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**ORANGEBURG COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT HONORS TOP EDUCATORS FOR THE
2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR**

ORANGEBURG, S.C. – Orangeburg County School District (OCSD) proudly announces its annual recognition of exceptional educators and support staff for the 2024-2025 school year. This year, the district honors the top ten Teachers of the Year (TOY) and Support Staff of the Year (SSOY), acknowledging their dedication and exemplary service to education and community.

The following educators have been recognized as Teachers of the Year:

1. Christy Hughes, Branchville High
2. Lacle Raysor, Brookdale Elementary
3. Eunice Jennings, Carver Edisto Middle
4. Lindsay Jameson, Dover Elementary
5. Brittany Hallman, Edisto Primary
6. Katrina Williams, Hunter-Kinard-Tyler Elementary
7. Kristina Kittrell, Lockett Elementary
8. Sandra McMichael, Marshall Elementary
9. Veronica Williams, Orangeburg-Wilkinson High
10. Curshina Hilliard, Robert E. Howard Middle
11. Felicia Sumpter, St. James Gaillard Elementary
12. Beatrice Keitt-Williams, Whittaker Elementary

***There was a three way tie for number ten with the teachers of the year.**

These outstanding support staff members have earned the Support Staff of the Year accolade:

1. Starleigh Jefferson, Bethune-Bowman Elementary
2. Samarow Pelzer, Bethune-Bowman Middle/High
3. Candace Idlerton, Branchville High
4. Peggy Lingard Moore, Carver Edisto Middle

5. Sharon Simpson, Edisto High
6. Sabrina Major, Lake Marion Technology Center
7. Kendle Hill, Marshall Elementary
8. Cynthia Douglas, Mellichamp Elementary
9. Priscilla Garvain, Sheridan Elementary
10. Sonia Dingle, Whittaker Elementary

"These remarkable individuals exemplify the spirit and commitment that drive our district's success," said Dr. Shawn Foster, Superintendent of OCSD. "Their innovative teaching methods, steadfast support, and dedication inspire both students and their colleagues alike. We are incredibly proud to recognize their contributions and are grateful for their ongoing commitment to excellence in education."

The District celebrates these educators for not only achieving excellence in their respective roles but also for their pivotal role in shaping the futures of our students.

For more information about the awards and honorees, please contact Loretta Gadson-Washington, OCSD Office of Human Resources, at loretta.washington@ocsdsc.org.

Orangeburg County School District

The mission of Orangeburg County School District, the catalyst of innovation and excellence, is to ensure all students discover and develop their person, purpose, and platform through high-quality educational experiences distinguished by a culture of collaboration, equity, and inclusion; a creative learning environment with inspiring opportunities; a commitment to nurture the academic, physical, social and emotional well-being of all. Visit us online at ocsdsc.org

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