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<u>Charter Institute at Erskine announces Montessori School of Camden as 2020-2021 Gold</u> Award of Excellence Recipient

CAMDEN, SC— The Montessori School of Camden has been named one of the Charter Institute at Erskine's 2020-2021 Gold Schools of Excellence. The Charter Institute at Erskine staff celebrated the accomplishments of Montessori School of Camden with a surprise presentation on Thursday, January 6, 2022 at the school, where they awarded the school with a commemorative banner. State Senator Penry Gustafson attended the event and presented the school with a Senate resolution recognizing the accomplishments of the students at the Montessori School of Camden.

"These children and these teachers are dedicated, and it's been a really fun morning," said Senator Gustafson.

As a Gold School of Excellence, The Montessori School of Camden (MSC)'s elementary school program scored in the top 25% of all South Carolina Department of Education schools in English, with no test scores in the bottom 25% of the state. The Institute's other Schools of Excellence categories include Diamond and Platinum.

"The Montessori School of Camden has shown tremendous growth since joining the Charter Institute at Erskine's portfolio," says Ms. Christy Junkins, Chief of Authorization and Accountability at the Charter Institute at Erskine. "We're so proud of them!"

The Montessori School of Camden has a mission to engage students to become peaceful citizens of the global community using the Montessori approach to nurture in them an enthusiasm for learning, resourcefulness, a sense of responsibility for their actions, and respect for themselves, others, and their environment. The Montessori School of Camden's lottery is open, and the school is currently enrolling students for the 2022-2023 school year.

"We are focused on helping our students become the best they can be," said Ms. Deb Cyrier, school leader at The Montessori School of Camden. "We look forward to even more academic success in the future and welcoming new students into our school."

For more information about the Charter Institute at Erskine's School of Excellence Awards, visit https://erskinecharters.org/accountabilitymodel.

About The Charter Institute at Erskine

The Charter Institute at Erskine is the fastest-growing charter school authorizer in South Carolina. Serving 26 schools and 24,000 students across the state, the Charter Institute at Erskine is committed to innovative, creative, high-quality methods of education. For more information about the Institute, please visit www.erskinecharters.org.

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Charter Institute at Erskine Superintendent Cameron Runyan, State Senator Penry Gustafson, and Montessori School of Camden Head of School Deb Cyrier with the resolution presented by the State Senate.



The students of The Montessori School of Camden posing with State Senator Penry Gustafson, Head of School Deb Cyrier, Superintendent Cameron Runyan, and the Institute Accountability Team Members