



**MANNING FAMILY ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP** — Three Piedmont Technical College students were awarded the Manning Family Endowed Scholarship at the college's annual scholarship luncheon. Pictured from left: scholarship donor Sharon Manning; Sonya Hicks, a human services student from Calhoun Falls; Jamie Walden, an associate degree nursing student from Laurens; and scholarship donor Peter Manning. The Peter and Sharon Manning family established this endowment in 2014. The scholarship is available to a first-time, first-generation student, a first-generation student returning to college after five years out of school or college, or a first-generation student returning to college after a layoff.

## LDHS receives Award of Merit

At the 2018 South Carolina School Improvement Council (SC-SIC) Annual Meeting, held on Saturday, April 14, Laurens District High School (LDHS) was the first ever recipient of the Award of Merit for SIC Report to the Parents Excellence. This Report is statutorily required and must be made available to parents by April 30 of each year. The intent of the Report is to inform parents and others of progress made during the current academic year on school and SIC goals. In addition, it becomes a resource providing information on the work of local Councils and their partnership with

school leaders in addressing school and student needs as outlined in the school's Five-Year Plans.

Principal Chris Moore and the current LDHS SIC Chair, J.D. Huff, were on hand to receive the award on Saturday. Ed Murray, the District's SIC contact, said, "We are committed to increasing community involvement in our schools. Part of that commitment involves quality communication with every stakeholder." Murray added that every school in Laurens County School District 55 (LCSD 55) did an excellent job on their Reports for 2016-2017 and he was pleased that LDHS led the way in

that effort.

Every LCSD 55 school and their SIC are currently preparing the 2017-2018 SIC Report to the Parents. Each school's report will be available no later than April 30. Parents and community members will be able to access the published reports on line at the individual school website or the district website (laurens55.org). Printed copies of the report will also be available at each school.

## Crowder elected FBLA state treasurer

Peyton Crowder, a junior at Laurens District High School (LDHS), was recently elected to serve as the 2018-2019 South Carolina Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) State Treasurer. The election took place at the annual



**Peyton Crowder**

FBLA state conference in North Charleston. Crowder is currently serving as the South Carolina FBLA Vice President. He has been President of the LDHS Chapter of FBLA for the past two years.

As the South Carolina FBLA Treasurer, Crowder will travel the state to promote business education, meet with elected officials, speak with civic organizations, and confer with corporate leaders in South Carolina. According to Crowder, "The most important aspect of my duties as Treasurer involve fundraising, recruiting schools to establish

FBLA Chapters, creating scholarships, and developing business internship opportunities for our members."

Crowder will also represent the State of South Carolina at the 2018 FBLA National Conference. The conference will take place in Baltimore, Md. this summer. Over 10,000 students from across the country will attend the conference. FBLA is the largest and oldest student business association in the world with over 250,000 members and approximately 2,000 members in South Carolina.

A large advertisement for Strange's Ranch. It features a central logo with the text "Strange's Ranch" in a stylized font. Below the logo, it says "Have Scramble". To the right, it says "LAURENS, SOUTH CAROLINA". At the bottom, it says "Saturday & Sunday, April 28 & 29". There are also logos for various sponsors like Scott's, I-40 Auto Parts, Honda of Shelby, Outback ATV Park, Derisi Racing, Mid-East, Neeley, Palmer Motorsports, Maxxis, Toyota, and others. A price tag of "\$10 Admission" is visible.

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