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Arts Council makes donation to Chester County art teachers

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Art students in Chester County schools will soon get a chance to work with some high quality art materials, thanks to the Arts Council of Chester County. The ACCC made grant awards Wednesday to the arts teachers in 10 Chester County schools.

The \$5,000 grant from the S.C. Arts Commission to the Arts Council will provide \$500 to the arts teachers of the 10 Chester County schools, said ACCC Executive Director Lauren Medlin.

At the grant award night, Medlin said "we want to kick off the new year with something really positive for Chester, and this is one of many things that we want to do this year."

Last year at the annual Superintendent's Arts Show, Medlin fell into conversation with some of the arts teachers about what sorts of materials they needed so they could continue their art studies with their students, and she learned some teachers

get less the \$1 per child for art supplies for the year.

"The opportunity came up with the S.C. Arts Commission and we were able to get a \$5,000 grant to help you with supplies," Medlin told the arts teachers at the ceremony.

The grant was going to be contingent on the state legislature getting the grant approved. It made it through the legislature and was part of the appropriations for the S.C. Arts Commission, which met stiff opposition from Gov. Nikki Haley and ultimately, the governor vetoed the money, said Medlin.

"All of this was hanging in the balance. We contracted our legislators and all of the Chester County legislators voted to override that veto, and the Arts Commission was funded," she said.

"We couldn't have done this without our local legislators," Medlin said, "Reps. Delleney, Moss, Douglas and Sen. Coleman."

"The Arts Council is just really excited to see what will happen, how this will impact you and



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what the students will create with these supplies," Medlin said.

Following the award

ceremony, Rep. Delleney said the legislative delegation pushed through the funding of the S.C. Arts

Commission and supported arts in general "because we think the arts are a valuable part of the educa-

tional process, and we thought it was important enough to include in the budget."



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At the Arts Council of Chester County grant award ceremony, back row left to right, Cedrick Tidwell, Chester Middle School Principal; Angela Boney, Arts Council board member; Janet Hall, art teacher; Great Falls Middle and High; Lane Wallace, art teacher, Chester Middle School and Marilyn Pressley, art teacher, Lewisville Elementary School. Front row: Miriam Boyd, Arts Council board member and art teacher, COLT and School of Inquiry; Gail Medlin, Arts Council board member; Sandra Stroman, Chester County School Board; Lauren Medlin, executive director, Arts Council and Rep. Greg Delleney.



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¹⁴⁸ Governor Haley to deliver Republican Address following State of the Union

Special Report

House Speaker Paul Ryan (R-WI) and Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-KY) announced Tuesday that Gov. Nikki Haley will deliver the Republican Address to the Nation following the State of the Union on Tuesday, January 12, 2016.

"Nikki Haley has led an economic turnaround and set a bold agenda for her state, getting things done and becoming one of the most popular governors in America," Speaker Ryan said. "In a year when the country is crying out for a positive vision and alternative to the status quo, Governor Haley is the exact right choice to deliver the Republican Address to the Nation."

"Nikki Haley is a proven leader and committed reformer who believes deeply in the promise of the country we all share," Sen. McConnell said. "Not only has Governor Haley fought to bring opportunity and prosperity to the people of her state, but she's also demonstrated how bringing people together can bring real results. Governor Haley knows

the American Dream and wants to see every American share in it, and we're pleased that she will be delivering this year's Republican Address."

"I was honored to be asked by Speaker Ryan and Senator McConnell to deliver the Republican address to the nation," Gov. Haley said. "This is a time of great challenges for our country, but also of great opportunities. I intend to speak about both."

About Gov. Haley

Governor Nikki Haley, the 116th Governor of South Carolina, is the first female and the first minority governor in South Carolina history and currently the youngest governor in the country. She was reelected to a second term in November 2014.

Nikki Haley has delivered results to the people of South Carolina. Under her leadership, South Carolina's jobless rate hit record lows, the state announced more than 73,000 jobs in 45 of 46 counties, more than 25,000 South Carolinians moved from welfare to work, and the state made its largest infrastructure investment in a generation without raising taxes. Governor

Haley brought together leaders of both political parties, educators and the business community to pass landmark education reforms. She has also increased transparency and accountability to state government, and delivered tax relief for small businesses, pension reform, and Medicaid reform.

Born in Bamberg, the daughter of Indian immigrants, Governor Haley's first job was keeping the books for her family's clothing store – at the age of 13. She went on to graduate from Clemson University with a B.S. degree in accounting. Governor Haley and her husband Michael, a Captain in the Army National Guard and combat veteran who was deployed to Afghanistan's Helmand Province, attend Mt. Horeb United Methodist Church in Lexington. The Haleys have two children, Rena, 17, and Nalin, 14. Learn more by visiting her official website or by following her on Facebook and Twitter.

NOTE: *The Republican Address to the Nation will be live streamed at <http://gop.gov/SOTU>.*

