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Media Release

Jerome Wine and Malori Hay Recognized as Recipients of the 212° Award

Charleston, SC (October 30, 2025) – Two employees of the Charleston County School District (CCSD) sprang into action on Friday, October 10, 2025. CCSD maintenance employees were cutting concrete at Angel Oak Primary School when a saw kicked back, striking an employee in the face and causing a severe laceration. In that critical moment, Jerome Wine immediately called 911, applied pressure to control the bleeding, and stayed composed until Nurse Malori Hay arrived.

When emergencies happen in CCSD schools, help is often first rendered by dedicated staff members who act swiftly and selflessly until first responders arrive. The Board recognized Wine and Hay as the most recent recipients of the 212° Award for exemplifying calm, courage, and extraordinary care.

During this medical event, Nurse Hay quickly assessed the situation, used the Stop the Bleed kit to provide emergency care, and worked to stabilize the injured employee until EMS arrived. Wine and Hay's quick thinking and teamwork made a tremendous difference.

That same week, Nurse Hay responded to two additional emergencies - one involving a student with a broken bone and another with a severe allergic reaction. Her quiet professionalism, steady presence, and deep care for her students and colleagues embody what it means to go the extra degree.

When notified that she would receive the 212° Award, Nurse Hay simply shared how much she loves her job, a reflection of her genuine heart for service.

The Charleston County School District is deeply fortunate to have Hay and Wine serving our children and staff with calm leadership and compassion, not just during this emergency, but every day.

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

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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.