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11 CCSD Teachers Selected to 2017 Science P.L.U.S. Institute

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Charleston, SC — The Roper Mountain Science Center recently announced the selection of 11 Charleston County School District (CCSD) teachers to attend its 2017 Science P.L.U.S. Institute hosted at Roper Mountain and Clemson University this summer. The Institute is funded by an Education Improvement Act grant that was written specifically for Roper Mountain Science Center to educate the state's public school science teachers in hands-on activities for the classroom, as well as to provide science materials needed to teach those activities. The Institute is presented in a one-week, grade-specific, one-subject format. The hands-on classes emphasize the South Carolina Science Academic Standards, science process skills, and inquiry-based instruction.

Selection for the Institute is made by committee. The committee chooses teachers with a wide range of experience levels, knowing that participants learn from the expertise of their colleagues, and are inspired by their enthusiasm. Priority is given to first-time applicants, especially those from Palmetto Priority Schools and from Title I schools.

Congratulations to this year's CCSD teachers selected to participate:

- Russell Bail, Wando High School
- Beth Greene, Wando High School
- Carla Kramer, Wando High School
- Tracey Mahon, Wando High School
- Narda Young, Greg Mathis Charter High School
- Scarlett Crawford, Garrett Academy of Technology
- Candace Smith, North Charleston High School
- Elly Craver, North Charleston Elementary School
- Kelly Fields, Advanced Studies Magnet - West Ashley Middle School
- Shannon Gibson, Pinehurst Elementary School
- Noel Bridges, Deer Park Middle School

"Congratulations to the 11 CCSD Teachers selected to attend the 25th Science P.L.U.S. Institute," said Rodney Moore, CCSD Science

Curriculum Coordinator. "A major goal of the Science P.L.U.S. Institute is to provide teachers the resources needed to do hands-on inquiry based science activities with their students. Participants from previous Science P.L.U.S. institutes have returned to their classrooms with confidence and renewed enthusiasm for science instruction."

Participants in the 2017 Institute will receive science supplies worth \$1,000 to duplicate lessons learned at the Institute, hands-on science activities to use in the classroom including lesson plans, housing for participants who live an hour or more from the center, optional graduate credit through Furman University, and a network of science colleagues from around the state.

For more information about the Roper Mountain Science Center or 2017 Science P.L.U.S. Institute, visit <https://www.ropermountain.org/>.

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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.