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## Media Release

### CCSD Students Excel at Regional Science Fair

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**Charleston, SC** – Knowledge and creativity were on full display from Charleston County School District (CCSD) students at the Lowcountry Regional Science and Engineering Fair earlier this month. Twenty-four students from a total of six CCSD schools were honored at TD Arena on April 4, 2017, including Jenny Yao and Ali Delambo (both from Academic Magnet), who were the top two overall winners.

Yao and Delambo earned all-expenses paid trips, courtesy of the Charleston Defense Contractors Association and the College of Charleston, to the Intel International Science and Engineering Fair in Los Angeles, CA next month.

CCSD students took home first place in two of the four divisions; Yao captured the crown in Senior 2, and East Cooper Montessori Charter's Lindsey Fauerbauch won Junior 1.

Senior 2 Division is for 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> graders, Senior 1 Division is 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> graders, Junior 2 Division is comprised of 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders, and Junior 1 Division is for 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> graders.

CCSD students earned the following awards:

#### **OVERALL**

##### *Senior 2 Division*

First Place – Jenny Yao, Academic Magnet

Second Place – Ali Delambo, Academic Magnet

Third Place – Norman Baez and Charles Carter, Jr., R.B. Stall

Teacher – Katy Metzner-Roop, Academic Magnet

##### *Junior 1 Division*

First Place – Lindsey Fauerbauch, East Cooper Montessori Charter

Teacher – Callie Dollahan, East Cooper Montessori Charter

#### **BEHAVIOR & SOCIAL SCIENCES**

##### *Senior 2 Division*

First Place – Ali Delambo, Academic Magnet

Second Place – Shaoni Dasgupta, Academic Magnet

## **BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES**

### *Senior 2 Division*

First Place – Jenny Yao, Academic Magnet

Second Place – Elizabeth Ann Boiling, Academic Magnet

Third Place – Hannah Frankel, Academic Magnet

Honorable Mention – Sara Moussa and Erin Schnell, Academic Magnet

### *Junior 1 Division*

First Place – Megan Anderson and Sophia Grace Taber, Buist Academy

## **CHEMISTRY & BIOCHEMISTRY**

### *Junior 2 Division*

First Place – Claire Gady, Buist Academy

Second Place – Ella Drew Dodd, Buist Academy

## **EARTH & ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES**

### *Senior 2 Division*

First Place – Madison Freedy, Academic Magnet

### *Junior 1 Division*

Second Place – Ridgely Brewer, St. Andrew's School of Math and Science

## **ENGINEERING, EMBEDDED SYSTEMS, & MATHEMATICS**

### *Junior 2 Division*

Second Place – Natalia Abeles, Christian Asero, Sydney Heller, Emma Ridenhour, and Matthew Wolan, Laing Middle School of Science and Technology

### *Junior 1 Division*

First Place – Lindsey Fauerbauch, East Cooper Montessori Charter

## **PHYSICS & ASTRONOMY**

### *Senior 2 Division*

First Place – Norman Baez and Charles Carter, Jr., R.B. Stall

### *Junior 2 Division*

First Place – Preston Sessoms and Benjamin Whitley, Buist Academy

### *Junior 1 Division*

Second Place – Decator Woodard, St. Andrew's School of Math and Science

## **SPECIAL AWARDS**

Natalia Abeles, Christian Asero, Sydney Heller, Emma Ridenhour, and Matthew Wolan, Laing Middle School of Science and Technology – ASM Materials Education Foundation

Norman Baez and Charles Carter, Jr., R.B. Stall – American Meteorological Society  
Shaoni Dasgupta, Academic Magnet - American Psychological Association

Lindsay Fauerbauch, East Cooper Montessori Charter - Intel Excellence in Computer Science

Madison Freedy, Academic Magnet – NOAA “Taking the Pulse of the Planet” Award, Charleston Soil and Water Conservation District Best Conservation/Environmental Award

Jenny Yao, Academic Magnet – MUSC Medical Scientist in Training Award, Society of In Vitro Biology Award, Yale Science and Engineering Award

For more information about the Lowcountry Regional Science and Engineering Fair, contact CCSD’s K-12 Science Curriculum Specialist, Rodney Moore, at (843) 937-6509, or the College of Charleston’s Director of the Lowcountry Hall of Science and Math, Cynthia Hall, at (843) 953-7847.

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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.