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Media Release

Buist Academy recognized by Jostens for yearbook quality

Charleston, SC - Jostens, the leading producer of yearbooks and student-created content, announced that Buist Academy's yearbook program achieved the Jostens National Yearbook Program of Excellence 2025 award at the Gold Level. The National Yearbook Program of Excellence recognizes engaging yearbooks that reflect a broad representation of the student body while helping students to develop 21st-century skills such as communication, collaboration, and information and communication technologies (ICT) literacy.

Buist's award-winning yearbook program is led by fifth through eighth grade staff members under the direction of Jill Chandler, Buist Academy's yearbook adviser.

"Creating a yearbook for elementary and middle school can be a difficult task because of trying to appeal to all grades," said Chandler. "My staff meets during lunch and recess to create the book. They have worked extremely hard this year to embed our school theme into a book that fits all age groups. I am so proud of their hard work!"

Jostens' National Yearbook Program of Excellence Awards are presented twice a year, in spring and in fall, based on the yearbook's arrival date at the school. The award was presented to the Buist Academy yearbook program for achieving defined criteria in one of three of the following categories: creating an inclusive yearbook, generating school engagement, and successfully managing the yearbook creation process.

"Jostens is proud to recognize those individuals who have created an exceptional yearbook for their school and community," said Tammy Whitaker, Jostens VP and COO Yearbook Division. "These schools did an exceptional job on multiple levels, despite the challenges presented by this school year. Yearbooks are a critical part of capturing and telling a school's story, and Jostens is dedicated to supporting yearbook staff members as they do their important work."

Founded in 1897, Jostens has produced school yearbooks for over 60 years. Schools rely on Jostens and their local Jostens representatives to provide a

combination of journalism education and technology tools to deliver a learning experience that helps students develop 21st-century skills in journalism, photography, writing and design, leadership, and business while creating the permanent record of the school year. Jostens invests in state-of-the-art technology, best-in-class service, educational curriculum, and award-winning print manufacturing platforms to plan, design, build, and produce yearbooks.

For more information, contact the Office of Communications at (843) 937-6303.

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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.