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Dr. Shawn Foster with student and principal from Bethune-Bowman Middle/High

Orangeburg County School District Laudes the 'Top Ten Percent of the 2023 Graduating Seniors' during the inaugural celebration

ORANGEBURG, S.C. – Orangeburg County School District celebrated and honored the academic achievement of students in the 'Top Ten Percent' of the 2023 graduating class. More than 70 OCSD students were honored during the inaugural event – consisting of an evening that included live music, dinner, a message of inspiration and hope, and the opportunity to celebrate with families and OCSD leaders.

The senior scholar banquet was created to recognize the numerous academic achievements the "Top Ten Percent" of OCSD 2023 graduating scholars realized. The students are academically gifted and have excelled in the classroom and their communities. All scholars honored will attend an institution of higher education, and the total number of scholarship dollars that the students have received is nearly 8 million dollars.

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Words of encouragement were shared by Orangeburg Department of Public Safety police chief Charles P. Austin Sr. He unequivocally challenged the students to choose their decisions and friends wisely. But he also encouraged them to dream big dreams, dare to be great, and do all that they could to make the world just a little bit better.

Every OCSD senior scholar received a certificate of achievement and medallion, which they will also wear during graduation.

Orangeburg County School District

The mission of Orangeburg County School District, the catalyst of innovation and excellence, is to ensure all students discover and develop their person, purpose, and platform through high-quality educational experiences distinguished by a culture of collaboration, equity, and inclusion; a creative learning environment with inspiring opportunities; a commitment to nurture the academic, physical, social and emotional well-being of all. Visit us online at ocsdsc.org

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