

AJ VS BUFORD BOYS SOCCER



2026 REGION 4 AA CHAMPIONS

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roll finalists are Linden Carbaugh, Lugoff-Elgin High School; Kristen Franceschi, Jackson School; and Shawn Tarte, Camden High School.

Pine Tree Hill Elementary Principal Markieta Barber was recognized as the district's 2026 Principal of the Year.

"Mrs. Barber has a remarkable gift for balancing high academic standards with a genuine, visible love for her students," said Superintendent Dr. Harrison Goodwin. "She doesn't just manage a school, she has intentionally built a culture where students, staff, and families feel a true sense of belonging. Her

leadership is the reason Pine Tree Hill is such a vibrant place to learn."

A 2004 graduate of Camden High School, Barber is proud to be a product of the Kershaw County School District. Her journey in education spans 18 years of dedicated service, beginning in the classroom as a kindergarten and third-grade teacher.

Since taking the helm at Pine Tree Hill, Mrs. Barber has spearheaded a powerful Leader in Me implementation, empowering students to take ownership of their learning and leadership. Her nominations highlighted her "forward-thinking, evidence-aligned practices," leading to rigorous instruction, data-driven student growth and authentic

community connections.

All of the 2026 local school teachers of the year were honored at the celebration. They are:

- Blaney Elementary School – Flo Jackson
- Camden Elementary School – Haley Anderson
- Camden High School – Abigail B. Sheorn
- Camden Middle School – Marcia Daniels
- Continuous Learning Center – Amanda Altman
- Doby's Mill Elementary School – Megan Capozziello
- Jackson School – Taylor Cotton
- Lugoff Elementary School – Ashly Haigh
- Lugoff-Elgin High School – Gracie Buring
- Lugoff-Elgin Middle School – Sharon Delaney
- Midway Elementary School – Dr. Crystal McInvaile
- North Central Elementary School – Lexe Sims
- North Central High School – Suzanna Hall
- North Central Middle School – Valarie Dixon
- Pine Tree Hill Elementary School – Mary Vannatter
- Stover Middle School – Cassandra Mickle
- Waterree Elementary School – Shannan Bright
- Woolard Technology Center – Mary Kathryn Shores

During the celebration, the Kershaw County Teacher Forum also awarded the \$1,500 Mary Ann Blaskowitz Education Scholarship to Lugoff-Elgin High School senior Addison Greenwood.

This scholarship is named for Teacher Forum Member Mary Ann Blaskowitz,

who was the first Kershaw County Teacher of the Year to be named South Carolina Teacher of the Year.



AJ honored former coaches for the Boys Soccer Program. Left to right Former Head Coach Michael Williams, Head Coach McCullough Ardrey and Former Head Coach Will Brice. (photos by Gwynn Leaird)

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NATURE AND FITNESS CAMP

JUNE 8-12

The camp will be registering students who have completed 3rd through 8th grades for \$50.

JUNE 15-19

The camp will be registering youth who have completed 3rd through 8th grades for \$50.

JUNE 22-26

The camp will be registering students who have completed 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, & 6th grades for \$50.

LOCATION: STEVENS PARK POOL SIDE PAVILION

TIME: 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM

ACTIVITIES:

- Science and Nature Activities
- Volleyball
- Swimming
- Outdoor games
- Fitness activities
- Nature activities

Sponsored by:
Kershaw Community Park Council & The Town of Kershaw

Certified Teachers
Kim Threatt - kim.threatt@lcsd.k12.sc.us
Donia Turk- donia.turk@lcsd.k12.sc.us

Our experienced staff members are dedicated to creating a positive and inclusive environment where campers can make new friends and learn new skills.

Student's Name: _____ Grade Completed: _____

Parent's Name: _____ Contact Information: _____

Week Attending Camp: _____ \$50 enclosed

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