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NEWS RELEASE

Barnwell County, SC – Lisa Philips was chosen as one of eight educators from across South Carolina to participate in the Spring 2026 Strategies for Teacher Advancement and Renewal Seminar (STAR). The seminar was held at Seabrook Island on March 23-27, 2026. STAR is a bi-annual reward and recognition program for outstanding South Carolina veteran teachers sponsored by the Foundation for Professional Development and Palmetto State Teachers Association.



Ms. Philips was selected for STAR through a statewide rigorous application process. She is a math teacher at Williston-Elko Middle School in Barnwell County School District.

More than 600 educators have participated in STAR Seminars since 1994. The program was begun by Palmetto State Teachers Association to enhance the teachers' commitment to the education profession and to provide them with opportunities for personal and professional growth. The five-day retreat is funded by private contributions through the Foundation for Professional Development.