



GREER MIDDLE COLLEGE
CHARTER HIGH SCHOOL
HOME OF THE BLAZERS

2019-2020 AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

Although Awards Night was cancelled due to the pandemic, this is an opportunity to recognize students, staff and parents for a job well done. Some students will miss the opportunity this year to participate in certain organizations, activities, etc. for which they were elected but we still would like to recognize their accomplishments. Seniors will be given their awards at graduation. Underclassmen will receive theirs at the beginning of the 2020-2021 school year.

Senior scholarship recipients.

The Watson Brown Scholarship (awarded in certain regions of Georgia and South Carolina):

Sarah Doster and Camryn Hipp

Palmetto Fellows: Eliana Boone, Sarah Doster, Anna Duren, Megan Foster, Luke Hall, David Kitch, Daniel Orr, Jackson Ramseur, Victoria Whitlock

Honor Graduates

Grace C Smith

Anna Duren

Tori Whitlock

Luke Hall

Eliana Boone

Sarah Doster

Jackson Ramseur

Alyssa Lynch

Megan Foster

Carter Kirkland

Salutatorian – Anna Duren

Valedictorian – Grace Smith

Associate Degrees from Greenville Tech:

Zoe Feser, Grace Smith – Associate of Arts and Associate of Science

Gracie Puckett, David Kitch, Trevor Nelson – Associate of Science

Eliana Boone, Luke Hall, Alyssa Lynch – Associate of Arts

Their names will be added to our plaque of GMC of students who have earned associate degrees.

SAT and ACT students who have excelled in testing.

Score 700 or better on the verbal and/or math section of the SAT (800 is a perfect score): **Luke Hall, David Kitch, Rylie Sargent**

Score 30 or higher on the composite for the ACT (36 is a perfect score):

Daniel Axmann, Jackson Ramseur, Trevor Nelson, David Kitch, Eli Hall, Anna Duren

The United Nations Assoc USA honors students who invest energy and effort into helping others with the National Community Service Merit Award.

Luke Hall

Each year we give sophomores and juniors the PSAT. The National Merit Scholarship Corporation honors those with outstanding performance their junior year with recognition their senior year. This year we have two National Merit finalists:

Matthew Lopez and Caleb Hammon

Junior Scholars

Each year colleges look to recognize outstanding juniors based on various criteria such as GPA, test scores, rank, community service, and/or leadership skills.

Coker College Scholars: Riley Grubbs, Courtney Garrett, Eli Stoudemayer, Ian Downs, Felipe Rojo, Kyra Meilinger

Converse Junior Scholars: Sydney Dentler, Cora Runion, Raquel Fowler, Katelyn Mills, Cara Watson

Erskine Fellows: Brianna Martin, Michael Miller, Adam Smith

Furman Scholars: Matthew Lopez, Evan Silva, Caleb Hammon

Lander Junior Fellows: William Wilson, Sarah Kate Alexander

PC Fellows: Emma Borton, Jeshurun Ohanuka, Brooke Lane, Morgan Kelly, Sarah Kate Alexander

USC Aiken: Nora Finnegan, Jacob McAlister

USC Upstate Junior Scholars: Isabelle Lewis, Lilla Norville, Charles Eldridge, Grace Besser, Alex Chebowski

Wofford Scholars: Matthew Lopez, Evan Silva, Caleb Hammon

Our top ten juniors serve as junior marshals at graduation. They also assist with senior project presentations.

Matthew Lopez, William Wilson, Sarah Kate Alexander, Emma Borton, Evan Silva, Caleb Hammon, Jeshurun Ohanuka, Sydney Dentler, Kyra Meilinger, Brooke Lane

MCNC Student Ambassadors - Student Ambassadors is a program for student leadership development from the Middle College National Consortium. GMC students apply for admission each year and are accepted based on their passion for making a difference in the world in the areas of civic engagement and environmental responsibility. We want to recognize these students as excellent ambassadors with powerful voices in some of the most important local and national conversations.

Fatou Diedhiou, Zoe Feser, MaKayla McCullough, Claire Countryman, Sarah Doster, Anna Duren, Morgan Kelly, Matthew Lopez, Arden Montjoy, Denzel Nesbitt, Autumn Pause, Sadeen Sarhan, Nikolai Sarlo, Kyndal Smith, Janice Soto

Student Government - This year's Student Government worked tirelessly to provide an unforgettable year for GMC by providing an amazing Spirit Week, fun dances, a virtual Blazer Week, and always worked to ensure our Student Body was loved and celebrated. Achieving a huge goal set by StuGo members years ahead of them, this group accomplished raising \$53,516.67 during one exciting week of fun. We are so proud of how hard our Student Government worked all year to show spirit, love, and dedication to the Blazer Family.

Luke Hall - Student Body President

Ryan Bokowy - Student Body Vice President

Matt Garrett - Student Body Secretary

Alyssa Lynch- Student Body Treasurer

Daniel Axmann- Senior Class President

Julian Jones- Senior Class Vice President

Ariel Weaver- Senior Class Secretary

Leah Hurley- Senior Class Treasurer

Rylie Sargent, Grace Smith, Matthew J Mitchell- Blaze Craze

Sarah Kate Alexander - Junior Class President

Amelia Jebens - Junior Class Vice President

Cora Runion - Junior Class Secretary

Ian Downs - Junior Class Treasurer

Delia Parker, William Wilson, Alex McClure - Blaze Craze

Kierstyn Winecoff - Sophomore Class President

Grace Short - Sophomore Class Vice President

Ansley Hall - Sophomore Class Secretary

Katie McClure- Sophomore Class Treasurer

Autumn Pause, Sadeen Sarhan- Blaze Craze

Paul Rouse - Freshman Class President

Davis Puckett - Freshman Class Vice President

Rose Wilson- Freshman Class Secretary

Lexi Weaver -Freshman Class Treasurer

Beta Club -

Senior Executive Committee Members

Ryan Bokowy, Rylie Sargent, Matt Garrett, Alyssa Lynch, Grace Smith

The **American Citizenship Awards** are given to one boy and one girl in each grade who exhibit the following (selected by the faculty):

- Display an understanding and appreciation of civic responsibility
- Show a positive attitude toward classmates, school, and community
- Participate in school and community service
- Possess strength of character and courage to do what is right
- Promote citizenship in and out of school

Freshmen: **Catherine Taylor, Paul Rouse**

Sophomores: **Arden Montjoy, Luke Wilson**

Juniors: **Courtney Garrett, Ian Downs**

Seniors: **Eliana Boone, Matt Garrett**

Palmetto Girls State

The purpose of **Girls State** is to "educate our youth in the duties, privileges, rights, and responsibilities of American citizenship". The goal is to foster leadership skills through learning about government and the political process. The criteria for nomination: student who displays high moral character, has high scholastic achievement, leadership potential, interest in government, maturity and cooperativeness. These girls participate in a week long summer camp that focuses on citizenship training.

Recipients: **Belle Lewis and Lilli Norvelle**

Palmetto Boys State

The criteria for nomination for Palmetto Boys State: students who display high moral character, have leadership potential, interest in government, maturity and

are enthusiastic about participation in citizenship training through a week-long camp this summer. The summer camp focuses on setting up an apparatus of city, county and state government and encourages leadership and citizenship endeavors. The recipients of this year's Palmetto Boy's State award:

Luke Hall, Lucas Wamsley, Matthew Garrett, Matthew J Mitchell

Junior Leadership Greer

Each year 4 students from the sophomore and/or junior class are nominated to participate in Junior Leadership Greer. Leadership Greer is designed to develop informed, committed, and qualified young people capable of providing dynamic leadership in their schools and in the Greer Community. During the past year students learned team building, learned about our local economic state and history of Greer, and spent time in city offices observing local government and public service.

Aaron Boone, Sarah Kate Alexander, William Wilson, Ellie Donovan

Bridges to a Brighter Future

Bridges to a Brighter Future is a comprehensive college access and pre-college academic enrichment program. This comprehensive program transforms students by building academic success, self-confidence, resiliency, leadership, and character. Students are nominated in ninth grade by their classroom teachers and guidance counselors and go through an intensive selection process including an application and interview. **Allen Kuria** is participating in Bridges in the Chi Class of 2021. **Elisha Broome** is participating in the Psi Class of 2022.

HOBY (Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership)

Hoby's mission is to inspire and develop a global community of youth and volunteers to a life dedicated to leadership, service and innovation. This program provides students with unique leadership training, service-learning, and motivation-building experiences.

Katie McClure, Sara Dorsey, Josh Corey, Nikolai Sarlo

Business Completers

Each year the SC Dept of Education recognizes Completers in career majors in each high school. This year we have completers in Business Finance: **Bailey Alana, Hunter Janes, Daniel Orr, Olivia Plybon**

Business Information Management: **Dakota Eubanks, Haley Roberts**

Academic Awards (By course and Teacher)

English:

English I	Kate Fricke	Megan Schonhar
English II	Bree Smith	Paula Rouse
English II Honors	Jessica Pressley	Cameron Cook
English III	Ansley Mason	Cameron Cook
English III Honors	Lilla Norvelle	Cameron Cook
English IV	Bailey Alana	Justin Lowman

Math:

Algebra I	Grant Woody	Ashley Hunter
Algebra II	Grace Besser	Joel Frans
Algebra II Honors	Mahala Connors	Ashley Hunter
Geometry	Mia Leal	Ella Kate Meyers
Geometry Honors	Campbell Kemp	Ella Kate Meyers
Pre-Calculus	Sadeen Sarhan	Joel Frans
Pre-Calculus Honors	Evan Silva	Joel Frans
Prob and Statistics	Carter Kirkland	Kelly Morris

Science:

Biology	Mia Leal	Jordahn Shiley
Biology Honors	Rose Wilson	Laura Sawicki
Chemistry	Thomas Allen	Keith McCaskill

Chemistry Honors	Sadeen Sarhan	Cathy Teel
Environmental Science	Samuel Layton	Keith McCaskill
Forensic Science	Belle Lewis	Laura Sawicki
Anatomy & Physiology	Jacob McAlister	Jordahn Shiley
Marine Biology	Riley Geoghegan	Laura Sawicki

Social Studies:

World Cultures	Catherine Taylor	Ryan Stone
US History	Michael Deischbourg	Nathan Gallion
US History Honors	Claire Swartz	Nathan Gallion
Government	Leah Coviak	Brendan LaPoe
Economics	William Wilson	Brendan LaPoe

Business:

Integrated Bus Apps	Ellianna Garzony	Julie Moore
Personal Finance	Mahala Connor	Shelly Bishop

Foreign Language:

Spanish I	Sara Ramseur	Sofia Gonzalez
Spanish II	Leah Coviak	Brittany Carmona

Physical Education:

PE	Katherine Martin	Kaci Elliott
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Teacher Cadet:

Teacher Cadet	Sara Kate Alexander	Paula Rouse
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Senior Project:

Senior Project

Hunter Janes

Crystal Earle

Senior Proj Internship

Zoe Feser

Shelly Bishop

Volunteer of the Year

Each year the faculty and staff vote on a volunteer of the year. We could not do all that we do as a school without the phenomenal help of our volunteers.

“Volunteers do not necessarily have the time; they have the heart.”- Elizabeth Andrew

Volunteers are vital to GMC. In a very busy world, it is often hard to commit to additional responsibilities on top of work and family. This year's volunteer of the year, **Kim Hall**, takes time out of her busy schedule to help at GMC wherever she is needed. Kim has a big heart, working as a nurse in Greenville County Schools. In addition to being a nurse and a mom of two senior boys and a first grader, Kim has served on the PIP committee for the last three years as a lunch coordinator. Lunch service for our students is provided completely by volunteers. Kim has spent many hours setting up lunch vendors, finding volunteers, and inputting information in MY FOOD DAYS. The lunch coordinator certainly can be a thankless job, especially when things don't go as planned. Kim has worked tirelessly trying to make parents and students happy with the lunch program. Kim also serves as one of the board of directors for GMC. She is always happy to listen to parents' and teachers' thoughts on how to improve our school. People often think they can't volunteer because they don't have the time. Kim has never said no to an opportunity to help at the school. She loves GMC and truly exhibits the Blazer spirit!

Teacher of the Year

Crystal Earle- Crystal is dedicated to our seniors and their success. She spends hours tirelessly pouring into providing them meaningful and honest feedback not only on their classwork, but in their lives as young adults. She treats them all with love and grace and they know she is someone they can turn to when needed. She

is always making sure we are doing what is best for the students. Crystal goes above and beyond in everything she does, from senior project, to nutrition, to her extracurricular activities like clubs, travel groups, and the prom committee. She consistently attends students' athletic events and gets to know them on a deeper level than just a classroom teacher. She invests in each of her students and stays in contact with them long after they leave GMC. She's an inspiration! We are so amazed at her teaching with senior project. When observing her, she is not only knowledgeable about her students but she cares and wants them to be successful. She works hard to ensure the kids are challenging themselves.

Employee of the Year

Flor Polanco- Flor greets everyone with a smile. She works diligently to make sure our school is kept clean and safe for our students. She takes pride in her work and does an outstanding job. Not only does Flor care about our school, but she cares about us as people. She is always checking in to see how we are doing and makes sure we know how much she loves us all. She goes over and beyond to show that she cares about us all. GMC is a better place because of Flor and her contagious smile.

Ambassador Award –Boy and Girl

The Ambassador Award is given to a student who is a positive example of a GMC student and with great pride tells others about us. The recipient consistently displays a positive attitude, is helpful to teachers, parents, and students, and is a strong ambassador for GMC. These Senior students were chosen by our faculty and staff. **These awards will be announced at graduation.**

Blazer Award

The Blazer Award is the top award given by GMCCHS. It is to recognize that student who is the epitome of what we hope for in all of our students. This student is strong academically, displays school pride, and possesses qualities of responsibility, diligence and respect. This student was nominated and chosen by our faculty and staff. **This award will be announced at graduation.**