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# Media Release

## **District students earn Rev. Pinckney Scholarships**

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**Charleston, SC** – Coastal Community Foundation announced that eight Charleston County School District (CCSD) students were awarded Rev. Pinckney Scholarships, out of 14 total awarded this year.

The Rev. Pinckney Scholarship Program provides promising African-American students with financial support as well as regular supplemental programming throughout college to enhance their academic and professional development.

To qualify, students must be accepted into and complete the Rev. Pinckney College Readiness Program, which begins working with students in their junior years of high school to help them prepare for, research, evaluate and ultimately select which college is right for them.

**CCSD students selected include:**

Eric Center - Early College High School  
India Crawford - James Island Charter High School  
Krya Freeman - St. John's High School  
Jalah Hill - West Ashley High School  
Cameron Jones - Charleston County School of the Arts  
Yorasia Randall - Charleston County School of the Arts  
Anyjah Sally - Academic Magnet High School  
Ariana Williams - James Island Charter High School

Through the Rev. Pinckney Scholarship Program, students are supported with \$10,000 scholarships each year, which are renewable as long as certain criteria are met. They attend professional development and network-building sessions and receive consistent support and coaching from Coastal Community Foundation scholarship staff as well as volunteer mentors. Scholars are able to hone their professional skills, increase their financial literacy, pursue exciting educational opportunities, and build a lasting community of peers and mentors.

The two programs were created by anonymous donors to honor the late Rev. Clementa Pinckney, one of the victims of the Emanuel AME Church tragedy who embodied what it meant to be a visionary leader. Since the [scholarship program was created in 2016](#), more than \$1 million has been awarded in scholarships, and both programs have supported a total of 137 students.

For more information, contact the Division of Strategy and Communication at (843) 937-6603.

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#### **About the Charleston County School District**

Charleston County School District (CCSD) is a nationally-accredited school district that is 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 more than 50,000 students in 87 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.