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Calhoun Falls Charter School’s Nancy McCannon named Conservation Teacher of the Year

COLUMBIA – Calhoun Falls Charter School agriculture teacher Nancy McCannon was named the 2018 Conservation Teacher of the Year by the Abbeville Soil and Water Conservation District. Calhoun Falls is one of 13 charter schools in South Carolina authorized by the Charter Institute at Erskine.

McCannon received the award at the district’s annual banquet in December and said it was a complete surprise.

“I was actually at the banquet because I had a student being recognized,” McCannon said. “When they called my name for the Teacher of the Year award, I was totally shocked. It is such an honor to be awarded this.”

Calhoun Falls serves students in grades 6-12. McCannon teaches students in every grade level and has been with the school for nine years. Her philosophy when it comes to teaching is “learning by doing.”

“Our students get their hands dirty,” McCannon said. “Whether it’s sealing the soil or measuring what type of erosions happens in different conditions, it is crucial that our students learn by doing.”

The Abbeville Soil and Water Conservation District mission is to help preserve natural sources in Abbeville County. The district works closely with the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources and the USDA.

“Nancy has been dedicated to teaching agriculture to her students for nearly a decade,” said Fred Raines, Chairman of the Abbeville Soil and Water Conservation District. “She truly epitomizes what this award is all about.”

Calhoun Falls principal Kalan Rogers added, “Mrs. McCannon is so deserving of this award. She works day in and day out tirelessly with her students and we are blessed to have her here at CFCS. She is one that wears many hats and goes above and beyond her call of duty every day.”

180-year-old Erskine College established the Charter Institute at Erskine in 2017 to improve public education across the state of South Carolina. The Institute currently sponsors 13 charter schools with nearly 10,000 students. Four additional schools are scheduled to open in the fall of 2019. For more information, please visit www.erskinecharters.org.

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