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Royal Live Oaks Academy earns recognition, awards at statewide Academic Showcase

HARDEEVILLE, SC – Royal Live Oaks Academy of the Arts and Sciences (RLOACS) earned five different awards in recognition of their outstanding academic performance in the 2022-2023 school year at the Charter Institute at Erskine’s Academic Showcase on Friday, November 3, 2023.

RLOACS’ Elementary School earned a Gold School of Distinction award for outperforming the local school district and demonstrating Above Average growth in English Language Arts (ELA) and Mathematics in the 2022-2023 school year. The elementary school also earned a Palmetto Silver award from the South Carolina Department of Education (SCDE).

RLOACS’ Middle School also brought home numerous awards, earning a Gold Local School of Distinction award for outperforming the local school district and demonstrating Above Average growth in ELA and Mathematics. Additionally, the middle school program received recognition from the Institute as a Palmetto Silver School and Excellent Rated School, both awarded by the SCDE.

“The strength of the team and the relationships - relationships among staff, relationships with students and among students - play a major part in us being able to grow our students to the next level,” said Executive Director, Dr. Karen Wicks.

At the showcase, charter schools from around the state were celebrated for their academic achievement and outstanding growth. RLOACS was one of 14 schools recognized at the event and was asked to present their strategies for academic growth with their peers.

Royal Live Oaks Academy of the Arts and Sciences is located in Hardeeville, South Carolina, and serves grades K-12. The school’s community strives to provide a rigorous learning environment where all children can maximize personal and academic growth. Enrollment is currently open at RLOACS – visit <https://www.rloacs.org/> to learn more.

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Royal Live Oaks Academy Executive Director Dr. Karen Wicks shares key strategies that led to RLOACS' success with charter school leaders from around the state.



RLOACS staff members are recognized by Charter Institute at Erskine staff at 2023 Academic Showcase. From left to right: Dr. Missy Brakefield (Institute), Mr. Vamshi Rudrapati (Institute), Dr. Karen Wicks (RLOACS), Mr. Les Wicks (RLOACS), Mr. Brian Morse (RLOACS), Ms. Brenda Hunt (RLOACS), Ms. Denise Strong (RLOACS), Ms. Susan Koves (RLOACS), Ms. Althea Wigfall (RLOACS), Superintendent Cameron Runyan (Institute), Dr. Steve Adamson (Erskine College & Institute Board Chair).