

The Gavel



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SCASC Summer Virtual Summer Camp and National Conference

The SCASC summer camp was held virtually in conjunction with the NatStuCo national conference on July 21-24, 2020. The theme was “Rise Up and Lead”. Campers participated in the national conference general sessions, workshops and speaker showcases in the afternoons and worked with their SCASC camp councils in the mornings and evenings. Amanda Pinson, our camp coordinator, assigned councils and set up Google classroom so that the campers, JC’s, and senior staff members could meet online and complete council task during the week. The state and district officers served as junior councilors. Many of these officers met in Columbia and stayed at a local hotel. They prepared and presented energizers, closings, and general session presentations to the campers. The students also participated in a virtual field day and a virtual talent show. We ended the week with awards. See the list of camp awards below. A big thank you to Amanda Pinson for providing the leadership and organizing the camp activities. Thank you also to the senior staff members who helped. (Daniel Bailey, Roger Mize, Bonita Guram, Brooke Yarbrough, Jessica Upchurch, Paige Fennell, Tracy Todd, Sharonda Jacobs, Michelle Gibbs, Brian Meckler, and Erin Hahn.) The virtual camp and national conference were a successful learning experience for the student officers as well as the student campers.



Camp Awards

Talent Show Awards:

SCASC Idol: Jamarius Evans

Next Social Media Sensation: Disha Quaungo

Most Motivational: DeAvion Holloway

Most Unique: Grant Blevins

Council of the Week

1st Place - Council F

2nd Place - Council D

3rd Place - Council B

Home Scavenger Hunt

1st Place - Council D

2nd Place - Council F

3rd Place - Council H

How Many Squares

1st Place - Council C,F,H,I

I've Been There

1st Place - Council H

2nd Place - Council F

3rd Place - Council D

Movie Quote Quiz

1st Place - Council J

2nd Place - Council M

3rd Place - Council D

Three Letter Parts

1st Place - Council B

2nd Place - Council H

3rd Place - Council F,E

Council

Cheer/Chant/Dance

1st Place - Council F

2nd Place - Council B

3rd Place - Council D

Council Report

1st Place - Council M

Mountain Project

1st Place - Council F

2nd Place - Council D

3rd Place - Council M

Council Flag

1st Place - Council E

2nd Place - Council D, C

3rd Place - Council F

Wacky Words part 1

1st Place - Council B

2nd Place - Council C,H

3rd Place - Council I

Wacky Words part 2

1st Place - Council B

2nd Place - Council J

3rd Place - Council C,M, D

What Do We Have in Common?

1st Place - Council B, F

2nd Place - Council J

3rd Place - Council E,M,D

How Many Words?

1st Place - Council J

2nd Place - Council B

3rd Place - Council E, G, C

Virtual Camp 2020 Awards



Councils

Council	Senior Staff	JCs
B	B. Guram	Eia Cole, CeCe Day
C	R. Mize	Claire Lady
D	B. Yarbrough	Ellett Ward, Abi Ruth Jordan
E	A. Pinson	Anne Mathis Thomas, Mason Gibbs
F	D. Bailey	Autry Martin, Caitlyn Pritchard
G	T. Todd	Caroline Hanson, Liz Shaffer
H	S. Jacobs	Brennan Koontz, Leayzia Shiver
I	J. Upchurch	Sydney Coleman
J	P. Fennell	Priya Desai
K	E. Hahn	Chris Hall, Heaven Lawson
M	B. Mekler, M. Gibbs	McEwen Gore, Drew Barton

SCASC State Convention 2020 Vision of Leadership Convention Cancelled



The 2020 SCASC state convention that was planned for March 13-15, 2020 at Wade Hampton High School was cancelled due to COVID-19. Riley Wasse, Sandy Brooks, and the Wade Hampton student council was prepared to host an amazing convention that included speakers, workshops, elections, entertainment, leadership lessons, food and fun. Thank you for all your hard work and for organizing and preparing to give us such a wonderful convention. We are disappointed that we could not attend, but we are grateful that we are safe and well. All schools that registered for the convention should have received a partial refund check, and your past district chair should have contacted you and given you the t-shirts, bookbags and materials that you would have gotten at the convention.

Priya Desai elected next SCASC President

Spring Hill High School to Host 2021 State Convention

State and District SCASC Student Council elections had to be conducted online. The candidates for each office submitted a video campaign presentation. Schools, who had registered to attend the state convention, were sent ballots and votes were cast electronically. Priya Desai was elected president. Priya and Spring Hill High School have already begun to make plans to host the 2021 SCASC state convention.

The election for the president- elect of the SCASC advisors association was also conducted online. Brooke Yarbrough from Laurens District 55 High School was elected.

The slate of new officers and executive board members is listed below. Congratulations and thank you for being willing to serve.

SCASC 2020-2021 Executive Board

Executive Director	Bonita Guram	Columbia, SC
Assist. Executive Director	Roger Mize	Chapin HS
President	Priya Desai	Spring Hill HS
Vice President	Brennan Koontz	Wade Hampton HS
Corresponding Sec.	Sydney Coleman	Airport HS
Recording Secretary	Chris Hall	Travelers Rest HS
Parliamentarian	Elizabeth Cole	Wade Hampton HS
Historian	Claire Lady	Wando HS

District 1 Chair	Anne Mathis Thomas	Colleton County HS
District 1 Vice Chair	Caroline Hansen	Wando HS
District 1 2 nd Vice Chair	Andrew Barton	Fort Dorchester HS
District 2 Chair	Caitlyn Pritchard	Sumter HS
District 3 Chair	Ellett Ward	Chapin HS
District 3 Co-Vice Chair	Gavin McMillion	Chapin HS
District 3 Co-Vice Chair	Liz Schaffer	Airport HS
District 3 2nd Vice Chair	McEwen Gore	Chapin MS
District 4 Chair	Leayzia Shiver	Westwood HS
District 4 Vice Chair	Heaven Lawson	Ridge View HS
District 5 Chair	Cece Day	Mauldin HS
District 5 Vice Chair	Abi Ruth Jordan	Pickens HS
District 6 Chair	Autry Martin	Laurens District 55 HS
District 6 Vice Chair	Mason Gibbs	Laurens District 55 HS

Advisors' Association

President	Amanda Pinson	Airport HS
President Elect	Brooke Yarbrough	Laurens Dist. 55 HS
Secretary	Daniel Bailey	Airport HS
District 1	Jessica Upchurch	Colleton County HS
District 2	Dana Mitchell	Sumter HS
District 3	Roger Mize	Chapin HS
District 4	Porschia Meadows	Westwood HS
District 5	Samantha Vera	Mauldin HS
District 6	Brooke Yarbrough	Laurens Dist. 55 HS
President Advisor	Ryan Cole	Spring Hill HS
Camp Coordinator	Amanda Pinson	Airport HS
Travel Coordinator	Roger Mize	Chapin HS
Outreach Coordinator	Wendi Wimmer	Greenwood HS

AWARDS !!!

Many schools worked to achieve honors and awards during the 2019-20 school year. Honor Council and Terry McCoy recipients are commended for your achievement. Projects and scrapbooks, that would have been brought to the convention, were collected and judged by advisors and past student council advisors. Advisors who have reached 5, 10, 15, and 20 year milestones are recognized. We are proud to announce the South Carolina Schools who achieved the NatStuCo National Council of Excellence Gold Awards. You are all doing wonderful things in your schools and communities!!

Congratulations to the students, advisors and school student councils who received honors and awards. See the list of award winners below.

Honor Council Award 2020

Bronze

Pine Ridge Middle School



Silver

Aiken Scholars Academy
Blythewood High School
Carvers Bay Middle School
Green Sea Floyds High School
Greenville Technical Charter High School
Mid-Carolina High School
Pelion High School

Gold

Academic Magnet High School
Airport High School
Bamberg-Ehrhardt High School
Chapin High School
Colleton County High School
Crescent High School
Dacusville Middle School
Easley High School
Fort Dorchester High School
Gilbert Middle School
Laurens District 55 High School
Newberry High School
Northwest Middle School
Pickens High School
R B Stall High School
Ridge View High School
South Pointe High School
Spring Valley High School
Sumter High School
Travelers Rest High School
Waccamaw High School
Wade Hampton High School
Wando High School
Westwood High School

Terry McCoy Hall of Fame Inductees 2020



Trinity Bailey	South Pointe HS
Joshua Barrow	Greenville Technical Charter
Abby Barton	Fort Dorchester HS
Grace Bedenbaugh	Gilbert Middle School
Malory Best	Gilbert HS
Isha Bojang	Airport HS
Cole Boozer	Newberry HS
Slater Brill	Easley HS
Wyatt Britt	Blythewood HS
Johnathan Brown	Spring Valley HS
Drew Bunce	Mid-Carolina HS
Zach Burgs	Northwest Middle School
Donte' Coleman	Sumter HS
Gracie Culley	Chapin HS
Ethan Damron	Green Sea Floyds HS
Emily Danielski	Ashley Ridge HS
Leah Doty	Spring Hill HS
Luke Hall	Greer Middle College
Christa Joby	Ridge View HS
Ian Kell	Pelion HS
Abijah Leamon	Riverside HS
Asia Lebby	Dutch Fork Middle School
Makiyah Lewis	Westwood HS
Ann Alyse Messick	Aiken Scholars Academy
Haley Pepper	Crescent HS
Kennedy Perry	Richland Northeast HS
Sydney Pittman	Pickens HS
Emily Reynolds	Laurens District 55 HS
Jabari Shubrick	Carvers Bay Middle School
Amber Stafford	Clover HS
Madison Strickland	Colleton County HS
Victoria Tan	Waccamaw HS
Riley Wasse	Wade Hampton HS
Anastasia Clyburn Wilson	Crestwood HS
Nyla Wizzard	R B Stall HS
Caroline Wooten	Dacusville Middle School

Project Winners 2020



LEADERSHIP ACTIVITIES

Middle Level

- 1st: Dutch Fork MS
- 2nd: Carvers Bay MS

1A, 2A, 3A

- 1st: Newberry HS
- 2nd: Waccamaw HS
- 3rd: Bamberg-Ehrhardt HS

4A,5A

- 1st: Chapin HS
- 2nd: R.B. Stall HS
- 3rd: Wando HS

SCHOOL SPIRIT

1A, 2A, 3A

- 1st: Academic Magnet HS
- 2nd: Landrum HS

4A, 5A

- 1st: Ridge View HS
- 2nd: Richland Northeast HS

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Middle Level

- 1st: Pine Ridge MS
- 2nd: Rosemary MS
- 3rd: Northwest MS

1A, 2A, 3A

- 1st: Waccamaw HS
- 2nd: Landrum HS
- 3rd: Gilbert HS

4A, 5A

- 1st: Spring Valley HS
- 2nd: Wade Hampton HS
- 3rd: Ridge View HS

RECOGNITION

Middle Level

- 1st: Dutch Fork MS
- 2nd: Rosemary MS
- 3rd: Carver's Bay MS

1A, 2A, 3A

- 1st: Bamberg Ehrhardt HS

4A,5A

- 1st: Blythewood HS
- 2nd: Airport HS
- 3rd: Chapin HS

Project Sharing: If your school submitted a project, please email a copy or description of your project to Daniel Bailey (danielbailey@lex2.org) or Bonita Guram (scascguram@gmail.com). We want to put your project ideas on the website to make them available to share with other advisors.

RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES

Middle Level

- 1st: Pine Ridge MS
- 2nd: Rosemary MS
- 3rd: Northwest MS

1A, 2A, 3A

- 1st: Academic Magnet HS
- 2nd: Waccamaw HS
- 3rd: Gilbert HS

4A, 5A

- 1st: Ridge View HS
- 2nd: Laurens District 55 HS
- 3rd: RB Stall HS

FUNDRAISING

1A, 2A, 3A

- 1st: Newberry HS
- 2nd: Landrum HS
- 3rd: Gilbert HS

4A/5A

- 1st: Laurens District 55 HS

SCHOOL SERVICE

Middle Level

- 1st: Northwest Middle

1A, 2A, 3A

- 1st: Newberry HS
- 2nd: Bamberg-Ehrhardt HS

4A/5A

- 1st: Spring Valley HS
- 2nd: RB Stall HS
- 3rd: Laurens District 55 HS

SCHOOL PRIDE

Middle Level

- 1st: Dutch Fork MS

1A, 2A, 3A

- 1st: Academic Magnet HS

VIDEO WINNER

Spring Valley HS

POSTER WINNER

Ridge View HS

PHOTOGRAPH WINNER

Aiken Scholars Academy

SCASC 2020

Scrapbook Winners



4A-5A Schools 1st Place: Chapin High
2nd Place: Laurens District 55 High

1A-3A Schools 1st Place: Waccamaw High
2nd Place: Mid Carolina High

Middle School 1st Place: Dutch Fork Middle

***** Note: Requirements and score sheets for the Scrapbook and Honor Council awards for 2020-21 will be adjusted to fit the limitations due to COVID-19.**

Points for Honor Council for the 20-21 Year: Gold: 121+ Silver: 95 – 120 Bronze: 79 - 94
Scrapbook Requirements: 3 Projects per Section (instead of 6)

Advisor Awards

5 year certificates

Jean Nimmer
Carolyn Diaz
Denise Gartrell
Charlotte Ihme
Chelsey Nesmith
Lonnie Kaye
Heather Greene
Kathy Seastead
Kim Goforth
Sahara White
Chance Gregory
Thomasena Simmons
Cindy Whittemore
Alison Young
Keith Scott

10 year certificates

Dianne Hartness
Bob Hendricks

15 year certificates

Donna Looper

Retiring

Dr. Joy Altman
Mary Catherine Lankford

SCASC 2020 High School
Advisor of the Year

Roger Mize

(Chapin High School)

SCASC 2020 Middle Level
Advisor of the Year

Brian Mekler

(Northwest Middle School)

Nationally Honored Advisors

Congratulations to **Roger Mize** for being selected the region 3 nominee for the high school national Warren E. Shulls advisor of the year.

Congratulations to **Brian Mekler** for being selected the region 3 nominee for the middle school national Warren E. Shulls advisor of the year.

Thank you, Advisors!

“You make a living by what you get.
You make a life by what you give” -
Winston Churchill

SCASC 2020 Administrator of the Year

Dr. Brenda Mack-Foxworth

(Ridge View High School)

From the Executive Director:

The last months of school and the summer has been a challenge, and we are sure to continue to endure the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic for months to come. Thank you for your continued work, your patience and for making the adjustments necessary to keep our students motivated. I hope the beginning of the school year will prove to be successful no matter the method of startup that your district has decided for you. I hope we will find our way back to some normalcy before the second semester and I look forward to being together in person for the state convention in March 2021. Big thanks to the 2019-20 state officers for all your help in your specific areas. A BIG thanks to Sandy Brooks, Riley Wasse and the Wade Hampton High School student council. You will always be remembered for planning a great convention that we unfortunately were not able to attend.

I look forward to working with the 2020-21 officers. I have enjoyed getting to know them and watching them bond as a group during the virtual camp week. The online elections and the virtual camp have proven that they are dedicated, flexible and willing to work.

Advisors, I truly appreciate all that you do for your students, schools and SCASC. Continue to let us know if we can do anything to help you and if you have ideas that will help improve the SCASC organization.

Bonita

SCASC Membership

SCASC Membership runs from September 1, 2020 through August 30, 2021. Dues are \$50 for regular membership and \$60 for Palmetto membership.

You **MUST** complete the online registration for membership. The link for the online membership is <https://forms.gle/vgk1bjmJ5nPoxmbe7>

2020-21 SCASC Membership Application/Invoice

(Membership begins Sept. 1 and runs through Aug. 31.)

You MUST complete the online registration form in order to be registered.

(School Name) _____

School Category: (Circle One)

Middle Intermediate K-12 1A 2A 3A 4A 5A Other

School Mailing Address _____

Advisor's Name: _____

Advisor's E-mail: _____

_____ Annual Membership Fee: \$50 _____ Palmetto Membership Fee: \$60

**Mail check and forms to: SCASC
Bonita Guram
1 Hillstone Ct.
Columbia, SC 29212**

Make checks payable to SCASC



This form does not serve as completed registration.

You **MUST** complete the online registration.

Registration is not complete without the online registration.

<https://forms.gle/vgk1bjmJ5nPoxmbe7>

District Rallies

The Fall district rallies will have a different format this year. Each district rally host school will decide the type of rally that they will provide. The rallies may be virtual, postponed until 2021, or presented in a different way. Look to hear from your district school or contact the advisor from your host school for more information.

District 1 – Orangeburg, Bamberg, Allendale, Hampton, Colleton, Dorchester, Berkeley, Charleston, Jasper, Beaufort
District 2 – Marlboro, Dillon, Marion, Horry, Georgetown, Williamsburg, Clarendon, Sumter, Lee, Darlington, Florence
District 3 – McCormick, Edgefield, Saluda, Lexington, Aiken, Barnwell, Calhoun
District 4 - York, Chester, Fairfield, Richland, Kershaw, Lancaster, Chesterfield
District 5 - Oconee, Pickens, Greenville
District 6 – Anderson, Abbeville, Greenwood, Laurens, Newberry, Spartanburg, Union, Cherokee

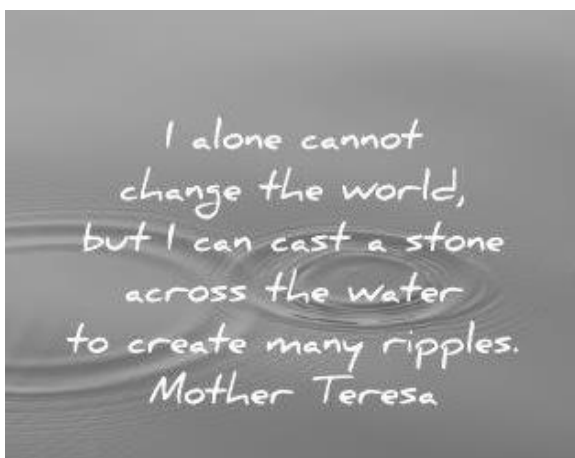
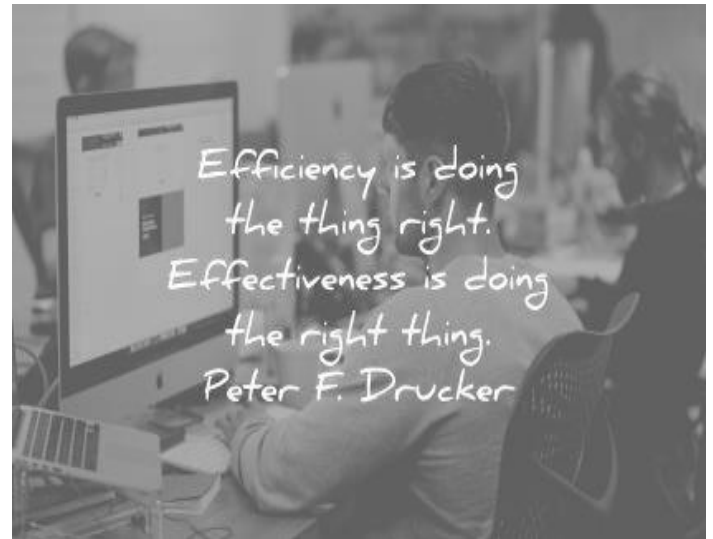
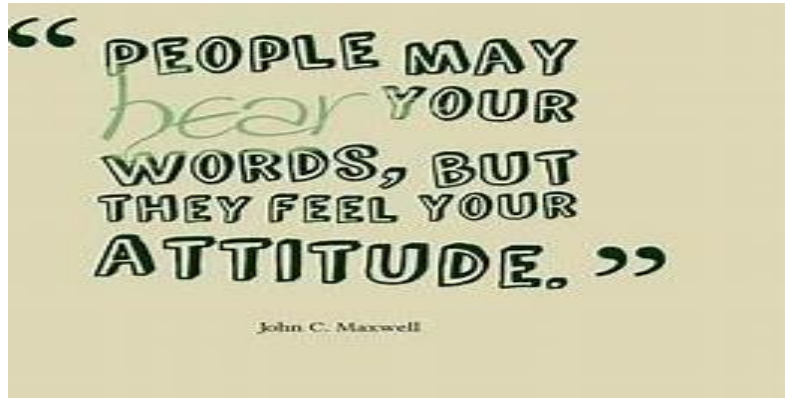
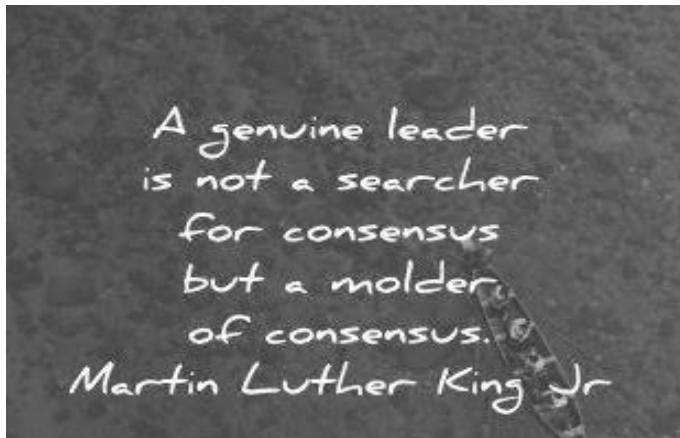
District	District Chair	High School	Advisor	Advisor Email
1	Anne Mathis Thomas	Colleton County	Jessica Upchurch	jupchurch@colleton.k12.sc.us
2	Caitlyn Pritchard	Sumter	Dana Mitchell	dana.mitchell@sumterschools.net
3	Ellett Ward	Chapin	Roger Mize	rmize@lexrich5.org
4	Leayzia Shiver	Westwood	Porschia Meadows	pmeadows@richland2.org
5	CeCe Day	Mauldin	Samantha Vera	svera@greenville.k12.sc.us
6	Autry Martin	Laurens District 55	Brooke Yarbrough	byarbrough@laurens55.org

SOUTHERN ASSOCIATION OF STUDENT COUNCILS CONFERENCE

The SASC conference scheduled for October 2020 has been postponed until October 2021 due to ongoing concerns about COVID-19. The conference will be hosted by Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida. More information about this conference will be posted in 2021.

Quotes for Students:

1. "All our dreams can come true, if we have the courage to pursue them." – Walt Disney
2. "The secret of getting ahead is getting started." – Mark Twain
3. "I've missed more than 9,000 shots in my career. I've lost almost 300 games. 26 times I've been trusted to take the game winning shot and missed. I've failed over and over and over again in my life and that is why I succeed." – Michael Jordan
4. "Don't limit yourself. Many people limit themselves to what they think they can do. You can go as far as your mind lets you. What you believe, remember, you can achieve." – Mary Kay Ash
5. "The best time to plant a tree was 20 years ago. The second best time is now." – Chinese Proverb



Do It Right,
Make it Big,
Give it Class!!