

This Week

A LOOK AT
WHAT'S HAPPENING
THIS WEEK
IN
FLORENCE SCHOOL
DISTRICT ONE

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MISSION STATEMENT of FLORENCE PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT ONE:
The mission of Florence School District One is to prepare students to become productive, responsible citizens and life-long learners who are able to succeed in an ever-changing society.

The School Foundation Announces More Than \$54,000 In Grants



The School Foundation Executive Director Debbie Hyler, front left, congratulates Danielle Scandrol, Delmae Elementary, Principal Roy Ann Jolley, Ginger Baggett, and Lisa Young, at the Grant Announcement Reception this week.

Trisha Caulder, Chair of the Grants Committee of the Board of Directors of The School Foundation (TSF) announced the Foundation will distribute a total of \$54,198.20 in grant awards to schools in Florence School District One for 2009-2010. The announcement was made at a reception for grant writers held at the Drs. Bruce and Lee Library.

The largest grant award of \$50,000 was made to a group of teachers from **Delmae Elementary School**. The project, entitled "Math Masters of the Pee Dee," is a program that will impact all third grade students in Florence District One through the use of Classroom Performance Systems (CPS) that engage students while providing timely feedback to educators. Specifically, in each math class, students are given a student specific handset, or clicker, that resembles a remote. These handsets have buttons that correspond with answer choices. As the teacher provides electronic standards-based problems similar to those on state testing or in texts, students in turn are able to simultaneously use their handsets to record answers. The answers are tabulated through the system and reported back in seconds in ways that not only display student data but analyze it to give teachers information on each and every student's strengths and weaknesses. The technology will allow the educators to target specific small groups for remediation, re-teaching, or challenge.

The Grants Committee of The School Foundation Board of Directors reviewed 22 applications requesting a total of \$365,687. Of the 14 applications for Mini-Grants (projects up to \$500), 9 were funded for the upcoming year. The projects include such diverse projects as a project to enable students to respond to literature using flip video cameras to produce video productions; using temperature probes and easy link cables to perform mathematical experiments; and learning math by creating activities using gas pressure probes. Of the 8 applications received in the Major Grants category (projects of \$10,000 or more), one application was funded.

Jeff Helton, Board Chairman, stated "Math Masters took it to the next level by submitting data to support their position. This was actual data from their classrooms, not data from others' research. They show how this program can be expanded throughout District One and we feel this will truly benefit the students by increasing their math skills as well as test scores. We congratulate the Math Masters team and thank all the others for taking the time to prepare their presentations. We look forward to continuing our work with Florence School District One to make this and all the programs a success, and encourage the community to get involved as well."

This is the sixth year of funding for Florence District One by TSF. To date, more than \$391,000 in funds have been distributed to District One. TSF is the largest K-12 public education endowment in the State of South Carolina. □



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The School Foundation Grant Winners

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Mini-grant winners pose prior to a reception at this year's grant announcement celebration sponsored by The School Foundation.

Mini-Grant Recipients

West Florence High School winners:

Under Pressure - \$458.20 – Submitted by **Carolyn Arnemann**;

Flipping Out in English Class – \$500 - Submitted by **Gail Hayes**;

Probing for Success - \$500 – Submitted by **Alisa Hobgood**.

Wilson High winners:

It is Rocket Science After All, Stage II, \$500, **Cliff and Mary Kay Moriarty**, and

Expanding Horizons in the WWHS News Program, \$500, **Sarah Quin**.

Lester Elementary winners:

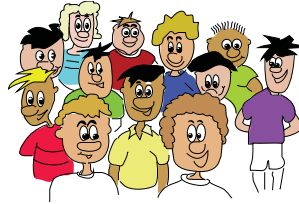
Let's Move, Let's Sing, Let's Learn, \$500, **Jessica Crowson**, and *Dollars and Sense*, \$500, **Carolyn Stroup**, both of **Lester Elementary**.

Other winners include:

Writing to Read, \$240, **Sandy Leum**, of **McLaurin Elementary**; and

Battle of the Books, \$500, **Susan Lane**, of **Moore Intermediate**. □

FSD1 People in the Spotlight



Congratulations to:

•The AFJROTC Unit at Wilson High School has been selected as one of 393 units to receive the **2008-2009 Air Force Junior ROTC Distinguished Unit Award**. The unit Senior Aerospace Science Instructor is **Lt. Col. (Ret) Cliff Moriarty** and the Aerospace Science Instructor is **MSgt. (Ret.) Patrick Bubacz**.

•Wilson High School JROTC Air Force Instructor Master Sergeant (Ret.) **Patrick A. Bubacz** has received the **Outstanding Instructor Award**, presented by the Air Force Junior ROTC, based on individual contributions and impact on cadets, their school/unit, and community.

•The North Vista Elementary School Media Center has been selected to receive the **Laura Bush Foundation Grant for America's Libraries**. The purpose of the grant is to provide books to libraries and to students who need them most. The total grant amount awarded to North Vista (possibly up to \$6,000) is pending at this time.

•**Sheldon Ford, Rajagh Harrison, and Sheng "Jason" Zheng**, students in the Mechatronics class at the **Florence Career Center**, are the first to receive certification in the Mechatronics Core Curricular from the National Center for Construction Education and Research. **Zheng** has also been selected as the "Technology Champion for the Pee Dee Region." □

Baccalaureate Services

Baccalaureate Services for the three high schools will be held on Sunday, May 31st at each high school:

Wilson High School, 8:45 a.m., speaker for the services is Minister Laverne Mackrey of New Ebenezer Baptist Church;

West Florence High School, 2:00 p.m., speaker is Reverend David Wike, Pastor of Ebenezer Baptist Church;

South Florence High School, 7:00 p.m., speaker is Reverend Leonard Michael (Mike) Mills, Pastor of Calvary Baptist.

The services are open to the public. For more information, contact the individual high school. □

May Teacher Feature Winners Announced

The May Teacher Feature winners receive a free meal courtesy of



and recognition in their school.

Beck Center – **Jesse James**
Briggs – **Cindy Martin**
Carver – **Pam Davis**
Delmae – **Paula Werner**
Dewey Carter – **Marcia Chestnut**
Florence Career Center – **Scott Bailey**
Greenwood – **Natalie Knight**
Lester – **Amanda Jones**
McLaurin – **Willette Jones**
Moore – **Marilyn Bays**
North Vista – **Diane Herbert**

Royall – **Sonya Dunklin**
Savannah Grove – **Rene Dixon**
Timrod – **Sarah Dixon**
Wallace-Gregg – **Wanda Parrott**
Sneed – **Jill Cappola**
Southside – **Alice Nelson**
Williams – **Gwendolyn Horton**
South Florence – **Kate Campbell**
West Florence – **Mary Matthews**
Wilson – **Tom Redfearn**