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ORANGEBURG COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT ANNOUNCES TOP 5 PRINCIPAL AND ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL OF THE YEAR FINALISTS

ORANGEBURG, S.C. – Orangeburg County School District (OCSD) is proud to announce the top five finalists for the Principal of the Year and Assistant Principal of the Year awards. This marks the first year the district is recognizing these outstanding leaders for their dedication, leadership, and commitment to student success. The winners will be revealed at the beginning of the school year during the District Convocation.

Top 5 Principals (in alphabetical order by school name):

- Lakekia Lewis - Bethune-Bowman Elementary and Bethune-Bowman Middle High School
- Karen James - Carver-Edisto Middle School
- Eric Brown - Edisto Elementary School
- Johnnie Smith - Holly Hill Elementary School
- LaTonya Durant - Vance-Providence Elementary School

Top 5 Assistant Principals (in alphabetical order by school name):

- Dr. Andrea Snell - Bethune-Bowman Middle School
- Melvin Wright - Carver-Edisto Middle School
- Dawn Whitesides - Edisto Primary School
- Melissa Pauling - Orangeburg-Wilkinson High School
- Jeronica King - St. James-Gaillard Elementary School

"These outstanding leaders have shown great commitment to our students and staff. Their dedication and hard work have significantly impacted our schools and community. We are excited to celebrate their achievements and look forward to announcing the winners at our District Convocation," said OCSD Superintendent Dr. Shawn D. Foster.

The finalists were selected based on their leadership skills, dedication to promoting a positive learning environment, and commitment to student achievement. We congratulate each of these educators on this well-deserved recognition and their continued contributions to the success of our district.

Orangeburg County School District

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