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WADE HAMPTON HIGH SCHOOL IS NAMED ONE OF THE BEST IN THE NATION

U.S. Secretary of Education, John B. King, Jr., announced today that Wade Hampton High School has been named a 2016 National Blue Ribbon School. Wade Hampton is one among 279 public and 50 private schools receiving this honor.

Schools are nominated for the award by the state department of education, and then complete a comprehensive application about school practices. Schools may apply for status as Exemplary High Performing—among the top schools in a state—or Exemplary Achievement Gap Closing—schools making the fastest progress in the their state in closing achievement gaps among student subgroups.

Principal Eric Williams and Cara McFarlane, 2016 Teacher of the Year, will represent Wade Hampton High School at a two-day awards ceremony in Washington, D.C., to celebrate their hard-won achievements.

For more information about Wade Hampton High School, please contact the school office at 864-355-0100. For more information about the National Blue Ribbon Schools program, please visit <http://nationalblueribbonschools.ed.gov/>

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