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Buist teacher honored by the SC Bar

Charleston, SC – Buist Academy's seventh grade English teacher Christopher Garner was recently honored by the South Carolina (SC) Bar; he was named their 2024 Law Related Education (LRE) Middle School Teacher of the Year. Garner's work with the school's Mock Trial team led to this honor.

A representative from the SC Bar presented Garner with \$500 and a plaque during a ceremony at the school on May 31, 2024.

Garner has coached the Buist Academy Mock Trial team for twelve years. He encourages students to think on their feet and has high expectations for student members.

"The South Carolina Bar does great work with their Middle School Mock Trial program," said Garner. "I am proud of all the accomplishments of our Buist Mock Trial teams over the past 12 years."

The LRE Teacher of the Year Awards (established in 2005) are presented to teachers who have fostered public understanding of the values of the legal and judicial systems, stimulated a deeper sense of individual responsibility in students; encouraged and supported LRE programs, and increased communication among students, fellow educators and those working in the legal system.

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About the Charleston County School District

Charleston County School District (CCSD) is a nationally accredited school district 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 approximately 49,000 students in 88 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.