

2015–2016 Awards



National-Level Student Awards

National Merit Scholarship finalists — RNHS and SVHS

Gates Millennium Scholarship recipient — RNHS

Intel Science Talent Search semifinalists — SVHS

National Spanish Examination's Junior Travel Award — RVHS

Aspirations in Computing Award — WHS

U.S. Presidential Scholars Program Candidates — RNHS and SVHS

Grand prize winner in BreyerFest contest sponsored by Young Rider Magazine — RTES

Southeastern Scholastic Art Gold Key Awards — BHS, RNHS, RVHS, SVHS and WHS



National-Level Student Awards

Perfect ACT score — SVHS

Perfect ACT section scores —
RNHS, RVHS and SVHS

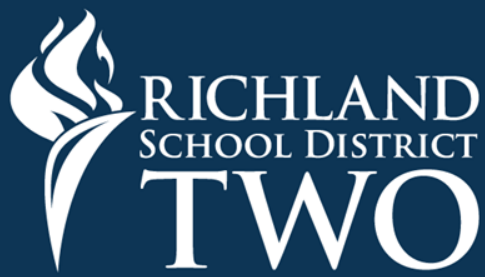
Perfect SAT section scores — RNHS
and SVHS

President's Volunteer Service
Award — SVHS

National Spanish Examination Gold
scores — RVHS and SVHS

Eagle Scouts — BHS and SVHS

Atlantic Institute Art and Essay
Contest winners — SVHS



National-Level School Awards

National High School Model United Nations Award of Distinction — RNHS

Southern High School Model United Nations Award of Distinction — RNHS

National Beta Club School of Merit — CES

Magnet Schools of America's Magnet School of Excellence Award — NSES

Magnet Schools of America's Magnet Schools of Distinction — CES, FLES, RVHS



National-Level Employee Awards

National School Public Relations Association Golden Achievement Award — Dr. Theresa Riley Stephens, Communications and Strategic Partnerships

National High School Coaches Association's National Track and Field Coach of the Year — John Jones, SVHS

American School Counselor Association's S.C. Counselor of the Year — Lee York, KMMS

Astrobrights Colorize Your Classroom Challenge winner — Michelle Spigner, SVHS

National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Scholar — Tristan Richardson, BMS

National-Level Employee Awards

National Tutoring Association Board
Member of the Year and N.T.A.
President-elect — Ishmael Brown,
SVHS

International Society for Technology
in Education's Emerging Leader
Award — Marissa Young, PES

National Geographic Certified
Educator — SVHS

American Red Cross Lifesaving
Award — Debbie Bernhagen,
Stacey Harris, SPMS

National Soccer Coaches
Association of America's S.C.
State Soccer Coach of the Year —
Peter Wittig, BHS



National-Level Employee Awards

National Association of School
Psychologists' Model School
Psychology Intern Field Supervisor
— Dr. Sandra Manning, RVHS

Albert Einstein Distinguished
Educator Fellow — Matthew Owens,
Teaching and Learning

701 National Board Certified
Teachers

American Red Cross Lifesaving
Award — Debbie Bernhagen,
Stacey Harris, SPMS

National Soccer Coaches
Association of America's S.C.
State Soccer Coach of the Year —
Peter Wittig, BHS

National-Level Department Awards

Government Finance Officers
Association's Certificate of
Achievement for Excellence for in
Financial Reporting — Financial
Services

Association of School Business
Officials International Certificate
of Excellence in Financial
Reporting — Financial Services

Pioneer Athletics Field of
Excellence Awards, three fields
— Maintenance and Operations

State-Level Student Awards

Clemson University Declamation
Contest 1st place winners — SVHS

S.C. Finance Challenge 1st place
winners — KMMS

Verizon App Challenge “Best in State”
— BMS

Letters about Literature 1st place
winner — BMS

S.C. Department of Health and
Environmental Control’s Champion of
the Environment — BRES

S.C FBLA State Leadership
Conference gold medal winners —
BHS, RNHS and WHS

S.C. HOSA State Leadership
Conference 1st place winners
— RVHS and SVHS

S.C. DECA 1st place winner — RVHS

NJROTC Area Drill Meet 1st place —
RNHS

3A Student Council of the Year
— RNHS

State-Level Student Awards

National Assoc. of Conservation
Districts S.C. Conservation Poster
Contest — LMS and PES

Palmetto Dramatic Association
State Competition 1st place — WHS
and RNHS

S.C. Theatre Association's High
School One-Act Play Festival 1st
place — BHS

4A Student Council of the Year
— WHS

S.C. National History Day 1st place
awards — BHS, SVHS and DMS

Reading with the Gamecocks Highest
Reading Awards — LCEL, LES, PRES and
SPMS

S.C. Bar Law Related Education
Division's We the People competition
1st place — DMS

S.C. Scholastic Press Association
Palmetto Award for Best Yearbook in
Class 3 and Best in State — RNHS

State-Level Student Awards

4A Boys 200 and 400 Free Relay
State Champions, Individual 50
and 100 free (swim) — SVHS

North-South All-Star Football
Players — SVHS and BHS

4A Girls 4x400 Relay State
Champions (track) — RVHS

4A Girls 400 meter State
Champion (track) — RVHS

North/South All Star Wrestling
Classic — WHS

Shrine Bowl of the Carolinas, MVP
Defensive Player — RNHS

Carolinas All-Star Basketball Players
— BHS and SVHS

North-South All-Star Basketball
Players — RVHS and SVHS

North-South All-Star Soccer Players
— BHS, RNHS and SVHS

Clash of the Carolinas (soccer)
— BHS

State-Level School Awards

4A State Basketball Championship
— SVHS

S.C. Air Force Association's Sword
of Excellence and 2016 AFJROTC
Outstanding Organization — SVHS

Southern Interscholastic Press
Association's annual convention—
1st place — RNHS

4A State Wrestling Champion
— WHS

State Lego Competition 1st place
— CFI

White Knoll Carolina Winter
Ensemble Association
Championships — SVHS

S.C. Department of Education's
Palmetto Gold and Silver Awards —
BHES, BHS, BMS, BRES, CTES, CFI,
CFK, LCEL, NSES, PRES, PES, RVHS,
RTES, SVHS, WES

State-Level Employee Awards

S.C. Association of School
Psychologists Award of Excellence —
Dr. Sandra Manning, RVHS

S.C. Theatre Association's High
School One-Act Play Festival's Best
Director — Sandra Dietel, BHS

S.C. Aquarium Teacher of the Year —
Rachel Tustin, DMS

S.C. Council for Exceptional
Children's 2016 Rookie Teacher of
the Year — Katie Tyczynski, MRMS

S.C. Junior Science and Humanities
Symposium Teachers of the Year —
Dr. Joanne Bedlek-Anslow, Dale
Soblo, Michelle Spigner, SVHS

S.C. Association of Student Council's
Advisor of the Year — Janet Frick,
WHS

State-Level Employee Awards

S.C. Association of School Social Workers' School Social Worker of the Year — Brenda Creighton, ABS, JKES

S.C. Association for Pupil Transportation's ROAD-E-O 1st place — Deheja Harris, Dorothy Wilson, Sharon Skinner, Operations

Phi Beta Mu Bandmaster Recognition — David Allison, SVHS; James Barnes, BHS; Vince Clayton, RVHS

S.C. National School Public Relations Association Rewards for Excellence — Tyler Abernathy, BMS; Ish Abdus-Saboor, Brian Cowley, Adam Ginsburg, Tony Kenion, Communications and Strategic Partnerships; Denise Duke, FLES; Bob Crowley, Dr. Brenda Mack-Foxworth, Ellen Harrison, Melissa Myers, Wendi Wimmer, RVHS; Rob Herron, SVHS; Mary Brebner, Janet Frick, Cheryl Guy, Lynn Washington, WHS



State-Level Employee Awards

S.C. Assoc. for the Advancement of Health Education's 2015 Outstanding Contribution to Health Education Award — Dena Fender, Teaching and Learning Department

Global Partners for Fathers and Families' Palmetto State Fatherhood Award — Jamey Patterson, RVHS

S.C. Athletic Coaches Association's Athletic Director of the Year — Tim Hunter, SVHS

S.C. Science Education Leadership Association's Leadership in Science Education Award — Ed Emmer, Teaching and Learning

State-Level Employee Awards

S.C. Assoc. of Educational Office
Professionals president — Jill
Averyhart, District Office

S.C. Athletic Coaches Association
Strength Coach of the Year —
Stephen Venugopal, RNHS

S.C. Economics' Outstanding Teacher
Service Award — Kurt Stiglbauer, RVHS

S.C. Athletic Coaches Association Girls
Basketball Coach of the Year — Anne
Long, SVHS



State-Level District Awards

United Way of the Midlands'
Best in Class in the Public
Sector Award — Richland
School District Two

State-Level Board of Trustees Awards

South Carolina School Boards
Association Ten Year Service
Pin — Susan Brill