



2007 - 2008

Awards and Honors

School/District Awards

Palmetto's Finest Award	Lake Carolina Elementary School
Palmetto's Finest Award finalist	Killian Elementary School
National School to Watch	Blythewood Middle School
National Magnet School of Distinction	Forest Lake Elementary School
Schools Closing the Achievement Gap	Bookman Road Elementary School Lake Carolina Elementary School Round Top Elementary School Sandlapper Elementary School Polo Road Elementary schools
Palmetto Gold Awards	Center for Inquiry Center for Knowledge Lake Carolina Elementary
Palmetto Silver Awards	Round Top Elementary School Polo Road Elementary School
The Palmetto Stars Award & Palmetto Performers Award	WR Rogers Adult, Continuing & Technology Education Center
Dick and Tunky Riley School Improvement Council Award	Bookman Road Elementary School
Exemplary Writing Program Awards	Conder Elementary School North Springs Elementary School
AVID National Demonstration School	Kelly Mill Middle School
Red Carpet Schools	Killian Elementary Polo Road Elementary Summit Parkway Middle School
National Blue Ribbon School Award	Lake Carolina Elementary (named in October 2008)

One of **50 best high school in America** by the Siemens Foundation and the College Board - Spring Valley High School

State Farm grant - Richland Two Youth Action Council (\$100,000)

State-level awards for their single-gender education programs - Killian Elementary School & Dent Middle School

2008 Newsweek Magazine/Washington Post “Challenge Index” - Richland Northeast High School (One of three Midlands public high schools!)

1st in the state - North Springs Elementary School Academic Bowl Team

The 2008 Flying Gamecock Invitational Drill Championship - Spring Valley High School’s Air Force JROTC Viking Drill Team (Won for 23rd straight year!)

52nd Annual Region II Science and Engineering Fair - Discovery Magnet students won 79 awards!

National News Bowl Champions - EL Wright Middle (For 8th straight year!)

Ranked Among the **Best Eight School Bus Fleets in Nation**

Grants totaling \$2.5 million

Became the **largest school district** in the Midlands with over 23,000 students

“AA” Credit Rating with three national rating agencies

National Golden Achievement Award - Planning, Information Technology, Academics and Community Relations departments for collaboration on the Choice and Magnet Program campaign

Duke T.I.P. District of Distinction

412 National Board Certified teachers (The most in the state!)

Individual Awards

Perfect 2400 on SAT & perfect 36 ACT scores - Junior Harry David Richman (Spring Valley High School)

Perfect 36 ACT score - Junior Trevor Auman (Spring Valley High School)

SC Assoc. of Student Councils’ Administrator of the Year - Principal Dr. Marty Martin (Ridge View High School)

SC Alternative School Director of the Year - Principal Cleveland Smith (Blythewood Academy)

SC Assoc. for Supervision and Curriculum Development Outstanding Administrator of the Year - Dr. Michael Lemrow

ASBO Master Facilities Award

SC Association of School Resource Officers Educator of the Year – Eric Brown

William B. Harley Outstanding Administrator of the Year - Charlene Herring

ASBO Outstanding Business Official of the Year – Bob Davis

SC School Bus Driver of the Year - Shellie Ryant

SC Special Needs Teacher of the Year - Teacher Denise Webster (Forest Lake Elementary)

SC Preserve History Teacher of the Year - Teacher Perry McLeod (Richland Northeast High)

Named to **the Magnet Schools of America board of directors** – Sara Wheeler

2008 College of Education at Southeast Missouri State University Alumni Merit Award - Dr. Stephen Hefner

SC Autism Society Parent-School Partnership Program Bravo Award - Robert Compton (Conder Elementary)

Outstanding New Career and Technical Teacher - Teacher, Lila Abraham (Blythewood High School)

SCNSPRA State Award – Joe Burke (Richland School District Two Community Relations) for R2TV On Demand Promo

Featured on **S.C. PACE billboard** - Kelly Carman (Ridge View High School)

The SC D.A.R.E. Educator of the Year - Assistant Principal David Holzendorf (Windsor Elementary)

2008 S. C. Speech and Hearing Association Ambassador - William “Jay” Price (Forest Lake Elementary)

2008 S.C. Dance Education Organization Artistic Merit, Leadership & Academic Achievement Award - Gabrielle Tull (Ridge View High School)

Mr. Football of SC - Richard Mounce (Blythewood High School)

Vice President Girls Nation USA – Laecy Burke

National Hispanic Scholar - Carlos Brown (Spring Valley High School)

President’s Volunteer Service Award, Intel Science Talent Search Award, received \$1,168,000 in scholarships - Graham Van Schaik (Senior at Spring Valley High School)

4-A Girls Track & Field, State Champion 800 meter - Sierra Henderson (Ridge View High School)

National Spirit of Service Learning Excellence Award - Nicholas Metrakos (Blythewood High)

National Merit Scholarship Finalists – Katherine Fanning, Tianjia Ge, Daniel Gibbs, Aurel Lazar, John Maney, Thomas Maney, Katherine Nielsen, Gina Noh, Eric Potts, David Rapport, Alyssa Richardson, William Shrader, Graham Van Schaik, David Wile and Michelle Zhang

National Achievement Finalists – James Cunningham, Jackie Parnell, Alyssa Richardson, Brian Rivers, Christopher Taylor and Michael Tensley

Sports Awards

➤ **3A State Champions** - Blythewood High School Boys Track Team