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Great LR News

- ❖ Lower Richland in collaboration with the National Endowment for the Arts just received grant for the Lower Richland Story Lab Documentary.
- ❖ Lower Richland High School is a 2018 HealthierUS School Challenge Silver Award Recipient. Lower Richland High School was one of 61 schools in South Carolina and 3,032 schools nationwide to receive the \$1500 award.
- ❖ Lower Richland High School students raised \$1,100 for the March of Dimes during the week of March 12th - 16th A Faculty/Staff vs. Student Basketball Game was held on March 16th as a part of our campaign efforts. The students won with the score of 22-20.
- ❖ Diamond Battalion Army JROTC Leadership Team has competed against more than 2,000 high school JROTC programs across the country. They are in the top 3% of the nation's academic teams to advance to the National JROTC Leadership & Academic Bowl, held in Washington, D.C. June 22-26, 2018. The trip is an all-expense paid event. The following members of the JROTC Leadership Team will compete in the National Championship: **Quinshawn Norwood** (Team Captain), **Robert Ingram**, **Sara Thompson** and **Zaria Watson**. **Ronald Fuller** is the Battalion Academic/Leadership Teams Coordinator.
- ❖ The Following Cadets were recognized as Cadet, Noncommissioned Officer and/or Commissioned Officer of the month for March: **Robert Thompson**, **Kiziah Jennings**, **Travis Grondell**, **Antonia Belton**, **Xavier Hannibal**, **Zaria Brawley** and **Alexander Rowan**.
- ❖ Nathaniel Johnson represented Lower Richland High School at the Distinguished High School Student Leader (8th Grade Leadership Summit) on April 24th and 25th at WJ Keenan High School
- ❖ 2 students with Mild Intellectual Disabilities in Ms. Savili's class were able to obtain their driver's license and permit
- ❖ All students from Ms. Shepherd's class attended the Transition Day Prom at Dreher High School on April 27, 2018. This prom is dedicated to all students with Moderate Intellectual Disabilities
- ❖ Students from Ms. Wells class have maintain the greenhouse garden and sold items at Soda City in Downtown Columbia

Goals for 2018-2019

- ❖ Increase graduation rate
- ❖ Increase EOCEP scores
- ❖ Increase enrollment in IB, AP and dual enrollment classes
- ❖ Decrease 9th grade retention rate

SIC Chairperson – **Tracee Walker**

Mission Statement

The mission of Lower Richland High School is to engage students in a positive, productive and innovation learning experience in order to become successful, responsible and competitive in a global and technological society

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Athletics

The following track athletes qualified for the 4A SC State Track & Field Championship to be held at Spring Valley HS on Saturday, May 12 at 9:00 AM. **TYLER GRAVES** 100 meters hurdles and 400 meters hurdles, **BENJAMIN JACKSON** 400 meters relay, **Palmer Stewart** 400 meters relay, **TYLER GRAVES** 400 meters relay, **RONALD FULLER** 400 meters relay, 100 meters dash, and 200 meters dash.

Save The Date! The athletic awards presentation will be held on May 24 at 6:00 p.m. in the school's auditorium. There is no admission for this event. Come out and support our Diamond Hornets!

Fine Arts

Alysha Lane, Akilah Muhammad, and Bernadette Pinckney are Lower Richland High School's representatives for the District Dance Company. The District Company is made up of dancers from all high schools in Richland One. Students participated in two days of master classes and learning Choreography from Vincent Thomas.

Lower Richland High School received a "Superior" rating at the SCMEA Concert Performance Assessment on March 23. Students performed two contrasting pieces, and also read through a brand new work they had never seen before. Judges gave written and recorded commentary as the orchestra performed.

Brooke Jacobs, Mikhayla Jones, Nhoj McLean, Aaron Navarro, Anastasia Nelson, Aerial Thomas Lower Richland orchestra students attended the Richland One District Honor Orchestra event. They worked under guest conductor, Brent Wilson, for two days of rehearsal and performed on the stage at Columbia High School.

Christian Houghton and Ryan Young auditioned and earned chair placements in the SCBDA Region Band. The two participated in the region band clinic on February 23-24, 2018 at Nation Ford HS in Fort Mill, SC.

Christian Houghton is ranked 5th in the state amongst all SC 9th-10th grade trumpeters. He auditioned and participated in the SCBDA All-State Band Clinic on March 16-18, 2018 at Furman University in Greenville, SC. He is the first LR participant in over a decade!

On March 20, 2018, the 50 member LR Concert Band earned BOTH "Superior" and "Excellent" ratings at the 2018 SC Band Director's Association Concert Performance Assessment. This is the first ever Superior Rating for the band at the Concert Performance Assessment, and the first time doing two performance classifications.

Several student organizations will participate in the National Leadership Conference.

❖ 4 students qualified for FBLA Nationals in Baltimore, Maryland. The following students will be competing:

- **Britney Parks** -Electronic Career Portfolio
- **Jalen Conyers** - Healthcare Administration
- **Kiya Coleman & Aeriala Lane** - Intro. To Business Presentations

❖ 10 students qualified for FCCLA Nationals in Atlanta, Georgia. The following students will be competing:

- **T'Andra Davis** - Recycle and Redesign
- **Mikhayla Jones** - Focus on Children
- **Cyanne Dunn** - Interior Design
- **Niya Hampton** - Hospitality, Tourism and Recreation
- **Beata Dewitt** - Illustrated Talk
- **Maya Anderson** - Fashion Construction
- **Raeshia Williams** - Career Investigation
- **Lacaria Willaims, Rodneisha McDaniel & Jasmine Valentine** - Culinary Arts Team

❖ 2 students qualified for HOSA Nationals in Dallas, Texas. The following students will be competing:

- **Tamira Cunningham** - Personal Care
- **David Asmond III** - Medical Assisting

❖ Introduction to Culinary Arts students from Lower Richland High School competing in a district competition at Heyward Career and Technology Center for Student Nutrition Services the students placed 2nd in the competition. The team consisted of the following students; **Miles Cook, Onique Mack, Kendrah Bouknight, and Staci Garrick**

❖ Congratulations to the following students for obtaining their SC Nurse Aide on April 17, 2018!!

Jalen Conyers
Precious Evans
Bernard Hardison
Jennifer Jones
Omariea Bates
Serenity Higgins

Erika Lloyd
Cedric Adams
Daiyah Goodwin
Destiny Moody
Nicole Wilson

❖ Congratulations to Ms. Twanda Addison on successfully defending her DNP project: "Utilization of the USDA Super-Tracker System in High Schools for Physical Activity and Food Choices: A Quality Improvement Project" **Congrats Dr. Twanda Addison, CATE Health Science Instructor**

STEM students entered a Watershed Conservation Poster contest sponsored by Richland County Soil and Water Conservation District. The students below are being honored at a banquet on May 17th for winning second place in their respective categories. Second Place: **Ashanti Robinson**, 9th Grade, Lower Richland High School and Second Place: **Zoria King**, 11th Grade, Lower Richland High School