



Wando High School

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Media Release

Wando's yearbook staff makes history with national award

2022 volume receives Quill & Scroll's Blue and Gold Award for Staff Excellence

Mount Pleasant, SC – For the first time in school history, Wando High School's yearbook, *Legend*, has been recognized as the top yearbook in the nation by Quill & Scroll. Wando's 2022 edition, "Something Within Us," earned the international scholastic journalism organization's Blue and Gold Award for Staff Excellence in the Class A Division (schools with 1,000 students or more). Only one school in each class nationwide received this honor.

"This honor is a monumental achievement for our program and these students," said Phillip Caston, Wando's yearbook adviser (and English teacher). "It's gratifying to be ranked among some of the top yearbook programs and to be named the recipient of the top honor in the contest. The 2022 yearbook continues to stay on pace to be our most award-winning volume in school history."

Legend also picked up three more Blue and Gold Awards – first place in Writing, second place for Design, and third place for Photography.

"Our yearbook staff and editors are some of the most talented and gifted students in the school," said Kim Wilson, Wando's interim principal. "To be recognized as the best yearbook in the United States among the Class A Division high schools is the pinnacle of success. We are proud of our yearbook staff and congratulate them on a well-deserved honor."

Members of the *Legend* staff collected 16 individual awards from Quill & Scroll this year as well, setting a new Wando yearbook record. The following students were honored:

First Place, Academics Spread – Graduate Harper Duffy
First Place, Student Life Photo – Graduate Sarah Cote
First Place, Photo Illustration – Graduate Abigail McLeod
First Place, Clubs or Organizations Writing – Senior Evie Whitesell
First Place, Academics Writing – Senior Ainsley Doyle
First Place, Sports Feature Writing – Junior Grayson Sams

Second Place, Clubs or Organizations Spread – Senior Sam Bumgarner
Second Place, People Spread – Senior Katie Brown
Second Place, Personality Profile – Graduate Lily Higgins
Second Place, Academic Writing – Senior Ainsley Doyle
Second Place, Clubs or Organizations Writing – Senior Evie Whitesell
Second Place, Academic Photo – Graduate Abigail McLeod
Third Place, Clubs or Organizations Spread – Junior Jordan Condie
Third Place, Academic Writing – Senior Sydney Lewis
Third Place, Clubs or Organizations Writing – Caroline Bierman
Honorable Mention, Student Life Spread – Senior Brooke Tribolet

Earlier this fall, Wando's yearbook staff earned [South Carolina Scholastic Press Association's Best Yearbook in the state honor](#) for the second consecutive year (also a first for Wando), and their former co-editor in chief, Clara Barresi, was named a Top 10 finalist for Designer of the Year by the National Scholastic Press Association.

"I'm extraordinarily proud of how hard these young women and men work to bring such accolades and prestige to their high school," added Caston. "The pride they take in their work is incredible."

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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.