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## Media Release

### State Entrepreneur Award Goes to Junior at Wando High

#### Wando High School

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**Mount Pleasant, SC** – Starting a business can be overwhelming and difficult at any time in one's life, especially in high school. However, Savannah McCants is handling the process very well. In fact, she is handling it well enough to be named the 2017 SC Economics Young Entrepreneur of the Year.

The junior at Wando High School (WHS) learned on Tuesday, March 21, 2017 she earned the award handed out by the Darla Moore School of Business at the University of South Carolina.

McCants started selling decals unofficially online in 2014; she officially started her company, McCanter Equestrian, in May 2016. Her operation is based on Etsy. She sells bridle charms for equestrian events along with equestrian-themed shirts and stickers.

"I started McCanter Equestrian as a way to express my creativity, as well as earn money to purchase my new horse and care for him," McCants explained. "I would never expect to receive the title of Young Entrepreneur of the Year less than a year after starting my business. I am so honored that I won this award and it shows that if you are determined and dedicated, anything is possible."

In order to apply for this honor, students must submit documentation describing their experience running a business or plans for a start-up business.

"I'm so proud of Savannah for winning this award," said WHS Entrepreneurship teacher David Fralix. "She has been a pleasure to work with. Her hard work, passion, and dedication to her business is an inspiration to her peers. I'm confident those qualities will carry her far in life."

McCants will receive a \$100 check for her business and will be honored at the SC Economics' Annual Awards Luncheon on May 19, 2017 at the Brookland Conference Center in West Columbia.

For more information about the award, contact David Fralix at (843) 881-8198.

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