



Wando High School

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Wando has best high school yearbook in South Carolina for fourth consecutive year

Mount Pleasant, SC – The tradition of excellence continues for Wando High School's yearbook staff. The South Carolina Scholastic Press Association (SCSPA) named the Warriors' yearbook, *Legend*, Best Yearbook in the state honor for a school-record-breaking fourth year in a row. The 51st edition of Wando's yearbook, titled "Our Way is the Right Way," is the school's fifth edition to earn this prestigious honor overall.

"These students continue their commitment to excellence on our staff not for their own accolades but to give our school the best yearbook possible," said Wando English teacher Phillip Caston, who serves as the school's yearbook adviser. "They strive every day to be the best and produce quality for our students and parents, and once again, they have maintained our reputation as the best yearbook program in the state of South Carolina."

Legend's staff also captured a state-best 13 individual awards, including the most first-place honors (nine) this year.

The following *Legend* staff members received SCSPA individual awards:

1st Place, Academics Spread - senior Hannah Whitaker
1st Place, Alternative Copy Spread - junior Ava Theriault
1st Place, Clubs Spread - graduate Jordan Condie
1st Place, Feature Copy - graduate Olivia Cyr
1st Place, Personality Profile - graduate Caroline Bierman
1st Place, Sports Copy - senior Charlotte Praete
1st Place, Sports Reaction Photo - senior Gabbi Mortellaro
1st Place, Student Life Spread - senior Hannah Whitaker
1st Place, Theme Development - graduates Caroline Bierman, Jordan Davis, and Elise Gierhart
2nd Place, Sports Spread - senior Addie Norman
2nd Place, Extended Caption - senior Hannah Whitaker
2nd Place, Feature Photo - senior Gabbi Mortellaro
Honorable Mention, Sports Action Photo - senior Gabbi Mortellaro

"When I found out we won state for the fourth year in a row, I was thrilled and so proud of our staff," said Caroline Bierman, co-editor in chief of the 2024 yearbook.

"They are the reason we got to make such an amazing yearbook. Getting to be a part of the *Legend* staff was so rewarding and I could not be more grateful for the experience."

"I could not be prouder of the staff," added Elise Gierhart, co-editor in chief of the 2024 yearbook. "Getting this award is truly a reflection of the teamwork and collaboration that went into the production of this book. I am so grateful for my time on the staff, and it was the people that truly made my experience so wonderful."

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