

## **Educational Foundation's Dancing with the Stars Lexington is huge success!**

LEXINGTON, S.C. — The Lexington County School District One Educational Foundation presented the fifth annual Dancing with the Stars Lexington on Saturday, May 6, 2017, at 7 P.M., at the River Bluff High School Performing Arts Center.

Local celebrities partnered with professional dancers from Columbia's Ballroom Company to form the 12 couples competing in Dancing with the Stars Lexington, which was modeled after ABC's hit television show, "Dancing with the Stars." The fundraiser also highlighted the talents of Lexington One students including the PHS Jazz Band, RBHS String Quintet, PHS Culinary Arts Program, and RBHS Theater Arts.

This year's event was a huge success in raising a total of \$57,209 for educational programs that support Lexington One students, teachers and schools. Executive Director Julie Anderson Washburn stated, "We are extremely thankful to our event sponsors, celebrity dancers, Columbia's Ballroom Company and everyone else who generously supported Lexington One in this entertaining way."

The Lexington One Educational Foundation will allocate funds raised from this year's event for educational programs in the district. A great example is the 21st Century Innovation Grants for Elementary Schools, which currently fund International Baccalaureate training for Lexington Elementary educators, creation of a Personalized Learning Lab at Red Bank Elementary, leadership training for students and staff at Rocky Creek Elementary, and brain-based education training at New Providence Elementary. Annually the Educational Foundation works to build partnerships with individuals and corporations in order to enhance educational opportunities for Lexington One students and strengthen the local community.

Congratulations to our 2017 Celebrity Dancer Winners!

### People's Choice Winners:

- 1st Place – Troy Simpson
- 2nd Place – David Stallard, MD
- 3rd Place – Jennifer Pitts

### Judges Award Winners:

- 1st Place – Natalie Spillyards
- 2nd Place – Dana Fulton
- 3rd Place - David Stallard, MD



The Judges' Awards were based on technical skills, while the coveted People's Choice Awards were based on votes made through monetary donations to the Foundation.

To see the complete list of this year's celebrity dancers, go to [www.dancingwiththestarslexington.com](http://www.dancingwiththestarslexington.com). To learn more about the Lexington One Educational Foundation, please contact Julie Anderson Washburn (803-821-1008 or [jwashburn@lexington1.net](mailto:jwashburn@lexington1.net)) or visit [www.lexington1.net/educationalfoundation](http://www.lexington1.net/educationalfoundation).

