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Media Release

Wando's student media teams shatter records at Southern Interscholastic Press Association Conference

Mount Pleasant, SC – Wando High School's student media team traveled to Columbia for the annual Southern Interscholastic Press Association conference March 3, 2023. They competed against schools from across the South in writing, design, and photography for work from last year and this year.

Wando's yearbook *Legend* shattered previous staff records with 49 total individual awards and 21 first place awards. To put this in perspective, the total awards of the five schools ranking behind *Legend* were 9, 4, 4, 4, and 4 respectively. That means *Legend* won just four fewer first place awards than those other schools won in *total awards combined*.

In writing honors, *Legend* won 17 of 21 possible awards.

"I'm so happy with the awards our staff has received and I'm very proud to see all of our hard work pay off," said co-editor in chief Nicole Breen. "The *Legend* staff has an unparalleled work ethic and it is no surprise to me to see it come to fruition. I am so proud of our staff and I cannot wait to see what we accomplish next."

The 2022 edition of the yearbook was also named the Best in Show of all schools in attendance at the conference.

"Each year, they continue to bring home more honors and they just keep getting better," said newspaper and yearbook adviser Phillip Caston. "It's a safe bet that they'll break their own record again next year."

Wando's *Tribal Tribune* newspaper students won 15 total awards and four first place awards as well.

"Our *Legend* yearbook and *Tribal Tribune* students are to be commended for their outstanding work that resulted in local, state, and national recognition," said Principal Kim Wilson. "Mr. Caston knows how to get the most out of his students."

He takes time to build positive relationships with students and in return they perform at the very highest level."

In additional news, *Legend* was named one of 27 yearbooks chosen to be included in Jostens' "Book Looks" section in the annual Jostens Look Book, which honors the best in yearbook design. The 2022 "Something Within Us" volume was chosen from a pool of over 900 yearbooks nationwide.

Legend was heralded for the high-quality of features and profiles" and for strong design elements. It was the only yearbook chosen from the state of South Carolina.

Southern Interscholastic Press Association Winners include:

Legend

- 1st Place, senior Ainsley Doyle – Academic Copy
- 1st Place, grad Elise Lo – Community Copy
- 1st Place, junior Caroline Bierman – Clubs Copy
- 1st Place, grad Millie Rice – People Copy
- 1st Place, senior Julia Galbally – Sports Copy
- 1st Place, junior Jordan Davis – Student Life Copy
- 1st Place, grad Millie Rice – Yearbook Writing Portfolio
- 1st Place, senior Lola Daniher – Club Photo
- 1st Place, senior Bella Schwinne – Landscape Photo
- 1st Place, junior Elise Gierhart – Academic Spread
- 1st Place, senior Nyla Bickham and senior Katie Brown – Alternative Copy Spread
- 1st Place, junior Ava Kempinski and sophomore Hannah Whitaker – Club Spread
- 1st Place, seniors Nicole Breen, Julia Galbally, Brooke Tribolet – End Sheet Design
- 1st Place, seniors Nicole Breen, Julia Galbally, Brooke Tribolet – Opening Spread
- 1st Place, seniors Nicole Breen, Julia Galbally, Brooke Tribolet – Section Divider Design
- 1st Place, junior Elise Gierhart – Profile Spread
- 1st Place, junior Ava Kempinski – Sports Spread
- 1st Place, junior Charley Frost – Student Life Spread
- 1st Place, junior Elise Gierhart – Yearbook Design Portfolio
- Best Overall, Team On-Site Production - Elise Gierhart, Josie Phillips, Mya Andrus, Gabbi Mortellaro
- Best Design, Team On-Site Production - Jordan Davis, Hannah Whitaker, Gracie Sams, Lola Daniher
- Best Copy, Team On-Site Production - Caroline Bierman, Eva Andrus, Maria Gonzalez, Bella Schwinne

- 2nd Place, junior Keira Firilas – Community Copy
 - 2nd Place, senior Sydney Lewis – Academic Copy
 - 2nd Place, grad Allie Frizzell – People Copy
 - 2nd Place, junior Gracie Sams – Sports Copy
 - 2nd Place, senior Luka Albarran – Groups Copy
 - 2nd Place, senior Tory Cole – Student Life Copy
 - 2nd Place, grad Lily Higgins – Yearbook Writing Portfolio
 - 2nd Place, senior Bella Schwinne – Academic Photo
 - 2nd Place, junior Ella Henderson – Landscape Photo
 - 2nd Place, senior Bella Schwinne – Photo Portfolio
 - 2nd Place, senior Brooke Tribolet – Alternative Copy Spread
 - 2nd Place, sophomore Hannah Whitaker – Clubs Spread
 - 2nd Place, senior Nyla Bickham – Profile Spread
 - 2nd Place, sophomore Sadie Andrus – Sports Spread
 - 2nd Place, seniors Nicole Breen, Julia Galbally, Brooke Tribolet – Title Page Design
 - 2nd Place, senior Brooke Tribolet – Yearbook Design Portfolio
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- 3rd Place, grad Lily Higgins – People Copy
 - 3rd Place, senior Sydney Lewis – Student Life Copy
 - 3rd Place, grad Allie Frizzell – Yearbook Writing Portfolio
 - 3rd Place, senior Bella Schwinne – Environmental Photo
 - 3rd Place, sophomore Gabbi Mortellaro – Landscape Photo
 - 3rd Place, senior Bella Schwinne – Sports Photo
 - 3rd Place, senior Lola Daniher – Student Life Photo
 - 3rd Place, senior Lola Daniher – Photo Portfolio
 - 3rd Place, seniors Nicole Breen, Julia Galbally, Brooke Tribolet – Cover Design
 - 3rd Place, senior Katie Brown – Profile Spread
 - 3rd Place, senior Katie Brown – Yearbook Design Portfolio

Tribal Tribune

- 1st Place, junior Charlotte Baxter – Advertising
 - 1st Place, junior Scarlett Lewis – Environmental Photo
 - 1st Place, senior Julia Hochderffer – News Page Design
 - 1st Place, junior Livi Ralston - Best Single Photo, TOP Photo Contest
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- 2nd Place, junior Liva Redhead – Feature Column
 - 2nd Place, senior Inna Voloshchuk – Advertising
 - 2nd Place, senior Inna Voloshchuk – Entertainment Page Design
 - 2nd Place, senior Inna Voloshchuk – Feature Page Design
 - 2nd Place, junior MC Warner – News Page Design
 - 2nd Place, junior Isabella Veritas – Sports Page Design
 - 2nd Place, junior Livi Ralston – News Photo
 - 2nd Place, senior Emory Robinson – Newspaper Design Portfolio

- 3rd Place, junior Livi Ralston – Clubs Photo
- 3rd Place, junior Ava Murphy – First-Year Student Photo
- 3rd Place, senior Inna Voloshchuk – Newspaper Design Portfolio

- Honorable Mention, senior Inna Voloshchuk – Editorial Column

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About the Charleston County School District

Charleston County School District (CCSD) is a nationally accredited school district committed to providing equitable and quality educational opportunities for all of its students. CCSD is the second-largest school system in South Carolina and represents a unique blend of urban, suburban, and rural schools spanning 1,300 square miles along the coast. CCSD serves approximately 49,000 students in 88 schools and specialized programs.

CCSD offers a diverse, expanding portfolio of options and specialized programs, delivered through neighborhood, magnet, IB (international baccalaureate), Montessori, and charter schools. Options include programs in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM), music and other creative and performing arts, career and technical preparation programs, and military.