## **CBGS Science Symposium**

The Chesapeake Bay Governor's School hosted its 16th Annual Science Symposium at Virginia Commonwealth University on Saturday, March 2nd. During the morning sessions sixty-nine seniors presented their independent research projects which were judged by visiting members of the scientific community from Virginia Commonwealth University, Virginia Institute of Marine Science, and Rappahannock Community College, among others. During the afternoon session the keynote address, "Challenges Facing the Next Generation of Scientists" was given by Dr. Donglai Gong, an assistant professor at The Virginia Institute of Marine Science. Dr. Gong spoke on cutting edge trends in scientific research including sea level rise, effects of climate change on melting of sea ice, remote sensing technology and the role of artificial intelligence in research. An awards ceremony followed with ribbons being presented to those seniors whose presentations were judged to be exemplary.

## CBGS seniors receiving ribbons for exemplary presentations of their work were:

Roman Cutler (Lancaster), Tristan Gross (Essex), Holly Beazley (Essex), Anna Lewis (Richmond), Gabe Carlton (Essex), Jerry Turner (Northumberland), Anna Pitts (Northumberland), Emily Brown (Richmond), Mackenzie Straughan (Richmond), Mary O'Sullivan (Colonial Beach), Laura Ambrose (Richmond), Izaak Hagy (Northumberland), Leslie Johnson (Essex), Tahi Wiggins (Northumberland), Matthew Wiechman (New Kent), Taylor Yates (New Kent), Rosalina Volo (King William), Kate Casper (Mathews), Avery Payne (Middlesex), Devin Hayes (Richmond), Kayla Paulos (Middlesex), Skylar Swann (Westmoreland), Emma McKee (Middlesex), Sarah Walton (Middlesex), Madison Clarke (Northumberland), Ellianna Bailey (King George) Not pictured: Payton St. Louis (Middlesex), Kyle Lloyd (Caroline), Katryn Watson (Caroline)

