

Education News
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**Florence District One High School Students Attend
the Annual Youth Congressional Black Caucus Program and Luncheon**

Five Florence School District One students were among students statewide who recently attended the annual program and luncheon in Columbia for youth, sponsored by the South Carolina Congressional Black Caucus. Students actively participated in learning how a bill is passed. **Malcolm Jamal Warner**, noted for his role as Theo on The Cosby Show, served as guest speaker for the event. The invitation to the students to attend the session was extended by SC House of Representatives Member, Rev. Terry Alexander.



(Pictured above, left to right): **J. Lawrence Smith, Jalesa Kelly, Wilson High; Carolyn Burnette, West Florence High; Kyron Whitfield and Deandra Jones, South Florence High. Top: Malcolm Jamal Warner.**

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Here are students' comments regarding the conference:

Carolyn Burnette – West Florence High School:

“The guest speaker was very inspiring. He really gave me a boost of confidence. I learned a lot about the Caucus procedures and guidelines.”

Kyron Whitfield – South Florence High School:

“The South Carolina Black Legislative Caucus conference was an event that I'm glad to have had the opportunity to experience. Learning about the different functions of our state government as well the process in which bills are passed by pretending to be a representative was very interesting. Also, having the opportunity to meet and hear from such a positive and influential black male such as Malcolm Jamal Warner was uplifting and inspirational.”

Deandra Jones – South Florence High School:

“The Black Caucus was a different experience. It was very informative. It showed us how bills are made and passed. Malcolm Jamal Warner was very inspiring including his poems and the way he looks at life. He encouraged us to strive for success.”

James Lawrence Smith – Wilson High School:

“As I entered the State Capital, I was amazed at all of the history that was displayed. As I was sitting at the desk, I could see myself in about seven years seated at my Senate seat. This experience showed me the behind the scenes work of the Representatives and Senators in South Carolina.”

Jalesa Da'Von Kelly – Wilson High School:

It was a great experience to have met the guest speaker, Malcolm Jamal Warner and Representative Terry Alexander. They reminded us to stay focused, determined, and to keep our eyes on the goals that we want to achieve in life.

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