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Wando's yearbook takes top honor in the state

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Former co-editor in chief finalist for National Designer of the Year

Mount Pleasant, SC – For the second year in a row, Wando High School's yearbook, *Legend*, is South Carolina Scholastic Press Association's (SCSPA) Best Yearbook in the state. The Warriors earned this year's honor with their 2022 volume, "Something Within Us."

This the third time *Legend* has earned SCSPA's top award, and this the first time in school history Wando won *Best Yearbook in the state* two years in a row.

"The hard work of these young men and women continues to make me proud, and they continue to amaze me with their talent," said Wando English teacher, and Yearbook Advisor Phillip Caston. "Each year, they strive to be even better than the year before, and being the absolute best in the business is their goal with all they do in producing this yearbook. They don't just want to record Wando's history; they want to do it with the finest quality of work."

In addition, *Legend's* staff brought home 12 individual awards, the most of any competing yearbook in 2022. In fact, *Legend* won more first place awards than any other yearbook in the state won in total awards.

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

First Place, Academics Spread Design - Graduate Harper Duffy

First Place, Clubs Spread Design - Junior Jordan Condie

First Place, Feature Story - [Graduate Millie Rice](#)

First Place, Feature Photograph - Graduate Sarah Cote

First Place, Personality Profile Story - Graduate Allie Frizzell

First Place, Sports Action Photo - Graduate Anna Jane Morrall

First Place, Sports Story - Junior Gracie Sams

First Place, Sports Reaction Photo - Graduate Abigail McLeod

First Place, Student Life Spread Design - Senior Brooke Tribolet

Second Place, Sports Spread Design - Junior Ava Kempinski

Third Place, Alternative Copy Spread Design - Senior Katie Brown

Third Place, Cover Design - Graduates Clara Barresi, Lily Higgins, Millie Rice

Finalist for National Designer of the Year

Former *Legend* yearbook co-editor in chief, Clara Barresi, has been named a Top 10 finalist for Designer of the Year by the National Scholastic Press Association (NSPA). She was chosen among yearbook, newspaper, and magazine designers across the nation after submitting a portfolio of her best yearbook design work.

Barresi is the tenth NSPA individual awards finalist in *Legend* history, and she has won more design awards than any past yearbook student, including winning the Southern Interscholastic Press Association's Design Portfolio Contest an unprecedented three years in a row.

Barresi, a freshman at the University of Georgia, and the *Legend* staff will find out her final ranking in the top 10 when the staff travels to the NSPA conference in St. Louis on November 12, 2022.

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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.