

PSRC Beta Students Earn State Honors, Advance to National Competition

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:

- 3rd Place – Accessorized Design
- 4th Place – Black and White Photography – Joshua Fipps
- 2nd Place – Digitally Enhanced Photography – Chloe Mitchell
- 5th Place – Fiber Arts – Cassidy Harris
- 4th Place – Jewelry – Kazleigh Scott
- 3rd Place – Quilling – Kadon Lowery
- 4th Place – Woodworking – Logan Locklear

Pembroke Elementary School

Pembroke Elementary students and teams earned five honors:

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

- 2nd Place – Songfest

Deep Branch Elementary School

- 1st Place – Jewelry – Kinley Hunt

Fairgrove Elementary School

Fairgrove Elementary earned three honors:

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

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

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.