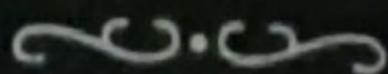




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**Optimist Club of  
St. Andrews - Irmo**



**Outstanding  
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2014-15

**From:** [MBRS](#) on behalf of [Stuart stout](#)  
**To:** [Members](#)  
**Subject:** [Mbrs] Optimist Club Named Volunteer Group of the Year  
**Date:** Thursday, April 2, 2015 08:13:52  
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## FOR THE SECOND YEAR IN A ROW!

Dear Mr. Young:

We are pleased to inform you that the Optimist Club of St. Andrews has been named as Irmo High School's Outstanding Volunteer Group of the Year for the school year 2014-2015 for its dedicated service to our school. The selection committee, consisting of faculty, administrators, and parent volunteers, was unanimous in its decision. Please see the attached nomination form for the details of our appreciation of your service.

As our Outstanding Volunteer Group of the Year, the Club will serve as Irmo High School's nominee for Outstanding Volunteer Group at the District level, competing against the other high schools' nominees. The winner will be announced at the Community Involvement Breakfast on Friday, May 1, 2015 at 9:00 a.m. at Spring Hill High School. I sincerely hope you can attend.

Congratulations and thank you for your service to Irmo High School.

Best,

Anne Reynolds

Volunteer Coordinator

Irmo High School PTSO

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David Riegel

Principal, Irmo High School

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*In ourselves, our future lies*

*In uns liegt unsere Zukunft*

*En nous est notre avenir*

**未来在我们手中**

*El futuro se encuentra dentro de nosotros mismos*



## Outstanding Volunteer Group Nomination Form

This form must be returned by **Monday, March 9, 2015** to:  
**Amee White**, Public Information Office, Lexington-Richland Five.

**IMPORTANT:** Each school may submit only ONE nomination per category to the district. Please nominate only those volunteers who are not employed by or students in your school. Nominations of employees and/or students from other District Five schools who are volunteers in your school are acceptable. Nominations should be typed and limited to one page.

School Irmo High School Nominee's Name Optimist Club of St. Andrews-Irmo

Category:  Elementary  Middle  High School

Name of Person Submitting Nomination David Riegel, Principal

I am pleased to nominate the Optimist Club of St. Andrews-Irmo for their service to our school. In the past, the Optimist Club has worked with our PTSO to create the "Be All You Can Be" awards program. This program recognizes students who have made an outstanding effort in class, have exemplified consistent good character, or who have made significant improvement in the area of academics or personal conduct. Often, the recipients are students who have never received an award at school or been recognized in the past. This creates tremendous pride and engagement for the students and their parents.

When the program moved this year to the new Center for the Arts, the Optimist Club arranged for a dynamic speaker to motivate the students to perform their best. Most impressively, the club members themselves turned out to support our students and staff. Their engagement and involvement with our students is real and comes from a genuine love of our school, our community, and the students we serve.

This year, the Optimists made a financial commitment to make the Be All You Can be program even better. The Optimists have created a scholarship program to support a senior who was nominated for Be All You Can Be as some point in his high school career. It is exciting and powerful to see the program expanded.

The Optimists have been closely involved with the Snack Pack program. Optimist Club members have helped coordinate the program, and the club has provided many volunteers to make the program successful to the benefit of our students.

Recently, the Optimists sponsored four of our students to participate in the Honor Flight. Their generosity means that our students will get to meet some of the last living links to World War II and experience first hand the pride of seeing them recognized for their service and sacrifice so many years ago. In doing so, the Optimists are working to preserve the legacy of "The Greatest Generation" and make it real to the current generation of Irmo High School students.

Finally, the Optimists have reached out to our Key Club and are working to establish a mutually beneficial relationship with yet another of our group of students. I cannot tell you how proud I am of the partnership between Irmo High School and the Optimist Club. I look forward to continuing this relationship and would love to honor them at "Volunteer Group of the Year".