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NEWS RELEASE

Columbia, SC— Amanda Smith was one of six educators who participated in Strategies for Teacher Advancement and Renewal (STAR), held at Seabrook Island on October 25-October 29, 2021. STAR is a bi-annual reward and recognition program for outstanding South Carolina veteran teachers sponsored by the Foundation for Professional Development and Palmetto State Teachers Association.

Mrs. Smith was selected for STAR through a statewide rigorous application process. She is a seventh grade English Language Arts teacher at Guinyard-Butler Middle School in Barnwell School District 45.

More than 550 educators have participated in STAR since 1994. The program was begun by Palmetto State Teachers Association to enhance the teachers' commitment to the education profession and to provide them with opportunities for personal and professional growth. The five-day retreat is funded by private contributions through the Foundation for Professional Development.