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CCSD Operations Division celebrates Employees of the Year

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Charleston, SC - Employees across the Charleston County School District (CCSD) are celebrated every day, and annually, the best of the best are recognized as Employees of the Year. The Operations Division announced their nominees on Tuesday, September 17, 2024.

Five employees were recognized as finalists, and Billy Bagley was named the overall Operations Division Employee of the Year (EOY).

"Each of our finalists could have easily been our Employee of the Year which made the decision extremely difficult," said Jeff Borowy, Chief Operating Officer. "But Billy Bagley typifies the dedication, professionalism, and technical expertise of the award."

Finalists

- Billy Bagley, who was also named the Facilities Management Employee of the Year, is an electrical foreman with CCSD. Bagley has consistently demonstrated a remarkable ability to lead and inspire his team. His deep technical expertise, coupled with an unwavering dedication to safety and quality, has been instrumental in ensuring that projects are completed to the highest standards. Bagley is known for his ability to troubleshoot complex issues efficiently, mentor junior staff, and foster a collaborative work environment that drives success.

Throughout the year, Bagley has been involved with multiple high-stakes projects. Some examples of this include changing out all the light fixtures in the 75 Calhoun Board room, providing a temporary lighting and power solution for the Baptist Hill Middle High School field house after a weekend fire, and making emergency electrical repairs at St. John's High School after a fire in the secretary's office. He also oversees the Johnson Control International contract which monitors connectivity and trouble codes on all of the district's fire alarm panels.

- Celeste Dailey is a nurse liaison in Nursing Services. She started with the district in 2004 as a school nurse at Pepperhill Elementary School for two years. She then spent the next 14 years serving Jennie Moore and Charles Pinckney Elementary Schools prior to becoming a Nursing Liaison in 2018. Dailey started from the ground up and continues to grow in her responsibilities and knowledge. Dailey is the point of contact for the Nursing Services Electronic Medical Records (EMR) system, Frontline Health, manages the district AED database, and is a senior liaison. She is truly dedicated, responsible, and extremely knowledgeable when it comes to school nursing. She is the first person to offer her help when we are faced with a new project.
- Elizabeth (Liz) Hale, is an administrative support specialist with Nutrition Services. Having joined the CCSD team after working as a manager in the grocery industry, Hale understands the reality of day-to-day operations resulting in the highest level of support for managers and operators, while also providing excellent administrative support at the departmental level due to her previous human resources experience. Hale overhauled the hiring process by working with Human Resources to improve the speed of getting candidates through the new hire pipeline. In addition to maintaining the candidate database, she communicates with the applicants regularly throughout the entire hiring process. Hale builds an interpersonal relationship with candidates from interviewing to onboarding so they have a sense of belonging before stepping foot into one of our kitchens which is key to the district's hiring success. Hale is the first to volunteer to participate and represent Nutrition Services. She is genuine in her passion for the team which has led to successful recruitment of candidates at these events.
- Bryan Mullinax is a security dispatcher with the Security and Emergency Management Division. He has been with CCSD since 2008 when he started as a Security Responder. In May of 2021, the 24-hour Dispatch Center was implemented, and Mullinax transitioned into that role. He is diligent and thorough when handling incidents and is always looking for ways to improve or streamline processes. Over the past year, he has stepped up to cover shifts when other dispatchers are out, has trained new security responders on alarms and the use of the computer-aided dispatch system, and has been flexible with his schedule. Mullinax's positive attitude and attention to detail are exemplary.
- Ashley Peters is a program officer in the Department of Expanded Learning. She began her career with CCSD at the age of 18 as a counselor in the Kaleidoscope Program. As a program officer 33 years later, she still shares a passion for serving students overseeing multiple Kaleidoscope programs. She has served both locally and nationally in vital roles and appointments with the South Carolina After School Association and the

National Community Education Association. Peters has engaged in dialogue and policy initiatives that have elevated both after-school programming and community education.

"I am proud to serve with each one of these finalists," added Borowy. "They have the students at the heart of their work and make a positive difference for us each and every day."

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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 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.