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Military Magnet students participate in Run for the Fallen

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Charleston, SC – Sgt. Luis Hernandez’s students at Military Magnet Academy students (MMA) participated in The South Carolina Chapter of Run For The Fallen in November. The run which honors soldiers from South Carolina who have died fighting in the War on Terror. Each mile of sweat and pain and each flag saluted is to pay homage to each service member’s life and their family.

The run across South Carolina is to raise awareness for the lives of those who fought and died, to rejuvenate their memories and keep their spirits alive and to aid in the healing process for the South Carolina residents whose lives have been affected by war.

Initially, runners were scheduled to pass by the school where a water station would be set up. Hernandez took it a step further and assembled members of MMA’s Cross Country Team to also participate in the run.

The team of 6 runners Garnaris McCormick, Xavier White, Brandon Fancy, Anthony Cruz, William Herard, and Malik Bennett arrived at Liberty Square in downtown Charleston at 6:45 a.m. and met with Mayor John Tecklenburg and others who had gathered to send the group off on their 122 mile journey to the State Capital in Columbia.

MMA runners were prepared to run the first 5.3 miles which culminated at the Military Magnet Academy campus. As the group passed MMA the street was lined with faculty, staff, and students who had gathered to cheer on the runners. There were police escorts as well as a live feed of the runners as they progressed through the city and up Rivers Avenue.

The Cross Country team also took turns carrying flags as well.

“All the young men were excited to have been able to take part in this terrific event, honoring those who have made the ultimate sacrifice for our country,” said Hernandez.

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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.