** from Pleasant Hill Middle successfully obtained a \$9,437 Arts in Basic Curriculum grant, while **Debra Adams** and **Jolene Walter** from White Knoll Middle helped their school acquire a \$9,528 Arts in Basic Curriculum grant.

The schools will use the funding to bring in artists-in-residence, to improve drama facilities, and to implement arts education into core subject areas.





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