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### KINGSTREE MIDDLE MAGNET SCHOOL OF THE ARTS SELECTED PALMETTO PATHWAYS AI INITIATIVE

Kingstree Middle Magnet School of the Arts is proud to announce the launch of its groundbreaking **Palmetto Pathways AI Initiative**, an innovative program designed to introduce students to artificial intelligence, digital literacy, and emerging technologies. This initiative aims to equip students with essential 21st-century skills, ensuring they remain competitive in an increasingly technology-driven world. KMMSA has been selected as one of ten schools to participate in the Palmetto AI Pathways Pilot Program. This initiative aims to integrate artificial intelligence (AI) education into the curriculum, preparing students for future careers in technology and innovation. Over 35 schools applied for this opportunity, highlighting the competitive nature of the selection process.

As a magnet school within the Williamsburg County School District, Kingstree Middle Magnet School of the Arts serves grades 6-8 and offers specialized programs in the arts. The school's inclusion in the Palmetto AI Pathways Program reflects its commitment to expanding educational opportunities and embracing technological advancements to benefit its students. The Palmetto AI Pathways Pilot Program represents a significant step toward equipping students with essential skills in artificial intelligence, positioning them for success in an increasingly tech-driven world.

The Palmetto Pathways AI Initiative is a pioneering educational experience that integrates AI-driven learning tools, creative problem-solving, and hands-on applications in the arts and sciences. The program will provide students with opportunities to explore AI concepts, coding, and digital design, fostering both technical proficiency and artistic creativity.

“We are thrilled to launch this initiative, which reflects our commitment to preparing our students for future careers in technology, arts, and beyond,” said Ayesha Hannibal, Principal of Kingstree Middle Magnet School of the Arts. “By integrating AI into our curriculum, we are giving our students the tools they need to innovate, create, and lead in the digital age.”

Key features of the Palmetto Pathways AI Initiative include:

- AI-Integrated Curriculum – Students will engage with AI applications in music, visual arts, and creative writing, alongside STEM subjects.
- Hands-On Learning – Interactive workshops, coding boot camps, and AI-based creative projects will provide real-world applications.
- Industry Partnerships – Collaboration with tech and arts organizations to bring expert mentorship and exposure to AI-driven careers.
- Student Showcases – Opportunities for students to present AI-enhanced art, music, and multimedia projects at school and community events.

This initiative aligns with South Carolina’s push toward innovation in education, emphasizing STEM and creative arts integration. The program also supports Kingstree Middle Magnet School of the Arts’ mission to nurture well-rounded students equipped for the future.