## School/District Awards

### Palmetto’s Finest Award Finalists

- Blythewood High School
- Kelly Mill Middle School

### Palmetto Gold Awards

- Bethel-Hanberry Elementary School
- Blythewood High School
- Blythewood Middle School
- Bookman Road Elementary School
- Bridge Creek Elementary
- Center for Inquiry
- Center for Knowledge
- Killian Elementary School
- Lake Carolina Elementary School (2 gold awards)
- Ridge View High School
- Round Top Elementary School
- Sandlapper Elementary School

### Palmetto Silver Awards

- Bethel-Hanberry Elementary School
- Blythewood High School
- Bookman Road Elementary School
- Bridge Creek Elementary School
- L.W. Conder Elementary Arts Integrated Magnet School
- Killian Elementary School
- Lonnie B. Nelson Elementary School
- North Springs Elementary School
- Polo Road Elementary School (2 silver awards)
- Rice Creek Elementary School (2 silver awards)
- Sandlapper Elementary School
- Spring Valley High School

### National School of Character

- Lake Carolina Elementary School

### National School to Watch

- Blythewood Middle School

### Red Carpet Schools

- Bookman Road Elementary
- Bridge Creek Elementary
- Clemson Road Child Development Center
- Dent Middle School
- Lonnie B. Nelson Elementary
National Awards

*National teacher/employee awards*

**Micro Society George Award**
Patricia Earle (Forest Lake Elementary Technology Magnet School)

**National Council for Social Studies’ 2010 Outstanding Social Studies Teacher of the Year**
Charles Vaughn (Richland Northeast High School)

**Magnet Schools of America National Teacher of the Year**
Lynn Washington (Richland Northeast High School)

**Magnet Schools of America Region IX Principal of the Year**
Ralph Schmidt (Richland Northeast High School)

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

**National School Public Relations Association’s 2011 Golden Achievement Award and Award of Merit**
Public Information Department

*National school awards*

**National Federation of State High School Associations 4A Region 4 National Award of Excellence**
Blythewood High School

**American Scholastic Press Association’s Most Outstanding School Magazine & Best Elementary Publication**
Forest Lake Elementary Technology Magnet School’s Eagle Expressions Literary Magazine

**Magnet Schools of America’s National Magnet School of Distinction**
Forest Lake Elementary Technology Magnet School

**National Association for Professional Development Schools’ Exemplary Professional Development School Achievement Award**
Lake Carolina Elementary School

*National student awards*

**2011 National Honor Band**
Dillon Ashby (Ridge View High School)
Akari Ogawa and Jonathan Sanchez (Spring Valley High School)

**College Options Foundation first place level 2 2010-2011 Army Academic Bowl**
Blythewood High School JROTC
National Soccer Coaches Association of America Team Academic Award
Blythewood High School’s boys and girls soccer teams

Ben Carson Scholarship Award
Kaily Charles (Dent Middle School)

National Council for Exceptional Children’s 2011 Yes I Can! Award in the area of academics
Brad Cook (Lake Carolina Elementary School)

2010 National Career Development Association Poetry and Poster Contest 1st place Intermediate Division
Caitlyn Marier (North Springs Elementary School)

JROTC Area 6 Leadership Academy Top-ranking female cadet
Jessica Cornell (Richland Northeast High School)

International Model UN Association’ first place award for Best School Overall
Richland Northeast High School’s Model UN team

Gatorade 2011 South Carolina Gatorade Player of the Year
Xylina McDaniel (Spring Valley High School)

National Football Foundation and College Hall of Fame Scholar Athlete
Michael Israel (Spring Valley High School)

National Guard National Ranking Trophy
Spring Valley High School’s Girls Basketball Team

National Merit scholars
$2,500 from College Board
Harmony K. White (Spring Valley High School)

College Merit scholars
Taylor Kimmett (Blythewood High School)
Emily Theus (Richland Northeast High School)
William Fishburne, Brady Russo and Ryl and Sundby (Spring Valley High School)

Corporate Merit scholar
Michael J. Hobensack (Spring Valley High School)

National Achievement scholars
LaVesha Parker (Ridge View High School)
Karen N. Ekeh, Travena A. Hawkins and Brendane A. Tynes (Richland Northeast High School)
Kaneisha L. Payton, Jazmin A. Ricks and Gabrielle N. Wilson (Spring Valley High School)
Christina Clay and Miah Davis (Blythewood High School)

Perfect ACT
Overall
William Fishburne (Spring Valley High School)
Emily Theus (Richland Northeast High School)

English section
Dillon Ashby (Ridge View High School)

Math section
Dillon Ashby (Ridge View High School)

Reading section
Katherine Wallace (Richland Northeast High School)
Najia Zahir (Ridge View High School)

Perfect SAT (7 - sections only)
Math section
Abhinav Gainey (Spring Valley High School)

Critical Reading section
Naomi Brown (Richland Northeast High School)
Laura Dorn (Richland Northeast High School)
John Parvin (Richland Northeast High School)
Wesley Paulman (Spring Valley High School)

Writing section
Davis Borucki (Richland Northeast High School)
Megan Brovan (Spring Valley High School)

State-Level Awards

State teacher/employee awards

SC Association of School Administrators Principal of the Year Award
Robin Hardy (Dent Middle School) - Middle Level Assistant Principal
Greg Owings (Spring Valley High School) – High Level Principal

SC Health Science Educators Association’s 2011 Health Science Teacher of the Year
Lila Abraham (Blythewood High School)

SC Art Education Association’s 2010 Principal of the Year
Dr. Jo Lane Hall (Center for Knowledge)

SC Department of Education’s Barbara H. James Career Specialist of the Year
Joyce Simons (Dent Middle School)

SC Department of Education Leadership Institute’s Tenenbaum Award
Dr. Randall Gary (Dent Middle School)

SC Association of School Administrators’ Harley Award
Deputy Superintendent Dr. Cheryl Washington (District Office)

SC Chapter of National School Public Relations Association’s Medallion Award
Public Information Department (District Office) for the Anna Boyd, Preserving the Legacy Project

SC Theatre Association’s Lifetime Achievement Award
Donna Wilson (Richland Northeast High School)

SC Art Education Association’s 2010 Elementary Art Educator of the Year
LaDonna Dixon (Round Top Elementary School)
Women’s Basketball Coaches Association’s 2011 District III Coach of the Year
Coach Anne Long (Spring Valley High School)

SC Basketball Coaches Association’s Hall of Fame Inductee
Coach Anne Long (Spring Valley High School)

State student awards

SC Regional National Engineers Week Future City competition’s 1st place team
Lillie Buschmann, Valerie Miller and Anthony Richards (Blythewood Middle School)

SC Scholastic Art Awards’ Gold Key Award
William Epps, Taylor Kienker and Daniel Lenge (Blythewood High School)

The State newspaper’s Class 4A Player of the Year
Katie Fosnacht (Blythewood High School)

Young Entrepreneurship South Carolina’s 2010 Top Entrepreneur
Grace Youngblood (Center for Accelerated Preparation)

Mathcounts State Team Champions
Jenning Chen, Richard Chen, Sarah Lee and Surabhi Poola (Dent Middle School)

SC Council for Exceptional Children Professional Development’s Yes I Can Award
Duncan Winburn (Forest Lake Elementary Technology Magnet School)

SC Arts Commission’s Poetry Out Loud State Champion
LeeAnn Swager (Ridge View High School)

2011 Flying Gamecock Invitational Drill Championship (27th consecutive year)
Spring Valley High School JROTC

SC State 4A Champions (Undefeated season)
Spring Valley High School Girls Basketball Team

SC State 4A Individual Champion in Boys Golf
Shane Rogan (Blythewood High School)

Other significant achievements

45 new National Board certified teachers: 598 total (ranks second in state and in top 20 nationally)

Competitive grants received totaling $9,023,134

Students received more than $79.5 million in scholarships