

J. Paul Truluck Middle School, in partnership with its families, students and community, began the school year by promoting “College Bound Students.” As students entered on the first day, the school’s halls were adorned with information on how to become college bound in an effort to meet our mission of “Educating and inspiring all students to be successful in order to achieve Palmetto Gold.” Students are reminded daily of the mission statement, to keep them focused on achieving academic success in all endeavors. We dedicated all of our resources, instructional programs, and efforts to achieving this mission.

Students at J. Paul Truluck Middle School have been honored with numerous awards of merit. 15 students were selected to attend Clemson Biology Merit Examination this spring. Two of these students scored “1st Honorable Mention and three more students scored 2nd Honorable Mention. Once again this past year, all of our Algebra I students passed the End of Course exam. We are extremely proud of the increase of the number of South Carolina Junior Scholars this year to five. In addition, USC Sumter recognized our top 15 8th grade students as Junior Scholars. One of our students will be attending the South Carolina Governors School this summer. We continued to conduct quarterly awards programs to recognize our students for outstanding academics and character.

In an effort to educate well-rounded children, we have added extra emphasis on our character education program. We have continued to implement khaki and Writing Wednesday to recognize students with outstanding character traits. Through community service projects such as Pink Ribbon fundraisers, Adopting Senior Citizens at Christmas, Carolina/Clemson Canned Food Drive, and a year-long Recycling project, students are learning the importance of giving back to their community as well as preserving the environment.

J. Paul Truluck is very proud of meeting the requirements to become certified through AdvancED the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS). One of the contributing factors to reaching this goal was the continued implementation of the Teacher Advancement Program. Through on-site professional development, tracking individual student growth on our data wall, and targeting at-risk students through Applied Academics ELA and Math classes, student achievement continued to increase. We will continue to collaborate with parents, community, and district staff to maintain a safe learning environment where students continue to focus on becoming “Respectful, responsible, trust-worthy, and College Bound.”

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