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Wando's yearbook receives another prestigious honor

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Mount Pleasant, SC – Wando High School's yearbook, known as *Legend*, is earning legendary status outside South Carolina. The Warriors' publication was named the 2020 Scroggins Award winner by the Southern Interscholastic Press Association (SIPA) this past weekend. Essentially, Wando's yearbook is the top yearbook in the South. The news comes four months after the Warriors received [significant national recognition](#) through the Quill and Scroll Yearbook Excellence Contest.

Wando has earned SIPA's Scroggins Award for the first time, which also goes to the top student newspaper, broadcast program, and literary magazine. The announcement came during the organization's annual conference and workshop.

SIPA is a scholastic journalism organization that started the University of South Carolina almost 100 years ago and now represents all student media throughout the Southeast region of the United States.

During SIPA's annual conference, student media organizations enter their work in a variety of contests.

Wando's 2020 volume of *Legend*, with the theme "Decide to Rise," earned Best in Show of all yearbooks represented at the SIPA conference. The *Legend* staff also broke their previous year's record in individual awards, picking up 43 total awards, including 19 first-place honors. The closest competitor to Wando's yearbook staff this year had 14 awards and five first-place recipients.

The following is a list of first-place awards from Wando in this year's SIPA conference:

- **Academic Copy** - Samantha Finkenberg
- **Community Copy** - Mary Michael O'Hara
- **Clubs Copy** - Lily Higgins
- **Theme Copy** - Merritt Redden
- **Club Photo** - Anna Jane Morrall - Club Photo
- **Environmental Portrait Photo** - Joseph Grech
- **First-year Student Photography** - Olivia Estoppey

- **Sports Reaction Photo** - Joseph Grech
- **Photography Portfolio** - Joseph Grech
- **Alternative Copy Spread** - Katie Brown
- **Club Spread** - Harper Duffy
- **Endsheet Design** - Brynn Burke, Alexis Kramer, Olivia Potter
- **Opening Spread Design** - Brynn Burke, Alexis Kramer, Olivia Potter
- **Section Divider** - Brynn Burke, Alexis Kramer, Olivia Potter
- **Sports Spread** - Carlyn Garner
- **Student Life Spread** - Katie Brown
- **Yearbook Design Portfolio** - Clara Barresi
- **Best Overall Team On-Site Production** - Clara Barresi, Lily Higgins, Anna Jane Morrall, Millie Rice
- **Best Design Team On-Site Production** - Clara Barresi, Lily Higgins, Anna Jane Morrall, Millie Rice

The historic *Legend* volume and the 52-person staff were led by editors-in-chief Legare Kerrison, Erin O'Leary, and Merritt Redden (now freshmen at Tulane University, Centre College, and Clemson University, respectively).

For more information, contact Wando's yearbook adviser and English teacher, Phillip Caston, at phillip_caston@charleston.k12.sc.us.

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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.