



## SCASA Affiliates

## Press Release

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Secondary Principals

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Middle Level  
Principals

### **Seven South Carolina schools selected as finalists for Palmetto's Finest awards**

Elementary Principals

**Columbia, SC** — Seven schools from around the state have been selected as finalists for the 2020 Palmetto's Finest awards. This selection comes after extensive evaluations by a committee of fellow educators and previous Palmetto's Finest winners. The application process includes elements on student achievement, instructional programs, professional learning communities, and school culture.

Career and Technical  
Education Directors

Adult Education  
Directors

Last fall, 17 South Carolina schools submitted a 20-page application followed by an onsite examination visit from a review committee. The seven finalists are currently undergoing a second onsite evaluation before the winners are selected this spring.

District Personnel  
Administrators

Each school will have the opportunity to celebrate with their local community, as the winners will be announced through a live stream to each finalist school at 1:45 p.m. on Tuesday, March 24, 2020.

Education Specialist  
Administrators

The seven finalists are as follows:

Instructional Leaders

Fairforest Elementary School, Spartanburg School District 6  
Walker Gamble Elementary School, Clarendon School District 3  
White Knoll Elementary School, Lexington School District 1  
Woodland Elementary School, Greenville County Schools  
Batesburg-Leesville High School, Lexington School District 3  
Dutch Fork High School, Lexington-Richland School District 5  
Nation Ford High School, York School District 4 (Fort Mill)

Higher Education  
Deans

The South Carolina Association of School Administrators (SCASA) presents the awards each year to schools which offer the best in innovative, effective educational programs. The Palmetto's Finest Award is celebrating its 42<sup>nd</sup> year and is one of the most coveted and respected awards among educators.

"We are excited to recognize some of the outstanding and innovative schools in our state. They represent the many excellent school communities serving South Carolina's families," said Beth Phibbs, SCASA Executive Director.

SCASA, the professional organization for school leaders in South Carolina, has more than 4,400 members. From professional development opportunities and research, to publications and legislative advocacy, SCASA's focus is to support school leaders in providing the best possible education for South Carolina's young people.