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Royal Live Oaks Academy celebrates Class of 2022

HARDEEVILLE, SC --- On Thursday, June 2, 57 seniors graduated from Royal Live Oaks Academy of the Arts & Sciences Charter School in Hardeeville, marking the school's sixth and largest graduating class.

The ceremony took place at the Hardeeville Recreation Center, across the street from the Royal Live Oaks (RLOACS) campus. Several distinguished guests attended the ceremony, including RLOACS Board Chair Dr. Harry (Rob) McBrayer, Board Member Lyn Boyles, and Charter Institute at Erskine Superintendent Cameron Runyan. Representative Shannon Erickson of South Carolina House District 124 delivered the senior address.

“Remember that live oak trees don’t fall apart,” said Rep. Erickson. “I challenge you to do great things because South Carolina and the United States are counting on you – you are our future.”

Board Member Lyn Boyles presented Rebecca Taliafaro with the Jasper County Chamber of Commerce Teachers Choice scholarship award, and RLOACS High School Principal Denise Strong presented Riley McGuire with the Brennan Family Foundation Future Teacher Award. Savanna Fumbi delivered the Salutatory Address, and Edison Jefferson delivered the Valedictory Address. Jefferson was also presented with the Board of Directors award by RLOACS Board Chair Dr. McBrayer.

“On behalf of the senior class, I would like to thank everyone who makes Royal Live Oaks Academy a terrific school, and those who made our high school experience memorable,” said Jefferson.

The RLOACS Class of 2022 received a total of \$426,000 in scholarships. Two graduates received the South Carolina HOPE Scholarship, and 15 graduates received the South Carolina LIFE Scholarship. Members of the National Beta Club, National Art Honor Society, Teacher Cadets, and recipients of numerous other distinctions were recognized with colored cords worn over their robes.

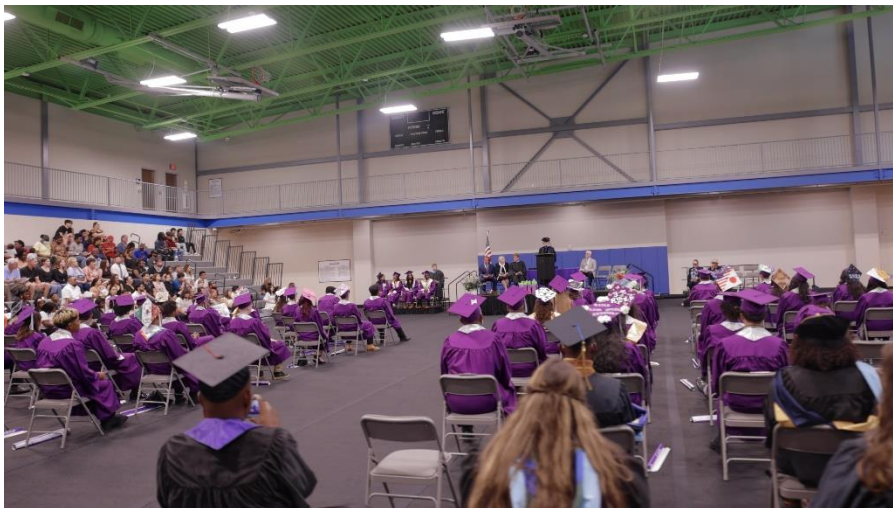
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Royal Live Oaks Academy is a public, tuition-free charter school located in Hardeeville, SC. Serving grades K-12, Royal Live Oak's mission is to "provide a rigorous academic environment that fosters integrity and resilience." Learn more about Royal Live Oaks by visiting www.rloacs.org/.

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.



Representative Erickson addresses the Royal Live Oaks Academy Class of 2022.



RLOACS Executive Director Dr. Karen Wicks addresses the graduates.



The RLOACS Class of 2022 toss their caps after receiving their diplomas.