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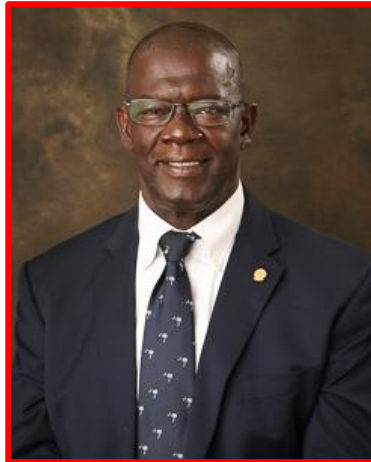
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## COMMISSIONER'S NOTES

Greetings,

Hope all is well. Please see the "Call to Action" letter below.

### True Fans Unite to Promote Positive Behavior in High School Sports

Attention, high school sports fans!

Not those of you who are disrespectful, volatile, and even violent at athletic events. No, we're talking to parents and fans who behave appropriately and understand the true purpose of high school sports.

First off, we want to thank you: For not yelling at the officials every time you don't like a call. For not ruining high school sports for your child by making it all about you. For not contributing to the bad fan behavior epidemic that is putting high school sports at risk.

Like you, we're tired of seeing games canceled because of brawls in the stands. We're tired of entitled fans who think they can say and do anything they want. We're tired of high school athletic events being clouded by negativity, immaturity, and aggressive behavior.

Let's not let a few bad apples spoil the bunch. They may be a loud minority, but let's make sure our actions speak louder.

Consider this your rallying cry—to continue setting the tone for your school community, to continue being role models and positive behavior trailblazers, and to continue being part of the solution and not part of the problem.

Please share with those you deem appropriate.

As an update to ejections for unsportsmanlike behavior over the past two weeks, I share the following data:

### MARCH 6- MARCH 19, 2023

- 51 member schools had ejections of coaches and/or student-athletes: (50 high schools; 1 middle school)
- Five (5) coaches were ejected, all high school coaches: (2 baseball, 2 soccer, 1 softball)
- 59 student-athletes were ejected: 58 high schoolers; 1 middle schooler: 35 soccer, 17 baseball, 4 lacrosse, 1 softball and 1 tennis.

As you can see, there is much work to be done. Let's also adopt this "Call to Action" letter for our coaches and student-athletes. I wish you continued success during this Spring sports season and have a great remainder of the week.

~Dr. Jerome Singleton  
SCHSL- Commissioner



# CONGRATULATIONS

## Upcoming Events

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**League Office Closed!**

Easter: Apr 9, 2023

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## NFHS HEART OF THE ARTS STATE AWARD WINNER



Greenville Technical Charter High School visual arts teacher, **Brooke Honeycutt** is the 2023 State Winner of the NFHS Heart of the Arts Award for the State of South Carolina.



## SCHSL SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD

The 2022-2023 SCHSL Sportsmanship Awards were presented by Dr. Jerome Singleton, Commissioner of the SCHSL, during the 2023 South Carolina Athletic Administrators Association (SCAAA) Spring Conference held in Charleston, S.C., March 11-15, 2023.

There are two levels of Sportsmanship Awards Handed Out: Banner and Certificate. This year, there were two Banner Recipients (Columbia High School and Riverwalk Academy) and three Certificate Recipients (Ashley Ridge High School, Emerald High School, and Lewisville High School).

Criteria for both awards can be found on page 15 of the SCHSL Handbook, accessible here: <https://schsl.org/archives/7954>.

## BANNER RECIPIENTS



Columbia High School  
Accepting: Athletic Director Paul Calvert



Riverwalk Academy  
Accepting: Athletic Director Richard Ball

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## SCHSL SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD CERTIFICATE RECIPIENTS



Ashley Ridge High School  
Accepting: Dorchester School District Two  
District Athletic Director Tyrone Drakeford



Emerald High School  
Accepting: Athletic Director Mike Hite



Lewisville High School  
Accepting: Athletic Director Rusty Pemberton

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## MULTI-SPORT SEASON ATHLETE RECOGNITION

Each year the SCHSL will recognize student-athletes in a multi-sport recognition program. The purpose of this recognition program is to promote multi-sport participation in the athletic culture. The deadline to submit selections for the “Double Threat” Award is **Saturday, April 15, 2023**.

To be eligible for the Award, all nominees must have lettered in two varsity sports in separate seasons during the school year.

Multi-Sport Certification Form can be accessed here:  
<https://schsl.org/archives/10172>

## LIVING CLEAN WEEK IS HERE!!

It's Living Clean Week.

The start of the 2023-24 Living Clean Cycle in the SCHSL is this week (March 20-25, 2023). It is the first Living Clean Week of the new cycle.

Please remind all your sports teams that our goals are an ejection free week and a display of sportsmanship. Additionally, all schools are encouraged to participate in litter clean up during the week.

Living Clean reporting form can be accessed here:  
<https://schsl.org/archives/1417>.

## SCHSL OFFICE CLOSING!!!



Mark your calendar. The South Carolina High School League office will be closed, **April 5-11, 2023**, for Spring Break.

Normal business hours, 7:30-4 pm, will resume Wednesday, April 12, 2023.