

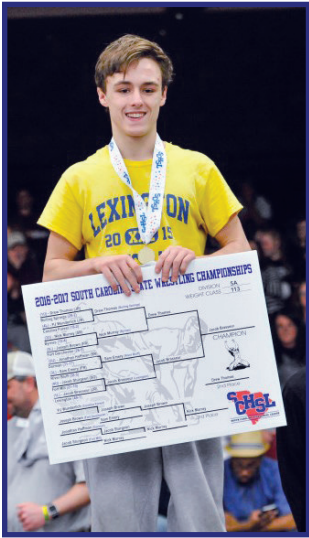


April 25, 2017 | Board of Trustees Meeting

# PROOF POSITIVE

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



## 2017 5A 113-pound Wrestling Individual State Champion

Lexington High Wrestler **Jacob L. Brasseur** won his first state title after steadily rising up the ranks in his first three seasons with the Wildcats.

Brasseur's victory gives Lexington High its 12th individual state wrestling champion. Brasseur was also named "Co-Wrestler of the Year" by *The State* newspaper.

Brasseur finished his junior year with a record of 52-1, pushing his overall career record to 157-7. In the state title match on February 25, Brasseur defeated a Boiling Springs wrestler 9-2 to win the 113-pound weight class.

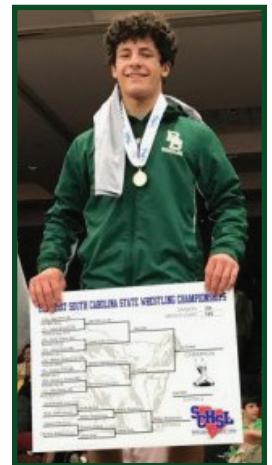
In his freshman season, Brasseur finished third at the state match, followed by a runner-up finish as a sophomore last year.

## 2017 5A 145-pound Wrestling Individual State Champion

River Bluff High Wrestler **Benjamin A. Emery** made history for his school on February 25. Competing in the 145-pound weight class, Emery won the state championship, the first individual state title for the RBHS wrestling program.

New to South Carolina and a junior for the Gator Grapplers, Emery finished his season with an impressive 40-1 record.

Emery also made the all-region team this year.



## 2017 South Carolina Strength Coaches Association 180-pound State Champion

Pelion High's **Dayrun T. Keith** added himself to the Lexington District One history books this year with an impressive show of strength.

Keith won the district's first South Carolina Strength Coaches Association state championship on March 25. Competing in the 180-pound weight class, he bested 20 other athletes from around South Carolina.



## 2017 5A State Wrestling Champions

River Bluff High added a new trophy this year as the Gator Grapplers won their first state wrestling title. Battling powerhouse Rock Hill High on February 25, RBHS won 31–30, denying Rock Hill its 19th state title.

RBHS's State title comes after the team won the school's first Lower State title, defeating Ashley Ridge 26–25 on February 8.

Members of the championship Gator Grapplers include **Wade E. Brazell, Edwin D. Brown, William J. Butler, Benjamin A. Emery, Samuel J. Emery, Dylan M. Granda, Dalton B. Hart, Fabian Leon, Hunter M. Lint, Isaac N. Ortega, Carlos N. Ortega Lopez, Parker H. Palmer, Jacob M. Scott, Connor N. Slattery and John G.W. Zahm.**

Head Coach Evan T. Moxie and Assistant Coaches Joseph A. Cummings, Taylor Bell and Adam Powalie lead the Gator Grapplers.



## 2017 SC 4-H Hippology Contest First-Place Winners

Three Lexington District One students won first-place awards during the South Carolina 4-H Hippology Contest this February.

During the contest, students took a written exam about all things equine, judged horses, identified equestrian items and their uses, and used problem-solving skills.

Gilbert High's **Sianna M. Smith** and Lexington High's **Loni M. McKenzie** and **Hailey N. Williamson** competed together as Lexington Senior Team A. They took first place in the senior division.

Deerfield Elementary Fifth-Grade Teacher **Kimberly R. Williamson** coached the students for the contest.



## 2017 South Carolina Future Business Leaders of America Leadership Conference First-Place Winners

Students won individual and team first-place awards during the S.C. Future Business Leaders of America Conference, held March 17–18. Representing Lexington Technology Center’s FBLA chapter, students from Lexington High and White Knoll High won awards in accounting, investments and other finance-related categories.

First-place winners from LTC included LHS’s **Carlisa M. Ancrum**, **Caroline E. Beaty**, **Jason H. Brantley**, **John “Jack” P. Farley**, **Audra N. Knight**, **Alexis R. Marsh** and **Andrew F. Thomason**, and WKHS’s **Briana M. Cain**.

These students compete at the national level June 27 through July 3 in Anaheim, California.



## 2017 S.C. Wrestling Coaches Association North-South All-Star

Three Lexington District One athletes represented their schools during the 2017 South Carolina Wrestling Coaches Association North-South All-Star Classic, held March 3–4 in North Myrtle Beach.

Following stellar seasons, Lexington High’s Kessler C. Derrick and River Bluff High’s Fabian Leon and Carlos N. Ortega Lopez participated in the two days of matches against other top high school wrestlers.

During his high school career, Derrick won the region title twice and qualified for the state match twice.

At this season’s state meet on February 25, Leon finished as runner-up in the 285-pound weight class, and Ortega Lopez finished fourth in the 152-pound weight class.



## 2017 South Carolina Youth Wrestling Association 12U 60-pound State Wrestling Champion

It’s not just Lexington District One high schools that boasted state wrestling champions this year. Pleasant Hill Elementary’s **Teague J.L. Strobel** won a youth wrestling championship.

As a fifth-grader, Strobel won the 2017 South Carolina Youth Wrestling Association 12U 60-pound State Wrestling Championship.

He went undefeated statewide this year for his third straight state title.

## 2017 South Carolina Wrestling Coaches Association 5A Region 5 Coach of the Year

River Bluff High Head Wrestling Coach Evan T. Moxie led his team to a state title and picked up an individual award along the way.

Moxie was named 5A Region 5 Coach of the Year by the South Carolina Wrestling Coaches Association. The Gator Grapplers won their first state title, besting Rock Hill High 31–30, on February 25. RBHS also won the Lower State title on February 8 against Ashley Ridge.

Under Moxie's leadership, six RBHS wrestlers were named to *The State* newspaper's All-Midlands wrestling team.



## 2017 South Carolina Health Occupations Students of America State Leadership Conference First-Place Winners

The future of medicine is in good hands according to the results of the 2017 South Carolina HOSA State Leadership Conference. Students from four Lexington District One high schools brought home first-place awards in categories ranging from pathophysiology to biomedical debate to veterinary science.

Representing Lexington Technology Center's HOSA chapter, winners from Lexington High included **Trevor A. Bond**, **Paul T. Kim**, **Ratna H. Patel** and **Winni Zheng**.

White Knoll High's **Jennifer F. Tucker** won first place while representing WKHS's HOSA chapter, while fellow WKHS students **Caitlin D. Murray** and **Jenny L. Nankoua Yongue** represented the district's Center for Public Health and Advanced Medical Studies with first-place wins.

Gilbert High's HOSA first-place winners included **Blythe A. Faulkner**, **Marena O. Fleming**, **Isabella D. Fralick**, **Harliann N. Hendrix**, **Andrew L. Kyzer**, **Kayla R. LaCroix**, **Cheyenne N. McCune**, **Leanne N. McCune**, **Lara K. Pritchard**, **Yessica Ramirez** and **Abigail R. Wills**.

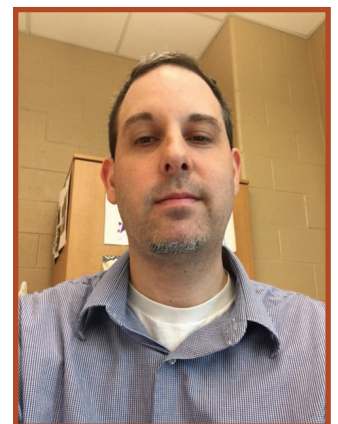
River Bluff High's **R. Colton Metcalfe** also picked up first place representing RBHS's HOSA chapter.

## 2017 South Carolina Health Occupations Students of America Outstanding Service Award

In addition to first-place student winners, Lexington District One educators returned from the South Carolina HOSA State Leadership Conference with awards.

**Nicholas J. Hanle** won the Outstanding Service Award as adviser of the HOSA chapter at the district's Center for Public Health and Advanced Medical Studies on campus at White Knoll High.

Advisers receive the Outstanding Service Award for going above and beyond to plan and implement HOSA events throughout the school year for their students.





## AdvancED STEM Certified School

During the March AdvancED certification process at Lexington District One, one school received extra recognition for its relevant and student-focused instruction.

Lexington Technology Center became a STEM Certified school, joining a network of certified schools and programs around the world.

As a STEM Certified school, LTC has access to new opportunities available through the partnership between the S.C. Department of Education and S.C. S<sup>2</sup>TEM Centers.

LTC will renew its application each year for the next five years in order to maintain certification.



## 2017 South Carolina Wrestling Coaches Association North-South All-Star Coach

In March, Lexington High Assistant Wrestling Coach **R. Mitch Hudson** returned to the mat to coach all-star wrestlers from across the state.

Hudson was invited to coach for the South squad during the 2017 South Carolina Wrestling Coaches Association North-South All-Star Classic, held March 3-4 in North Myrtle Beach.



## AT&T Internet Service Teacher Grant Recipient

A Midway Elementary teacher won extra funding for her classroom for exceptional usage of the internet. **Stephanie Hunt** received a \$1,000 AT&T Internet Service Teacher grant.

To win the grant, Hunt created a short video explaining how she uses internet-connected technology in her resource classroom. She plans to use the funding to purchase technology for special needs students.

## South Carolina Health Occupations Students of America Chair-Elect

A White Knoll High educator holds an important position within a state organization dedicated to preparing high schoolers for their future careers.

Katrina L. Haynes, WKHS instructor and WKHS HOSA adviser, serves as chair-elect of the South Carolina Health HOSA.

The largest organization for students enrolled in health science and biomedical sciences programs, HOSA aims to develop leaders and create awareness of careers in the health sciences arena. Participating in their local HOSA chapter, students are able to practice academics, technical, leadership and teamwork skills.



## Mark Your Calendar

**General Fund Operating Budget  
Fiscal Year 2018 (School Year 2017–2018)**

Second Reading — May 16, 2017 Board Meeting

Third Reading — June 27, 2017 Board Meeting





## South Carolina Association of School Business Officials 2017 Outstanding South Carolina School Business Official

Lexington District One Fiscal Services' Accounting Director **Deena S. Bishop** received one of the South Carolina Association of School Business Officials' top awards last month.

A 20-year member of SCASBO and a former SCASBO board member for seven years, Bishop won the 2017 Outstanding South Carolina School Business Official award in recognition of her exemplary service to Lexington District One and the school business officials' profession.

During her tenure on the SCASBO board, Bishop held each officer position and assisted in the hiring of the organization's first executive director. She also led the way for SCASBO to begin offering a School Business Official and School Specialist certification program, completing the course herself in 2015.

At Lexington District One, Bishop played a crucial role in implementing a new financial software program and is part of the team that's earned more than 20 Government Finance Officers Association Certificates of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting and 20 Association of School Business Officials International Certificates of Excellence in Financial Reporting.

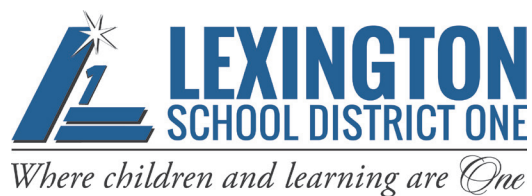
## South Carolina State Council of the International Reading Association's Reading Matters Author

A Lake Murray Elementary teacher's passion for literacy earned her a spot in the latest edition of a statewide scholarly journal.

As part of her master's program at the University of South Carolina, Fourth-Grade Teacher **Tricia M. Huff** submitted an article to *Reading Matters*, a publication of the South Carolina State Council of the International Reading Association.



In "Bringing Read-Alouds Back Alive," Huff described why read-alouds are one of her favorite instructional practices. She explained that not only can read-alouds introduce a new topic, but teachers can also use read-alouds to build community with students and encourage their love of reading.



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