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Media Release

Wando Makes Clean Sweep at State Leadership Conference

Mount Pleasant, SC (March 23, 2026) - The Wando High School Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) chapter attended the 2026 State Leadership Conference last week, where two of our students retired from their state officer positions after a year of advocating for Career and Technical Student Organization, creating workshops, planning conferences, and expanding their leadership toolbox. Also, seven students participated in competitive events. The team, led by Chef Molly Gordon, made another clean sweep, taking home gold medals and qualified to compete on the national level at the 2026 National Leadership Conference (NLC) in Washington, D.C., this summer.

Additionally, Gordon was honored at the awards session as one of the top 15 advisers in the country for the National FCCLA X US Army Adviser of the Year Award. She will find out in April if she makes it into the top 5, and the winner will be announced at NLC. The top five (5) advisers will be awarded \$1,000, and the winner will receive \$3,000!

“Our students had a fantastic year at the State Leadership Conference,” said Gordon. “It was the first year South Carolina offered Skills Demonstration events, so students were able to showcase their hands-on technical skills like pastry decorating and knife skills. Other students completed portfolio-based projects, including planning restaurant concepts, job shadowing local career opportunities, researching careers in the hospitality industry, and presenting their concepts to a panel of judges. We participated in the State Community Service Project, where we packed 42 bags for the United Way Backpack Buddies program, full of food for families in need. We are so excited to bring gold back to Wando and are looking forward to another successful year at Nationals in July.”

Student awards

- Honesty Muccio: Gold Medal in Skills Demo Pastry Arts Technical Skills
- Alivia Allen: Silver Medal in Skills Demo Pastry Arts Technical Skills
- Rieley Reynolds: Silver Medal in Skills Demo Knife Skills
- Jacob Miller: Gold Medal in Career Investigation
- Lana O'Donnell: Gold Medal in Job Interview
- Alivia Allen, Sophia Mazzi, and Matviy Zlati: Gold Medal in Hospitality Tourism and Recreation
- Rieley Reynolds: Gold Medal in Culinary Arts

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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.