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Media Release

Wando High School Educator Named National Finalist for FCCLA Adviser of the Year

Mount Pleasant, SC (April 17, 2026) - Charleston County School District (CCSD) is proud to announce that Molly Gordon, a teacher and Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) adviser at Wando High School, has been named a national finalist for the prestigious FCCLA Adviser of the Year Award, presented by the U.S. Army.

Gordon is one of five finalists nationwide recognized for her outstanding leadership, dedication, and impact on students through FCCLA. As a finalist, she will receive a \$1,000 award and be honored at the FCCLA National Leadership Conference in Washington, D.C., where the 2026 national winner will be announced.

The FCCLA Adviser of the Year Award is the highest honor a chapter adviser can receive, recognizing educators who have made significant contributions to the growth and success of FCCLA at the local, state, and national levels.

“This is an exciting and well-earned recognition for Ms. Gordon,” said Wando High School Principal Chas Coker. “She goes above and beyond for her students every day, creating meaningful experiences that help them grow as leaders and individuals. We are incredibly proud of her and the impact she continues to make at Wando.”

FCCLA honors advisers who serve as mentors, role models, and advocates for students, helping them develop leadership skills, explore career pathways, and make meaningful contributions to their communities. These awards celebrate the critical role advisers play in shaping the next generation of leaders and advancing FCCLA’s mission.

Through her leadership at Wando High School, Gordon has created opportunities for students to grow as confident leaders while gaining real-world skills through service, competition, and community engagement. Her work continues to strengthen FCCLA’s impact within the school and beyond.

Gordon will join fellow finalists this summer at the FCCLA National Leadership Conference in Washington, D.C., where each finalist will be recognized on stage and the Adviser of the Year will be announced, receiving an additional \$2,000 award.

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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.

