



**St. James-Santee Elementary-  
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## Media Release

### **St. James-Santee's Julie Garrett a Regional Teacher to Watch by state organization**

**Charleston, SC** - Julie Garrett, a science teacher at St. James-Santee Elementary-Middle School, has been named a Regional Teacher to Watch - Lowcountry Region, by the South Carolina Association for Middle Level Education (SCAMLE) for 2025. Awards are presented to practitioners in South Carolina including preservice (students who are training to become teachers) teachers, outstanding projects, and distinguished service. Garrett joins nine other teachers from around this state to earn this honor.

Garrett has been a teacher for 22 years, five of those with Charleston County School District (CCSD). She is a science teacher for sixth, seventh, and eighth grades and the advisor for the Beta Club which collected over 1,000 cans of food for the Lowcountry Food Bank and donated many boxes of supplies to the Charleston County Animal Shelter.

"I am truly honored to receive the SCAMLE Regional Teacher to Watch award for the Lowcountry Region," said Garrett. "This recognition affirms the work that I strive to accomplish each day for my middle school scholars. As exciting as the recognition is for me, the greatest reward is not in the award itself, but in the privilege of working with the incredible children and dedicated staff at St. James-Santee Elementary-Middle School. It is truly the joy of seeing students grow, learn, and succeed which works to fuel my passion for teaching. I am fortunate to serve this community and its scholars."

Award recipients were nominated by peers across the state for their dedication to middle-level education.

"Each of these recipients exemplifies the best of middle-level education through their support of adolescent learners," SCAMLE President Jeff Jenkins said. "While there were many nominations, each winner truly embodies the spirit of our work to provide an excellent education to all students, supporting their social/emotional needs, and ensuring that their classrooms and schools are places where kids thrive."

Recipients will be recognized as part of the 48th Annual SCAMLE Conference on February 28-March 2, 2025 in Myrtle Beach, SC.

SCAMLE is the only professional organization in South Carolina with a focus on middle grades schools/teachers/students. With well over 225 member schools, the association's mission is to ensure all middle-level educators are provided with strong support and opportunities for growth and development. Established in 1976, SCAMLE is a nonprofit organization and affiliate of the National Association for Middle-Level Education (AMLE).

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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.