



# Promoting Excellence 2011-2012



## *Excellence in the Classroom*

- ◆ Crestwood, Lakewood and Sumter high schools earned more than \$19 million in merit based scholarships.
- ◆ The Sumter High International Baccalaureate seniors earned \$3.6 million in scholarship offers.
- ◆ Lakewood senior Antonio Riley was named a Gates Millennium Scholar.
- ◆ Eighteen schools earned 21 Palmetto Gold and Silver awards.
- ◆ Thirty-three students were selected to attend Palmetto Girls and Boys State.
- ◆ Twenty-eight Junior Scholars were named from our middle schools.
- ◆ Seniors achieved gains across the board on the 2011 SAT.
- ◆ The 2011 Graduation Rate (79.2%) surpassed the state and national averages.
- ◆ The Career Center was named a Nationally Accredited Training Facility through the National Center for Construction Education and Research.
- ◆ Sumter Adult Education earned the GED award, Palmetto Performer Honorable Mention, Palmetto Trend Setters award, and the Palmetto Pride award at the SC Adult Education Celebrating Our Success program.
- ◆ High Hills Elementary participated in the speed stacking event to break the Guinness World Record.
- ◆ Sumter High AFJROTC Cadets earned top awards at the Cadet Officer Leadership School.
- ◆ The Crestwood and Sumter AFJROTC Color Guards opened afternoon sessions of the SC School Boards Association meeting.
- ◆ The Crestwood High AFJROTC Drill Team won eight trophies and placed second overall at the Irmo High Drill Meet, and the Sumter High Drill Team placed fourth.
- ◆ The Crestwood High ROTC exceeded standards on their Unit Evaluation.
- ◆ F.J. DeLaine Elementary was one of 20 schools in the United States to receive the BOOK IT! Big Book Giveaway, sponsored by Pizza Hut.
- ◆ Cherryvale Elementary received a \$2,653 Palmetto Pride Litter Trashes Everyone grant.
- ◆ The Career Center was awarded a Lowe's Campus Improvement grant.
- ◆ Crestwood High received a \$245,000 Education Economic Development Act At-Risk Student Innovative Competitive grant from the SDE.
- ◆ Lakewood High received an \$8,000 EEDA At-Risk Student Supplemental Formula grant from the SDE.
- ◆ Sumter School District was awarded a \$397,031 21st Century Community Learning Center grant, a \$60,000 McKinney Vento grant, a \$182,000 First Steps grant, a \$1,185,369 Early Head Start grant, a \$611,846 School Nurses grant, a \$1,079,290 Title II grant, and a \$10,600 English Literacy Adult Ed grant.
- ◆ Cherryvale Elementary received a \$5,000 Lowe's Toolbox for Education grant.
- ◆ Trevor Ivey, a science teacher at Alice Drive Middle, received a DonorsChoose grant and an Almost Home grant from Progress Energy.
- ◆ Angela Boykin, a teacher at Brewington Academy, won a \$500 Daughters of the American Revolution 2012 History Educator Grant award.
- ◆ Mayewood Middle received \$25,000 worth of informational texts to support the creation of model demonstration classroom libraries.
- ◆ High Hills Elementary was awarded two grants totaling \$1,100 by the SC Arts Commission.
- ◆ Amanda Lane, a teacher at Willow Drive Elementary, was awarded a \$300 DonorsChoose grant.
- ◆ Cherryvale, F.J. DeLaine, Lemira and Rafting Creek elementary schools were each awarded a federal grant through the Fresh Fruit and Vegetable program.
- ◆ The Woodmen of the World Lodge 19 donated \$300 to the art department of Alice Drive Elementary.
- ◆ Wilder Elementary received funding for Project UNIFY, which partners Wilder with Special Olympics to promote inclusive sports opportunities for Special Olympics athletes.
- ◆ Bates Middle students Hunter Pritchard, Briana Gales and Brandon Moore placed first, second and third, respectively, in the National Career Development Association Poetry contest.
- ◆ FFA student Steven Reeves from Crestwood earned Bronze in Prepared Public Speaking, and the Lakewood Dairy Products Team, which consisted of Ginger Brotherton, Randi Sims, Dallas Witt and Danny Johnson, earned Silver.
- ◆ Career Center students Lakia Johnson and Chris White were elected FCCLA State Officers.
- ◆ Students from Ebenezer, Crestwood and Lakewood earned top awards at the FBLA 2012 District Leadership competition.
- ◆ Two teams from Lakewood High placed in the top three in the state FFA Career Development.
- ◆ Lakewood FCCLA members Briana Hart and Jaleesa Perry earned Silver in the Promote and Publicize competition; Genesis Lang and Jammie Vaughn earned Gold in the Life Event Planning competition; and Jaleesa Perry was elected as the SC Association of FCCLA's VP of Parliamentary Law. Emoni Pack from Crestwood was elected 1st VP. In addition, Tyrek Commander won Gold in the Star Event Competition Life Event Planning; Stephon Pearson won Silver in the Star Event Competition Illustrated Talk; and Brittany Ramsey won Silver in the Star Event Competition Focus on Children.
- ◆ Dajaun McDonald, a student at Ebenezer Middle, was named the recipient of the SCEA Richard W. Riley award and the Evening Optimist Club Middle School Youth of the Year.
- ◆ Molly Duggan, a student at Sumter High, was named the SC Special Olympics Outstanding Youth Volunteer.
- ◆ Manchester student Emily Lucas won the local Daughters of the American Revolution Writing contest.
- ◆ Crestwood students Lauren Moore and Allyson Wills placed 1st in the state and 17th and 29th, respectively, in the nation at the National French contest.
- ◆ FFA students from Crestwood placed third overall at the SC FFA Livestock Evaluation Career Development event.
- ◆ Sumter High School's student newspaper, the *Cock's Quill*, earned a Superior rating at the SC Scholastic Press Association's annual competition.

- ◆ Nine Wilder Elementary 5th graders advanced to the Region II Science Fair, and four students came home with top awards.
  - ◆ Jasmin Moses from Crestwood won the Honor award at the Region II Intel Science and Engineering Fair.
  - ◆ Representatives from Sumter High and Bates Middle earned top awards at the SC Association of Student Councils Convention. Sumter High student Jarvais Jackson received a plaque for serving as SCASC District 2 Vice Chairman and was named to the Terry A. McCoy Leadership Hall of Fame; Josh Joslin received a plaque for serving as State Recording Secretary and was appointed to be the State Corresponding Secretary; and Blake Ward was elected District 2 Vice Chairman. Bates Middle 8th Grade President Neena Riggs was also named to the Terry A. McCoy Student Leadership Hall of Fame.
  - ◆ Chestnut Oaks Middle students Carolyn Wilder and Alexia Morrow were published in the annual student anthology entitled, "Award Winning Young Writer's of America - 2012."
  - ◆ District 13 South Carolina PTA presented awards to the following schools: Anissa Walker, Oakland Primary, Outstanding Volunteer of the Year; Josephine Mack of Oakland Primary and Velvet Tindal of Manchester Elementary, Outstanding Support Staff Members of the Year; Jodi Lucas, Manchester Elementary, Outstanding Teacher of the Year; Sherril Ray, Lakewood High, Outstanding Principal of the Year; Millwood Elementary, Outstanding Elementary School Unit award; Alice Drive Middle, Outstanding Middle School Unit award; and Kingsbury Elementary and Bates Middle, PTA Membership awards.
  - ◆ Eight Career Center students earned the High Schools That Work Award of Educational Achievement.
  - ◆ Laura Lyles, a teacher at Kingsbury Elementary, was named the 2011-2012 District Teacher of the Year.
  - ◆ Larry Addison, chairman of the Board of Trustees, was elected to the SC School Boards Association Board of Directors as the Region 7 Director.
  - ◆ Tracy Spigner, a teacher at Kingsbury Elementary, was named Cooperating Teacher of the Year by the SC Association of Teacher Educators.
  - ◆ Eight teachers achieved National Board Certification bringing the district's total to 106. Congratulations to Shanitra Deas (Furman), Jonnell Atkins (Kingsbury), Ann Caldwell (Wilder), Leon Gandy (Alice Drive Middle), Gianina Hayes (Wilder), Suzanne Koty (Sumter High), Tonia Major (Lemira), and Kelly Melton (Sumter High).
  - ◆ Caroline Faber, health sciences teacher at the Career Center, received a scholarship to attend the 2012 SC Health Science Educators Conference.
  - ◆ Cynthia Parker, a math teacher at Alice Drive Middle, was installed as president of the SC Council of Teachers of Mathematics.
  - ◆ Delcia Harper-Baxter, principal at Lemira Elementary, presented at the SC School Counselor Association fall conference.
  - ◆ Zan Tracy Pender, a guidance counselor at Lemira Elementary, placed third in the 2011 National Awards for ABC Awards program.
  - ◆ Sumter High Coach Diane Raabe and her family were awarded the South Carolina Special Olympics Joshua Coston Family award.
  - ◆ Leah Simons, a teacher at Pocalla Springs Elementary, was named Teacher of the Week by Forms and Supplies, Inc., and the Carolina Panthers.
  - ◆ Sumter High IB Coordinator Marie Mulholland and Bates IB Middle Years Programme Coordinator Victorica Parker were elected president and president elect, respectively, to the SC IB Schools Association.
  - ◆ Jessica King, a teacher at Crosswell Drive Elementary, and Trevor Ivey, a teacher at Alice Drive Middle, had their class pages featured on the eChalk Academy Website.
  - ◆ Margaret Hutchens, coordinator of social work services, was named the School Social Worker of the Year by the SC Association of School Social Workers.
  - ◆ Clyde Chan, assistant director of maintenance, buildings, grounds and new construction, was named the Energy Manager of the Year.
  - ◆ Rutledge Dingle, principal of Sumter High, was named the SC Administrator of the Year by the SC Association of Student Councils.
  - ◆ The SC Association of School Administrators named Sam Myers the Alternative School Director of the Year.
  - ◆ Major Fred Moore and MSgt Calvin King from Sumter High earned the AFJROTC Outstanding Instructor Award with Merit.
  - ◆ Rita Beard, CATE coordinator, received the SC Business Education Supervision award.
  - ◆ Kingsbury Elementary PERK Teacher Tammy Bennett was awarded the Preschool Professional of the Year award by the Success by 6 program.
  - ◆ Lakewood High School Teacher Barrington Pierson was named the Air Force Association Swamp Fox Chapter Teacher of the Year.
  - ◆ Leroy Steigerwalt, a teacher at Kingsbury Elementary, received the WLTX-TV Golden Apple award.
  - ◆ Terry Lowery, a teacher at Alice Drive Middle, won the Win with Classworks contest.
  - ◆ Trevor Ivey, a teacher at Alice Drive Middle, was selected to serve on the CERRA Advisory Board.
  - ◆ Manchester Elementary teacher Tiffany Ardis and Alice Drive Middle teacher Trevor Ivey were selected to attend the Science P.L.U.S. Institute.
  - ◆ Susan Hilton, a teacher at Sumter High, was selected to attend the prestigious Supreme Court Summer Institute.
  - ◆ Furman Middle School Teacher Shanitra Deas was selected to attend the Hands On, Minds On! Summer Institute.
- Excellence in the Fine Arts*
- ◆ Twenty-six Sumter School District students earned placement in the All State Choir.
  - ◆ Katherine Lynch, a student at Sumter High, was named the Sumter County Fair Outstanding Youth Exhibitor.
  - ◆ Students in Sumter School District won top awards at the Sumter County Fair art show.
  - ◆ The Crestwood High Marching Knights Band was named Best Band in the Carolina Carillon parade.



- ◆ The Crestwood Marching Knights took first place in Marching and Maneuvering, General Effect, Horn Line, Color Guard, Drumline, Drum Major, and Music Execution and Performance at the Southeast Raleigh Magnet High School Bulldog Band Bash. They also won first place overall in the Showstyle Division.
- ◆ The Crestwood Marching Knights earned a Superior rating and awards for Best Percussion, Best Horn Line, Best Color Guard and Best Dance Line in the Dillon High School Battle of the Bands.
- ◆ The Crestwood Marching Knights earned Superior ratings at the SC Band Director's Association Marching Championship Showband Competition and the Marlboro County High School Showdown at the Dogpound.
- ◆ The Sumter High Marching Band was named Grand Champion at the Hartsville Marching Band competition and won the Esprit de Corps award at the Palmetto Invitational.
- ◆ Crestwood students Angie Alicea and Megan Walker earned placement in the Region V Band. Kevin Grant and Khyree Henderson were named alternates.
- ◆ Crestwood students Angie Alicea, Kevin Grant, Megan Walker and Alexis Rose were selected to participate in the 2012 USC Band Clinic.
- ◆ Larry Fullard, a student at Bates Middle, was selected to participate in the All State Orchestra.
- ◆ Three Furman Middle School Band students were nominated for the summer programs sponsored by the SC Governor's School of the Arts.
- ◆ Austin Harglerode, a trumpet player at Furman Middle, earned a seat in the Region V Junior Band.
- ◆ Tyerra Clayborne, an oboe player at Hillcrest Middle, earned a seat in the Region V Junior Band.
- ◆ Shaquim Muldrow, Zack Crews and Anthony DeMarte from Sumter High were selected for the All State Jazz Band.
- ◆ Eight students were selected for Region IV Orchestra.
- ◆ Tyler King, Christian Sanchez, and Markell Singleton from Sumter High earned placement in the All State Clinic Band. Michelle Atwood was an alternate. Philip Bertha, Anthony DeMarte, Cameron Gaddy, Charity Harvin, Lori Lynne Hurst, Willie McCray, Shaquim Muldrow, and Tre Patton were chosen for the Region V Senior Band. Erica Atwood, Michelle Atwood, Trevor Bertha, Giovante Brooks, Noah Bruening, Zack Crews, Aladdin Eden, Austin Keffer, Shawn McCarter, Anna Perry, Lauren Pringle, Micah Robinson, and Sarah Weaver were selected for the Region V Clinic Band. Alternates were Quentin Jones, Brandon Vaughn and Ally Welborn.
- ◆ Alice Drive Middle students Yazmeen Anderson, Ashante Hechazarria and Conrad Kenner earned placement in the Region V Junior Band. Alternates were Madison Frazier and Jalen Williams.
- ◆ Bates Middle students Kate Norman and Joseph Palmer earned placement in the Region V Junior Band. Hannah Corvin was an alternate.
- ◆ Carrington Wilson from Chestnut Oaks Middle earned placement in the Region V Junior Band.
- ◆ The Sumter High Orchestra earned a rating of Superior at the SCMEA Concert Festival.
- ◆ The Sumter High School Jazz Ensemble earned a Superior rating at the SCBDA Jazz Festival.
- ◆ The Sumter High Symphonic Band earned a Superior rating at the SCBDA Concert Festival.
- ◆ The Sumter High Drama students won first place at the SC One Act Play Thespian Festival.
- ◆ The Lakewood Concert and Chamber choirs earned Superior ratings at the SC Choral Festival.
- ◆ The Bates Middle School Symphonic Band earned an Excellent rating at the SC Band Director's Association's Concert Festival.
- ◆ The Sumter Concert Choir performed at the World Strides Heritage Festival in New Orleans, LA.
- ◆ The Crestwood Marching Knights Drumline placed first at the Lower Richland High School and Timerland High School Battle of the Drumlines.
- ◆ The Crosswell Cardinal Steppers were the featured performance at the USC Upstate Diversity Conference.
- ◆ Bates Middle Band students earned 25 Superior, nine Excellent and two Good ratings at the Solo and Ensemble Festival.
- ◆ Furman Middle Band students earned 14 Superior and 21 Excellent ratings at the Solo and Ensemble Festival.
- ◆ The Golden Steppers from Lemira placed 1st in the elementary division Lady Diamonds Step Competition.
- ◆ The Sumter Indoor Percussion finished third at the WGI Regional.

### *Excellence in Athletics*

- ◆ Jamacia Jackson, Karen Grant McFadden, Paul Wilkie and Vincent Wilson were inducted into the Sumter High School Athletic Hall of Fame.
- ◆ Gary Nelson, the athletic trainer for Sumter High, was inducted into the Sumter Sports Hall of Fame.
- ◆ Crestwood Coach Jack Ray was selected to coach in the North/South All-Star Soccer Classic at The College of Charleston.
- ◆ Crestwood High Head Football Coach Keith Crolley was inducted into the SC High School Strength Coaches Association Hall of Fame.
- ◆ Crestwood Strength Coach Brian Jackson was elected president of the SC High School Strength Coaches Association.
- ◆ Crestwood football players Alex Crolley, Quentin Major, DeVariay White, and Jonathan Ray and Sumter football players Dayton Sorrells, Miles Scott and Ethan Epps were selected for the 2011 Sumter Touchdown Club All-Area Academic Team.
- ◆ Sumter High School football player Miles Scott was selected for the North/South Team.
- ◆ Sumter High football players Edward Gamble, Rayshad Bennett, Will Cockerill, Deandre Ross, were Sumter Touchdown Club Players of the Week.
- ◆ Sumter High Coach Herb Keefe was named the Sumter TD Club Assistant Coach of the Year.
- ◆ Sumter High School students Brittany Starling, Shaniqua McKnight and Robbi Winfield were selected for the All Region Volleyball Team.

- ◆ Sumter High cross country athletes Bryan Gullede, Peter Hackett, Dale Turner, Molly McCarthy and Paige Huffman were named All Region Runners.
- ◆ Crestwood High student Alonzo McGee signed a football scholarship with Georgia Military College. He also played in the 2011 North/South All-Star game.
- ◆ Crestwood High student Willie Glover signed a football scholarship with Newberry College.
- ◆ The Sumter High Bocce Ballers earned four Gold medals, three Silver medals and one Bronze medal in the Special Olympics Fall Games. The Unified Soccer Team earned a Bronze medal. The traditional Sumter Intimidators Soccer team took home Gold.
- ◆ The Sumter High Lady Gamecocks won the Region VI Basketball Championship. Danielle McFadden, Shaniqua Mcknight and Kadajah Rembert were named All Region athletes and Danielle was named the Region Player of the Year.
- ◆ Sumter High Varsity Basketball players Tre Woods and Ernest Birth were named All Region athletes.
- ◆ Sumter High Golfer John Keffer finished 3rd in the region tournament.
- ◆ The Sumter High Baseball Team won the Region Championship. Andrew Reardon, Taylor McFaddin, Phillip Watcher, John Lee Campbell and Charlie Barnes were All Region Players. Andrew Reardon was also selected to North/South All Star Game and signed to play at USC Sumter.
- ◆ The Sumter High Boys Track Team won the Region Championship. Individual Region Champs were Tyreke Conyers, Antoino Locklin, Dashaun Randolph, Erick Wright, and Devontaye Edwards.
- ◆ The Sumter High Girls Track Team was the Region runner-up. Individual Region Champs were Deanna King, Darianna Reid, Tabitha Taylor, Michelle Blanding, Danielle McFadden, Danielle McFadden, Shaniqua McKnight, and Sherah Pair.
- ◆ The Sumter High Girls Soccer Team was the Region runner-up. Kathryn Allen signed to play at North Greenville.
- ◆ All Region Team members were Kathryn Allen, Erika Funke, Kaitlyn Watts and Stephanie Wise.
- ◆ Sumter High Boys Soccer All Region Team members were Kyle Mavity and David Moore.
- ◆ Sumter High Softball player Robbi Winfield made the All Region Team.
- ◆ The Lakewood Girls Basketball and Boys Soccer teams made play-offs.
- ◆ The following Crestwood Track and Field athletes were named Region Champions: Joshua Linster, Andre Bennett, Shamari Fakih, Nick Johnson, Antwan Conyers, and Rakeem Benjamin.
- ◆ All State Crestwood Track and Field athletes were Joshua Linster, Andre Bennett, Shamari Fakih, Nick Johnson, Rakeem Benjamin, Antwan Conyers, Chris Roberts, Glen Daniels, Tiraus Epps, Paris Tindal, Jamie Dixon, Elijah Toney, Keiton Burgess, Miller Johnson, and Claude Wheeler.
- ◆ Crestwood Athlete Rakeem Benjamin won the AAA State Meet in 400 Intermediate Hurdles, and the 400 Meter Relay Team (Andre Bennett, Shamari Fakih, Nick Johnson, and Rakeem Benjamin) placed fourth.
- ◆ In weight lifting, Crestwood athletes Keavonte Dennis, Willie Glover, Alex Crolley and Trayvond were Region Champions. Willie Glover was an All State athlete and set a new state record in Broad Jump 160 Pound Class.
- ◆ Courtney Mungo was the Triple Jump Region Champion for Crestwood High. Alejandra Serna and Alexis Porter also competed in the region meet.
- ◆ Crestwood athletes Juan Gardner, Lee Sargent and Todd Larrimer were named All Region Baseball athletes.
- ◆ Crestwood athletes Sharless Dingman, Reba Gibbons, Emily Horton and Kaci Dinkins were named All Region Softball athletes.
- ◆ Crestwood athletes Kelsey Reed, Ashley Rutledge and Nathania Anderson were named All Region Girls Soccer athletes.
- ◆ Crestwood athletes Jonathan Ray, Adam Scanlon and Mikhail Davis were names All Boys Soccer athletes.

*Excellence in  
Community Outreach*

- ◆ Superintendent Randolph Bynum opened the lines of two way communication through the Community Advisory Council, Teacher Advisory Council, Principal Advisory Council, Student Advisory Council and the Parent Forum. He also presented and met with stakeholders in the community including local government, the faith based community, the education community, the business community, civic organizations, the Board of Realtors and the Chamber of Commerce.
- ◆ Twenty-eight members of the community walked in the shoes of an administrator by participating in the inaugural Sumter School District Principal for the Day program.
- ◆ Continental Tire donated \$25,000 to our school district for classroom libraries.
- ◆ Students from the middle and high schools were honored for outstanding character and citizenship by the Chamber of Commerce at an awards breakfast at each school.
- ◆ Sumter School District raised more than \$35,000 for the American Heart Walk and Relay for Life.
- ◆ Our schools participated in a variety of service projects including the United Way Campaign, Shower Shaw with Cookies, Operation Christmas Child, Samaritans House, United Ministries, Emmanuel Soup Kitchen, Pennies for Patients, Toys for Tots, Angel Tree, Ronald McDonald House, Kiwanis Pancake Day, Jump Rope for Heart, Hoops for Heart, Laps and Layups for Leukemia, Lee Denim Day for Breast Cancer, and the Domestic Walk against Violence.
- ◆ The Teacher Forum collected approximately 10,000 diapers for the Light of Hope Pregnancy Center.
- ◆ Pastor Marion H. Newton of Jehovah Missionary Baptist Church, Rev. Dr. James Blassingame of Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church, and Rev. Gloria Williams of Second Presbyterian Church collectively raised \$15,000 in their churches to donate to Bates Middle, Lemira Elementary, and Wilder Elementary schools.