

Warhorse Pride

Barnwell School District 45



Parent and Community Newsletter

Beginning of the Year 2022

Barnwell High School's TyZavier Grayson named the South Carolina Career and Technology Education Student of the Year



Barnwell School District 45 is proud to announce that TyZavier Grayson is the South Carolina Career and Technology Education (SC CTE) Work Based Learning Champion and Student of the Year for the South Carolina CTE Lower Savannah Region. This award recognizes an outstanding work-based learning student who exemplifies excellence while applying academia to real life, real work, and real

world situations in the business/industry environment through completion of a meaningful work-based learning experience. According to the State Department of Education, this student defines the Profile of the SC Graduate by demonstration of the characteristics and successful transition into the world of work.

While a student at Barnwell High School (BHS), TyZavier began working as an apprentice at Swiss Krono as a production operator in August of 2021. During that time, he joined Swiss Krono

USA to participate in a Roundtable meeting in Washington, D.C. with Mr. Guy Parmelin, President of the Swiss Confederation and Minister of Economic Affairs, Education and Research. The meeting discussed the current state of Apprenticeships in the U.S. and was attended by a council of officials from Switzerland, Swiss companies operating in the U.S., U.S. representatives from the Department of Labor, U.S. Department of Education, and U.S. companies utilizing Apprenticeship programs.

TyZavier recently completed his junior year at BHS, and he plans to continue working at Swiss Krono while also pursuing an Associate's Degree. According to TyZavier, "I am extremely blessed and grateful for the opportunity to be a Youth Apprentice at Swiss Krono." He also expressed his gratitude for being selected to represent Swiss Krono in Washington, DC this year, "Being selected as the first Apprentice to represent BHS and Swiss Krono in Washington, D.C. was an amazing experience that I will never forget."

When asked about his work-based learning experiences, TyZavier described the work he has done: "My work based learning experience is preparing me for my future career, and this is an opportunity that every student should take advantage of. This experience has been truly amazing. I have learned so much over the course of the whole process and am truly thankful for this opportunity. I'm extremely thankful for the nomination of the Work Based Learning Student of the Year."

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TyZavier's Industrial Technology instructor, Stephen Andrews, described him as "very responsible and respectful." According to Mr. Andrews, "I have been teaching Industrial Technology Education for the past 34 years and find TyZavier to be worthy of this prestigious award." Everyone agrees that TyZavier has a commitment and work ethic that will allow him to continuously grow and advance, and the way he has excelled in work-based learning opportunities serves as inspiration to other students.

Principal Franklin McCormack had only praises for TyZavier as a student. "TyZavier is a what I refer to as the new, modern student. He quietly and humbly works hard in the classroom and takes education serious just like students, past and present. However, what sets him apart from his peers is his focus on career readiness. TyZavier has demonstrated that a student can begin his career while still in high school. Additionally, he has discovered that high school students can work in an industrial setting and get paid a competitive compensation for doing so."

Congratulations, TyZavier!

BSD45 Staff Celebrates the Start of the New School Year

On August 10th, Barnwell School District 45 faculty and staff celebrated the start of a new school year with food, fun, and inspiration. The district's staff members, board members, and leaders spent the day celebrating the start of the 2022-2023 school year.

During the event, everyone was entertained by the district's special guest, Sam Glenn. For nearly three decades, Sam Glenn's inspirational and artistic speeches have impacted audiences of all sizes - some audiences as large as 75,000 people at stadium events. Sam has spoken for just about every industry you can imagine, including clients such as Walmart and NFL teams. His message is universal - when it comes to attitude, nobody is excluded. He firmly believes organizations get better when their people get better, and it all starts with attitude. According to Sam, attitude is the driver of everything, and he recharges and rekindles that positive spark that empowers leaders to give, do and be their best. Throughout his performance, he had BSD45 staff laughing at his comedic anecdotes, engaging in his stories, and amazed with the art he incorporates during the presentation. The final art piece displayed a beautiful eagle to symbolize that, "United we are strong, and we rise together." The painting will now travel school to school for students and staff to enjoy. According to BSD45 attendees, Sam Glenn is an expert at igniting personal and professional positivity.

With the theme of "Empower, Energize, and Engage," district staff spent the day with colleagues laughing and preparing for the 2022-2023 school year. Throughout the event, as staff members enjoyed the food catered by Hogg Heaven, presenters announced prizes and played music for the large crowd gathered at Barnwell Elementary School's Multipurpose Room to celebrate the start of the new school year. Also utilized as surprises for the staff, Sam Glenn donated multiple paintings to be given away in a special drawing.

According to Superintendent Stapleton, "It is such a wonderful start to the year when our entire district staff is able to come together in a room full of laughter, smiles, and inspiration. As I looked around the room throughout our event, I felt so grateful to work with such a dedicated and passionate group of educators and support staff."

Additional photos from the event can be found on the district's webpage. More information about Sam Glenn can be found at his official website: www.Sam-Glenn.com.



Barnwell County Sheriff's Office Partners with Schools to Provide Active Shooter Training Drills

On August 9th, the Barnwell County Sheriff's Office (BCSO) partnered with Barnwell School District 45 (BSD45) to coordinate a multiagency active shooter drill in conjunction with Barnwell City Police, Barnwell Fire Department, Barnwell County Emergency Management, Medshore, and Aiken-Barnwell Mental Health. The drill took place at Barnwell High School while students were off the campus, at which time law enforcement officials were able to simulate real-life situations and use the hallways and classrooms for training. BSD45 administrators and new staff members participated in the trainings, as well as new staff members from other schools across the county.

The drills were planned to allow law enforcement and school officials to collaborate on the training process and to make the simulations as realistic as possible. The Barnwell County Sheriff's Office notified local media prior to the drills to alleviate any concerns regarding multiple law enforcement vehicles and emergency personnel being at the schools.

The Barnwell County Sheriff's Office considered these soft drills; therefore, some circumstances, such as closing the streets and reunification are discussed as part of the trainings but not actually done during the trainings. As an extension to this year's trainings, the teams initiated a staging area and EMS responded on site. After the trainings concluded at each site, school and district administrators and staff had a debriefing with law enforcement officials. Sheriff Steve Griffith noted the importance of these types of trainings for his staff, as well, "Our staff appreciates the opportunity to participate in these types of simulated situations with school officials and staff. This helps us to be as prepared as

possible when completing future trainings and when responding to actual threats or emergency situations."

The district and schools have a strong relationship with all law enforcement and emergency management agencies and have worked in close collaboration throughout the school year to improve safety plans. As a follow-up to these active shooter training exercises, the school district will again revisit and review procedures and policies, and everyone will reflect upon how improvements can be made. This is a continuous process to ensure all agencies are frequently updating their responses to an emergency situation. The multiple agencies involved in the trainings will meet with school district officials for a collaborative meeting, and lessons learned during these discussions and the trainings will be used to further enhance the safety plans for both the school district and all agencies involved.

According to Superintendent Stapleton, "Although we work diligently to have our administrators, staff, and students practice regularly in the schools to be prepared for emergency situations, having more in-depth trainings with the local law enforcement and emergency agencies allows us to be better prepared and to experience more realistic scenarios when applying our procedures and practices." Both the school districts and law enforcement officials considered this training and other trainings that have been completed across the county as something they will continue to build upon, working together to support all county resources in the event of any major emergency in the county.

FCA Community Prayer at the Pole

The Barnwell High School Warhorse FCA hosted a community-wide prayer event Sunday, August 15th at 5pm on the front lawn of Barnwell High School. Students, school leaders, families, and community members gathered to pray for the 2022-2023 school year. Warhorse FCA President Karrie Bolen led the event.



BSD45 Students Participate in Summer Leadership Forums

During the summer, students from Barnwell Primary School and Barnwell Elementary School participated in leadership opportunities through Envision. According to their mission, Envision by WorldStrides programs are designed to empower, engage, and equip next generation leaders to realize the power of their potential with amazing hands-on career exploration, state-of-the-art simulations, and experiences previous participants call “amazing” and parents call “transformational.”

In mid-July, Trey Huber, a current 4th grade at Barnwell Elementary School, joined outstanding elementary school students from across the southeast to take part in a unique academic and career oriented development experience, the National Youth Leadership Forum (NYLF): Pathways to STEM, taking place at Clemson University.



NYLF Pathways to STEM is one of the Envision by WorldStrides family of programs (www.envisionexperience.com) that enable students to explore their interests and experience learning beyond the classroom. At NYLF Pathways to STEM, students build the confidence and skills needed to excel in the classroom while gaining exposure to STEM fields and concepts. They learn how to adapt to and communicate in new situations, to new challenges, and with new people, which, given how rapidly the world is changing due to technology and innovation, are essential skills for success.

Huber was nominated to attend this program by his Barnwell Primary School Gifted and Talented program teacher, Ms. Horton. During the program, Huber was able to participate in a variety of activities introducing medical, investigative, and robotics career skills. Some of the activities included dissecting a cow heart, building and coding a robot, and investigating a mock crime scene. “My favorite activity was definitely building the robot,” said Huber. “The Crime Scene Investigation was also great,” he added. “It was a good mystery and took many steps to solve.” In addition to excelling in the classroom Huber also enjoys playing baseball and spending time with his family.

Barnwell Elementary School recognized two students who participated in the Junior National Young Leaders Conference. The Junior National Young Leaders Conference (JrNYLC) is the premier leadership development program for middle level students. To ensure that students attending JrNYLC have the most impactful experience possible, the program is divided into two separate age groups.

Onyx Winns, one of Barnwell Elementary School’s former 6th grade students, participated in the Junior National Young Leaders

Conference in Washington, DC this summer. With the purpose of showing students that great leaders learn from history, participating rising 7th and 8th grade students from across the country had the extraordinary opportunity to spend six amazing days in and around the nation’s capital, experiencing the power of democracy among the monuments and museums. Winns, along with other participants, were inspired by exemplary stories of courage and collaborated with one another to discover solutions to some of the issues the country faces today.



Zamari Williams, a current 6th grader at Barnwell Elementary School, participated in the Junior National Young Leaders Conference at University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. The Explore STEM program Williams participated in was a unique learning experience for bright, forward-thinking middle level students with the purpose to help those students evolve into the next generation of innovators, engineers, doctors, forensic



scientists, mathematicians, and physicists. During this six-day immersive experience, students like Williams learned through hands-on simulations, workshops, and competitions, while also making new friends and having unforgettable experiences. Hands-on activities focused on forensics, robotics programming, medicine, and civil engineering. This program allowed high-achieving students to explore the frontiers of 21st century science and technology.

According to BES Principal Kay Gooding, “I am so glad our students were able to participate in this program. Few fields are more important to the future than STEM—science, technology, engineering, and math. This focus on hands-on learning with real-world applications helps develop a variety of skill sets, including creativity and 21st-century skills”

With so many career fields today requiring a solid foundation in STEM learning, it is one of the fastest growing areas of study—and the reason that STEM professionals are in the highest demand throughout the world. Barnwell School District 45 salutes these students and proudly recognizes them for their participation in these robust programs.

Barnwell High School Students Awarded with Academic Honors from College Board National Recognition Programs

Barnwell High School students have earned academic honors from the College Board National Recognition Programs. These National Recognition Programs grant underrepresented students with academic honors that can be included on college and scholarship applications and connect students with universities across the country, helping them meaningfully connect to colleges and stand out during the admissions process. Colleges and scholarship programs identify students awarded National African American, Hispanic, Indigenous and/or Rural/Small Town Recognition through College Board's Student Search Service.

The following student(s) have been awarded recognition:

Amiya Johnson
Emma Creech
Hayden Horton
Hussain Godhrawala
Karoline Bolen

"We're thrilled that our students have earned this recognition. We are very proud of them for their achievements in their classrooms and on College Board assessments," said Franklin McCormack, Principal of Barnwell High School. "These programs help stu-

dents from underrepresented backgrounds stand out to colleges during admissions."

Students who may be eligible have a GPA of 3.5 or higher and have excelled on the PSAT/NMSQT or PSAT 10, or earned a score of 3 or higher on two or more AP Exams; and are African American or Black, Hispanic American or Latinx, Indigenous, and/or attend school in a rural area or small town.

Eligible students will be invited to apply during their sophomore or junior year and will be awarded at the beginning of the next school year. Students will receive their awards in time to include them on their college and scholarship applications.

"We want to honor the hard work of these students through the College Board National Recognition Programs. This program creates a way for colleges and scholarship programs to connect directly with underrepresented students who they are hoping to reach," said Tarlin Ray, College Board senior vice president of BigFuture. "We hope the award winners and their families celebrate this prestigious honor and it helps them plan for their big future."



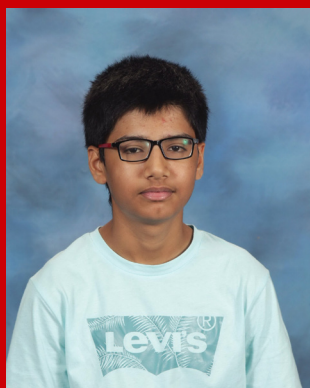
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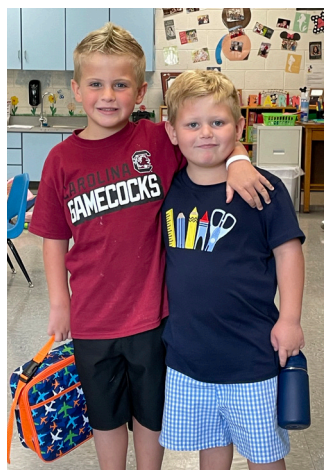


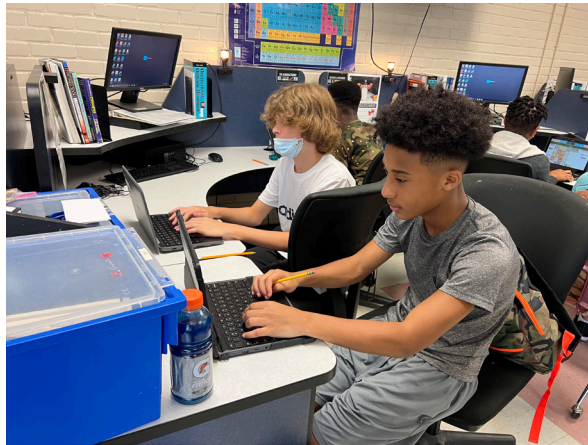
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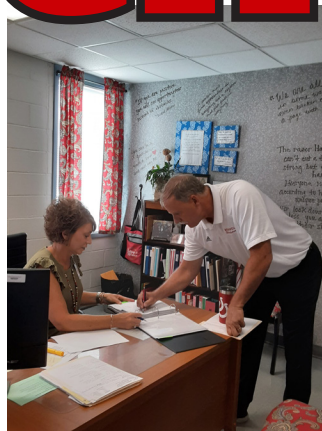


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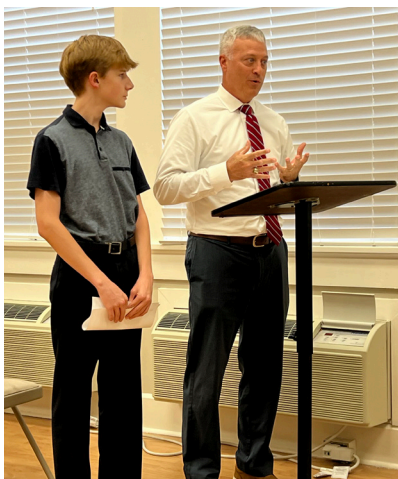




OF SCHOOL



Student Spotlight: Grayson Thompson - BSD45's 2022-2023 IT Apprentice



At the September Board of Trustees meeting, Grayson Thompson was recognized as the 2022-2023 BSD45 IT apprentice. He is currently a Junior at BHS. Principal Franklin McCormack introduced Grayson to the Board. He explained, "The pool of students who applied for our district's Information Technology (IT) apprenticeship were highly qualified and conducted great

interviews. What separated Grayson from the other candidates was his knowledge of IT and his personality." Principal McCormack continued to describe what a great fit Grayson is for the position, "Both Mr. Moody (BSD45 IT Director) and myself were extremely impressed with the vocabulary Grayson has already acquired. In other words, Grayson knows things about IT that most people, let alone high school students, do not have knowledge of." Superintendent Crissie Stapleton also presented

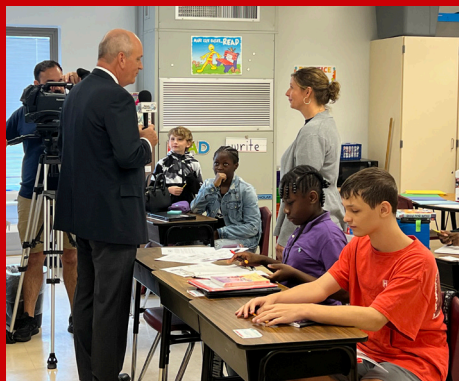
Grayson with a basket of BSD45 t-shirts, cups, travel mug, and more to welcome him to his new role as part of the staff of the district.

Since beginning in this position with the district, Grayson has worked close beside the other members of the BSD45 IT Department, including Michael Watkins at BHS. According to Mr. Watkins, Grayson has done a wonderful job and displayed great work ethic and respect.

BSD45 is so proud of Grayson!



GOLDEN APPLE AWARD WINNER



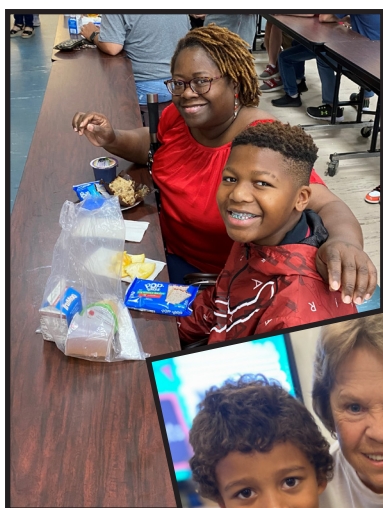
 Congratulations, Jennifer Jensen! 

BSD45 Celebrates Grandparents' Day



*A grandparent is a little bit
parent, a little bit teacher, and a
little bit best friend.*

- Unknown



WARHORSE

VARSITY FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	Site	Time
8/18	Wiliston-Elko	Home	7:00pm
8/25	Blackville-Hilda	Away	7:30pm
9/2	Bamberg-Ehrhardt	Home	7:30pm
9/9	Orangeburg Wilkinson	Away	7:30pm
9/16	Aiken	Home	7:30pm
9/23	Silver Bluff	Away	7:30pm
9/30	Edisto	Home	7:30pm
10/7	Bye Week		
10/14	Ridgeland-Hardeeville	Away	7:30pm
10/21	Woodland	Home	7:30pm
10/28	Wade Hampton	Away	7:30pm



GBMS FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	Site	Time
9/8	Wade Hampton	Away	5:30pm
9/15	Wiliston-Elko	Home	5:30pm
9/29	TBD	Away	5:30pm
10/13	Wiliston-Elko	Away	5:30pm
10/20	Woodland	Away	5:30pm
10/28	TBD	Home	5:30pm

ATHLETICS

VARSITY VOLLEYBALL SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	Site	Time
8/16	Wiliston-Elko	Home	7:00pm
8/23	Silver Bluff	Home	7:00pm
8/24	Silver Bluff	Away	7:00pm
8/29	Wiliston-Elko	Away	7:00pm
9/7	Horse Creek Academy	Home	5:30pm
9/12	Blackville-Hilda	Away	5:30pm
9/13	Edisto	Home	7:00pm
9/15	Horse Creek Academy	Away	5:30pm
9/19	Blackville-Hilda	Home	5:30pm
9/20	Ridgeland	Away	6:00pm
9/22	Woodland	Home	7:00pm
9/27	Wade Hampton	Away	7:00pm
9/29	Edisto	Away	7:00pm
10/3	Bamberg-Ehrhardt	Home	7:00pm
10/5	Colleton County	Away	6:00pm
10/6	Ridgeland	Home	6:00pm
10/11	Woodland	Away	7:00pm
10/12	Colleton County	Home	7:00pm
10/13	Wade Hampton	Home	7:00pm



JV VOLLEYBALL SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	Site	Time
8/16	Wiliston-Elko	Home	5:30pm
8/23	Silver Bluff	Home	5:30pm
8/24	Silver Bluff	Away	5:30pm
8/29	Wiliston-Elko	Away	5:30pm
9/1	Wiliston-Elko	Home	5:30pm
9/13	Edisto	Home	5:30pm
9/22	Woodland	Home	5:30pm
9/27	Wade Hampton	Away	5:30pm
9/29	Edisto	Away	5:30pm
10/3	Bamberg-Ehrhardt	Home	5:30pm
10/11	Woodland	Away	5:30pm
10/12	Colleton County	Home	5:30pm
10/13	Wade Hampton	Home	5:30pm

A Word From Our Superintendent

To our families, community members, and stakeholders,

Welcome to the 2022-2023 school year! We at Barnwell School District 45 could not be successful without the support of our community and all of you. We are so appreciative, and from the bottom of our hearts, we thank you for what you continue to do to support our schools!

Our school district is committed to preparing students for life-long success by promoting individualized learning experiences. The core values that drive us each day are Innovation, Integrity, Investment, and Community. As a district, we value continuous improvement, and we believe that education is a shared responsibility of the student, the school, the home, and the community. As this new school year has begun, I have been so grateful to see the smiling faces of our students as they walk the halls and interact within our classrooms. As a thank you for all of your support, we have created a video of the start of the school year to allow you a glimpse into the first few weeks, highlighting the staff preparing for students to arrive and highlighting our students returning for the new school year. This video is accessible on our district website.

Throughout the year, we will once again send out press releases and news from our district through our Barnwell Warhorse email list. These press releases will also be updated on our district website and sent via the district's Remind 101 communication system. If you would like to be added to the email list, please visit the home page of the district website to be added.

It is always an honor to share the good news happening within our schools!

As a district, we continue to thank our stakeholders and Barnwell 45 Family for their continued support of our schools. We feel our people are our greatest resources, and this includes not only our students but also our staff, our families, and our community members. We are grateful to live in a community that wraps their arms around our schools and partners with us to help our students be successful and grow academically, emotionally, and socially. Our district takes very seriously our responsibility to prepare our students for their future, and we continually seek ways to provide increased opportunities for the students in Barnwell School District 45. Working together with our stakeholders, our community, and our families, we take great pride in assisting our students as they grow and develop into our future South Carolina graduates and leaders.

Looking forward to a great year,

Crissie Stapleton

Crissie Stapleton, Ed.D.

Superintendent, Barnwell School District 45



TENNIS SCHEDULE

<u>Date</u>	<u>Opponent</u>	<u>Site</u>	<u>Time</u>
8/23	Pelion	Away	5:30pm
9/6	Woodland	Away	5:00pm
9/8	Wade-Hampton	Home	5:00pm
9/15	Bamberg-Ehrhardt	Away	5:00pm
9/20	Wade-Hampton	Away	5:00pm
9/22	Bamberg-Ehrhardt	Home	5:00pm
9/24	Wiliston-Elko	Away	9:00am
9/26	Pelion	Home	5:30pm
9/27	Whale-Branch	Home	5:30pm
10/4	Woodland	Home	5:00pm
10/5	Williston-Elko	Home	5:00pm
10/7	Whale-Branch	Away	5:30pm



WARHORSE ATHLETICS



CROSS COUNTRY SCHEDULE

<u>Date</u>	<u>Opponent</u>	<u>Site</u>	<u>Time</u>
9/7	Wade Hampton	Away	5:00pm
9/21	Wiliston-Elko	Away	5:00pm
9/28	Pelion	Away	5:15pm
10/5	Wiliston-Elko	Away	5:00pm
10/11	Lake Warren	Away	5:00pm
10/22	Cici Sandhills	Away	9:00am