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

Ledell Wins Multiple Track and Field Awards

At the end of his high school career, a River Bluff High student cemented his legacy by adding two more state titles and a national title to his lengthy list of accomplishments.

Senior **Desmond J. Ledell** won the triple jump event at the New Balance Nationals Outdoor on June 17 in Greensboro. He jumped a personal best 50'6" and was also named an All-American.

During the South Carolina track and field championships on May 12–13, Ledell brought home two major victories. Competing in the 5A triple jump competition, Ledell made history as the first and only South Carolina student-athlete to claim the triple jump state title four times. In his final triple jump event as a Gator, Ledell made a 49'1" jump to claim the title.

The previous day, Ledell also won a state title with a 23'10" jump in the 5A long jump event, improving on his fourth-place long jump finish from last year.

Additionally, Ledell won the Gatorade South Carolina Boys Track and Field Player of the Year award, an honor reserved for the nation's most outstanding high school athletes. Ledell plans to continue his track and field career at Clemson University.



South Carolina Speech and Theatre Association 2017 Middle School Festival First-Place Winner

Pleasant Hill Middle School Eighth-Grader **Kathryn D. Capili** commanded the stage at a state drama competition this spring. Capili competed at the South Carolina Speech and Theatre Association's Middle School Festival alongside hundreds of South Carolina theater students, taking first place in Solo Acting with her performance.

Capili has also been accepted into the South Carolina Governor's School of the Arts and Humanities' Summer Discovery program.



Ratna Patel



Sydney Womack



Sergei Alexeev



John Clemens

2017 National Merit Scholarship Winners

Four Lexington District One seniors, **Sergei O. Alexeev**, **John M. Clemens**, **Ratna H. Patel** and **Sydney J. Womack**, won prestigious National Merit scholarship offers.

Lexington High's Ratna H. Patel and River Bluff High's Sydney J. Womack each received a \$2,500 National Merit Scholarship as part of the 2017 National Merit Scholarship Program.

The National Merit Scholarship Corporation chose Patel and Womack from a group of more than 15,000 finalists. Winners must have an extensive list of academic and community service accomplishments, high marks on standardized tests, a memorable personal essay and a recommendation written by a high school official.

Patel plans to pursue a career in neurology, while Womack will study biomedical engineering.

Lexington High's Sergei O. Alexeev and White Knoll High's John M. Clemens received National Merit Scholarships financed by the college they plan to attend. Colleges and universities fund approximately 3,200 scholarships from \$500 to \$2,000 annually for up to four years of undergraduate study.

Alexeev plans to study medicine at the University of South Carolina, while Clemens will pursue civil engineering at Clemson University.

This year's National Merit Scholarship Program began in October 2015 when more than 1.6 million juniors from across the country took the Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test.



2017 5A Region Coaches of the Year

Two Lexington District One coaches received recognition for outstanding leadership and winning seasons. River Bluff High Head Baseball Coach **Mark Bonnette** and White Knoll High Head Softball Coach **April Farr** were named 5A Region Coaches of the Year, awards voted on by their fellow coaches.

RBHS baseball came up just one game short in their quest for the school's first baseball state championship. Under Bonnette's leadership, the Gators finished the season with a record of 29-7, winning lower state, region and district championships.

The WKHS Timberwolves also chalked up the same remarkable run. Though they ended their season as runners-up for the state title, the team claimed a region championship, district championship and lower state championship on their way to a 28-4 record.



2017 South Carolina Baseball Coaches Association North-South All-Stars

The South Carolina Baseball Coaches Association invited seven Lexington District One baseball players to play in the annual North-South all-star games. The Select North-South and North-South games were played May 23-25.

Lexington High's **Jon B. Scott** and River Bluff High's **Aaron J. Adams** and **Walker S. McDowell** played on the South Select team. The South Select narrowly lost to the North Select team 5-4.

Lexington High's **J. Dalton Lansdowne** and White Knoll High's **Ryan W. Harbin** competed on the South 1A/2A/5A team, which bested the North 1A/2A/5A team 10-0.

Gilbert High's **Jacob B. Rye** and Pelion High's **Austin A. Fogle** helped lead the South 3A/4A team to a 14-11 victory over the North 3A/4A.



Scott



Harbin



(L to R) Adams and McDowell



Lansdowne



Rye



Fogle (center)

2017 South Carolina Coaches Association of Women's Sports North-South Softball All-Stars

Three Lexington District One softball standouts showcased their skills during the 2017 North-South All-Star game, held June 14-15.

River Bluff High's **Caitlyn M. Burke** and White Knoll High's **Taylor O. Antley** played on the South 5A/2A/1A team, which lost to the North 5A/2A/1A team in a 3-2 game.

Gilbert High's **Skylar E. Maroney** competed with the South 4A/3A team. After falling to the North 4A/3A team in a 6-1 game, the South 4A/3A bested the South 5A/2A/1A team 6-5 on the second day of the all-star tournament.



Burke



Antley



Maroney (front center)

2017 South Carolina National Archery in the Schools Program High School State Champion

White Knoll High Junior **Chandler M. Klotz** can boast that she hits her target nearly every time her arrow flies.

Aiming and hitting the bull's-eye multiple times, Klotz shot the highest individual score of any female at the 12th annual South Carolina National Archery in the Schools Program State Championship, held March 30. Shooting a 292 out of a possible 300, she tallied the highest score of anyone, male or female, at the high school state tournament.

Klotz followed up her impressive shooting at the state level with a trip to the 2017 National Archery in the Schools Program Nationals on May 11. Among 11th-grade girls, she finished 38th out of 510 competitors with a score of 285 out of 300.

Klotz began competing in archery three years ago.



2017 South Carolina National Archery in the Schools Program IBO 3-D Challenge Middle School State Champion

Carolina Springs Middle's **Sarah E. "Alex" Thomas** showed impressive poise and adaptability when competing in the 2017 South Carolina National Archery in the Schools Program IBO 3-D Challenge Middle School State Championship.

As a first-year competitor, Thomas finished first in the 3-D event. In competition, she shot six different 3-D targets representing sheep, turkey, coyote, antelope, deer and bear. She topped 66 other middle school students with a score of 285 out of 300.

During the 2017 National Archery in the Schools Program National IBO 3-D Challenge held May 11, Thomas scored 267 to finish 136th out of 764 female middle school competitors.



2017 South Carolina National Archery in the Schools Program Middle School State Champions

During its inaugural year in competition, the Carolina Springs Middle School Huskies took the state archery title on March 29 during the 2017 South Carolina 12th annual National Archery in the Schools State Tournament.

Competing against 15 other middle schools from around the state, CSMS archers finished with a total score of 3,219 to claim the championship. Scoring was determined by taking the top 12 individual scores from each team. CSMS shot the highest score of any middle school all season.

Members of the winning team include **Bree E. Areheart, Connor R. Beck, Lauren E. Bodvake, C. Jackson Cash, J. Revée Clegg, Jamari A. Dewitt, Irving J. Domenech,**

Savannah L. Gunter, Devynne L. Harling, Cassidy L. Hutto, Kalin M. Hutto, Kathleen V. Kershner, Alexander M. Massengill, Owen C. McLeod, Landon E. Mook, Anthony D. Pack, C. Thomas Schofield, Wyatt E. Stevens, Connor M. Temple, Victoria P. Templeton, Sarah E. "Alex" Thomas, Corinne E. White, Anthony J. Wittman and Cassidy R. Woodard.

This season, CSMS finished first, second or third in every tournament they competed in leading up to state.

The team's eighth-graders also participated in the IBO 3-D Challenge during the state tournament, finishing a mere seven points short of first place.

Summer Reading Camp Community Partnership Grant Recipient

Thanks to a state grant, Pelion Elementary students benefit from improved access to literacy this summer.

Literacy Coach **Jennifer L. Hamrick**, Reading Interventionist **Bonnie S. Owens** and Principal **Wendy S. West** successfully applied for a South Carolina Summer Reading Camp Community Partnership Grant, resulting in PES's selection as one of 20 schools and community organizations to receive funding.

According to the South Carolina Department of Education, the community partnership program aims to expand on existing summer reading camps. Summer reading makes it possible for students who are working toward grade-level reading proficiency to receive quality instructional services during their summer break.

The award of \$49,600 supports PES's summer reading partnership with the Lexington County Public Library system's Pelion Branch, Eau Claire Cooperative Health Center's Pelion Family Practice, Pelion High School Athletics and Florence Baptist Church.





2017 South Carolina Chapter of the National School Public Relations Association Rewards for Excellence Winners

Lexington District One received multiple accolades for using engaging communication methods to reach parents and the community. Four schools and the district's Office of Communications won 2016–2017 South Carolina chapter of the National School Public Relations Association Rewards for Excellence awards.

Gilbert High's Principal **E. Ann O'Cain** received recognition in the Annual Report category for the School Improvement Council Report to Parents. In the Newsletter category, awards went to Gilbert Middle's **Tracy M. Taylor**, Pelion High's **Deborah F. Oswald** and Saxe Gotha Elementary's **Janet B. Ricard** for their school newsletter.

Gilbert Middle's **Jennifer L. Byrd** received recognition in the Special Purpose Video category for the "What Did GMS Do This Week?" staff video.

The **Office of Communications** received recognition in both the Calendar and Print Advertisement categories for the 2016–2017 Academic Calendar and an advertisement placed in The State newspaper in appreciation of the district being voted Best Public School District in The State's Best 2016 reader contest.





Lexington District One Educational Office Professionals 2016–2017 Award Recipients

The Lexington District One Educational Office Professionals honored two dedicated employees with top awards.

Chief Financial Officer **John C. Butler** won the 2017 Administrator of the Year award, while Carolina Springs Middle Executive Secretary **Jill A. Ford** won the 2017 Office Professional of the Year award.

LDOEOP will submit Butler and Ford as contenders for state-level awards in the annual state competition held by the South Carolina Association of Educational Office Professionals.



Tammy Ricard

Michelin North America Lexington's 2017 A Better Way Forward Winners

Michelin honors two teachers every year — one from Red Bank Elementary and one from Saxe Gotha Elementary — who embody Michelin's slogan of "A Better Way Forward." Honorees receive a special prize which typically includes funding for a leadership or educational conference.

Michelin North America Lexington selected RBES Third-Grade Teacher Tammy R. Ricard and SGES Special Education Teacher Susanne R. Senn as the 2017 winners of the "A Better Way Forward" award from the teachers nominated by the two schools.

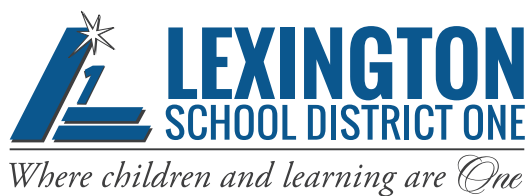
Michelin's "A Better Way Forward" awards recognize teachers for "exemplary progress and professionalism in delivering an innovative and personalized educational approach to the children under their care."



Susanne Senn



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