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## Media Release

### **Four CCSD Students Receive High Honor from Girl Scouts**

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**Charleston, SC** – Four Charleston County School District students recently earned the Silver Award from Girl Scouts of the USA, the highest honor a Girl Scout can receive at the Cadette level.

Charleston County School of the Arts (SOA) 7<sup>th</sup> grader Shannon Phelan, her older sister Bailey Phelan, a 9<sup>th</sup> grader at Academic Magnet High School, Emily Severance, a 9<sup>th</sup> grader at SOA, and Joy Jaroscak, a 9<sup>th</sup> grader at Wando High School, completed a project, titled “Teen to Teen,” that educates their peers and the community about psychological issues many adolescents face, and what causes those issues.

The end result was the production of pamphlets that address the topics of substance abuse, eating disorders, child abuse, bipolar disorders, anxiety, depression, and bullying. The forms contain tips on how to help or get help for someone going through those specific problems.

The students said they decided on this project because they knew several people, including some of their close friends, who struggled with these issues. More importantly, they wanted to learn how to respond during a situation when one of their peers behaved differently because of their psychological health.

Along with the brochures, the Phelans, Severance, and Jaroscak developed a website to showcase their information; the [website](#) is currently available to CCSD students and staff with a District Google account. They are working to expand access to the website to everyone in the near future.

“Teen to Teen” took nearly a year to complete and required a minimum of 50 hours of community service per student.

Entries for the Silver Award have to prove sustainability; “Teen to Teen” has the proof. The pamphlets are being used by SOA, Academic Magnet, and Wando guidance counselors and are available at a few local doctors’ offices, including Mount Pleasant Pediatrics (Dr. Matthew Davis was an important advisor for this project).

The four students of Troop 115 received their Silver Award pin at a Girl Scout East Cooper Service Unit meeting Monday, November 5, 2018.

For more information about the brochures and the honor the four students received from the Girl Scouts, contact SOA Guidance Counselor Karen Lyle at [karen\\_lyle@charleston.k12.sc.us](mailto:karen_lyle@charleston.k12.sc.us).

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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 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.