

PROOF POSITIVE

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



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2016 North-South Football All-Stars

Lexington County School District One will be represented by four all-stars at the upcoming North-South football game.

Gilbert High's **Catriez Cook**, Lexington High's **Gunnar Kennedy** and **Cameron Williams**, and White Knoll High's **Joe Beckett** will suit up for the South team this year.

The annual showcase of South Carolina's best players takes place December 10 in Myrtle Beach.

The North-South All-Star Game launched in 1947 as part of the state coaches' clinic in Columbia.

2016 S.C. State Fair First-Place Winner

Gilbert High's **Lindsey Berry** proved she has what it takes to win at the state level during the 2016 S.C. State Fair.

Berry ran two horses this year, placing first with one and third with another.

Berry and Dandy finished first in the pole bending competition and second in the arena race. Racing again on Bandit, Berry grabbed third place in the arena race and third in the pole bending competition.

Berry also won third place in barrel racing on Bandit.

After all of the speed events wrapped up, Berry and Dandy won the title of 16 through 18 Speed Event Reserve Champion.



2016 U.S. Army All-American Marching Band Member

For the second year in a row, a Lexington County School District One student represents White Knoll High School in a prestigious marching band.

Senior **Jennings Walker**, a member of the WKHS marching band, earned a spot on the 2017 U.S. Army All-American Marching Band, which performs at the U.S. Army All-American Bowl in January 2017.

A part of marching band and color guard all four years at WKHS, Walker follows WKHS Student **Alex DeLoach**, who was named to the band as a trumpet player in 2015.

While in San Antonio, Texas, for the U.S. Army All-American Bowl, Walker will learn from collegiate instructors from across the country, as well as members of the U.S. Army Field Band.

President's Volunteer Service Award Recipient

Lexington High's Paul Kim, also a student at Lexington Technology Center, received a presidential award for his commitment to community service.

Kim earned the President's Volunteer Service Award for this work through the Lexington Technology Center's HOSA program. For completing 104 service hours, Kim received the President's Volunteer Service Award Gold Level.

Paul volunteered at an extended care center for senior citizens, assisting the CNAs with daily tasks and with activities for the residents.

In addition, he played his violin every weekend for the patients in the Alzheimer's disease unit.

Award winners receive the official President's Volunteer Service Award pin, coin or medallion, a personalized certificate of achievement and a congratulatory letter from the President of the United States.

The President's Volunteer Service Award is an initiative of the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS) and is administered by Points of Light.



Carolina Panthers High School Coach of the Week

The Carolina Panthers could name a Lexington District One football coach coach of the year.

Lexington High Head Football Coach and Athletic Director **Josh Stepp** won a \$1,000 donation for his school when named Carolina Panthers High School Coach of the Week.

This season's Coach of the Week winners will attend the December 11 Panthers home game for the Coach of the Year announcement.

The Panthers' Coach of the Week program recognizes high school coaches who, through their hard work and dedication to young people, make a difference in the lives of their players, school and community.

Mid-Carolina Electric Cooperative Bright Ideas Grant Recipients

Mid-Carolina Electric Cooperative continues to support education through its Bright Ideas grant program. Through approximately \$16,000 in grants each year, Mid-Carolina Electric Cooperative seeks to energize local schools and classrooms.

Teachers apply for grant funds to support innovative ideas they want to share with their students.

Winners from Lexington District One are Deerfield Elementary's **Eryn Price**, Lexington High's **Janet Boltjes**, Meadow Glen Elementary's **Casey Davis**, New Providence Elementary's **Valerie Byrd Fort** and Oak Grove Elementary's **Amy Case**.

The winning projects include "Chameleons, Ants and Whales, Oh My!" at DES, "Don't Just Read History — Sew It!" at LHS, "Spinning Spheros" at NPES, "The Perfect Pair: Mathematics and Literacy" at MGES, and "Planet Heroes" at OGES. Teachers will purchase additional resources such as books, robotic technology and items to jumpstart a school recycling program.



S.C. Council for the Social Studies Thomas Lowell “Tom” Buckland Memorial Teacher of Excellence Award Winner



The South Carolina Council for the Social Studies selected Lexington High Social Studies Teacher **Jennifer Garrick** for the Thomas Lowell “Tom” Buckland Memorial Teacher of Excellence Award.

The SCCSS annually honors the outstanding performance of teachers, college professors, and other worthy individuals and programs promoting quality social studies instruction in the Palmetto State.

A teacher at Lexington District One for 18 years, Garrick currently teaches AP U.S. history and serves as coaching teacher.

She previously taught world geography, world history, economics, American government, AP American government and U.S. history.

After winning the award, Garrick earned a nomination for an award from the National Council for the Social Studies.

“Through her love of the profession and her passion for her subject matter, she creates a learning environment where excellence and caring are the norm,” said LHS Principal Melissa Rawl.

The S.C. Council of the Social Studies Board of Directors elected Garrick as elected vice president in September.

University of Chicago Outstanding Educator

A Lexington High teacher inspired former students so much that they nominated him for a prestigious award.

In October, Social Studies Teacher **Derek Allison** received the University of Chicago’s Outstanding Educator Award, an honor given by the University of Chicago’s Office of College Admissions.

For more than 30 years, the award has recognized teachers who influence, challenge and lead their students in exceptional ways.

Freshmen at the University of Chicago can nominate a teacher who inspired them, and hundreds submit letters to the University of Chicago’s Office of College Admissions each year.



2016 LEAP Winners

Funded solely by donations from Lexington District One employees, the Lexington Employee Assistance Plan offers financial assistance to employees and students in need, while the Lexington Education Assistance Plan supports educational initiatives including LexLearns, LexLeads and LexLives.

Donations are made during the two-week LEAP Campaign held at the beginning of each school year by the Lexington County School District One Educational Foundation. As part of the campaign, the foundation presents incentive awards based on participation.

The honorees for 2016 are Lake Murray Elementary (LEAP Representatives **Alice Anne Merritt** and **Christy Peters**, and Principal **Jennifer Stanley**); Maintenance Department (LEAP Representative **Donna Gaines** and Director **John Stehmeyer**); New Providence Elementary (LEAP Representatives **Kelly Watkins** and **Amy Wilson**, and Principal **Debbie Poole**); Pelion Elementary (LEAP Representatives **Doris Hawkins** and **Nita Spence**, and Principal **Wendy West**); Pleasant Hill Elementary (LEAP Representatives **Jenny Farmer** and **Jennifer Still**, and Principal **Margaret Mitchum**); and River Bluff High (LEAP Representatives **Susan Bennett** and **Stacy Clarke**, and Principal **Luke Clamp**).

Hurricane Matthew Volunteers

Bus drivers from the Lexington District One Transportation Office volunteered during Hurricane Matthew relief efforts Wednesday, October 5, through Friday, October 7, 2016.

Approximately 40 Lexington School District bus drivers traveled to the Charleston area and assisted in the evacuation of elderly residents from the hurricane’s path.

Director of Transportation **Bill Kurts** commended the group for staying positive while waiting for assignments and working as a team with drivers from other school districts.

Thank You!



School Board Members Jean Haggard and Dr. Brent Powers

Lexington County School District One would like to thank Jean Haggard and Dr. Brent Powers for their years of service on the Board of Trustees.

A veteran public educator, Haggard was elected in 2012 after retiring as principal of Pelion High.

She has a lengthy history of service to Lexington District One with 46 years as a teacher, guidance counselor, assistant principal and principal. In fact, she served 20 of those years as principal of Pelion High.

Haggard served on the Executive Committee of the South Carolina High School League and received the State of South Carolina's "Order of the Silver Crescent," an Honorary Doctor of Pedagogy degree from Newberry College and an honorary degree from South Carolina Future Farmers of America.

The Lexington District One Educational Office Professionals awarded Haggard with an Administrator of the Year Award, and she was also a finalist for the S.C. MetLife/National Association of Secondary Principal of the Year Award.

Haggard graduated from Newberry College with a bachelor's degree in natural sciences and from the

University of South Carolina with a master's degree in guidance and counseling, and a master's plus 30 hours in administration.

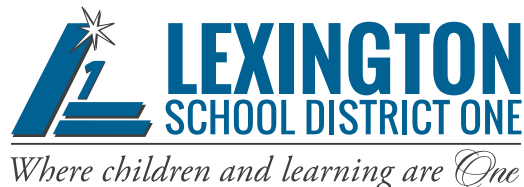
Also elected in 2012, Dr. Brent Powers serves Lexington County as Lexington Medical Center's Chief Medical Officer.

He previously served as the hospital's Vice President of Patient Safety and Quality from 2009 to 2011.

A father to three Lexington District One students, Powers received a bachelor's degree in chemistry from Wake Forest University, a doctorate of medicine from Bowman Gray School of Medicine and a Master of Business Administration in finance from Babcock Graduate School of Management.

Powers is a member of Mt. Horeb United Methodist Church where he serves as facilitator and member of adult small group ministries and a volunteer in vacation Bible school. He also served as a member of the Finance Committee.

Haggard and Powers have proven invaluable in their leadership and dedication to Lexington District One by giving freely of their time and talents with no expectations of financial reward.



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