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# **Research Foundation** Children's Congress Delegate

As an eighth-grader at Meadow Glen Middle, Julian M. Negron was invited to be a 2017 delegate for the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation Children's Congress July 24–26.

Student delegates from all 50 states travel to Washington, D.C., every two years to meet with government officials and help them understand what life is like for children living with Type 1 diabetes. Delegates advocate for funding for treatment and research as scientists work toward a cure.

Negron and his family have a long history of advocating for diabetes research. His mother had gestational diabetes with both of her pregnancies, and Negron was diagnosed with Type 1 diabetes in 2015. As a family, the Negrons volunteered at the Palmetto Chapter's JDRF One Walk and Hope Gala events for several years, with Negron serving as a JDRF Youth Ambassador.

He aspires to be a pediatric endocrinologist.

#### 2017 South Carolina Coaches Association of **Women's Sports**

### 5A Girls Soccer Player of the Year

Lexington High's Megan J. Classer kicked her way into the Lady Wildcats record books this season, earning her the title of 2017 5A Girls Soccer Player of the Year from the South Carolina Coaches Association of Women's Sports.

As a junior, Classer powered the Lady Wildcats into the 5A Lower State title match, where the team narrowly lost 2–1 in sudden-death overtime.

Classer led the Lady Wildcats in nearly every category this season, with 132 shots, 81 shots on goal and 29 goals. During a match against Blythewood, Classer scored her 93rd career goal, pushing her over the record previously held by LHS Hall of Fame athlete Ginny Wolf.

Classer finished her junior season with 100 career goals. She plans to play for the College of Charleston upon graduation.



#### 2017 South Carolina High School Soccer Coaches Association

# North-South Boys All-Stars

Gilbert High's Matthew A. Crews, Lexington High's Samuel T. Plumer, River Bluff High's Evan S. Dowdy, Marcelo A. Malpartida, Hampton T. Scott and Connor N. Slattery, and White Knoll High's Victor O.C. Oladipo earned a trip to the 2017 South Carolina High School Soccer Coaches Association all-star games.

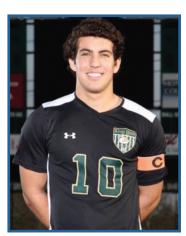
Malpartida, Oladipo and Slattery played against the best players from North Carolina during the 2017 Clash of the Carolinas match, held July 8. Their team tied with North Carolina 2–2.

Two weeks prior on June 24, Crews, Dowdy, Plumer and Scott played for the South squad during the 2017 North-South Soccer Classic. Plumer, who scored one goal and assisted on the game-winning goal, was named the South's Most Outstanding Player following the 3–2 victory.









Crews

Plumer

Dowdy

Malpartida







Slattery



Oladipo



#### 2017 South Carolina High School Soccer Coaches Association

## **North-South Girls All-Stars**

Lexington High's Madison I. Carrier, Gabrielle E. Carter and Callaway B. Grady, River Bluff High's C. Bryce Kinard, Bailey L. Schaberg and Jordan E. Thomas, and White Knoll High's Harley D. King and Kassie D. Lee represented their schools and Lexington District One during the South Carolina High School Soccer Coaches Association all-star games.

Grady and Thomas played alongside South Carolina's top prep soccer players during the Clash of the Carolinas on July 8. Their team lost to the North Carolina all-stars 4–0.

During the North-South Soccer Classic on June 24, the teams battled to a 1–1 tie, with Kinard tallying six saves while on duty as goalie. Carrier, Carter, King, Lee and Schaberg also participated in the match.





# 2017 Palmetto Fellows Scholarship Recipients

More than 100 Lexington District One 2017 graduates earned the opportunity to apply for the prestigious Palmetto Fellows Scholarship this year.

Gilbert High students eligible to receive the scholarship include Tyler W. Berry, Nicholas T. Best, Jackson A. Dennis, Marshall R. Hallman, Hannah L. Jumer, Natalie M. Lewis, Jacob B. Rye, Breanna M. Spruell, Meredith K. Stegall, David W. Walker and Anthony S. Wills.

Eligible students from Lexington High include Sergei Alexeev, Megan I. Batey, Erin L. Bedenbaugh, Katherine A. Benza, Hannah J. Boyer, Samuel V. Bryant, Margaret E. Carpenter, James M. Clayton, Jacob N. Espinoza, Jessica N. Fields, Gavin B. Gordon, Callaway B. Grady, Natalie D. Huxtable, Ashley M. Jacoby, Leah E. Kincaid, James R. King, Brittany A. Lacy, Katia G. Leach, Margaret K. Mahoney, Grace A. Martin, Griffin D. McMillan, Justin R. Myers, Liam A. Myhill, Ratna H. Patel, Ryan G. Perry, Alexandra A. Prost, Austin J. Rich, Joshua S. Rives, Summer A. Rogers, Brandon P. Royer, Jack E. Shealy, Andrew K. Smith, Hendrix E. Smith, Zackary J. Smith, Elizabeth A. Stiles, Lake E. Summers, Rachel E. Wayt, Kyle D. Williams, Logan M. Williams, Carleigh H. Zee and Jesse Zhao.

Pelion High students eligible to receive a Palmetto Fellows Scholarship include **Patricia S. Cogdill, Hannah A. Kessler, Cassidy M. Outlaw** and **Abigail M. Porth.**  Eligible students from River Bluff High include Lauren O. Blankenbeckler, Mary C. Boyt, Mehmet E. Cakir, Anastasiya Chumanevich, Mihir Dutta, Mingke Fu, Jenna K. Furtick, Erin R. Gobbi, Lane T. Henry, Haley N. Hill, Kimberly G. Hubbard, Ian M. Jones, Caroline M. Kroll, Katherine F. Laughridge, Georgia T. Loadholt, Martha S. Miller, Iriana K. Molusky, Roberta R.M. Moran, Tristan J.W. Murphy, John T. "J.T." Parrish, Sage K. Phelps, Meredith C. Sharpe, MaryElena Sumerau, Louis M. "Trey" Trapp, Brittany L. Valdario, Matthew D. Vello, Sydney J. Womack, Kristina L. Wuchenich and Carly A. Yates.

White Knoll High students eligible to receive a Palmetto Fellows Scholarship include Bailey S. Agee, Erin L. Alexander, Elizabeth A. Allen, Ashley R. Blick, Alison R. Britigan, Lauren R. Bullard, Alexander S. Bustamante, John M. Clemens, Lindsey O. Collins, Jonathan T. Dattilio, Raeven A. Flake, Kassie D. Lee, Eric K. Lewis, Daniel A.S. Quigley, Mark A. Shepherd, Laurel B. Sides, Haley C. Swett, Emily K. Whitsett and Joshua M. Young.

Established in 1988 by the South Carolina Commission on Higher Education, the Palmetto Fellows Scholarship is awarded to 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.





# South Carolina Association of School Administrators 2017 Career and Technology Administrator of the Year

W. Bryan Hearn received a state award in his fourth year as director at Lexington Technology Center. For his dedication to preparing Lexington District One students for the workforce area they choose, Hearn was recognized as the 2017 Career and Technology Administrator of the Year by the South Carolina Association of School Administrators.

An 18-year veteran of public education, Hearn began his career in 1999 as a mathematics teacher at Oakbrook Middle School in Dorchester School District Two. In 2003, he transferred to Summerville High School to serve as ninth-grade academy team captain for one year before joining Wando High in the Charleston County School District as assistant principal in 2004.

Hearn became director of the Lexington Technology Center for the 2013–2014 school year and recently joined Pelion High as the new principal.

## South Carolina FFA Association Honorary State FFA Degree Recipient

Pelion High's R. Clark Cooper earned a new degree this summer from a unique source.

Cooper attended the South Carolina FFA Association State Convention, held June 7–9, and returned with an Honorary State FFA Degree. The honorary degree program is the South Carolina FFA Association's highest honor.

According to the organization, farmers, school superintendents, principals, FFA chapter advisers and teachers are eligible to receive an Honorary State FFA Degree for outstanding service to agricultural education and FFA.

As Pelion High's principal, Cooper was recognized for his support of the school's FFA chapter, as well as the South Carolina FFA Association. PHS's FFA chapter has won countless state competitions and placed in the top 10 at national events.

Cooper was recently named Lexington District One's director of student services.





Back row (from left) Charles E. Farmer and Allison Sabb-Glenn

Front row (from left) Baylis Scott and Secretary Angie Derrenbacher

# Recognized American School Counselor Association Model Program

Under the leadership of Director of Counseling Charles E. Farmer and School Counselors Allison Sabb-Glenn and Baylis Scott, Gilbert Middle earned a noteworthy accolade this spring.

GMS is now a Recognized American School Counselor Association Model Program school, following the successful implementation of a comprehensive, data-driven school counseling program for its students. This is a recognition given by the American School Counselor Association.

Only about 700 schools nationwide have earned RAMP status. Farmer, Sabb-Glenn and Scott were recognized during the ASCA National Conference on July 10.

Thirteen other Lexington District One school counseling programs, including Carolina Springs Middle, Forts Pond Elementary, Lake Murray Elementary, Lexington High, Lexington Middle, Midway Elementary, Pelion High, Pelion Middle, Pleasant Hill Middle, Rocky Creek Elementary, White Knoll Elementary, White Knoll High and White Knoll Middle, also earned RAMP status.



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Contact these people if you have questions regarding these issues at 100 Tarrar Springs Road, Lexington, SC 29072 and telephone number 803-821-1000.