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### **PSRC Beta students earn state honors, advance to national competition**

LUMBERTON — The Public Schools of Robeson County (PSRC) is proud to recognize the outstanding accomplishments of Beta Club students who earned top honors during the 2025-2026 North Carolina Beta State Convention.

Due to winter weather conditions, this year’s state competitions were held virtually. Despite the change in format, PSRC students excelled in academic, leadership, visual arts and performing arts events, earning numerous state-level placements and qualifying opportunities to compete nationally.

Students who advance from the state level will participate in a wide range of events and categories at the national convention, where they will showcase their intellect, creativity and skills on a larger stage.

“We are incredibly proud of our Beta students, advisors and school communities,” said Dr. Freddie Williamson. “These achievements reflect hard work, talent and a commitment to excellence. Our students continue to make Robeson County proud.”

#### **State Winners by School**

##### **Union Elementary School**

Union Elementary students earned seven state recognitions:

- 2nd Place – Digitally Enhanced Photography – Chloe Mitchell
- 3rd Place – Accessorized Design

- 3rd Place – Quilling – Kadon Lowery
- 4th Place – Black and White Photography – Joshua Fipps
- 4th Place – Jewelry – Kazleigh Scott
- 4th Place – Woodworking – Logan Locklear
- 5th Place – Fiber Arts – Cassidy Harris

### **Pembroke Elementary School**

Pembroke Elementary students and teams earned five honors:

- 1st Place – On-Site Art Drawing – Olivia Hunt
- 1st Place – Premier Performer Singer – Jakayleigh Lambert
- 2nd Place – Songfest
- 2nd Place – Performing Arts Vocalist – Jakayleigh Lambert
- 5th Place – Drawing – Haidyn Lowery

### **Deep Branch Elementary School**

- 1st Place – Jewelry – Kinley Hunt

### **Fairgrove Elementary School**

Fairgrove Elementary earned three honors:

- 3rd Place – Woodworking – Josiah Deal
- 5th Place – Painting – Enrique Maldonado-Badillo
- 5th Place – Three-Dimensional Design – Madison Quick

### **Prospect Elementary School**

Prospect Elementary represented PSRC well in the junior division:

- 1st Place – Accessorized Design – Italaya Bullard
- 2nd Place – Living Literature
- 5th Place – Three-Dimensional Design – Kayden Hunt and Lannon Strickland

### **Pembroke Middle School**

- 5th Place – U.S. History 7th Grade – Collin Locklear

### **PSRC Early College at RCC**

PSRC Early College students earned an impressive ten recognitions:

- 1st Place – Digitally Enhanced Photography – Emma Scott
- 1st Place – Premier Performer Dancer – Isabella Floyd
- 2nd Place – Performing Arts Dancer – Isabella Floyd
- 2nd Place – Poetry – Vedika Zope
- 2nd Place – Drawing – Marley Pridgen
- 3rd Place – Pottery – Charity Locklear
- 4th Place – Health & Physical Education 12th Grade – Isabella Floyd
- 4th Place – Mixed Media – Gabriela Avila Galeana
- 4th Place – Three-Dimensional Design Senior
- 5th Place – Painting – Elisa Rodriguez

### **Purnell Swett High School**

Purnell Swett students also earned multiple state honors:

- 3rd Place – Color Photography – Alyssa Oxendine
- 4th Place – Fiber Arts – Alexis Lowry
- 5th Place – Performing Arts Vocalist – Alexis Lowry
- Premier Performer Senior Singer – Alexis Lowry

PSRC congratulates all Beta Club students, sponsors, educators and families whose support helped make these accomplishments possible.

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Purnell Swett Beta Club members



St. Pauls Elementary Beta Club members



Deep Branch Beta Club members