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National Awards

National teacher/employee awards

National Council for Social Studies’ 2009 Outstanding Secondary Teacher of Year: Scott Auspelmyer (Blythewood High School)

Magnet Schools of America’s Region XI Principal of the Year: Dr. Shirley Watson (Conder Elementary School)

National Career Development Association’s 2010 S.C. State Career Specialist of the Year: Joyce Simmons (Dent Middle School)

National Society of High School Scholars’ Claes Nobel Educator of Distinction: Daniel Cammisa (Richland Northeast High School)

National Society of the Daughters of Colonial Wars’ 2009-2010 Teacher of the Year: Perry McLeod (Richland Northeast High School)

National Science Teachers Association’s 2009 New Science Teacher Academy Fellow: Linda Hellstein (Ridge View High School)

National Association of Student Councils’ 2010 High School Student Council Advisor of the Year: Lisa Ellis (Ridge View High School)

Magnet Schools of America Regional Magnet Programs’ Teacher of the Year: Michelle Spigner (Spring Valley High School)

2010 Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching: Michelle Spigner (Spring Valley High School)

American Association of Teachers of Spanish and Portuguese’s 2010 Outstanding Teacher of the Year, Secondary Level: Alicia Lewis (Blythewood High School)

National school awards

Magnet Schools of America Magnet School of Distinction: Forest Lake Elementary School

1st place in American Scholastic Press Association’s Scholastic Review and Contest: Forest Lake Elementary School Eagle Expressions Literary Magazine

National student awards

1st place at 2010 National Air Force Eastern Drill Championship: Spring Valley High School Viking Air Force JROTC

1st place on National Spanish Exam: Richard Weeks (Blythewood High School)
1st place in the National School Improvement Alliance’s state and Southeast Regional MathFest competition: **Vinita Cheepurupalli** - 3rd grade level & **Jenning Chen** - 5th grade level (**Lake Carolina Elementary**)  

Philadelphia Inquirer National Sudoku Champ: **Davis Borucki** (**Richland Northeast High School**)  

DECA National Marketing Education Honor Award: **Jasmine Austin** & **Shantavius Hall** (**2009 graduates of Ridge View High School**)  

Winner of Live Poet’s Society of N.J.’s 12th annual Fall-Winter 2009 National High School Poetry Contest: **Kaneisha Payton** (**Spring Valley High School**)  

Selected for 2010 National Honor Band of Bands of America: **Jonathan Sanchez, JJ Milakovich & Akari Ogawa** (**Spring Valley High School**)  

Winner of National High School Model United Nations Award of Distinction: **Richland Northeast High School**  

1st place at Armed Individual Drill in National High School Drill Team Championship: Navy JROTC Cadet **Roderick Weston** (**Richland Northeast High School**)  

National Merit Scholar winner: **Anurag Deconda** (**Spring Valley High School**)  

National Achievement Scholar winners: **Deandre A. Harris** (**Blythewood High School**) & **Christopher E. Davis** (**Ridge View High School**)  

Perfect 2400 on Scholastic Aptitude Test: **Soorya Avali, Anurag Deconda & Afia Kahn** (**Spring Valley High School**)  

Perfect 800 in Critical Reading on Scholastic Aptitude Test: **Drew Patterson** (**Blythewood High School**), **Ellen Dowdell** (**Ridge View High School**) & **Sally Rausch & Harmony White** (**Spring Valley High School**)  

Perfect 800 in Math on Scholastic Aptitude Test: **Richard Chen** (**Dent Middle School**) & **Abhinav Gainey, Wilton Hobbs, Rohan Sunthankan, Nancy Zhong** (**Spring Valley High School**)  

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**State-Level Awards**

State teacher/employee awards

S.C. Council for Exceptional Children’s Rookie Special Education Teacher of the Year Award: **Lauren Smalls** (**Bridge Creek Elementary**)  

Gilder Lehrman Institute of America’s 2009 S.C. Elementary History Teacher of the Year: **Joann Wood** (**Bethel-Hanberry Elementary School**)  

Winner of the Alpha Delta Kappa Excellence in Leadership Award for South Carolina: **Dr. James Ann Lynch** (**Lake Carolina Elementary School**)  

S.C. State Council of the International Reading Association’s Administrator of the Year: **Michael Guliano** (**Bookman Road Elementary School**)
S.C. Association of School Administrators’ S.C. Middle School Principal of the Year: Dr. Randall Gary
(Dent Middle School)

S.C. Association for Marriage & Family Therapy’s Distinguished Professional Award: Dr. Karen Cooper-Haber (District Office)

S.C. Alliance of Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance Association’s Advocacy Award: Dr. Steve Hefner (District Office)

S.C. Athletic Coaches Association’s Middle School Coach of the Year: Jamie Brindel (E.L. Wright Middle School)

S.C. Association of School Administrators’ Elementary School Principal of the Year: Dr. Kappy Cannon (Forest Lake Elementary School)

S.C. Council for Social Studies’ Palmetto Award for Excellence: Brenda Hafner (Blythewood Middle School), Vann Holden (Kelly Mill Middle School) & Dawn Smith (Lonnie B. Nelson Elementary School)

S.C. Council for Social Studies’ Lifetime Achievement Award (post humously): Tom Buckland (Richland Northeast High School)

S.C. Association of Cosmetology Teachers in Vocational Education’s Cosmetology Teacher of the Year: Nancy Riley (Richland Northeast High School)

S.C. Association for Supervision & Curriculum Development's Program Recognition Award: Brenda Hafner (Blythewood Middle School)

S.C. Association of Student Councils’ 2009 – 2010 Administrator of the Year: Ralph Schmidt (Richland Northeast High School)

S.C. Bar Association’s Law Related Education Citizen of the Year Award: Sara Wheeler (Richland Northeast High School)

S.C. School Counselor Association 2009 School Guidance Counselor of the Year: Will Moody (Round Top Elementary School)

S.C. Art Education Association’s 2009 S.C. Art Educator of the Year: Josh Drews (Spring Valley High School)

S.C. Health Educators' Association’s 2010 S.C. Health Science Educator Outstanding New Career & Technical Teacher of the Year: Lorie McDuffie (Spring Valley High School)

S.C. Pupil Transportation Association’s Support Person of the Year: Andrena Bolar (Transportation Department)

State student awards

SC Council for Exceptional Children’s Yes I Can Award in Academics: Brad Cook (Bookman Road Elementary School)

Top three places in the Palmetto Dramatics Association’s Original Playwriting Awards: Rachel Lourie (1st), Jasmin Wilson (2nd) & Katie Burke (3rd) (Richland Northeast High Palmetto Center for the Arts)
1st inductee into South Carolina Association of Student Councils’ Terry McCoy Leadership Hall of Fame: Hughston Armstrong (Ridge View High School)

1st place at 39th annual Junior Science and Humanities Symposium: Anurag Deendoza (Spring Valley High School)

Grand/President’s Award at 54th annual Region II Science & Engineering Fair: Afia Khan (Spring Valley High School)

1st place team at Engineer’s Week Future City competition: Val Miller, Steven Heath and Patrick Reid (Blythewood Middle School)

1st place in culinary arts division (The Culinary Cup) at S.C. Hospitality Association & International Culinary Schools’ 8th annual Carolina ProStart Student Invitational: Blythewood High School Culinary Team

1st place at 32nd annual S.C. National Health Occupation Students of America’s State Leadership Competition: Blythewood High School (2 winners), Ridge View High School (1 team & 3 individual winners) & Spring Valley High School (1 team & 2 individual winners)

1st place at the National Health Occupation Students of America’s June conference: Destinee Allen (Ridge View High School)

2010 recipients of the South Carolina Dance Education Organization’s Artistic Merit, Leadership, and Academic Achievement award: Sheimaliz Glover, Macy Gordon, Nikesha Nelson, Grace Salter, and Re’vin Slack (Ridge View High School)

S.C. State 4A High School Girls Lacrosse champions: Blythewood High School

S.C. State 4A High School Boys Golf champions: Blythewood High School

S.C. State 4A High School Boys Tennis champions: Spring Valley High School

1st place (Champion Award) in state & 3rd place Sharing Award in nation at FIRST LEGO League competition: Infowaves Lego Team (Center for Inquiry)

1st place in the National School Improvement Alliance’s state MathFest competition: Nicole Delmolino – 4th grade level (Lake Carolina Elementary)

1st place team at S.C. Society of Professional Engineers’ Mathcounts competition: Dent Middle School

1st place in state in S.C. Academic Hallmarks Knowledge Masters Open: North Springs Elementary Academic Team

1st place team at Project Lead the Way’s state level Introduction to Engineering Design competition: Derek Knapp, Justin Lozano & Tyler Pixley (Spring Valley High School)

State school awards

S.C. Department of Education’s Palmetto’s Finest School: Killian Elementary School

S.C. Bar Association’s 2010 Law Related Education School of the Year: Blythewood High School
S.C. Office of Adult Education’s Career Readiness Award: **W.R. Rogers Center**

S.C. State Board of Education’s Outstanding School Volunteerism Award: **Round Top Elementary School Improvement Council**

S.C. Department of Education’s Exemplar Level Positive Behavior School: **Sandlapper Elementary School**

Rewards for Excellence from S.C. chapter of the National School Public Relations Society: **Public Information Department** (4 awards), **Kelly Mill Middle School** (3 awards), **Spring Valley High School** (2 awards, 1 for Golden Achievement)

John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts Schools of Excellence in Arts Education award: **Ridge View High School**

S.C. Department of Education’s Exemplary Writing Award: **Round Top Elementary School**

S.C. Department of Education’s Red Carpet Award: **Bookman Road Elementary, Bridge Creek Elementary, Lonnie B. Nelson Elementary, Dent Middle School, Clemson Road and Spears Creek child development centers**

S.C. Department of Education’s Palmetto Gold Awards: **Center for Knowledge, Bethel-Hanberry Elementary, Bookman Road Elementary, Lake Carolina Elementary** - 2 gold, **Lonnie B. Nelson Elementary & Round Top Elementary schools**

S.C. Department of Education’s Palmetto Silver Awards: **Bethel-Hanberry Elementary, Bookman Road Elementary, Bridge Creek Elementary** – 2 silver, **Lonnie B. Nelson Elementary, North Springs Elementary, Polo Road Elementary** - 2 silver, **Round Top Elementary, Sandlapper Elementary** - 2 silver & **Blythewood Middle schools**

Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports Awards: **Conder** and **Keels elementary schools**

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**Other Significant Achievements**

Richland Two **Youth Action Council** presented at the National Youth Leadership Council Service-Learning Conference

Spring Valley High School ladies basketball coach **Anne Long** celebrated her 700th victory

Superintendent **Dr. Steve Hefner** earned the United Way of the Midlands Community Champion Award

Students at **Richland Northeast High School** raised $22,500 In Cash for the Stache campaign to benefit Camp Kemo

54 new **National Board certified Teachers**: 553 total (ranks in top 20 nationally)

District maintains a **AA credit rating** with Standard and Poor’s, Moody’s and Fitch ratings services

Competitive grants received totaling **$3,147,420**

Students received more than **$67.2 million** in scholarships
Dedication of **old Killian School** and **Bridge Creek Elementary** special education playground

Immunized the students of Richland Two from **H1N1 virus**

Successfully switched to **updated financial and payroll systems**

Successfully completed a **nationwide superintendent search**