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# Media Release

## **Fifty CCSD students honored by the College Board's National Recognition Programs**

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**Charleston, SC** – Charleston County School District (CCSD) is proud to announce that 50 students from a combined eight high schools earned academic honors from the [College Board National Recognition Programs](#) this fall. These National Recognition Programs grant underrepresented students with academic honors that can be included on college and scholarship applications and connect students with colleges and universities across the country in a meaningful way during the application process. Colleges and scholarship programs identify students as National African American, Hispanic, Indigenous, and Rural and Small Town Recognition through College Board's Student Search Service.

The following CCSD scholars received the National African American Recognition Award (NAARA), National Hispanic Recognition Award (NHRA), National Indigenous Award (NIA), or the National Rural and Small Town Award (NRSTA):

### **Academic Magnet**

Jacob Burke (NAARA)  
Keren Collins (NAARA)  
Tsemaye Erenshey (NAARA)  
Connor Junevicus (NRSTA)  
Jackson Millet (NAARA)  
Sebastian Najera (NHRA)  
Elliot Romero (NHRA)

### **Charleston Charter School for Math and Science**

Allen-Michael Gadson (NAARA)  
Christina McNeish (NAARA)  
Jordan Middleton (NAARA)  
Toluwalase Olalare (NAARA)  
Semilore Olalare (NAARA)

### **Charleston County School of the Arts**

Lydia Plante (NHRA)  
Pagelyn Smalls (NAARA)

### **Early College High School**

Cincere Evans (NAARA)

Anastazia Mendones (NAARA)  
Sy'mone Miles (NAARA)  
Ja'Mya Ruth (NAARA)

**James Island Charter High School**

Briana Edwards (NAARA)  
Levn Masindet (NAARA)  
Carter Pena (NHRA)  
Marley Walker (NAARA)

**Lucy Beckham High School**

Alyssa Almaguer (NHRA)  
Emilia Guerard (NHRA)

**Wando High School**

Eva Andrus (NRSTA)  
Ethan Arthur (NRSTA)  
Sierra Beerer (NRSTA)  
Riley Bumgardner (NRSTA)  
Sophia Camps (NHRA)  
Alexander Fister (NRSTA)  
Julia Fragile (NRSTA)  
Jacob Hills (NRSTA)  
Lauren Johnson (NAARA)  
Alice Li (NRSTA)  
Kathryn MacDonald (NRSTA)  
Mary MacDonald (NRSTA)  
Madinabonu Madaminova (NRSTA)  
Garrett Mayer (NRSTA)  
Alena Merrifield (NRSTA)  
Margaret Potter (NRSTA)  
Santiago Rivero (NHRA)  
Remy Rogers (NRSTA)  
Evan Shatz (NRSTA)  
Kathryn Sullivan (NRSTA)  
Anna Terry (NRSTA)

**West Ashley High School**

Geraldo Barbosa (NAARA)  
Ashlyn Malloy (NAARA)  
Anna Mosqueda (NHRA)  
Elianna Navarro (NHRA)  
Otisha Robbins (NAARA)

Students who may be eligible have a grade point average of 3.5 or higher and have excelled on the PSAT/NMSQT or PSAT 10, or earned a score of 3 or higher on

two or more AP Exams; and are African American or Black, Hispanic American or Latinx, Indigenous, and/or attend school in a rural area or small town.

Eligible students will be invited to apply during their sophomore or junior year and will be awarded at the beginning of the next school year. Students will receive their awards in time to include them on their college and scholarship applications.

“We want to honor the hard work of these students through the College Board National Recognition Programs. This program creates a way for colleges and scholarship programs to connect directly with underrepresented students who they are hoping to reach,” said Tarlin Ray, College Board senior vice president of BigFuture. “We hope the award winners and their families celebrate this prestigious honor and it helps them plan for their big future.”

For more information, contact the Office of Communications at (843) 937-6303.

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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.