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## **A junior at Legion Collegiate Academy to graduate with Associate Degree from York Technical College**

**ROCK HILL, SC** — Michala Simmons, a student at Legion Collegiate Academy, is graduating Summa Cum Laude from York Technical College with her Associate of Arts as only a high school junior. The ceremony will be hosted at 7 p.m. on Thursday, May 11, 2021 at the Winthrop University Coliseum.

Simmons will begin classes at Winthrop University for a summer term on Thursday, pursuing an Associate of Applied Science in Business and Entrepreneurship. After she completes high school with two Associate degrees, Simmons plans on pursuing a Ph.D. in Anthropology and hopes to work at the Smithsonian Museum following her graduation.

“We are so proud of Michala for all of her accomplishments,” said Nancy Manning, school counselor at Legion. “Earning an Associate Degree when you are only a high school junior is not an easy feat, but Michala has shown us all that the sky is the limit when you’re a Lancer.”

At Legion Collegiate Academy, a charter high school in Rock Hill, South Carolina, students can graduate with up to 60 credit hours of transferable college credits from classes taught by onsite college professors. Students also have the option to enroll in courses at a local two-year institution. Students that meet certain requirements can begin taking dual-enrollment courses as sophomores. Tuition will be paid by Legion Collegiate Academy if students are enrolled in at least 12 credit hours per semester. This opportunity allows students to gain valuable college experience and affords families significant savings on college costs.

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Legion Collegiate Academy, located in Rock Hill, South Carolina, is a public charter high school serving grades 9-12. Legion Collegiate Academy is an excellent choice for students who seek the opportunity and challenge of rigorous curriculum, high academic standards, and elite athletics. Students can also earn up to two years of college credit. [Learn more about Legion Collegiate Academy here.](#)

