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Local Students Named South Carolina Junior Scholars

*Jerry Zucker Middle School 8th Graders Excel on College
Placement Exam*

NORTH CHARLESTON—

Four Jerry Zucker Middle School 8th graders - Kayla Cannady, Guadalupe Chavez-Gutierrez, Mackenzie Cook, and Morgan McClure – were recently named South Carolina Junior Scholars. In order to be named a South Carolina Junior Scholar, a student must score 50 or higher on the PSAT in verbal, math or writing. Twenty-eight 8th graders at Jerry Zucker Middle School qualified to take the PSAT based on their performance on the PASS test in 7th grade, and the four students mentioned above scored a 50 or above in at least one of the three critical areas.

Guidance counselor James Brooks coordinates the South Carolina Junior Scholars program at Jerry Zucker Middle School. He says, "This is a huge accomplishment. We are proud of not only our four Junior Scholars, but also of each and every one of the 8th graders who qualified to take the PSAT test."

For more information regarding this event, please contact Principal Jacob Perlmutter or librarian Miranda Cary at (843) 767-8383.

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CCSD believes that by combining the right supports, high expectations, and great teaching—every child will graduate with the critical skills and knowledge necessary to succeed in college and the 21st Century global workforce.

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