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NEWS RELEASE — FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Monday, June 7, 2021

Lexington District One readies for five graduations

LEXINGTON, S.C. — Lexington County School District One honors 1,770 graduates this week (Tuesday, June 8, through Saturday, June 12).

The district's goal is to have the most authentic graduation ceremonies possible while working hard to keep everyone safe. Schools will protect graduates, their six guests, and staff at all times while they are on campus through strict adherence to social distancing guidelines.

All graduations will take place on stadium fields at 8 a.m. Although the ceremonies will happen early in the morning, the ceremonies have been modified to reduce the amount of time the graduates will need to be in the sun in their robes.

All staff, graduates, and their families will arrive at pre-assigned times. Unvaccinated individuals are asked to wear masks.

The district will livestream each modified commencement ceremony and post the video on the district's website.

About the Tuesday, June 8, Pelion High School Graduation

146 students will receive diplomas.

There are 53 honor graduates.

Graduates received about \$13 million in scholarships.

Interesting fact — This class boasts not one but two student-athletes, Deshontez M. Gray (football) and William J. Jeffcoat (football), who will attend the United States Military Academy at West Point.

The livestream link is <https://bit.ly/PHSgraduation21>.

About the Wednesday, June 9, Gilbert High School Graduation

253 students will receive diplomas.

There are 80 honor graduates.

Graduates received about \$15.6 million in scholarships.

Interesting fact — 2021 Graduate Tucker Veronee is the reigning 2020 Bass Fishing World Champion. He competes again this summer.

The livestream link is <https://bit.ly/GHSgraduation21>.

About the Thursday, June 10, White Knoll High School Graduation

435 students will receive diplomas.

There are 142 (corrected 06-08-2021) honor graduates.

Graduates received more than \$31 million in scholarships.

Interesting fact — The WKHS NJROTC program was named the Area 6 Most Improved Unit and a Distinguished United. Area 6 includes every NJROTC program within S.C. and N.C. (68 programs)

The livestream link is <https://bit.ly/WKHSgraduation21>.

About the Friday, June 11, Lexington High School Graduation

435 students will receive diplomas.

There are 231 honor graduates.

Graduates received more than \$59 million in scholarships.

Interesting fact — While freshmen, LHS became the first S.C. school named a National Banner Unified Champion School. Continuing to unify throughout their time at LHS, they created a Unity Wall to unite them during this challenging year.

The livestream link is <https://bit.ly/LHSgraduation21>.

About the Saturday, June 12, River Bluff High School Graduation

523 students will receive diplomas.

There are 266 honor graduates.

Graduates received about \$65.5 million in scholarships.

Interesting fact — One student, Savana N. Wolf, competes in the Archery World Championship the day before graduation.

The livestream link is <https://bit.ly/RBHSgraduation21>.

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Note: Although Lexington County School District Board of Trustees members will attend the graduation ceremonies, there will be no business conducted.