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Media Release

SOA Teacher Recognized for Award-Winning Lesson Plan

Charleston, SC (August 20, 2025) - Kathryn Sullivan, a social studies teacher at Charleston County School of the Arts, was recently recognized by the 2025 Colonial Charleston Teacher Institute team for creating excellent teaching platforms for use across the state of South Carolina through project-based learning experiences.

Sullivan submitted an award-winning lesson based on student-centered learning and skills-based lesson planning.

“The Colonial Charleston Teacher Institute gave me the opportunity to be a student once again,” said Sullivan. “Seeing the evidence of Charleston’s rich revolutionary history firsthand deepened my appreciation for the earliest settlers of our state who were impacted politically, geographically, and socially by their fight for freedom. I am so glad to share a student-centered lesson with other teachers that asks students to put themselves in the shoes of early Charlestonians and consider multiple viewpoints of the American Revolution.”

This project was made possible through a grant provided by SC 250 Sestercentennial Commission and through the hard work and contributions of The National Society of The Colonial Dames in The State of South Carolina, promoting historical preservation, education, and patriotic services. Attention to this excellent research and development is being shared with school districts and principals, SC 250 Sestercentennial Commission, College of Charleston Office of Professional Development, and the historians and sites that took institute participants on a deep dive into primary sources that document South Carolina’s huge impact on winning colonial independence from Great Britain.

“We are so proud of Kathy and honored to have her on the faculty at Charleston County School of the Arts,” said Principal Shannon Cook. “She is not only creative and student-centered, but generous with her time and resources. We are quite fortunate to see her in action, positively impacting students and colleagues.”

The top eight of these PBL lesson plans are available at powdermagazinemuseum.org/ccti.

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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.