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BCSD Elementary and Middle School Students Shine at South Carolina Junior Beta Club Convention and Advance to National Competition

Macedonia Elementary–Middle School

Macedonia Elementary–Middle School (MEMS) proudly represented Barnwell County at the South Carolina Junior Beta Club Convention in Myrtle Beach, bringing home five awards.

Students from MEMS earned top honors across several competitive categories. Imani Jones placed third in the Performing Arts Elementary Solo, Duo, and Trio Instrumentalist category, while Jakobe Felder earned fourth place in the same performing arts category. In the visual arts competition, Jaelle Coleman received fourth place for Hand-Drawn Anime. In addition to individual awards, both the elementary and



MEMS Junior Beta Club Members



Imani Jones, Jakobe Felder, and Jaelle Coleman won awards for their outstanding performances.

junior (middle) school MEMS teams were named Scavenger Hunt winners, highlighting teamwork, problem-solving, and collaboration.

These accomplishments reflect the dedication and perseverance of MEMS Junior Beta Club members, who competed with confidence and represented their school with pride throughout the convention. Wanda Jones, MEMS Junior Beta Club Sponsor, shared, “We are incredibly proud of their hard work, perseverance, and commitment to excellence. Congratulations to these students on their remarkable accomplishments and best wishes as they prepare for nationals!”

Principal Chelsea Calhoun took a moment to recognize the effort behind the students’ success and the deep impact it had on

the MEMS community. She shared, “A huge shout-out to Mr. Victor Jones, MEMS Beta Sponsors, and Parents! Thank you for everything you’ve poured into our scholars — the time, dedication, support, and belief. It truly means more than words can express!”

With excitement building and momentum carrying forward, Macedonia Elementary–Middle School is already setting its sights on the next challenge. The journey continues as MEMS prepares for the national stage in Nashville, Tennessee.



MEMS Elementary Team Scavenger Hunt Winners



MEMS Middle School Team Scavenger Hunt Winners

Williston-Elko Middle School

Williston-Elko Middle School’s Junior Beta Club recently traveled to Myrtle Beach to participate in the South Carolina Junior Beta Club Convention, where students competed in a variety of academic, artistic, and performing arts events alongside peers from across the state.

During the competition, two WEMS students earned special recognition for their

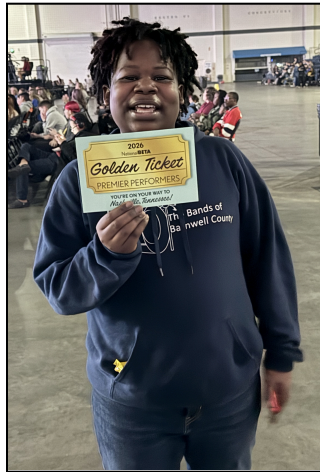
outstanding performances. Ahmad Washington was recognized for his solo dance performance, and Savannah Kinard received honors in the fiber arts category. As a result of their achievements, both students will represent Williston-Elko Middle School and the state of South Carolina at the National Junior Beta Club Convention, which will be held this summer in Tennessee.



WEMS Junior Beta Club Members

“The SC Junior Beta Club Convention offers our students an excellent opportunity to network with students from other schools, to compete in special interest areas, and to see what service

projects and activities clubs around our state are engaging in,” said Katina O’Neal-Brown, Junior Beta Club co-sponsor and sixth-grade ELA teacher. “We are proud of all of our students who chose to attend, and we are especially excited for Ahmad and Savannah.”



Ahmad Washington received a Golden Ticket for his solo dance performance and will now attend the next level of competition in Tennessee.



Savannah Kinard received 4th Place in the Fiber Arts Junior Category.

The Williston-Elko Middle School community congratulates all Junior Beta Club members who participated in the convention and wishes Ahmad Washington and Savannah Kinard continued success as they prepare to compete on the national stage.