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## IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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### WCS D ENGLISH EDUCATORS: "GATHER TOGETHER, GROW TOGETHER"

High school English educators from Williamsburg County School District attended the South Carolina Council for Teachers of English Conference held from January 30th to February 1st at Kiawah Island, Charleston, SC. The conference theme, "Gather Together, Grow Together," provided a platform for educators to discuss sources of inspiration and challenges, support and advocacy, as well as instruction and dialogue.

Throughout the event, the focus was on promoting collaboration, research, and innovation to support students and enhance educators' skills. Participants engaged in a variety of workshops aimed at fostering rigor, high expectations, and college readiness within English classrooms. For the first time, the conference partnered with the College of Charleston's Avery Research Center for African American History and Culture to offer an exclusive session led by Dr. Tamara Butler, who inspired and engaged attendees. All conference participants received 12 hours of professional development credit. Mr. Joshua Bennett, a first-year English teacher at THEE Kingstree High School, was the first to complete the post-conference survey, earning him a prize of free registration for the 2026 SCCTE Conference.

The Williamsburg County School District appreciates the dedication and talent of its English educators, who have demonstrated excellence through student achievement and performance scores. Additionally, Natasha Wilson from Kingstree High School will serve as the secretary on the SCCTE's executive board for the 2025-2026 school year. Mr. Joshua Bennett's prompt completion of the post-conference survey earned him the opportunity of free registration for next year's conference.