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Orangeburg County School District Announces 2025 Principal and Assistant Principal of the Year Finalists

Orangeburg, S.C. – Orangeburg County School District (OCSD) proudly announces its 2025 Principal and Assistant Principal of the Year finalists. These distinguished leaders have been selected for their exceptional commitment to student achievement, school culture, instructional excellence, and service to the broader community.

The OCSD Principal of the Year (POY) award recognizes school leaders who provide students with optimal learning opportunities, demonstrate excellent leadership skills, serve with integrity, and contribute meaningfully to their communities. Eligible principals must have served at least three years in their current school and be in good professional standing as determined by the Office of Human Resources and the Office of Curriculum & Instruction.

Similarly, the OCSD Assistant Principal of the Year (APOY) award honors assistant principals who support the vision of their principal while fostering student success, maintaining a strong school climate, and demonstrating leadership that elevates staff and student performance. To qualify, nominees must have served in their role for at least three years and be in good standing with OCSD.



Mr. Charles Gregory | Branchville High School



Mrs. Sylvia Williams | Dover Elementary School



Dr. Felisha Williams | Lake Marion Middle School



Mrs. Debra Norman | North Middle/High School



Mr. Steve Williams | Orangeburg Career & Technology Center

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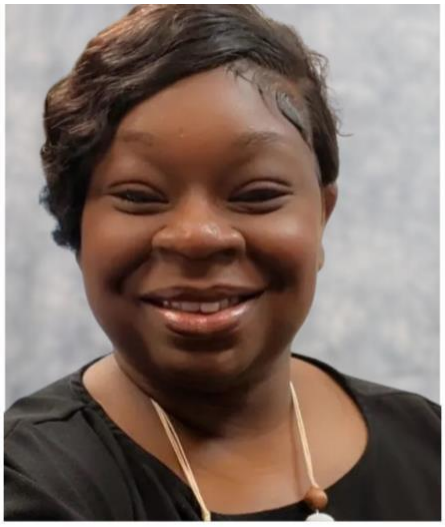
Principal of the Year Finalists

2025 Principal of the Year Finalists (Alphabetical Order)

- Charles Gregory – Branchville High School
- Debra Norman – North Middle/High School
- Felisha Williams – Lake Marion Middle School
- Steve Williams – Orangeburg Career & Technology Center
- Sylvia Williams – Dover Elementary School



Mr. Melvin Wright, Jr. | Carver-Edisto Middle School



Mrs. Lynette Milhouse | Lake Marion Middle School



Mrs. Alyssa Mitchell-Pelzer | Lockett Elementary School



Dr. Rona Ellis-Hennis | Orangeburg Career & Technology Center



Mrs. Jessica Ravenell | William J. Clark Middle School

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Assistant Principal of the Year Finalists

2025 Assistant Principal of the Year Finalists (Alphabetical Order)

- Rona Ellis-Hennis – Orangeburg Career & Technology Center
- Lynette Milhouse – Lake Marion Middle School
- Alyssa Mitchell-Pelzer – Lockett Elementary School
- Jessica Ravenell – William J. Clark Middle School
- Melvin Wright, Jr. – Carver-Edisto Middle School

"These finalists are exceptional examples of what it means to lead with purpose and passion," said OCSD Superintendent Dr. Shawn D. Foster. "Their dedication to ensuring every child thrives, every teacher grows, and every school community flourishes is inspiring. We are proud to celebrate their achievements and the lasting impact they are making across Orangeburg County."

The district will announce the 2025 Principal and Assistant Principal of the Year recipients at an upcoming recognition ceremony.

For additional information, please contact Dr. Erica S. Taylor, Assistant Superintendent for Communications and Business and Community Partnerships, at erica.taylor@ocsdsc.org or 839-356-4040.

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