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<u>Charter Institute at Erskine announces South Carolina Virtual Charter School as 2020-</u> 2021 Platinum and Gold School of Excellence Recipient

COLUMBIA, SC— South Carolina Virtual Charter School (SCVCS) has been named a Charter Institute at Erskine 2020-2021 Gold and Platinum School of Excellence. The Charter Institute at Erskine staff celebrated the accomplishments of South Carolina Virtual Charter School with a surprise presentation on Thursday, January 13, 2022 at the school, where they awarded the school with two commemorative banners. Superintendent of the Charter Institute at Erskine, Mr. Cameron Runyan, also presented the school with a Certificate of Commendation from the South Carolina House of Representatives on behalf of Representative Micah Caskey (R-Lexington).

As a Platinum School of Excellence, South Carolina Virtual Charter School's middle school scored in the top 25% of all South Carolina Department of Education schools in both English and Math in the 2020-2021 school year.

As a Gold School of Excellence, South Carolina Virtual Charter School's elementary school scored in the top 25% of all South Carolina Department of Education schools in English with no scores in the bottom 25% of the state.

"Virtual schools are proving that their academics and educational programs are as good – or better – than the vast majority of South Carolina public schools," said Superintendent Runyan. "It is this academic success that continues to drive the rapid growth in virtual school enrollment."

SCVCS provides a competitive, tailored virtual education opportunity for students in grades K through 12 in each county and district throughout South Carolina. SCVCS's mission is "to provide a rigorous standards-based education to those students who seek the virtual option." Student achievement is closely monitored by the schools and South Carolina-certified teachers to ensure every student's success. As a public charter school, SCVCS is available to students at no cost.

"Our admin team, as well as our teachers, provide a plethora of training to be an effective virtual school," said Dr. Cherry Daniel, Head of School at South Carolina Virtual Charter School. "We are going to continue to grow and get even stronger."

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.







South Carolina Virtual Charter School's leadership, Board, and staff posing with members of the Charter Institute at Erskine team.



South Carolina Virtual Charter School leader Dr. Cherry Daniel pictured with members of SCVCS's Board and leadership team. Joined by Superintendent of the Charter Institute at Erskine Cameron Runyan, Director Vamshi Rudrapati.