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Calhoun Falls Charter School participates in FFA Legislators Appreciation Day

COLUMBIA – Members of Calhoun Falls Charter School's FFA (Future Farmers of America) organization were celebrated by state legislators at the South Carolina State House on February 20.

Students represented from Calhoun Falls were Gracee Dixon, Rebecca Fleming, Josie Parnell, Anna Grace Rhodes, and Olivia Rodriguez. The students were accompanied by agriculture teacher Nancy McCannon.

"This was such a great day to be recognized by state leaders," Fleming said. "For me, FFA was kind of a spur of the moment group that I joined, and it has turned out to be so much more special than that."

The National FFA organization was created for all agriculture students to discover their passion in life and build on that insight to chart the course for their education, career, and personal future.

"Being a part of this organization has opened so many doors that I never imagined were possible," Dixon said.

McCannon has spent the past nine years as leader of Calhoun Falls' FFA chapter. She said experiences like this for her students and herself are so unique, especially being a charter school.

"You experience a day like today and being from such a small town and as a charter school, this is a rare moment for us to showcase what Calhoun Falls Charter School brings to the table," McCannon said. "Opportunities like this are limited. We are thankful for our state representatives and their interest in agriculture."

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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