

For Immediate Release

May 21, 2024

Contact:

Andy Pruitt, 843-937-6583

Media Release

Over 30 graduating seniors participate in HR Future Teachers Signing Day

Office of Communications

Anita W. Huggins, M.Ed.
Superintendent of Schools

Vanessa L. Denney, M.Ed.
Interim Executive Director of
Communications

Charleston, SC – Charleston County School District's (CCSD) Division of Human Resources hosted the fourth annual Future Teacher Signing Day on Thursday, May 16, 2024. Over 30 current high school seniors made a pledge to pursue degrees in education and return to teach in CCSD after college through a recruitment program called Elevate Charleston.

"I am so impressed with this group of future teachers, and their excitement to make their classrooms a place for students to flourish," said Dan Cieslikowski, coordinator of Elevate Charleston.

Future CCSD educators

Academic Magnet High School

Chase Sutcliffe - University of South Carolina

Skylar Weiss - University of South Carolina

Baptist Hill Middle-High School

Demajay Campbell - Winthrop University - High School English Language Arts

Destiny Gordon - Coastal Carolina University - Early Childhood Education

Burke High School

Zion Smalls - Charleston Southern University - Elementary Education

Early College High School

Janiya Heyward - Winthrop University - High School Social Studies

Julian Simmons - Winthrop University - Middle Level Math

Na'Daija Green - University of South Carolina - Music Education

Nyasia Singleton - University of South Carolina - Early Childhood Education

Raimi Peters - College of Charleston - Elementary Education

Lucy Beckham High School

Ashley Wilson - College of Charleston - Art Education

Elisabeth Romine - Charleston Southern University - Education/Child Development

Isabelle Marcino - University of Arkansas - Early Childhood Education

Savannah Bowlin - University of South Carolina

North Charleston High School

Peyton Poling - College of Charleston - Secondary ELA/Math/Band
Princess Odom-Vanderhorst - Claflin University - Early Childhood Education
Tremayne Hart - South Carolina State University - Secondary ELA

R.B. Stall High School

Jessica Bonilla - Charleston Southern University - Elementary Education
Jessica Davis - Columbia College - Elementary Education

St. John's High School

Johanna Pablo-Pascual - Trident Technical College - Early Childhood Education
K'Layah Maxwell - Claflin University - CTE Health Science
Quelya Criss - Winthrop University - Secondary Science Education

Wando High School

Ava McKay - Anderson University - Elementary Education
Delanee Bogden - Clemson University - Elementary Education
Elizabeth Funke - Wingate University - Elementary Education
Emily Yaman - Anderson University - Early Childhood Education
Jack Hipp - College of Charleston - Theatre
Lexi Allen - Anderson University - Elementary Education
Meg McCormack - College of Charleston - Early Childhood Education
Olivia Ralston - University of Alabama - Early Childhood Education

West Ashley High School

Aubrie Riccio - Charleston Southern University - Early Childhood Education
Benjamin Schell - University of South Carolina - Music Education
Destinee Jackson - Coastal Carolina University - Early Childhood Education
Tremayne Abdur-Rahim - Trident Technical College - Early Childhood Education
Ty'la Colston - College of Charleston - Middle Level ELA

"We are so pleased with the growth that we have seen in this program over the last few years," said Susan Watson-Bell, Director of Certified Recruiting and Staffing. "Members of the HR team are committed to cultivating relationships with these students while they progress in their teacher preparation program. We look forward to having them return to CCSD to build long and fruitful careers as educators."

For more information, contact the Office of Communications at (843) 937-6303.

###

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 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 50,000 students in 88 schools and specialized programs.

CCSD offers a diverse portfolio of educational options and specialized programs delivered to the students of CCSD through neighborhood, magnet, IB (international baccalaureate), Montessori, and charter schools and programs. Rich educational opportunities for students include programs in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM); music and other creative and performing arts; career and technical preparation programs; military; dual credit; and many more.