

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL
SOUTH CAROLINA

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA PRESENTS...



READING HEROES

WITH COACH DAWN STALEY



SC Coach and Olympic All-Star Dawn Staley shares her journey through sports, and the power of reading!

**PLUS: MEET THE
WINNERS OF THE READING
HEROES CONTEST!**

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Welcome to **“Reading Heroes with Coach Dawn Staley,”** part of the **“Read with the Gamecocks”** Program. In its tenth year, the program is an initiative to promote reading in elementary school children. Due to the success of last year’s program, in which 35 elementary schools in Richland and Lexington Counties participated, and close to 3,500 students read 1.2 million pages, South Carolina has extended the invitation to all elementary schools in the state.

The program ran from December 19, 2008 through January 2, 2009, with each participant recording his/her reading with his/her parents or guardians during the holiday break.

At the end of the break, participants submitted their results to their teachers. A winner was chosen from each school, and you can read about them in this comic book!

**Congratulations to everyone who participated,
and to our winners. Coach Staley and the
University of South Carolina salute you!**

**For information on participating in this program,
please e-mail Dawn Ellerbe — dawne@mailbox.sc.edu.**

WELCOME TO THE COLONIAL LIFE
ARENA-- HOME OF THE UNIVERSITY
OF SOUTH CAROLINA WOMEN'S
BASKETBALL TEAM!

GAMECOCKS!...
GAMECOCKS!... GAMECOCKS!...

THAT'S RIGHT,
FOLKS, HERE WE ARE ON
A THURSDAY NIGHT, AND
THE CROWD IS GOING
WILD!

THE GAMECOCKS
ARE IN A COME FROM
BEHIND SITUATION! IT'S
MAKE OR BREAK FOR
SOUTH CAROLINA!

GAMECOCKS!...
GAMECOCKS!...
GAMECOCKS!...

SOUTH
6
CAROL

SOUTH
13
CAROLINA

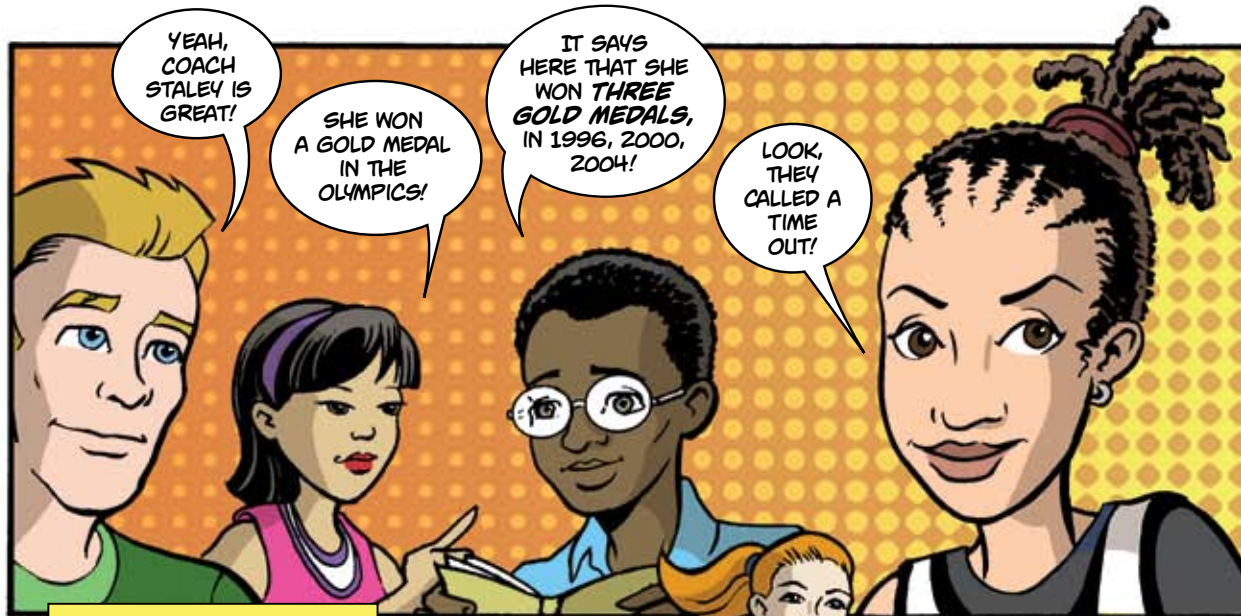
WOW, WHAT
A GREAT
GAME, RIGHT,
CINDY?

YOU SAID
IT, MAX! WHAT
DO YOU THINK
TEDDY?

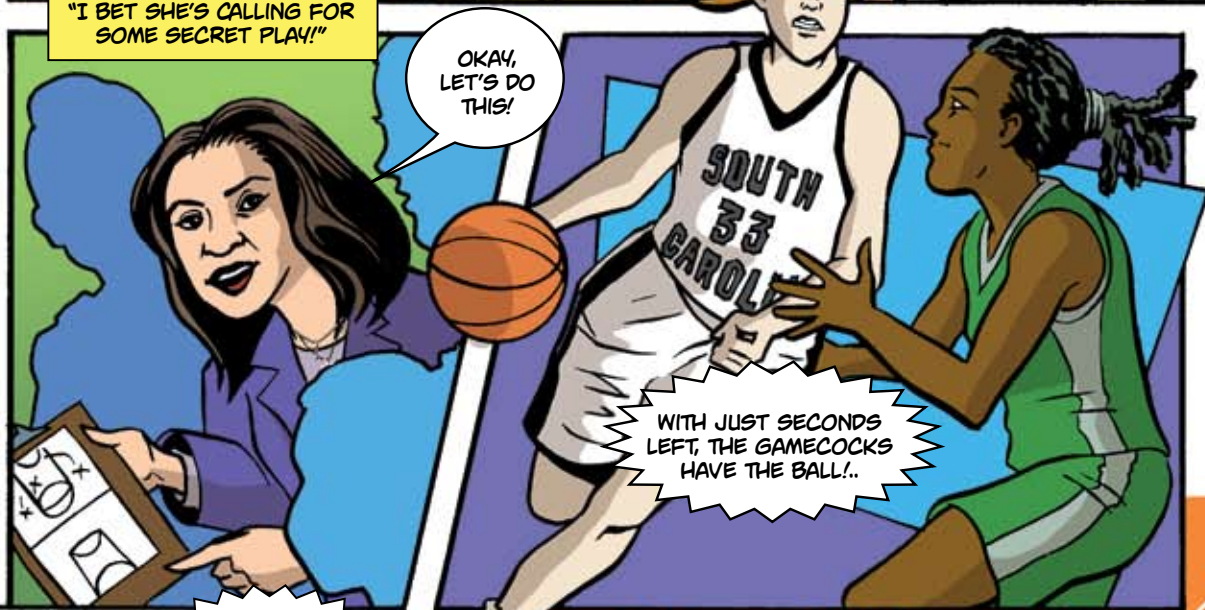
AWESOME--
HOW ABOUT
YOU, ZOEY?

I CAN'T
WAIT! WE'RE
GOING TO GET
TO MEET...

**Coach
Dawn Staley!**

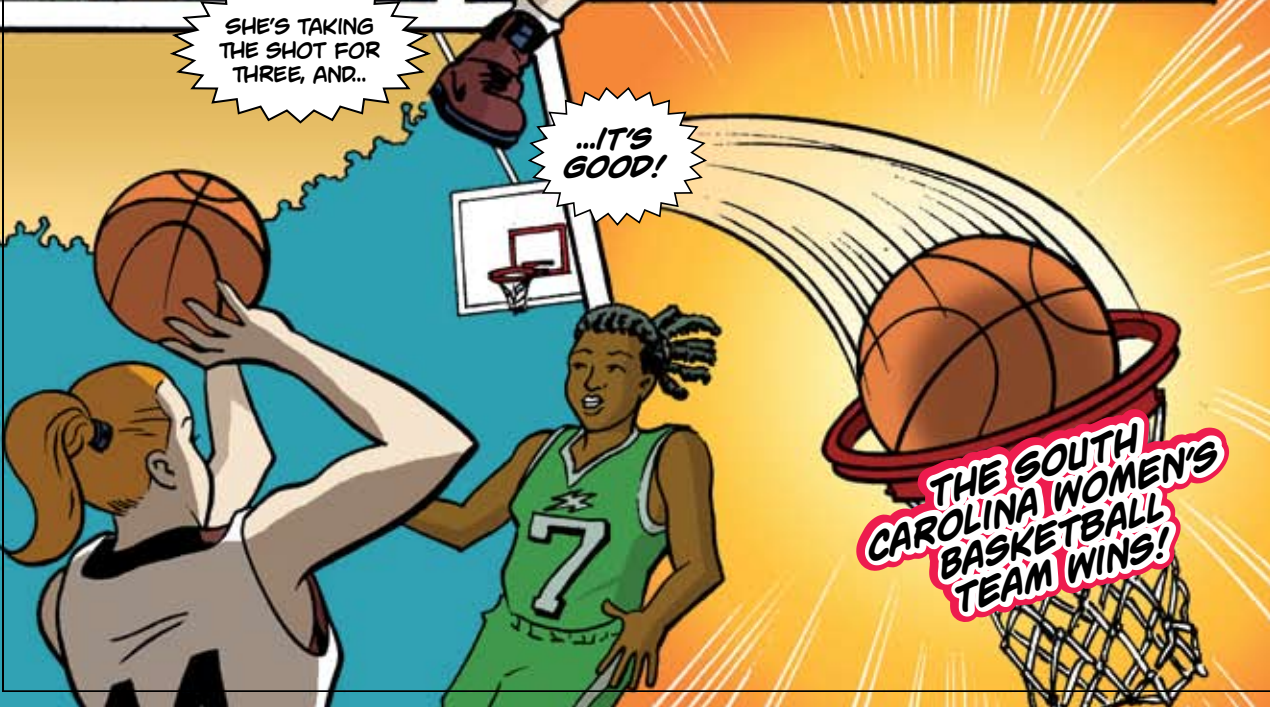


"I BET SHE'S CALLING FOR SOME SECRET PLAY!"



SHE'S TAKING THE SHOT FOR THREE, AND...

...IT'S GOOD!



THE SOUTH CAROLINA WOMEN'S BASKETBALL TEAM WINS!

THE FANS GO WILD FOR CAROLINA AND COACH STALEY! BUT NO ONE IS MORE EXCITED THAN THAT FABULOUS FOWL...

COCKY!

KA-KAW!

COCKY FLIPS FOR SOUTH CAROLINA, AND WANTS TO BE THE FIRST TO CONGRATULATE THE COACH!

THANKS, COCKY...

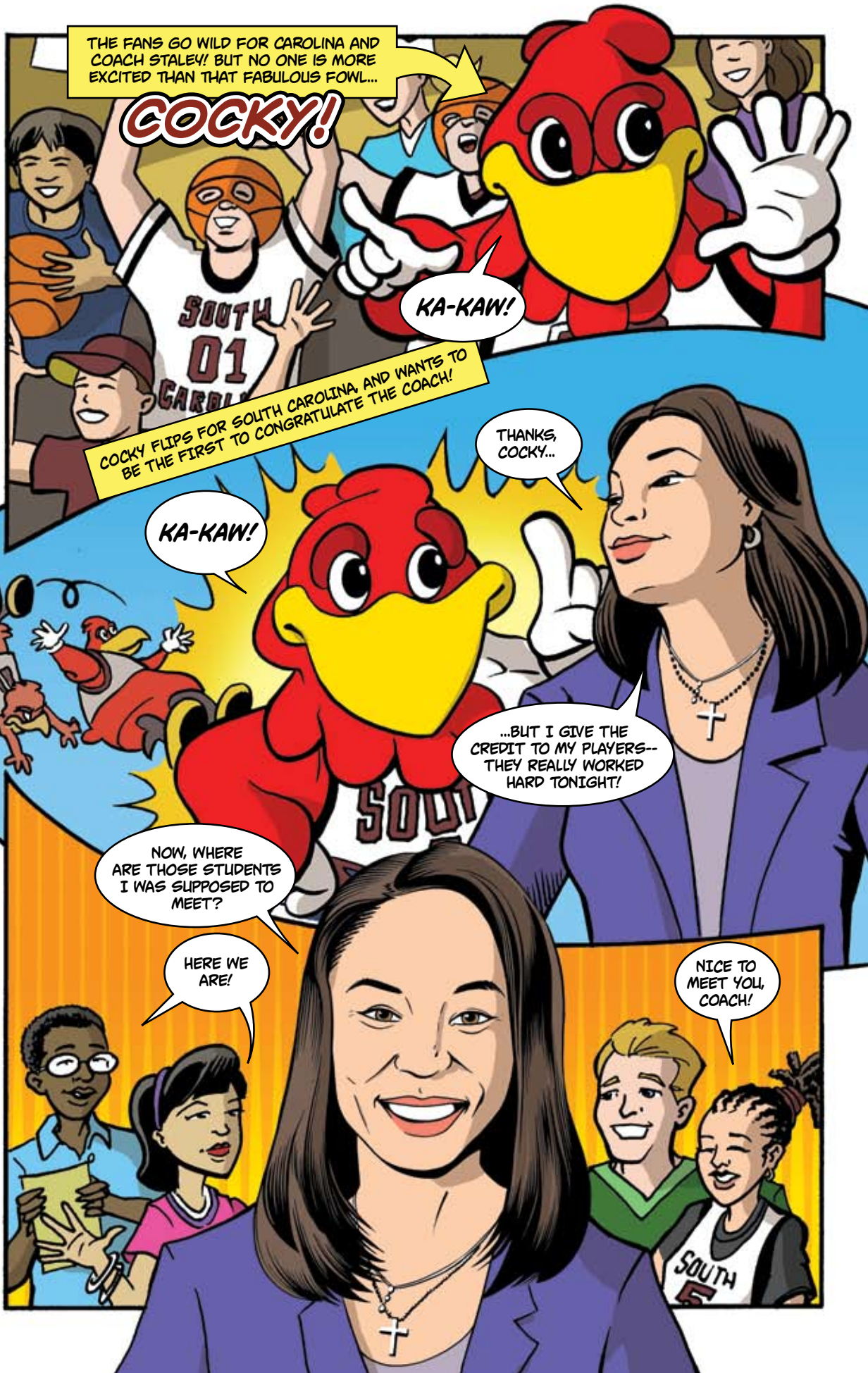
KA-KAW!

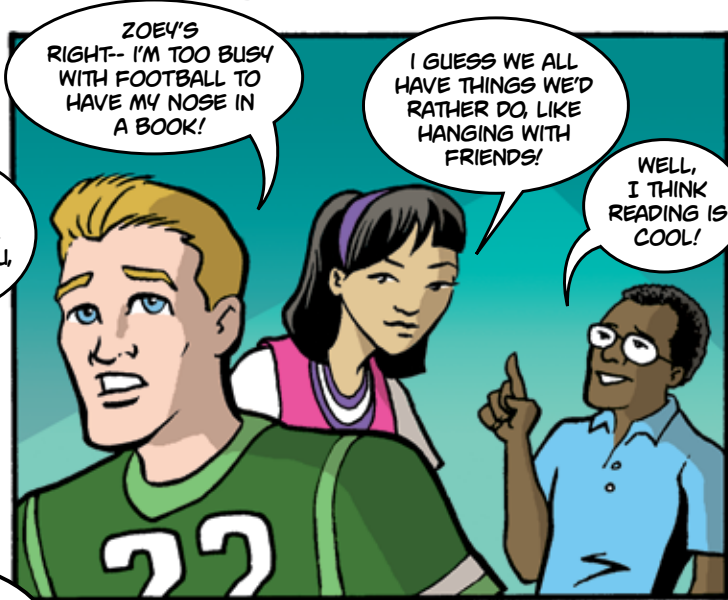
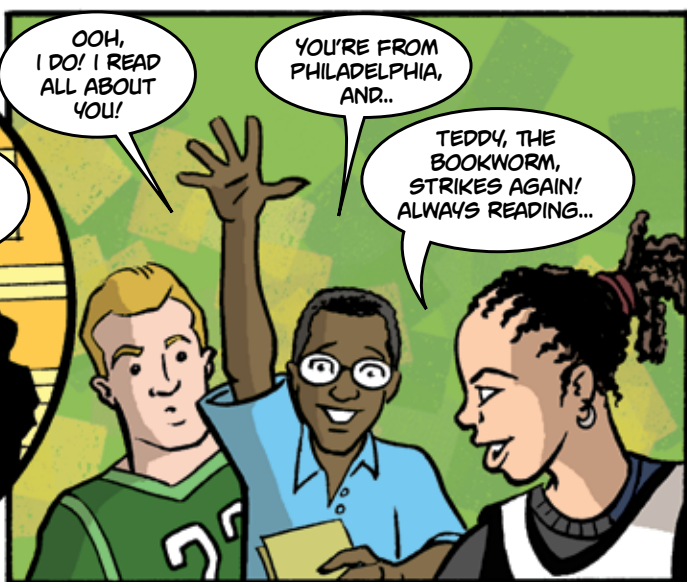
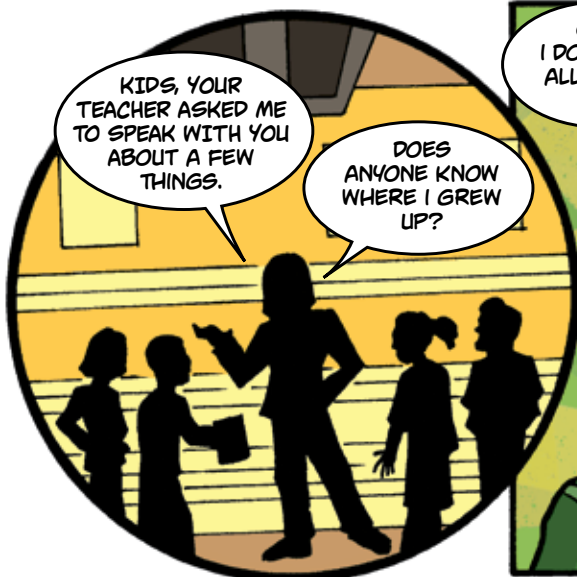
...BUT I GIVE THE CREDIT TO MY PLAYERS-- THEY REALLY WORKED HARD TONIGHT!

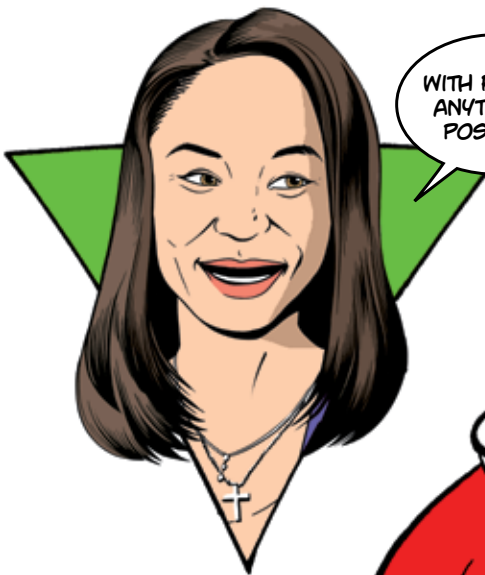
NOW, WHERE ARE THOSE STUDENTS I WAS SUPPOSED TO MEET?

HERE WE ARE!

NICE TO MEET YOU, COACH!







WITH READING,
ANYTHING IS
POSSIBLE!

YOU CAN
DO ANYTHING--
BE ANYTHING!
LIKE A...



...DOCTOR!

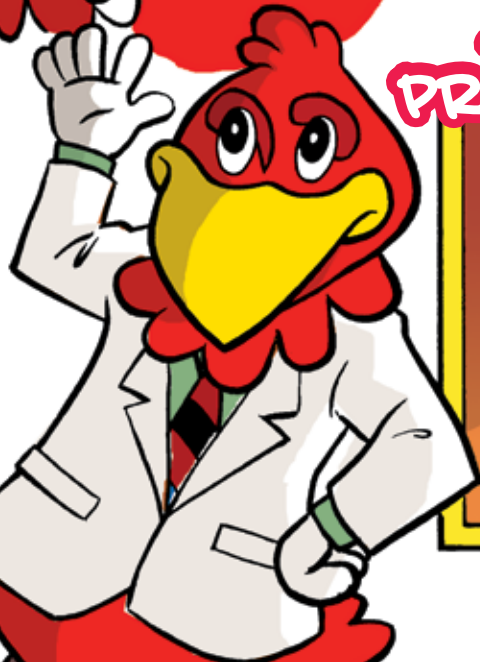
...TEACHER!



...SCIENTIST!



...EVEN
PRESIDENT!



COOL!

THANKS,
COCKY!

I MAY HAVE
BASKETBALL IN
MY LIFE, BUT READING
HAS ALWAYS BEEN
IMPORTANT TO ME...

AS YOU
HEARD, I'M FROM
PHILADELPHIA. I
GREW UP IN A
LOVING FAMILY...

I WASN'T VERY
OLD WHEN I
PICKED UP A
BASKETBALL-- AND
IT WAS LOVE AT
FIRST SIGHT!

SOON, I WAS PLAYING ALL THE TIME, WITH
MY FRIENDS, AND BY MYSELF, PRETENDING I
WAS PART OF THE PHILADELPHIA 76ERS
BASKETBALL TEAM!



MY LOVE OF SPORTS
(ESPECIALLY BASKETBALL!)
CARRIED RIGHT THROUGH TO
HIGH SCHOOL...




MY MOTHER ALWAYS MADE
SURE SCHOOL, AND READING
CAME FIRST!

AND-- THAT'S RIGHT, COCKY! I
GRADUATED FROM HIGH SCHOOL,
AND HEADED TO COLLEGE!



Staley named the
national high school
player of the year





EVEN THOUGH PLAYING COLLEGE BASKETBALL TOOK UP GREAT AMOUNTS OF TIME, SCHOOLWORK WAS ALWAYS A PRIORITY!

SOON, I HAD THE HONOR OF BEING ASKED TO JOIN MY FELLOW ATHLETES AT THE OLYMPICS, TAKING ON TEAMS FROM ALL OVER THE WORLD!

AFTER COLLEGE, I HEADED INTO THE WORLD OF PRO BASKETBALL, RETURNING TWICE MORE TO THE OLYMPICS...

...WINNING A TOTAL OF THREE GOLD MEDALS!

TODAY, I HAVE COMBINED MY PASSION FOR BASKETBALL, WITH MY EDUCATION...

...AND I'M PROUD TO BE THE SOUTH CAROLINA WOMEN'S BASKETBALL COACH!





FILL IN THE BLANKS

- 1** The Head Coach of the South Carolina women's basketball team is _____.
- 2** The Gamecocks play basketball at the _____ Arena.
- 3** The mascot of South Carolina Athletics is the _____, also known as _____.
- 4** At halftime of the women's basketball games Cocky loves to do the _____ dance.
- 5** The official colors of the Gamecocks are _____ and _____.



ANSWERS

1. Dawn Staley
2. Colonial Life
3. Gamecock, Cocky
4. Chicken
5. Garnet, Black

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA CONGRATULATES THE...



READING HEROES

WINNING READERS!

KIDS ACROSS SOUTH CAROLINA WERE ASKED TO READ AS MANY BOOKS AS THEY COULD IN THE FALL OF 2008-- HERE ARE THE WINNING READERS FROM EACH CLASS, AS WELL AS OUR OVERALL CHAMPION READERS!



**OVERALL WINNING READER (GIRL)
5TH GRADE OAK PONTE ELEMENTARY
ASHLEY DYE**

Ashley Dye is a 5th grade student at Oak Pointe Elementary. Her favorite book is "Pointe Blank". Ashley is not quite sure of what she wants to be when she grows up, but she loves karate, basketball and Girl Scouts. Ashley also loves math and it's her favorite subject.



**OVERALL WINNING READER (BOY)
5TH GRADE BROCKMAN ELEMENTARY
ZACHARY JACKSON**

Zachary Jackson is a 5th grade student at Brockman Elementary. He enjoys reading books in the Pendragon series. His favorite movie is "The Comebacks" and in his spare time he loves to play sports. His best subjects are math and science and he wants to be a doctor when he grows up.

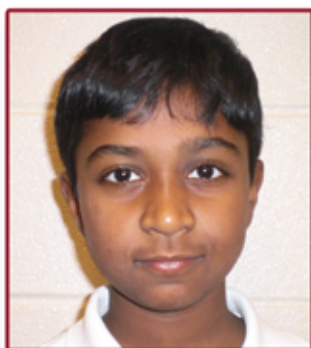


**KINDERGARTEN
GILBERT ELEMENTARY
ROSCOE KOONTZ**

Roscoe is a Kindergarten student at Gilbert Elementary. His favorite book is "The Big Chicken". His favorite subject in school is reading and, when not in school, he likes to ride his bike. Roscoe's favorite movie is "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory," and when he grows up he wants to be an astronaut.

**1ST GRADE
B-C GRAMMAR SCHOOL
JAYLEN BROWN**

Jaylen is a 1st grade student at B-C Grammar School No.1. His favorite book is "Stinky Smelly Feet". Jaylen's favorite part about school is math; however, outside of class he loves to play the video game, "Superman". He has dreams of becoming a police officer when he grows up.



**2ND GRADE
LAKE CAROLINA ELEMENTARY
TEJAS NIDIGATTU**

Tejas is a 2nd grade student of Lake Carolina Elementary. Tejas loves to read during and after school; in fact, his favorite book is "The Deadly Dungeon" by Ron Roy. His favorite things about school include: taking tests and going to the library to get books. Tejas wants to be an engineer when he grows up.

**3RD GRADE
MEADOW FIELD ELEMENTARY
ALYSSA PAUL**

Alyssa is a 3rd grader at Meadowfield Elementary School. Her favorite book is "Tree House Books". Her favorite subject in school is art, and after school, she enjoys singing in the choir. When she grows up she wants to be a rock star.

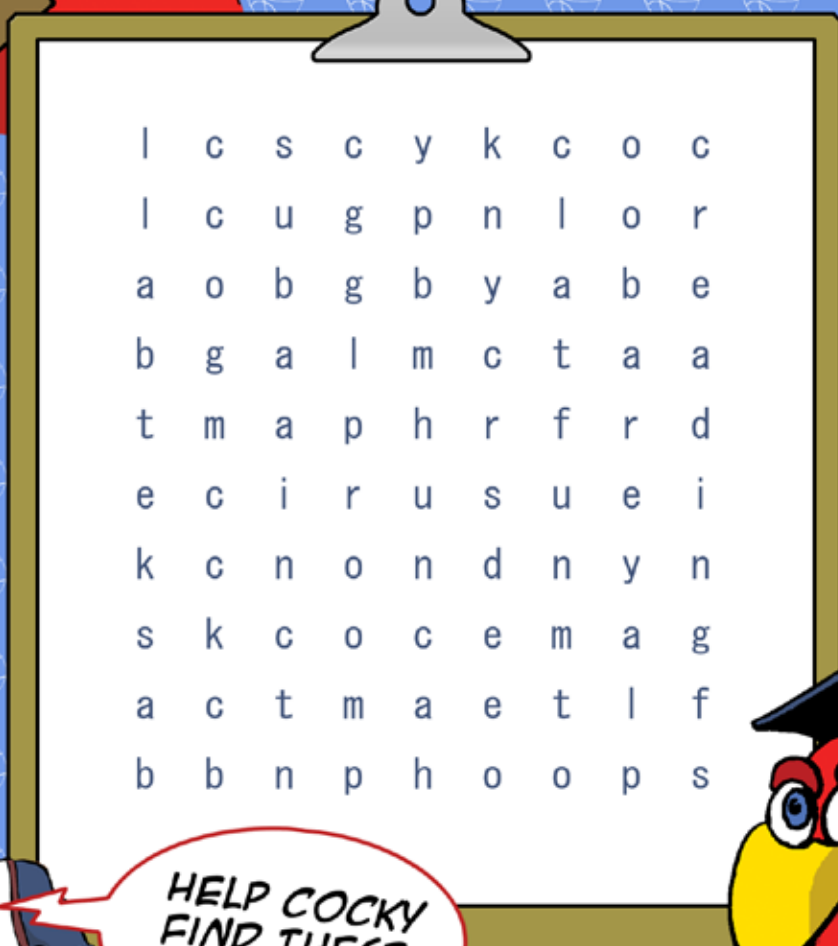


**4TH GRADE
MEADOW FIELD ELEMENTARY
TAYLOR WASHINGTON**

Taylor is a 4th grader at Meadowfield Elementary. Her favorite book is "Junie B. Jones". Her favorite class is Physical Education and she likes to write stories in her free time. When Taylor grows up, she wants to be an author.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OF OUR WINNERS, AND A HEARTY HIGH FIVE
TO EVERYONE WHO ENTERED THE CONTEST!**

**WANT TO BE A READING HERO TO YOUR SCHOOL, AND TO YOURSELF?
THEN START READING NOW, AND FOREVER-- YOU'LL BE GLAD YOU DID!**



HELP COCKY
FIND THESE
WORDS!



Gamecocks - basketball - hoop - garnet
black - court - cocky - fans - coach - team
player - reading - Olympics - fun - game

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