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Darwin Shorters, PLTW Summit

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*St. John's High School Educator to be Honored at USC-Tennessee
Game on Saturday*

Who: Students, parents, community members, and media outlets are welcomed and encouraged to watch as Darwin Shorters, a computer science teacher at St. John's High School, is recognized for his outstanding work in advancing computer science education in the state of South Carolina (SC) at this Saturday's football game between the University of South Carolina and the University of Tennessee.

What: This year, Darwin Shorters was selected out of more than 100 educators from across the country to receive the highest honor given to computer science teachers: Project Lead the Way (PLTW) National Computer Science Teacher of the Year. Shorters is described as a champion of PLTW who has put his school's program on the map. He is known for his commitment to his students, his devotion to teaching, and his far-reaching leadership. His passion for and knowledge of computer science has had a sprawling impact – from engaging each student in his PLTW classroom, to empowering fellow teachers across the state through his role as a Master Teacher.

Shorters was also named the 2016 SC Career and Technology Education (CTE) Teacher of the Year by the SC Department of Education.

"Darwin has made a profound impact on the students of St. John's High School," said Andre Dukes, principal at St. John's High School. "I am proud of his work for preparing our young people to be Scholars of the Island, Citizens of the World. The role of a teacher is challenging and Darwin has conquered the challenge with the utmost professionalism."

Shorters will be feature on the Gamecocks pregame radio show and given the game ball during the first television time out after kickoff.

Please tune into the game this Saturday evening to support our Mighty Islander.

When: Saturday, October 29, 2016 starting at 7:15 p.m. (during the first television time out)

Where: ESPN 2 (television); Williams Brice Stadium, University of South Carolina, 1125 George Rogers Boulevard, Columbia, SC 29201

For more information: For more information regarding this event, please contact the Office of Strategy and Communications at (843) 937-6303. Follow the links for more information on Shorters' recognitions as [PLTW Computer Science Teacher of the Year](#) and [SC CTE Teacher of the Year](#).

About the Charleston County School District

Charleston County School District (CCSD) is the second largest school system in South Carolina representing a unique blend of urban, suburban, and rural schools that span 1,000 square miles along the coast. CCSD serves more than 50,000 students in 86 schools and several specialized programs. With approximately 6,100 employees district-wide, CCSD is the fourth largest employer in the region.

CCSD offers a diverse, expanding portfolio of options and specialized programs, delivered through neighborhood, charter, magnet, IB (international baccalaureate), and Montessori schools, and is divided into three Learning Communities led by associate superintendents. Options include specialized programs in science, engineering and mathematics; liberal arts; music and other creative and performing arts; career and technical preparation programs; and military and other public service enterprises.