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2019 Settle Awards go to CCSD Students for Knowledge of Global Issues

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Charleston, SC – Three students from Charleston County School District (CCSD) won the 2019 John M. Settle/CresCom Bank Award for outstanding achievement in global issues. The World Affairs Council of Charleston and CresCom honored Spencer Margosian of Wando High School, Byron Murphy from Burke High School, and Military Magnet Academy's Amyah Wright during a ceremony at The Citadel's Holliday Alumni Center April 17, 2019.

This award is named after the late John M. Settle, Sr., a graduate of the former Charleston High School and The Citadel, and Chairman Emeritus of Community FirstBank (now CresCom Bank).

The students submitted incisive essays analyzing challenges as diverse as competition with China to Global Health policy.

The World Affairs Council of Charleston (WACC, formerly the Charleston Foreign Affairs Forum) was founded in the early 1980s as a non-profit, nonpartisan organization. The WACC mission is to educate and engage the wider Charleston community through timely nonpartisan activities on world affairs and international relations.

"When Mr. Settle started Community FirstBank (what is now CresCom Bank) he knew it could only succeed by supporting the community it serves," explained Joe Bonacci, Senior Vice President at CresCom. "CresCom Bank is proud to honor Mr. Settle's legacy by supporting the World Affairs Council and sponsoring these awards. Spencer, Byron, and Amyah are a testament to the talent of our youth and CresCom Bank is proud to recognize them!"

Each student received a Kindle to help further their studies. The WACC and CresCom honored the teachers that worked with the students as well: Jason Brisini (Wando), Kelsey McGee (Burke), and Jarrett Villa (Military Magnet).

This is the 14th year the Settle Award has been given to CCSD students.

For more about this honor, contact WACC Board Member Robin Girardi at rggathome@yahoo.com.

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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 spanning 1,300 square miles along the coast. CCSD serves more than 50,000 students in 86 schools and 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. 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.