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## Media Release

### **Wando JROTC cadet selected as J-100 scholarship recipient**

#### Wando High School

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**Mount Pleasant, SC** – Wando High School's Bryant Nowicki has been selected as a 2021-22 J-100 Character in Leadership scholarship recipient. Only 100 scholarships were awarded this year. Each cadet that accepts a scholarship does so in pursuit of a commission in the United States Air Force or Space Force.

Candidates are nominated by their instructors and must pass the initial quantitative review. Cadets are also interviewed by a three-person panel comprised of active duty officers, enlisted, and federal civilian members from Air University, Maxwell Air Force Base.

"We are so very proud of Cadet Nowicki for this incredible accomplishment and opportunity," said JROTC Instructor John Farese. "He competed with senior cadets from 900 other AFJROTC units, and successfully navigated the arduous application and board interview process."

According to Farese, this scholarship will culminate in his graduation as a second lieutenant in the US Air Force or US Space Force.

"I feel honored to have been chosen for this scholarship; it will be my first step in becoming an officer," said Col. Nowicki. "This scholarship will allow me to be 100 percent focused on my future and it could not have been achieved without the help of my family, friends, and mentors. This shows me that anything you really want to achieve is possible with hard work and great relationships."

The J-100 Character in Leadership scholarship pays for tuition, books, a monthly stipend, travel to any university, and housing.

"The faculty and staff of Wando High School honor, celebrate, and salute our own Cadet JROTC Bryant Nowicki as having been selected for the 2022 J-100 AFJROTC Character-in-Leadership Scholarship," said Principal Sherry Eppelsheimer. "As one of only 100 students across the nation, this is both a significant achievement and

accomplishment. His hard work and dedication have proven him worthy. We are so proud of Cadet Nowicki, and we wish him well in all his future endeavors.”

For more information, contact Principal Eppelsheimer at (843) 849-2830.

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