



Cooper River Center for
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Cooper River CAS Senior Earns Region Technology Award

North Charleston, SC – Cooper River Center for Advanced Studies provides students with the skills and training to enter the workforce after high school in a variety of careers. That includes Biomedical Science student Miguel Berbesi Florez (who is also a senior at R.B. Stall High School), the 2025 Trident Regional Technology Champion Award winner.

This honor is presented by the South Carolina Department of Education, Division of College and Career Readiness, Office of Career and Technical Education, and Student Transition Services. The Technology Champion Award recognizes a student in the Tri-County area (Berkeley, Charleston, and Dorchester) who exemplifies achievement in Career and Technical Education classes and applies the knowledge to real life, real work, and real-world situations in the business/industry environment.

“Miguel represents excellence in his selected CTE program pathway with multiple completer status and certifications obtained,” said Principal Vanessa Brown. “He also represents the mission and vision of our school. We are so proud of him and appreciate the impact he had on all of us here at Cooper River CAS.”

Florez was recognized by Cooper River CAS staff for winning this award during the school's Spring Showcase on May 15, 2025. He will attend Charleston Southern University on a full scholarship, starting in the fall.

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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.