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Barnwell High School's Brian Priester Awarded First Place in Leadership Speech Contest

Barnwell, S.C. {March 30, 2022} – Barnwell High School joins Savannah River Site Leadership Association (SRSLA) in congratulating Brian Priester as the 1st Place Winner of the 2022 SRSLA Annual Leadership Speech Contest. On March 10, 2022, SRSLA held their annual leadership competition where students from different high schools competed in the speech competition level.

Following his success at the first level of competition, Brian will now represent our region's National Management Association (NMA) chapter at the Peach Council competition, and the winner from that level will move on to the national competition which is conducted annually at the NMA Annual Conference.



According to the mission of the NMA Leadership Speech Contest, the purpose is to promote a better understanding of leadership among high school students, to involve youth in researching, writing, and delivering a speech on leadership, and to develop communications skills that are vital to those entering the workforce.

BHS Principal Franklin McCormack emphasized how worthy Brian is of this honor, "Brian is a fantastic student at BHS. This award is very deserving and sheds a glimpse of his potential for achieving on a high level in college." Principal McCormack went on to share, "He is a high-ranking student who excels in both curricular and extracurricular activities. Although he is still undecided about his future plans, he has indicated that he would like to attend either Lander or Georgia Southern. As for his major in college, Brian is going to focus on public relations or computer science."

The competition also provides winning students with a financial reward that will help them further their formal education. As part of his award, Brian received a certificate, a \$300 cash prize, and will now progress to the next level of competition. Barnwell School District 45 salutes Brian and his wonderful accomplishment.