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# Media Release

## **Board recognizes state champion athletes for winter sports**

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**Charleston, SC** - Charleston County School District recognized state champion athletes at their board meeting on Monday, March 24, 2025. Students from Lucy Beckham High School, North Charleston High School, James Island Charter High School, and Military Magnet Academy, were congratulated by Board of Trustee members for their accomplishments.

The Military Magnet Academy (MMA) girls' basketball team returned to the top of the state this year, winning the South Carolina High School One-A state title in convincing fashion over Lee Central earlier this month, 59 to 40. Head Coach Danny Taylor and the Eagles made history in Charleston County School District, becoming the first girls' basketball program since the district was created in 1968 to win four SCHSL state championships - and they have done it in a five-year span. MMA used a solid defensive effort in the state finals, allowing just two points in the second quarter, and forcing 39 turnovers in the game.

Da'Nariyah Williams was named the championship game's Most Valuable Player, scoring 18 points and grabbing seven rebounds.

Trinity Halls of North Charleston High School made school wrestling history when she pinned her opponent in the first period of the 125-pound finals. She became the first female wrestler in school and district history to win an individual South Carolina High School League state championship. The senior finished the year with a 16-6 record and won all three of her contests at the state meet by pin.

James Island Charter High School's Thomas "Tommy" Johnson captured his second individual state wrestling championship with a convincing 12-0 decision in the 150-pound finals. The Citadel-bound senior finished his high school career with a 186-10 record.

Gianni Bottone of Lucy Beckham High School, who is the first-ever state champion wrestler for the Bengals, captured his second straight state crown as well. The junior beat his opponent in the 132-pound finals with a 7-2 decision.

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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.