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## Media Release

### **Wando earns honor for top yearbook in the state for third consecutive year**

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**Mount Pleasant, SC** – For the first time in school history, Wando High School's yearbook, *Legend*, won the South Carolina Scholastic Press Association's (SCSPA) Best Yearbook in the state honor for the third year in a row. The 50th anniversary edition of Wando's yearbook is themed "Don't Wait." This the fourth time overall *Legend* received SCSPA's top award.

"Each year, these students continue to strive for more and more accolades, and their efforts are always focused on making the best yearbook possible," said Wando English teacher Phillip Caston, who serves as the school's yearbook adviser. "This is a fitting tribute to our historical 50th volume. The yearbook students refuse to settle on 'good enough' and work to improve upon excellence every year."

In addition, *Legend's* staff brought home 10 individual awards, the most of any school with a yearbook in the competition this year. *Legend* also won more first place awards than any other yearbook in 2023.

The following *Legend* staff members received SCSPA individual awards:

1st Place, Academic Spread - Senior Emily Yaman  
1st Place, Clubs Spread - Graduate Katie Brown and senior Ava Kempinski  
1st Place, Cover Design - Graduates Nicole Breen, Julia Galbally, Brooke Tribolet  
1st Place, Sports Action Photo - Graduate Bella Schwinne  
1st Place, Sports Copy - Senior Tyler Pinson  
2nd Place, Sports Reaction Photo - Graduate Lola Daniher  
2nd Place, Theme Development - Graduates Nicole Breen, Julia Galbally, Brooke Tribolet  
2nd Place, Student Life Spread - Senior Elise Gierhart  
3rd Place, Feature Copy - Senior Olivia Cyr  
3rd Place, Sports Spread - Junior Sadie Andrus

"For *Legend* to be named the best yearbook in South Carolina for the third year in a row is absolutely incredible, but also no surprise," said Nicole Breen, co-editor in chief of the 2023 yearbook. "The staff has a true dedication to excellence and I could not be more proud of all they have accomplished. *Legend's* commitment to producing work of only the highest quality is obvious and these continued achievements are markers of the staff's hard work and talent."

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CCSD offers a diverse portfolio of educational options and specialized programs delivered to the students of CCSD through neighborhood, magnet, IB (international baccalaureate), Montessori, and charter schools and programs. Rich educational opportunities for students include programs in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM); music and other creative and performing arts; career and technical preparation programs; military; dual credit; and many more.