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R.B. Stall student earns scholarship for Air Force JROTC Flight Academy

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North Charleston, SC – R.B. Stall High School is proud to announce that senior Andrew Whitney, a Cadet Lieutenant Colonel in the school's Air Force Junior ROTC program, has received a scholarship to attend an accredited aviation university participating in a private pilot license training in the summer of 2020.

Whitney is one of 200 Air Force JROTC cadets from around the world to receive the scholarship from Headquarters Air Force ROTC Maxwell Air Force Base in Montgomery, AL. Close to 2,600 cadets applied for this opportunity.

"I have to be careful what I ask for," said Whitney. "Four years ago, I asked Lt. Col. Ford for an opportunity to fly. His response was 'are you ready to work?' Today, I have the opportunity to fly thanks to my school, Air Force JROTC, and hard work."

There are more than 125,000 high school students enrolled in Air Force JROTC at almost 900 high schools in the U.S. and overseas. The scholarship covers transportation, room and board, classes, and flight hours required to potentially earn a private pilot license. Whitney will also earn college credit through this process. The scholarship is valued at approximately \$22,500.

The Flight Academy Scholarship Program is an Air Force-level initiative in collaboration with the commercial aviation industry to address the national civilian and military pilot shortage.

Those who participate in the program do not incur a military commitment to the Air Force or other branches of service, nor does completing the program guarantee acceptance into one of the military's commissioning programs.

"The mission of Air Force Junior ROTC is to develop citizens of character dedicated to serving their nation and community while enlisting values of citizenship, service to the United States, personal responsibility, and sense of accomplishment," added Lt. Col. Lonnie Ford, Stall's Air Force JROTC Senior Aerospace Instructor. "When looking to fill tomorrow's career needs with the best candidates, there is simply no better place for the nation to look than Air Force Junior ROTC!"

Whitney will report to Alabama in the middle of June and take part in the course that will last almost two months.

For more information, please contact Lonnie Ford at (843) 764-2200.

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Charleston County School District (CCSD) is the second largest school system in South Carolina representing 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. With approximately 6,100 employees district-wide, CCSD is the fourth largest employer in the region.

CCSD offers a diverse, expanding portfolio of options and specialized programs, delivered through neighborhood, charter, magnet, IB (international baccalaureate), and Montessori schools, and is divided into three Learning Communities. Options include specialized programs in science, engineering and mathematics; liberal arts; music and other creative and performing arts; career and technical preparation programs; and military and other public service enterprises.