



2008-2009

Awards and Honors

School/District Awards

2008 National Blue Ribbon Award	Lake Carolina Elementary
Palmetto's Finest Award	Spring Valley High School
2008 Facilities Master Award	Richland School District Two
Schools Closing the Achievement Gap	Blythewood High School
	Lake Carolina Elementary School
	Ridge View High School
	Sandlapper Elementary School
	Spring Valley High School
Palmetto Gold Awards	Center for Knowledge
	Center for Inquiry
	Lake Carolina Elementary School (2 gold awards)
	Ridge View High School
	Spring Valley High School
Palmetto Silver Awards	Blythewood High School
	Bookman Road Elementary School
	Sandlapper Elementary
	Spring Valley High School
Dick and Tunky Riley School Improvement Council Award finalist	Round Top Elementary School
Exemplary Writing Program Awards	Bethel-Hanberry Elementary School Kelly Mill Middle School Killian Elementary School
Red Carpet Schools	Conder Elementary School
	Round Top Elementary School
	Sandlapper Elementary School
SCDOE's Palmetto Masters Award	W.R. Rogers Adult, Continuing & Technology Education Center

National Awards

National Restaurant Association's Educator of Excellence for South Carolina: **Chef William Turner**,
Blythewood High School

National Association of Professional Development Schools Award for Exemplary Professional
Development School: **North Springs Elementary School**

Magnet Schools of America Region XI Magnet Principal of the Year: **Dr. Kappy Cannon**,
Forest Lake Elementary Technology Magnet School

\$25 thousand Milken Family Foundation Award Winner: **Heather Bass**, Lake Carolina Elementary School

National State Farm Service Learning Practitioner of the Year: **Bev Hiott**, Blythewood High School

Time Warner Cable Champion Principal Award: **Randall Gary**, Dent Middle School

College-sponsored National Merit Scholarship winners: **Stephen E. Gregg**, Blythewood High School;
Chen Ding and **William S. Dye**, Richland Northeast High School; **Emily E. Bowerman**, Ridge View
High School; **Rachel N. Arling**, **Christopher M. Pasco** and **Taylor C. Wells**,
Spring Valley High School

National Merit \$2,500 Scholarship winners: **Julia F. Jacobs**, Richland Northeast High School;
David H. Richman, Spring Valley High School

National Achievement Scholarship winner: **Sheneka S. White**, Ridge View High School

Newsweek Magazine ranks **Richland Northeast** and **Spring Valley High Schools** in the top 5 percent
2 Gold Medals earned from Health Occupations Students of America: **Ridge View High School**

State-Level Awards for School

Carolina Recycling Association Outstanding Recycling Program Award: **Summit Parkway Middle School**

Project Citizen State Showcase Winner: **Nelson Elementary School Academy for Civic Engagement**

State 4-A Girls Basketball Champs: **Spring Valley High School**

AFJROTC State Champs Flying Gamecock Invitational Drill for 24th consecutive year:
Spring Valley High School

State Girls Lacrosse Champs: **Blythewood High School**

State Math Counts Champs: **Dent Middle School**

Project Citizen State Showcase Winner: **Academy for Civic Engagement at North Springs Elementary**

Red Carpet Schools: **Conder Elementary Arts Integrated Magnet School, Round Top** and
Sandlapper Elementary Schools

SC Exemplary Writing Award: **Bethel-Hanberry** and **Killian Elementary, Kelly Mill Middle School**

Carolina First Palmetto's Finest: **Spring Valley High School**

1st place SC Knowledge Masters Tournament: **North Springs Elementary School**

SC HOSA State Leadership Conference 1st place winners: **Spring Valley High School**

SC Association for Supervision and Curriculum Teacher of the Year: **Diane Gilbert,**
Kelly Mill Middle School

SC Dance Association Advocacy Award: **Dr. Marty Martin,** Ridge View High School

SC Art Education Association Secondary Art Educator of the Year: **Josh Drews,**
Spring Valley High School

SC Chapter of American String Teacher Association Orchestra Teacher of the Year: **Dr. Chris Selby,**
Spring Valley High School

State-Level Awards for Individuals

SC Order of the Palmetto: **Dr. Steve Hefner,** Superintendent

SC Association of School Administrators Assistant Principals of the Year: **Jan Fickling,**
Lake Carolina Elementary and **Dr. Glenda George,** Spring Valley High School

SC Council for the Social Studies Teacher of Excellence: **Scott Auspelmyer,** Blythewood High School

SC Chapter of American String Teacher Association Orchestra Teacher of the Year: **Dr. Chris Selby,**
Spring Valley High School

SC Psychological Association Outstanding Lifetime Contribution to Psychology Award:
Dr. Shirley A. Vickery, District Office

SC Association of Librarians Administrator of the Year: **Dr. Kappy Cannon,** Forest Lake Elementary

SC Athletic Administrators Association 4-A Principal of the Year and Inez Tenenbaum Award:
Keith Price, Blythewood High School

SC State 4-A Girls Track and Field Champion in the 800 Meter: **Sierra Henderson,**
Ridge View High School

Other Significant Achievements

Mother Anna Boyd featured on 2009 SC African American History Calendar (March)

Bond credit rating upgraded from “AA minus” to solid “AA”

Overwhelmingly passed **\$306 million** bond referendum by 68 percent of the vote

55 New **National Board Certified Teachers**: 499 Total (Most in state)

Facilities Masters Award for 3rd year in a row: **Richland Two Maintenance Department**

Competitive grants received totaling more than **\$5.4 million**

Dedication of **Bridge Creek Elementary School** and **Center for Accelerated Preparation** and rededication of **Spring Valley High School**

National Merit Scholar; Perfect 2400 on SAT and perfect 36 on ACT: **David H. Richman**,
Spring Valley High School

Governor and Mrs. Riley Award for Excellence in Dropout Prevention: **Calvin “Chip” Jackson**

Board chair **Melinda Anderson** re-elected Region 8 Director of to the SC School Boards Association