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Media Release

Cooper River CAS Celebrates Student and Staff Success at Annual Winter Showcase

North Charleston, SC (December 12, 2025) - The Cooper River Center for Advanced Studies held a festive Winter Showcase on December 11, 2025, celebrating students' accomplishments in career and technical education. The event provided an opportunity for students to demonstrate the career and technical skills they have developed throughout the semester in various programs that prepare them for high-wage, high-demand careers. Programs at the Center offer rigorous, real-world skill development across multiple career pathways, allowing students from diverse high schools to explore their career interests and showcase industry-aligned applied learning.

The showcase was preceded by a reception attended by students, parents, faculty, and staff — fostering community engagement and celebrating student achievement in a warm, supportive setting.

A highlight of the event was the recognition of Vanessa Brown, Principal of CRCAS, for her exemplary leadership. Brown was honored as the Charleston County School District Secondary [Star Principal of the Year](#) for the High School Learning Community — a distinction awarded district-wide based on leadership, student outcomes, and the implementation of strategic change.

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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 51,000 students in 90 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.