

# PROOF POSITIVE



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

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## 2016 Palmetto Fellows Scholarship Recipients

More than 100 Lexington District One seniors were eligible to receive the prestigious **Palmetto Fellows Scholarship** this year.

Established in 1988 by the South Carolina Commission on Higher Education, the Palmetto Fellows Scholarship is awarded to the top-performing students. Students are eligible to receive funding for all four years of college, up to \$6,700 their freshman year and up to \$7,500 per year their sophomore, junior and senior years.

Students receiving a Palmetto Fellows scholarship this year from Gilbert High include: **Amy Baker, Cody Duncan, Shaylor Duncan, Allison Harman, Breanna Harmon, Mallory Jordan, Helena Peterson, Erin Roof, Savannah Warren and Hannah Williamson.**

Lexington High seniors receiving a Palmetto Fellows scholarship include: **Justin Berg, Tyler Bokor, Bonnie Brantley, William Bruinsma, Abigail Calvert, Elizabeth Carswell, Abigail Coskrey, Christopher Coskrey, Rosemary Coskrey, Madisyn Currie, Donovan Darlington, Anna Darnell, Michael Dembitsky, Taylor Dunlap, Madison Edwards, Bailey Feder, Brooke Feder, Ashley Fellers, Jolie Frazer-Madge, Emily Garrett, Madeline Goodman, Francis Halloran, Sydney Hughes, Rebecca Humphries, Dylan Hunter, Todd Long, Carley Mahanna, Trey Mitchell, Emily Phillips,**

**Zachary Pickler, Kristina Salvagin, Katarina Shafer, Tristan Simpson, Kaitlyn Thompson, Jacob Vining, Sydnee Wilke and Sydney Wilson.**

Pelion High seniors receiving a Palmetto Fellows scholarship include: **Julia Dales, Kayla Ennis, Kayla Ingle, Austin King, Dakota Shope, Elizabeth Smith and Daphne Thompson.**

Palmetto Fellows recipients from River Bluff High include: **William Allee, Griffin Bailey, Ansley Birchmore, Julia Bopp, James Buchman, Katherine Carrillo, John Cooley, Judson Cooper, Bernadine Daichendt, Jacob Darnell, Elizabeth Farrar, Kyle Foster, Jason Fussell, Julie Hansard, Abigail Heldreth, Merrit Jones, Isabel Korn, Lauren Lacombe, Lillian Lawrence, Albon Loftis, Abby Moore, Ashley Nienhius, Lanz Pasig, Kimberly Porth, Sarah Pye, Blaire Rikard, Alexandra Shertzer, Cecelia Taylor, Erin Thompson, Kimberly Vonada, Trinh Vu and Emma Weick.**

Students receiving a Palmetto Fellows scholarship this year from White Knoll High include: **Connor Burdick, Hannah Burrell, Allyson Duvall, Garrett Harbin, Lindsey Hooks, Katelyn Jolley, Mikhail Kozhevnikov, Michaela Laffoday, Danica Leaphart, Charlseyy Maner, Nicole Moore, Bryan Noland, John Palmer, Chapel Rice, Tara Richbourg, Breanna Tindal, Nikita Tran, Lauren Walters and Kendall Weaver.**



# Honors and Achievements

## August 16, 2016

# 2016

## Spring Run Hard Championship First-Place Winners



Ten students from Lexington District One schools won first place at the 2016 Spring Run Hard Championship. Conducted as part of the Lexington Medical Center Governor's Cup, the race was held May 14 in Columbia.

Pleasant Hill Elementary School Fourth-Grader **Connor Forche** won first place overall in the boys division, while Saxe Gotha Elementary School Fifth-Grader **Carly Fuel** was the first girl to cross the finish line.

The top finishers for second grade were PHES Student **Camden Forche** in the boys division and Midway Elementary School Student **Madelyn Cathey** in the girls division.

MES Student **Brandon Corley** won first place for boys in the third grade. Placing first for third-graders in the girls division was Deerfield Elementary School Student **Madison Moore**.

PHES Student **Wyatt Wilson** placed first for boys in the fourth grade, while PHES Student **Ethan Kurtz** won first place for boys in the fifth grade.

**Logan Goodwin**, a Lexington Middle student, and **Guillermo Ramis**, from Pleasant Hill Middle, placed first for boys in the sixth and seventh grade, respectively.

Lexington District One congratulates all of the Lexington One students who competed in the 2016 Spring Run Hard Championship.

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## U.S. Presidential Scholars Semifinalist

Lexington High's **Elizabeth Farrar** is one of only 10 students in South Carolina to be named a semifinalist for the U.S. Presidential Scholars Program.

The U.S. Presidential Scholars Program was founded in 1964 and recognizes high-achieving students in the areas of academics, the arts, and career and technical skills. Each year, approximately 150 students from across the country are selected as U.S. Presidential Scholars based on their academic achievements and scores on the SAT or ACT.



## South Carolina State Taekwondo Association

# 2016 South Carolina State Championship First-Place Winners

Four Lexington District One students won a first-place award at this year's **South Carolina Taekwondo Association State Championship**.

**Ricky Rhodes** from Pelion High, **JohnRafael Perry** from Pelion Middle, and **Cecelia Coler** and **Taylor Willard** from White Knoll High all placed first in their poomsae and sparring competitions.

The students are coached by Randy Perry at Southern Dragon HapKiDo in Lexington.



### Palmetto State School Counselor Association President

**Anna Duvall**, Lexington High's director of guidance, was recently elected as president of the Palmetto State School Counselor Association.

Duvall will first serve as president-elect for 2016–2017 before becoming president of the association for 2017–2018. She'll wrap up her leadership tenure as immediate past president in 2018–2019.

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.

Duvall has been the director of guidance at LHS since 2013. She previously served as the director of counseling and advisement at White Knoll High School and the director of guidance at Gilbert High School.

## 2016 National School Public Relations Association Awards

# Golden Achievement Award

The **Lexington District One Communications Office** received multiple accolades from the National School Public Relations Association.

The Communications Office received a Golden Achievement Award for the 2015 Teacher of the Year Celebration and a Golden Achievement Award for the new Lexington District

One website; an Award of Merit for the “Lexington One Middle School Teacher Wins Prestigious Milken Educator Award” video produced in-house; and two Honorable Mention awards for “A Day in the Life of a Special Education Teacher and Finalist for District Teacher of the Year” video produced in-house and the Lexington School District One video produced with Splash Omnimedia, an outside contractor.

## 2016 SC/NSPRA

# Rewards for Excellence

Several Lexington District One schools were honored by the South Carolina chapter of the National School Public Relations Association (SC/NSPRA) with Rewards for Excellence Awards.

In the Golden Achievement Category, the **Lexington District One Communications Office** earned recognition for the 2015 Teacher of the Year Celebration, Lexington One in One video series and the new Lexington District One website.

Additionally, the Communications Office received a Rewards for Excellence Award in the Special Purpose Publication Category for the 2015 Teacher of the Year Celebration program.

For a commemorative calendar celebrating the school’s 200th anniversary, **Tracy Shealy** from Oak Grove Elementary also received a Rewards for Excellence Award in the Special Purpose Publication Category.

Four Lexington District One staff received a Rewards for Excellence Award in the Newsletter Category. **Paula Miller** from White Knoll High, **Renee Padgett** from Gilbert High, **Janet Ricard** from Saxe Gotha Elementary and **Tracy Taylor** from Gilbert Middle were commended by SC/NSPRA for their work keeping parents and students up to date on school happenings.

**Paula Miller** of WKHS also received a Rewards for Excellence Award in the Photography Category.

In the Website Category, **Clark Cooper** and **Barbara Johnson** from Pelion High and **Lawton Swann** from Saxe Gotha Elementary received a Rewards for Excellence Award for maintaining a strong online presence for their schools.



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