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Wando JROTC cadet selected as US Navy ROTC Prep scholarship recipient

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Mount Pleasant, SC – Rebecca Coleman, a senior at Wando High School is a JROTC cadet who was selected as the recipient of the US Navy ROTC Prep scholarship to the University of San Diego (USD).

“It is with much pride and honor that we recognize JROTC Cadet Rebecca Coleman on this distinguished accomplishment,” said Principal Dr. Sherry Eppelsheimer. “She has certainly exhibited leadership and academic qualities as well as extraordinary character. Through her hard work, dedication, and determination, she has earned the honor of this prestigious US Navy ROTC Prep Scholarship.”

This scholarship is comparable to the J-100 where it includes room and board and all transportation expenses. The five year scholarship is valued at an estimated \$350,000.

“Cadet Lt Col Rebecca Coleman has distinguished herself by winning the Navy's Prep Scholarship to the University of San Diego,” said John Farese, Wando JROTC Instructor. “This scholarship identifies candidates with an exceptional record of leadership and service, and who have the potential to successfully complete the program of studies and become an Officer in the United States Navy. Cadet Coleman's outstanding performance in all aspects of JROTC leadership, competition, and community service, allowed her to rise to the top during the selection process. She will definitely become a superior Surface Warfare Naval Officer”

“With her future goals presently established, we know she will accomplish much after high school,” Eppelsheimer added.

The US Navy ROTC Prep Scholarship is a leadership and academic-based scholarship. Cadet Coleman was interviewed several times, by USD and by the US Navy. Her plans are to become a surface warfare officer and study behavioral neuroscience. Coleman will also minor in Chinese and is fluent in Mandarin.

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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.