



May 21, 2019 • Board of Trustees Meeting  
LEXINGTON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT ONE

# Proof Positive



*GHS winter guard*

## Winter guard winners times three!

Three Lexington District One winter guard squads won a state title at the annual Carolina Winter Ensemble Association Color Guard Championships, held March 23. Winter guard is an indoor color guard sport that incorporates choreographed dance with flags and other props.

The Gilbert Varsity Winter Guard finished first in Scholastic AA Round 2 with a 78.43, the highest in the Scholastic AA division.

Members include Gilbert High's Nicole E. Aguirre, Noelle L. Black, Skylar C. Bloesch, Madison G. Bray, Megan N. Cook, Morgan A. Cook, Laiken A. Corley, Diamond K. Dennis, Isabella M. DuBois, Hailey M. Hallman, Rebekah L. Jumer, Athena L. Knop, Frances T. Ludwig, Madisyn P. Mears, Madison S. Reese and Jannelle Q. Regalia, as well as Gilbert Middle's Riley A. Gartman, F. Victoria Huffman and Julia B. Van Horne.

In the very tight competition for the Scholastic Regional A championships, both River Bluff and White Knoll high schools won titles in their respective rounds of competition.

Competing in the Scholastic Regional A Round 1 division, the RBHS Spin Club won first place with a score of 79.19.

Spin Club members include Lexington Middle's Lillie J. Gardner and Amber J. Goodson; Meadow Glen Middle's K. Ellie Corley, Allie M. Fylling, Emilia C. Sexton, Sydney N. Smith and Mackenzie F. Tetreault; and River Bluff High's India I. Brunson, Jada F. David, Jolee B. Dickson, Caroline C. Dupree, Brooke A. Gowder, Claire M. Henke, Skyler Y. Hustus, Brittany R. Johnson, Diana Lee, Claire Q. Lupton, Marissa A. Schill and Kathleen O. Wyverson.

With the second highest score of all three Scholastic Regional A rounds, the White Knoll High junior varsity guard won the Scholastic Regional A Round 3 title. WKHS scored 81.02, less than a point away from the highest total in the Scholastic Regional A competition.

Members include Carolina Springs Middle's Drew M. Mahoney and Kaylee M. Starling, and White Knoll High's Fiona A. Cheatham, D. Lily Dadisman, Leslie D. Gutierrez, Rebecca E. Hall, Olivia L. Herring, Graclyn J. Sharpe, Kayleigh E. Sims, Sarah N. Sullivan, Natalie T. Warren, Jesaya H. Wilson and Hallie T. Woods.

CWEA hosted more than 150 groups from five different states at the 2019 Color Guard Championships.



## Pelion singer earns spot in honor choir

Pelion Middle's Connor B. McGee recently earned a coveted spot in the S.C. American Choral Directors Association Middle School Honor Choir.

Students from across the state can audition for the group. McGee, an eighth grader, performed selected pieces for a panel of judges and scored high enough to receive an invitation to the state honor choir.

McGee will join other talented singers at the SCACDA Fall Conference and Honor Choirs weekend in Charleston.



*L to r, Jackson Cash; Michael Hall;  
Jamie Cummings; Caleb Chasteen*

## Champions of the lake

Lexington District One students were again victorious on Lake Murray at the SCDNR Youth Bass Fishing Championships.

For the second year in a row, White Knoll High's Caleb H. Chasteen and Jamie M. Cummings won first place as a fishing duo. Their fish totaled 18.89 lbs. Chasteen and Cumming partnered up all four years at WKHS, with Chasteen's grandfather as their boat captain.

Along with teammates C. Jackson Cash and Michael T. Hall, WKHS's team also won first place with a combined catch of 33.96 lbs., six pounds more than second place.

The annual tournament brought together youth anglers from Bass Federation Junior and Student Angler Federation Clubs, as well as B.A.S.S. Junior Bassmasters Clubs.



## Gator Town takes gold

A trio of River Bluff High students took gold for their innovative and realistic business plan.

Representing the school's DECA chapter, Vidhi D. Mangrola, Aleigh R. Trotter and William C. Wenzel completed S.C. DECA Association's School-Based Enterprise certification process with their Gator Town project. Gator Town operates at RBHS, selling drinks, snacks, apparel and other merchandise to students, staff and the community.

RBHS received the state's only prestigious Gold Certification award. As store manager, Mangrola wrote a 42-page business plan detailing operations of the store and how they adhere to model business standards.

The Gator Town group advanced to the International Career Development Conference, winning second place.



## Marching to a 'champion'

River Bluff High's steel drum corps brought home multiple awards from the Music USA Spring Festival, held in March in Orlando.

The group won not only a superior rating and first place in the high school 4A steel band category, but judges also named them High School Grand Champions in the instrumental music category.

Steel drum band members include Edgar E. Argumedo, Kobe A. Beard, Matthew D. Bradley, Emily M. Candillo, Aliyah M. Garrish, Caroline B. Gies, Raymond E. Immerso, Eliana K. Langston, Conner A. Mastin, Devon L. Mastin, Carter W. Moore, Ankit Nath, Anabel L. Nightingale, Ryleigh B. Osment, Frederick M. Rattray, Dustin A. Segura-Torres, Micah C. Smith, Stephen W. Stewart and Corbin D. Wilde.

RBHS received an invitation to the festival after applying with information on their prior successes.

Competing against groups from around the country at the event, they scored 92 out of 100 after performing three musical selections for the judges.



# Winners in management, marketing and more

Lexington District One DECA students dressed for success at the S.C. DECA Association Career Development Conference, winning multiple first-place awards.

Representing Lexington Technology Center's DECA chapter, winners include Lexington High's Alex S. Fellers and Mehul Jain for Travel and Tourism Team Decision Making; LHS's Aidan D. Peterson for Quick Serve Restaurant Management; and LHS's Kevin Shah for Business Finance Individual Series.

Seventy-four students from River Bluff High's DECA competed in 30 different categories, walking away with 21 first-place wins.

First-place winners from RBHS include Janaki P. Bhosale for Learn and Earn; Ben J. Brown for Marketing Communications; Jack C. Collins and Jackson R. Jeffcoat for Business Law and Team Decision Making; Brandon M. Edwards for Sports and Entertainment Marketing; Esteban Figueroa for Accounting Applications; Chathurvedi Ganguru for Principles of Finance; Taylor M. Garrison for Business Services Marketing; Esha Kapoor for Hospitality and Tourism Professional Selling; Darby M. Killman for Principles of Hospitality and Tourism; Christine Z. Kim and Hirelis Rodriguez for Hospitality and Services Team Decision Making; Joshua S. Londhe for Principles of Business Management; Vidhi Mangrola for School-Based Enterprise; Tejas Nidigattu for Hotel and Lodging Management; Mahi M. Patel for Financial Consulting Event; Isiah Pham for Professional Selling Event; Hannah P. Smith for Food Marketing; Jonathan W. Tan and Albert Y. Zhu for Marketing Management Team Decision Making; H. Ben Williams for Entrepreneurship Growth Plan; Jackson E. Yaman for Automotive Services Marketing; and Grace X. Zhou for Integrated Marketing Campaign Event.

Representing White Knoll High's DECA chapter, Keeghan A. Shropshire and Chrysta M. Stevenson teamed up for Entrepreneurship Start-up Business Plan. They won for their proposal of a bed-and-breakfast inn.

All first-place winners qualified to compete at the International Career Development Conference. At the international level, Kapoor took third place for Hospitality and Tourism Professional Selling.

At the Career Development Conference, students demonstrate their knowledge of essential business and marketing strategies through role-play and problem-solving competitions. DECA's industry-validated competitive events align with curriculum standards in the career clusters of marketing, business management and administration, finance, and hospitality and tourism.



*L to r, LHS's Aidan Peterson; Alex Fellers; Mehul Jain; Kevin Shah*



*L to r, WKHS's Keeghan Shropshire; Chrysta Stevenson*



*L to r, RBHS's Ben Lee and Jenna Howell with project partner Mike Mewborne from USC*

## Social studies teachers join curriculum project

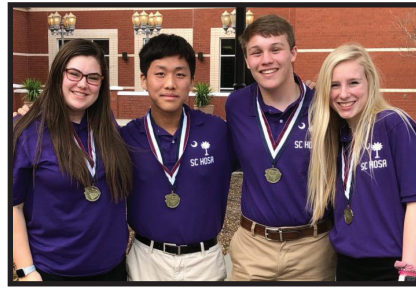
River Bluff High's Jenna Howell and Ben R. Lee joined a project designed to improve curriculum for social studies classrooms across the country.

The project will build a vertical curriculum focused on bridging the gap for AP Human Geography students moving on to AP World History. Along with four other South Carolina teachers, Howell and Lee are assisting Jerry Mitchell, professor at the University of South Carolina and director of S.C. Geographic Alliance, in designing an end-of-course unit for AP Human Geography classes.

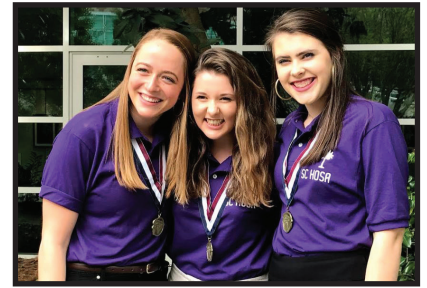
The unit will merge geographic analysis skills with historical reasoning skills that students encounter in AP World History. The curriculum centers around the National Geographic Out of Eden Walk that follows journalist Paul Salopek on his journey to walk the original migration paths of early humans.

The collaborative group worked for several months to write the new curriculum and are currently piloting the lessons in their classes.

Funded by the National Geographic Society, materials from the finished project should be ready for national publication by spring 2020.



*L to r, LHS's Caroline McGee; Paul Kim; Nathan Seigler; Coral Schadewald*



*L to r, RBHS's Emma Scott; Rebecca Dooley; Huntington Cotten*

## HOSA chapters win medals at state

Lexington District One students showcased their medical expertise at the S.C. HOSA State Leadership Conference. The district boasts first-place winners in multiple HOSA chapters.

Competing in the HOSA Bowl Teamwork event, Lexington High's Paul T. Kim, Caroline E. McGee, Coral M. Schadewald and Nathan L. Seigler won first place for Lexington Technology Center's HOSA chapter.

From the Center for Public Health and Advanced Medical Studies, River Bluff High's Jordyn M. Carroll, Maile L. Carroll and Thomas G. Wilson, as well as White Knoll High's Austin T. Taylor, won first in Biomedical Debate.

Also representing the Center, WKHS's Abby E. Dew and RBHS's Mikayla J. Jones won for Community Awareness; LHS's Madison N. Kutyla won for Healthy Lifestyle; and RBHS's Laura E. Witt scored first on the Medical Law and Ethics Knowledge Test.

From RBHS's HOSA chapter, Huntington N. Cotten, Rebecca J. Dooley and Emma K. Scott partnered with the Medical Reserve Corps to win first in MRC Partnership, a community awareness event designed to improve public health and strengthen the resiliency of communities.

Representing WKHS's HOSA chapter, Julianna B. Mills won first place in Clinical Specialty.

All winners qualify to attend the HOSA International Leadership Conference this June.

## Future business leaders take first

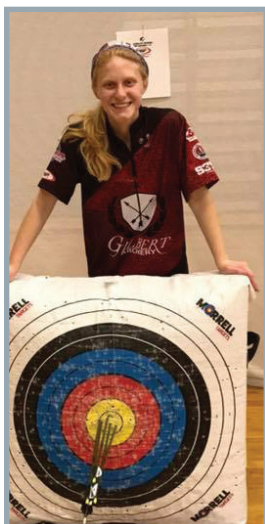
Three Lexington District One students turned their knowledge into first-place awards at the S.C. FBLA State Leadership Conference.

Representing Lexington Technology Center's FBLA chapter, Lexington High's Meredith A. Cook, Hannah L. Martin and Courtney M. Rucker won individual events.

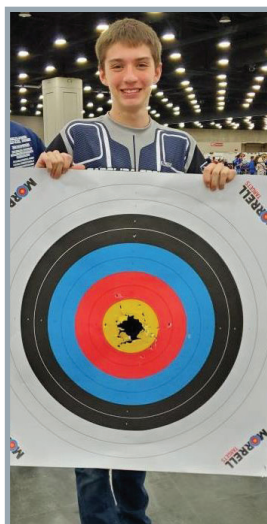
Martin calculated a first-place win in the Personal Finance category, while Rucker reaped dividends in the Securities and Investment event.

Cook demonstrated her knowledge of news and media with a win in the Journalism category.





Gracie Howard



Alex Massengill



GMS archery

## Archers on target with one team, two individual state championships

Archers from three Lexington District One schools won state titles this season, including one back-to-back champion.

Gilbert High's Gracie L. Howard won the S.C. National Archery in the Schools Program High School Division IBO 3D state title, as well as the S.C. NASP High School Division Bullseye state title. Her wins follow last season's bullseye state title and runner-up finish in the IBO 3D event.

In the IBO 3D competitions, students aim at life-size replicas of various animals.

At this season's state championships, Howard shot a 294 in the bullseye event and a 292 in the IBO 3D event. Leading up to the state tournament, she finished first or second in every competition but one.

Carolina Springs Middle's Alex M. Massengill also shot his way to a state title. Competing in the middle school

division, he won the S.C. NASP Bullseye State Championship with a score of 292.

Massengill qualified for the NASP Eastern Nationals, where he improved his score to 296, finishing third in a field of 2,900 middle school boys. Capping off a great season on the range and in the classroom, NASP named Massengill a Middle School Division All-American Academic Archer.

Also representing Gilbert Archery, Gilbert Middle's team won a state title in the bullseye event.

Winners of the S.C. NASP Middle School Division Bullseye State Championship include L. Troy Buck, Bryson L. Cook, Marcus R. Cook, Cassidy D. Craps, Sonny D. DeVore, Sydney M. Duke, W. Justin Elrod, Brisa C. Greene, Kayla M. Hall, Brysen R. Hallman, Mackenzie R. Head, P. Blythe Hicks, John T.

Howard, Haileigh E. Makuta, Connor M. Muskopf, Dorian G. Parriott, Braclyn L. Peake, Lily A. Price, Starlynn N. Robertson and Justin B. Sharpe.

The team shot a 3298 to beat 15 other teams, improving on their third-place finish at regionals. In the state IBO 3D event, GMS finished third with a score of 1616.



**Educational Foundation**  
Lexington County School District One

The Lexington One Educational Foundation will announce the winner of the 2019 Joseph M. Bedenbaugh Administrator of the Year Award at the May 21, 2019 school board meeting.



## RBHS wins first SCHSL cheer invitational

River Bluff High came away winners of the inaugural South Carolina High School League Game Day Invitational.

Competing in the 4A/5A category, RBHS varsity cheer squad members include seniors Carson C. Fanning, Kaitlyn E. Landry, Mason A. Martin, Taylor M. Martin, Heather E. Mauldin, Jordan A. Mishoe and Kathryn C. Shepherd.

This year, SCHSL partnered with Varsity Spirit for the first Game Day Invitational. RBHS displayed their sideline abilities and crowd leadership to win the crown in the combined class 4A/5A division.

Earlier this season, RBHS finished runner-up in the highly skilled 5A competitive cheer state championships.



## Champions in carpentry, cosmetology and more

Lexington Technology Center and White Knoll High students proved they are ready for the career field of their choice at the SkillsUSA South Carolina State Leadership and Skills Competition.

In hands-on courses, students become proficient in trades such as cosmetology, welding and construction.

First-place winners from LTC include Lexington High's Christopher R. Adams for Auto Body Technology; Gilbert High's Connor L. Bokor and Hunter J. Taylor and River Bluff High's J. Kai Godwin for Welding Fabrication; LHS's Grace L. Chinnners for Cosmetology; LHS's Sophie K. Lewis for Welding Sculpture; White Knoll High's Issac J. Nusbaum for Carpentry; WKHS's Brenden K. Welch for Power Equipment Technology; and WKHS's Jayden C. Young for Marine Service Technology.

LTC also won first place in the Team Works event with the team of GHS's Nathan M. Brady, LHS's D. Taylor Mathias and Briar G. Pope, and WKHS's Cameron R. Drake. For this competition, they completed a construction project, demonstrating their ability to work together as a team.

Representing WKHS, Skyler T. Blume, John J. Kelliher and Dennis J. Rowe won a second state title in Engineering Design on behalf of the Intro to Engineering class, while A. Brace Hutchison took first in Architectural Drafting.

Competing for WKHS's Mechanical Design 2 class, Delaney R. Livingston and Ryan A. Wilson won a second consecutive title in Additive Manufacturing, while Michael T. Bush won first for Technical Drafting.



## WKHS teacher earns double honors in her field

White Knoll High's Katrina Haynes recently received two honors for her dedication to educating the next generation of medical professionals.

Haynes, WKHS health science department chair, is the only educator to sit on the executive council of the National Consortium for Health Science Educators. The group oversees health science curriculum at the secondary and post-secondary level.

During her two-year term, Haynes will represent educators nationwide on behalf of the Health Science Educators Association.

This summer, Haynes will spend a week with other health science educators at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention as a Science Ambassador Fellow. Hundreds of middle and high school teachers nationwide apply for the workshop and additional year-long virtual collaboration.

Haynes will work with CDC staff to develop lesson plans and resources for middle and high school classroom teachers all over the country, focusing on epidemiology, public health and career opportunities. She can then pilot some of those lesson plans in her own classroom, as well as present them at teacher conferences or meetings.



## Aspiring principals complete leadership training

Lexington District One congratulates its latest cohort completing the Aspiring Principals Academy.

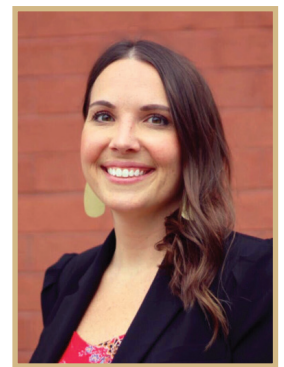
Participants include Carolina Springs Middle's Leah R. Sarantopoulos, Gilbert Primary's Sujata Wallace, Lexington High's Brandon Baskett, Meadow Glen Middle's Kyle Meetze, Ed.D., Midway Elementary's Christy M. Graham, Pelion Elementary's Todd C. Brown, Pleasant Hill Elementary's Jennifer McNair, and White Knoll High's Adam Russell and Sandy Vining.

In partnership with the NYC Leadership Academy, Lexington District One designed an innovative, standards-based Aspiring Principals Academy. Phase one of the academy includes a three-week summer intensive that engages participants in a standards-based curriculum, simulating actual challenges a school principal may face.

Phase two of the program includes an 11-month, school-based residency under the mentorship of an experienced Lexington District One principal and weekly full-day learning sessions during the residency year.

## Steiner wins PSTA scholarship

The Palmetto State Teachers Association awarded River Bluff High's Jennifer A. Steiner a scholarship to use toward an advanced degree.



PSTA annually chooses five educators to receive the Dr. Elizabeth Gressette Professional Development Scholarship, named after the organization's founder. Steiner received the \$1,000 scholarship at the PSTA Annual Business Meeting, held March 16.

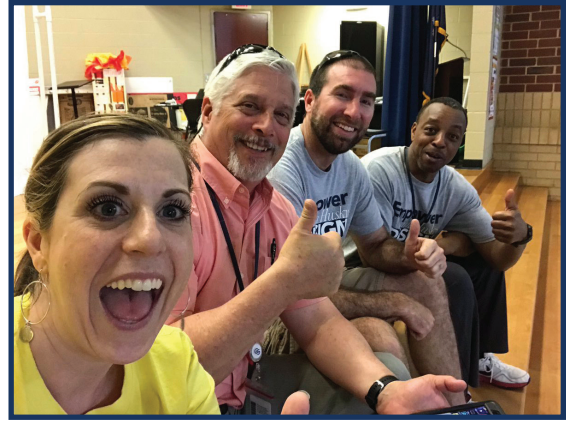
Currently a digital learning coach, Steiner recently completed an Education Specialist degree in educational leadership from Arkansas State University.

Applicants must be a PSTA member for at least three years and currently enrolled in a higher education program.

# CSMS wins national award for 'Capturing Kids' Hearts'

Carolina Springs Middle earned a national honor for building strong connections between students and adults, creating an environment where everyone can look forward to coming to school.

The Flippen Group selected CSMS as a 2018–2019 Capturing Kids' Hearts National Showcase School. Principal Brice Cockfield, Ed.D., along with Assistant Principals Ryan W. Carpenter, Leah R. Sarantopoulos and Keith Tolleson, and Teachers Jim S. Cooke, William H. Knopf and Angie Smith, led implementation of the program.



Capturing Kids' Hearts challenges schools to transform their campus into an emotionally safe and relational place for students, staff and parents to come together with a love for learning. As a result of implementing Capturing Kids' Hearts, the school reports a decrease in office referrals and a significant increase in student achievement.

Through the National Showcase Schools awards, the Flippen Group “seeks to recognize and celebrate schools that go the extra mile each day, building an environment where students and staff feel safe and connected.”

The National Showcase Schools program bases awards on observation, level of implementation of Capturing Kids' Hearts processes by all staff as measured by online surveys, and data demonstrating that Capturing Kids' Hearts made a significant improvement in attendance, discipline, climate/culture or academics.



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