



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

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LEXINGTON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT ONE

Proof Positive

ACTR names LHS's Kim Russian Scholar Laureate

In recognition of his outstanding usage and comprehension of the Russian language, Lexington High's Paul T. Kim now holds the title of Russian Scholar Laureate.

The American Council of Teachers of Russian designates Russian Scholar Laureates each school year after teachers nominate an outstanding sophomore and junior from their school each spring.

Kim won two gold medals last school year for his Russian language proficiency — first in the National Russian Essay, followed by a second medal at the ACTR Olympiada of Spoken Russian.

Now a senior at LHS, Kim began studying Russian in the fall of 2017.



Pelion student works the sidelines at Shrine Bowl

Pelion High Senior Dalton E. Bird's diligence in the classroom earned him a unique honor at the annual Shrine Bowl of the Carolinas.

Using knowledge and skills gained through PHS's sports medicine program, Bird received an invitation to work as a student athletic trainer at the Shrine Bowl. Organizers honor only two students from South Carolina each year.

The South Carolina Athletic Trainers' Association chooses student trainers for the game. Bird's invitation marks the third time in 22 years that SCATA recognized students from PHS's sports medicine program.

Bird assisted at the Shrine Bowl, held Dec. 15, 2018, at Wofford College.



Darrius Bell



Jacob Burgess



George Storm

All-star seniors shine in final game

Gilbert High's Darrius T. Bell and Jacob D. Burgess, and Pelion High's George W. Storm culminated their high school football careers with invitations to the annual North-South All-Star Game.

Anchoring the line on both sides of the ball, Bell on defense and Burgess on offense, all-stars pushed GHS into the second round of the 3A playoffs. Bell finished the year with 96 tackles (14 tackles for loss), eight sacks and two forced fumbles.

Protecting the GHS quarterback, Burgess's performance as a lineman graded more than 90 percent for the year with 45 pancake blocks.

Playing at linebacker, tight end and halfback for the Panthers, Storm helped lead PHS into the first round of the 3A playoffs. He recorded 54 tackles (three tackles for loss) and one sack on defense. He also made five catches for 59 yards and one touchdown on offense.

Held Saturday, Dec. 15, 2018, at Coastal Carolina University, the annual showcase of high school seniors allowed players to compete against "the best of the best" from their state.

Bump! Set! Seniors!

Lexington High's Janie E. Mosier and Maggie G. Salley, and Pelion High's Madison D. Nicholson capped off their high school volleyball careers at the North-South All-Star Volleyball Game. Mosier and Salley played for the 4A/5A South Team, while Nicholson played for the 1A/2A/3A South Team. Selected by the S.C. Coaches Association of Women's Sports, these players made a significant impact on and off the court.

LHS's duo of seniors saw their LHS team through the 5A Lower State playoffs, where the Wildcats fell to Wando in the Lower State finals.

Salley finished her high school career with 369 digs, 35 aces, 342 kills and 36 blocks in 44 matches.

Playing in 46 matches, Mosier finished with 55 assists, 298 digs, 41 aces and three kills.

A mainstay on the PHS Panthers volleyball program for years, Nicholson ended her career with 514 assists, 365 digs, 114 aces and 76 kills. She served as a captain her senior year.

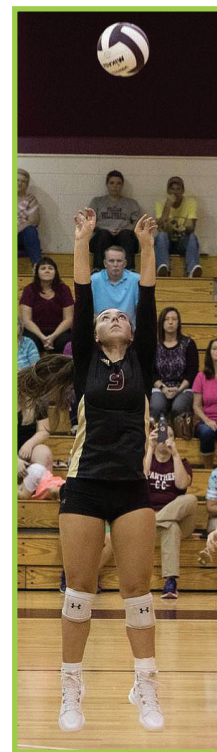
Mosier, Nicholson and Salley played all-star games held Nov. 17, 2018, at Erskine College.



Maggie Salley



Janie Mosier



Madison Nicholson



PHMS and RBHS yearbook staffs win top honors

Tasked with preserving the year's memories for all to enjoy, yearbook staffs at Pleasant Hill Middle and River Bluff High received the S.C. Scholastic Press Association's highest honor, the Palmetto Award, for their 2017–2018 yearbooks. Both schools also received a superior rating for their 2017–2018 yearbooks.

Pleasant Hill Middle's 2017–2018 yearbook, *In the Moment*, won the Palmetto Award in Class 1.

Yearbook staff included Trinity C. Bullock, Noelle G. Burman, Meredith A. Cook, Zander K. Jeffcoat, Layla D. Kennedy, Katelyn G. McCormick, Shelby M. Mesaros, Emily G. Montgomery, Brayden R. Myers, Samantha L. Otto, Peri N. Rouillard and Emily E. Walker,

who are all Lexington High students this year. It also included Carissa A. Mejias, who is now a River Bluff High student.

River Bluff High's 2017–2018 yearbook, *The Tributary*, featured the theme of "Greater Than" and won the Palmetto Award in Class 4.

RBHS staff included Jada M. Allred, Emily D. Antolick, Brooke A. Benefield, Hannah C. Breazeale, Anna S. Brown, Sofi L. Burnette, Lauren O. Chappell, Alana R. Deany, William R. Dorroh, Olivia G. Farrar, Abigail L. Gunter, Jonathan D. Ross, Erin M. Tucker and Allizay K. Zamora. Jessica L. Powell, a current LHS student, also worked on last year's yearbook.

GPS reads its way to new books

Gilbert Primary's Mandy J. Grigsby recently won \$500 from the S.C. Department of Education's Read Your Way to the Big Game contest.

The annual contest provides reading incentives for students and teachers leading up to the Carolina-Clemson football game.

Students entered the contest by reading six books and entering their names.

Contest organizers randomly selected five teachers with students who participated in the contest for this award.

Of the more than 50,000 entries from nearly every elementary and middle school in the state, Grigsby, on behalf of her 4-year-old-kindergarten students, won money to purchase books for shared reading, as well as Boogie Board tablets for interactive writing.

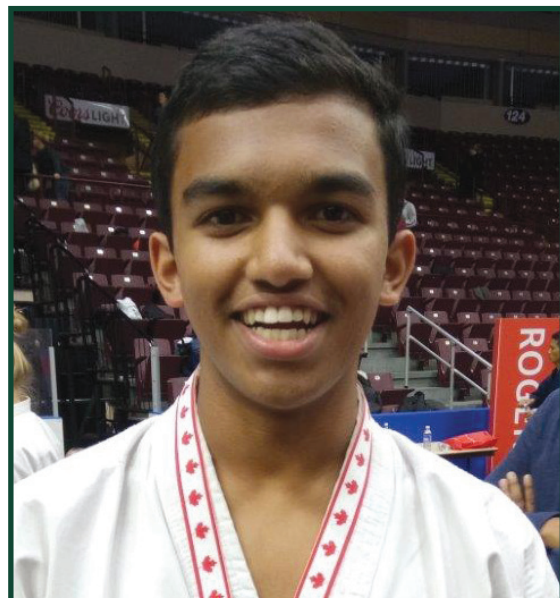
Going for gold

River Bluff High's Rohan Nath competed on Team USA at the World Traditional Karate-do Federation Championship, winning a gold and silver medal.

Nath traveled to Newfoundland, Canada, in October to compete in two events in the junior division. He earned a trip to the international competition after qualifying at nationals this summer.

At the world championships, Nath won gold in kata, an event with detailed choreographed patterns of movements, as well as silver in ko-go kumite, controlled fighting between two competitors.

This past summer, Nath won first in ko-go kumite and second in kata at nationals. His recent accomplishments result from 11 years of committed training, beginning at age 5, when he first began learning karate.



'Donors choose' to fund creative ideas

Teachers remain busy this year sharing classroom ideas and projects on DonorsChoose.org. Through the online giving platform, educators can post funding requests for specific items such as books.

Educators with fully funded projects include Carolina Springs Elementary's Debra K. Garrett, Alicia M. Genco, Jennifer L. Henrickson and Catherine Wenner; Carolina Springs Middle's Audrey Coleman, Anna D. Faust, Kasanda M. Gordon, Wiebke M. Mason, Angelia S. Nesmith and Jennifer S. Simmons; Deerfield Elementary's Samantha A. Johnston; Gilbert Primary's Sarah H. Burgess, Elizabeth E. Chandler and Jennifer L. Duke; Lexington High's Maggie M. Donaldson; Meadow Glen Elementary's M. Casey Davis; Midway Elementary's Kathrine P. Zahm; New Providence Elementary's B. Kay Derrick; Pleasant Hill Elementary's Michelle D. Osterhoudt; Rocky Creek Elementary's Alecia W. Clamp; and Saxe Gotha Elementary's Haylee G. Boltjes.

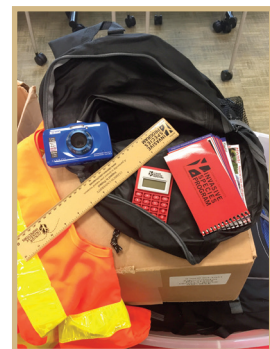
Donors made it possible for teachers to cover field trip transportation costs, outfit their classrooms with flexible seating for active students and purchase student-friendly camping supplies to create an outdoor learning space, among other projects and materials.

Studying invasive species

River Bluff High students in Science Teacher Amy P. Price's class will embark on a unique study thanks to a grant from Clemson University.

Through the university's Invasive Species Program Grant, students will study insects in the world around them.

Price received 40 book bags containing notebooks, lesson plan guides, field guides, digital cameras, vests, calculators, binoculars, insect collection kits, insect ID guides and water bottles. These supplies will allow students to catalog their findings, similar to the researchers' activities at Clemson University.



Coaches participate in all-star events

Three Lexington District One coaches brought their expertise and experience to the annual North-South All-Star Game and the Shrine Bowl of the Carolinas.

Gilbert High's Chad J. Leaphart and Pelion High's David E. Smith both served as assistant coaches for the South Team during the North-South All-Star Game, while Pelion High's Kenneth D. Tucker coached the Shrine Bowl's South Team as an assistant coach.

During the 2018 season, all three coaches saw their teams make it to the 3A playoffs, sending senior all-stars to the North-South All-Star Game.



Leaping lizards! MES teacher wins Petco grant

Midway Elementary students in Laura Locklair's fourth-grade class leaped for joy when they heard their teacher won a Pets in the Classroom Grant from national retailer Petco.

With the goal of providing children with opportunities to interact with pets, the educational grant program provides financial support to teachers, which allows them to purchase and maintain small animals in the classroom.

Locklair purchased a bearded dragon, named Orion, for her classroom, along with the resources for care and feeding. This pet will engage students with real-life learning across content areas.



Nicole Mitchell



Candace Cannon

S.C. Art Education Association honors Mitchell and Cannon

The S.C. Art Education Association recently honored two Lexington District One educators with their top awards.

White Knoll Elementary Principal Nicole Y. Mitchell won Outstanding Principal of the Year, while Lexington High Art Teacher Candace M. Cannon received the organization's Secondary Art Educator of the Year award.

The awards recognize educators who support art education in their school, increase public awareness of the importance of quality art education and set standards for quality art education.

An administrator and veteran teacher in the Midlands, Mitchell joined Lexington District One in July 2016 as principal of WKES, after serving as principal at two schools in another district.

Cannon currently teaches Photography 1, Photography 2, Art 4 Honors and AP Studio Art. Under her guidance, students learn in almost every visual arts course LHS offers.

Schools get green for going green



South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control awarded three Lexington District One schools grant funding for their efforts to reduce waste and pollution.

Meadow Glen Elementary, represented by Shannon B. Frye, Jeanne K. McKinney and Debra M. Vernon, received a \$2,000 Champions of the Environment Grant for "Growing 21st Century Skills Through Environmental Advocacy: Using Recycled Milk Cartons to Improve Growing Conditions in a Raised Bed Garden."

Third-graders designed and decorated recycled cafeteria cans, and learned about improving air quality by potting air-quality plants into the recycled cafeteria cans. Fifth-graders, meanwhile, made soil observations and recorded their observations on soil purchase recommendations.

Midway Elementary's Jason R. Trice and River Bluff High's Amy P. Price each won a DHEC Recycling Education Grant for their schools.

With their \$1,500 grant, MES will purchase composting bins and supplies, as well as a small refrigerator where individuals can donate unwanted milk, yogurt and cheese for others to use and enjoy.

At RBHS, the school will install two chewing gum recycling containers purchased with a \$300 grant. TerraCycle, a private recycling company, turns the chewed gum into rain boots and rubber soles.

DES becomes PASCH Initiative School

Lexington District One's German partial-immersion school, Deerfield Elementary, joined a prestigious network of schools teaching students STEM and German simultaneously.

The nation's only elementary school in the PASCH Initiative supported by the Goethe-Institut, DES joins 12 schools from the United States in the global education network.

Staff members who made the PASCH partnership possible include Cindy J. Brazell, Callison W. Coggins, Jessica T. Dillon, Kinga N. Easter, Birte C. Fretwell, Pamela B. Hutchinson, Tanja D. Jeffery, Kelley L. Poles, Sherree E. Thompson, Tanja Ward and Nicole A. Willis.

Through its new partnership with the PASCH Initiative, a network of more than 2,000 educational institutions that promote the study of German and encourage international cultural exchange, DES received an invitation to pilot the Goethe-Institut's Digital Kinderuniversität.

Students enroll digitally and explore different scientific areas in three aspects — humankind, nature and technology — while learning German in a fun, playful way.



Service grant provides WKHS breakfast

Thanks to a \$5,000 grant from The Dairy Alliance, students at White Knoll High won't miss out on a healthy breakfast.

Food Service and Nutrition Director Sally B. Nicholson applied for the grant which provides a "second chance breakfast" program at WKHS.

Beginning in January, the school will serve food in the hallway upstairs and in the hallway downstairs between first and second period.

The grant funding enabled the Food Service and Nutrition Office to purchase two mobile carts and supplies.

District receives student and staff safety grants

Represented by Chief Operations Officer Jeff Salters and Safety and Emergency Services Director Chris Ellisor, the Lexington District One Operations Office received two grants designed to improve the safety of students and staff.

The first grant, the S.C. Department of Education School Safety Infrastructure Grant totaling \$60,000, allows the district to purchase communication upgrades for use districtwide.

The second grant of \$68,213, provided by the S.C. School Boards Insurance Trust 2018–2019 Risk Control Grant Program, funds materials to improve safety and prevent future workers' compensation claims due to worker injuries.

In previous years, the district used Risk Control Grant Program funds to install keyless door locks at several school locations, offer online safety training programs, and purchase step stools to help teachers hang materials in hallways and classrooms.



(l to r) Forts Pond Elementary's Michelle Smith, Stacy Wren, Pat Umbarger, Janet Callahan, Janet Cuttino, Marlene McLeod recognized with Gold Certification.

Food Service meets the challenge

The United States Department of Agriculture's HealthierUS School Challenge Award honors food service staff who create healthier school environments through promotion of nutrition and physical activity.

The district's schools received this recognition for encouraging health and wellness by providing training and technical assistance for food service staff, promoting nutrition education for children and their caregivers through multiple channels, and building support for nutritious food choices and physically active lifestyles.

Forts Pond Elementary received Gold Certification.

Gilbert Middle, Gilbert Primary, Lake Murray Elementary, Pelion High, Pelion Middle and Red Bank Elementary received Silver Certification.

Carolina Springs Elementary, Carolina Springs Middle, Deerfield Elementary, Gilbert Elementary, Gilbert High, Lexington Elementary, Lexington High, Lexington Middle, Meadow Glen Elementary, Meadow Glen Middle, Midway Elementary, New Providence Elementary, Oak Grove Elementary, Pelion Elementary, Pleasant Hill Elementary, Pleasant Hill Middle, River Bluff High, Rocky Creek Elementary, Saxe Gotha Elementary, White Knoll Elementary, White Knoll High and White Knoll Middle received Bronze Certification.

Food service managers include CSES's DeAnna C. Weed, CSMS's Angela F. Furtick, DES's Teresa C. Grimsley, FPES's Janet L. Callahan, GES's Lynichia A. Shealy, GHS's S. Renee Ritter, GMS's Gina S. Pou, GPS's Jackie A. Roof, LMES's Rebecca Boone, LES's Pam C. Davis, LHS's Krista K. Hineline, LMS's Holly D. Chaplin, MGES's Victoria Jenkins, MGMS's Sandy M. Merck, MES's Jason R. Trice, NPES's Erica B. Wilson, OGES's Cindy B. Belk, PES's Sue A. Snively, PHS's Melinda S. Wainwright, PMS's Teresa L. Bechtelheimer, PHES's Karen B. Lowman, PHMS's Kim A. Guertin, RBES's J. Alyse McClarrie, RBHS's Dorotea Roberts, RCES's Cindy L. Nichols, SGES's Judy A. Gerity, WKES's Paige H. Porter, WKHS's Kelly B. Blevins and WKMS's Deniece L. Todd.



(l to r) LMS Specialized Autism Support Teacher Sally Keiper, Jacob Millman and LMS Specialized Autism Support Teacher Meghan Blackburn

Local student's Eagle Scout project benefits Lexington District One schools

On his way to becoming an Eagle Scout, Jacob E. Millman from South Carolina Connections Academy worked to help other students in Lexington County.

Millman created sensory kits for all schools in Lexington District One, delivering them personally to each principal. Items in the kit, including small toys and games, can calm a student with autism or a student experiencing a stressful situation.

Thoughtfully using his own experiences to create kits for students with autism, Millman purchased the items and assembled the kits, ensuring each school had the right amount based on their need.



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The district will use the grievance procedures set forth in policy to process complaints based on alleged violations of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964; Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964; Title IX of the Education Amendments Act of 1972; Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973; the Age Discrimination Act of 1975; the Age Discrimination in Employment Act of 1967; the Equal Pay Act of 1963; the Genetic Information Nondiscrimination Act of 2008; and Titles I and II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990.

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