

GOOD NEWS FRIDAY March 27, 2009

Pitt County Schools is pleased to share the following good news in our district!

- ❖ Alyssa Moriah Young Torres, a senior at **J. H. Rose High School**, was among 55 students that North Carolina State University has named Park Scholars for the Class of 2013. These prestigious awards are valued at nearly \$75,000 for North Carolina residents. More than 1,200 applications were received for this year's class.
- ❖ Seventeen students from Pitt County Schools have been selected to attend the Governor's School of North Carolina for 2009 including:

Academics

• William Bennett	Natural Science	J. H. Rose
• Chrystell Cluck	Mathematics	J. H. Rose
• Matthew Edwards	Natural Science	D.H. Conley
• James Gentry	Social Science	D.H. Conley
• Ruby Reed	Natural Science	J. H. Rose
• Mark Rosenstein	Natural Science	J. H. Rose
• Daniel Warren	Social Science	J. H. Rose

Performing Arts

• Abigail Evans	Choral Music	D.H. Conley
• James Cook	Instrumental Music	J. H. Rose
• Laura Kurian	Instrumental Music	J. H. Rose
• Marta Lambert	Instrumental Music	J. H. Rose
• Jonathon Rowe	Art	South Central
• Madison Scott	Drama	J. H. Rose
• Anna Spain	Dance	North Pitt
• Anna Stephenson	Instrumental Music	J. H. Rose
• Kaitlyn Worrell	Art	South Central
• Stephanie Zimmerman	Instrumental Music	J. H. Rose

- ❖ Pitt County Schools had several winners during the 2009 Northeast Regional Science Fair held on March 7, 2009 at East Carolina University. Top prize winners from the Northeastern Regional and eight other regional science fair events will advance to the 22nd annual N.C. Science and Engineering Fair, scheduled for March 27-28 at Meredith College in Raleigh.

Elementary School

- Coleman Bailey, **Wintergreen Intermediate School** – "Does Your Sidewalk Give You the Slip?"
- L. Holden Williams, **Wahl-Coates Elementary School** – "Where Are the Most Fossils Found in Green Mill Run?"
- Summer Dotson, **Sadie Saulter Elementary School** – Special Recognition for "Static Force: Off the Hook!"

Middle School

- Davis Foreman, **Farmville Middle School** – First Place in junior life biology for "Exercise or Just Gaming?"
- Ryan Maness, **Hope Middle School** – Third Place in junior life biology for "How Salt Affects Plant Growth"
- Taylor Triplett, **Ayden Middle School** – Second Place in physical science for "Do Colors and Scents Keep the Candle Burning?"
- Chase Mondovich, **Ayden Middle School** – Second Place in junior engineering and technology for "New Testing Methods vs. Traditional Methods"
- Dylan Sasser, **Farmville Middle School** – Third Place for "Truss Test"
- Blake Schleigh, **E.B. Aycock Middle School** – Received the Outstanding Young Astronomer; LCOGT Award for "Alka-Seltzer Rockets in Flight: The Relationship Between Mass and the Motion of a Rocket"

High School

- Aakash Gandhi, **D.H. Conley High School** – First Place in senior life, biology for "The Effect of Playing Stringed Instruments on the Phalanges of Young and Old Players"
- Fred Hobbs, **D.H. Conley High School** – Second Place for "Analysis of Matrix Metalloproteinase Enzymes By Computational Methods"
- Ebony Bailey, **D.H. Conley High School** – Third Place for "Through What Mediums Can Light Perception Be Sharpened?"
- Patrick L. Renegar, **D.H. Conley High School** – First Place in senior earth/environmental science for "The Effect of pH on the Growth of Early Alaska Peas"

- Ian Bryan, **D.H. Conley High School** – Second Place for "PFOA-Diabetes: Is There a Connection?" Ian also received a special award for creativity and enthusiasm.
 - Melissa Buckingham, **D.H. Conley High School** – First Place in physical science for "How Many Springs Do You Need to Get the Best Bounces?"
 - Josh Biddlecome, **D.H. Conley High School** – Second Place for "Does Recycling Pavement Cause Unsafe Driving Conditions?"
 - Summer Martinez, **D.H. Conley High School** – Third Place for "Are Your Turns Really Important"
 - Sarah Dellana, **D.H. Conley High School** – First Place in senior engineering/technology for "Designing an Energy-Efficient Switch"
 - Joshua Griffin, **D.H. Conley High School** – Second Place for "Are Solar Panels Biased?"
 - Mark Poczontek and Rachel Jenkins, **D.H. Conley High School** – First Place in senior team for "If You Want To Be a Champ You Have To Eat Like One"
- ❖ Congratulations to the following students for placing at the North Carolina Eastern Regional Math Fair held at East Carolina University on Friday, March 13, 2009.

High School Winners

- Aakash Gandhi, **D.H. Conely High School** – First Place

Middle School Winners

- AK Person, **Hope Middle School** – Second Place
- Catherine Cary, **Hope Middle School** – Third Place
- Ally Cole and Caroline Clark, **C.M. Eppes Middle School** – Honorable Mention
- Michal Shlapentokh-Rothman, **C.M. Eppes Middle School** – Honorable Mention
- Issac Ward and Jillian Ward, **C.M. Eppes Middle School** – Honorable Mention

These students will travel to the State Math Fair competition on April 30, 2009.

- ❖ Mayee Zhu, eighth grade student at **Hope Middle School**, won the Downeast Regional Spelling Bee in the 20th round. As first place winner, Mayee receives an all expense trip for herself and a chaperone to Washington D.C. to represent the region in the Scripps National Spelling Bee in May. This is the third time in four years that Mayee will travel to the National Spelling Bee. The trip was given in addition to a 1st place trophy and other several other gifts from businesses and organizations.

- ❖ Congratulations to the following students for proudly representing their school at the Downeast Regional Spelling Bee:
 - Rachel Speight – **Ayden Elementary School**
 - Alice Wang – **Chicod School**
 - Matt David – **Eastern Elementary School**
 - Kierra Bryant – **E.B. Aycock Middle School**
 - Kania Moore – **Falkland Elementary School**
 - Sarah King – **Grifton School**
 - Mayee Zhu – **Hope Middle School**
 - Erica Rascoe – **Northwest Elementary School**
 - Kaela Parker – **Sam D. Bundy Elementary School**
 - Ian Viola – **South Greenville Elementary School**
 - Wilmeshia May – **Wellcome Middle School**
 - Zaria Kornegay – **W.H. Robinson Elementary School**

- ❖ Congratulations to the following teams that proudly represented their schools in the recent Coastal Envirothon Competition held in New Bern:

Middle School

- **Farmville Middle School** – Eco Footprints – 3rd place and qualified for State Envirothon
- **Farmville Middle School** – Earth Crazies – qualified for State Envirothon
- **A.G. Cox Middle School** – Oompa-Loompas – qualified for State Envirothon
- **A.G. Cox Middle School** – Creepy Crudders – qualified for State Envirothon

High School

- **D. H. Conley High School** – [] in the Sky – 1st place, qualified for State Envirothon
- **South Central High School** – Aaaaaamoeba's, qualified for State Envirothon
- **Farmville Central High School** – Potentially Smooth Operator, qualified for State Envirothon
- **Farmville Central High School** – Purple People Eaters
- **South Central High School** – Fun Guys
- **D.H. Conley High School** – C. Speed Run

- ❖ The **Summer Significance Academy** (SSA) Collaborative received \$101,000 for program implementation from the United Way. SSA Collaborative prepares children and youth for life success because it serves as a success academy for rising 6th grade students who may normally fall through the cracks. Unlike many programs which simply “close the gap,” SSA targets students who have potential, and equips, encourages, and mentors them through these most crucial, transitional years between elementary and high school. Youth development represents the heart of the model combined with addressing family dynamics in weekly summer parent meetings and services. SSA measures the outcomes of grades, attendance, and behavior, all research based indicators as measures of student success. Participating students will develop the character, confidence, knowledge, and skills to make wise choices and eventually graduate from high school. In addition to academic competence, SSA adds life skills training through the proven curriculum of *The 7 Habits of Highly Effective Teens* by Sean Covey. Developing lifelong learners and leaders within their peer groups identifies another goal of the program. During the years students are monitored, they receive a clear message that they will be successful, they have great potential, and school represents the key to that success. This holistic intervention combines the personal support of the community-based sites and close communication with follow-up between parents and schools.
- ❖ Anna Blair Nelson, student at **Ayden-Grifton High School**, was recently featured in *Eastern Carolina Parent Magazine* as the Most Outstanding Teen Leader at her school! Blair was nominated by a school counselor for this award.
- ❖ Miles Wobbleton, ninth grade student at **D.H. Conley High School**, was recently a winner in the annual North Carolina Press Club’s High School Communications Contest. His article, “Dangers of Texting,” won in the features category.
- ❖ The Chapter of Teen Republicans at **J. H. Rose High School** recently began sponsoring a monthly raffle to promote increased staff attendance at the school and show appreciation for the hard work and dedication of their staff. Only faculty and staff who have had perfect attendance for the given month are eligible. Melissa Wallace was the winner of the first raffle and received a \$50 Gas Card. Suzanne Floyd, student club president, and Steven Hill, academic advisor, helped to coordinate this event.

- ❖ **North Pitt High School** inducted the following students into the National Honor Society during an induction ceremony held on February 27, 2009.

- Stephanie Balbuena
- Chelsea Bryant
- Glenda Carlton
- Devin Crandol
- Tierra Davis
- Staci Dennis
- Devon Dunn
- Will Frizzell
- Ericka James
- Elizabeth Lones
- Katie Manning
- Anna Spain
- Laura Tripp
- Rachel Whitfield
- Carlisha Wilson
- Abby Wynne

Leslie Bowman is the school's chapter advisor and helped organize the event along with other student members. These students represent the following qualities: scholarship, a commitment to learning and a commitment to expanding knowledge through every opportunity; service, a dedication to helping others for the creation of a better tomorrow; leadership, for taking the initiative to take charge; and character, for demonstrating qualities of honesty and sincerity. The National Honor Society members not only represent these four traits but they also pledge to uphold these traits and maintain them every day. The ceremony was followed by a reception in the school's media center to congratulate the new inductees.

- ❖ The Middle School Chorus from **Pactolus School** participated in the North Carolina Music Educators Association's State Large Ensemble Festival in Mount Olive on March 20, 2009. The chorus received the highest rating possible of straight Superiors for their performance of Grade IV choral music.
- ❖ Congratulations to Dakota Mincey and Kathleen Daniels, both students at **South Central High School**. During the recent qualifying event held at East Carolina University, Dakota qualified for the state Comprehensive Math contest and Kathleen qualified for the state Algebra 2 contest. In addition, South Central won 4th place for 3A High Schools and their Algebra 2 team won 4th place.

- ❖ **South Greenville Elementary School** recently raised more than \$1600 through the American Heart Association's "Jump Rope for Heart" campaign. In addition, the students and staff collected \$325 for the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. The two events were coordinated by Vickie Andersen, PE Teacher and Kathy Tripp, Remediation Teacher.
- ❖ **South Greenville Elementary School's** Chapter of K-Kids, sponsored by Kiwanis clubs, recently held an appreciation breakfast for Kiwanis Club Members. Second and third-grade students gave a musical presentation for Kiwanians. Jackie Beck, guidance counselor and K-Kids advisor, was the coordinator for this event.
- ❖ **Wintergreen Intermediate School** recently participated in a community service program to raise money for the American Heart Association by participating in the annual Jump Rope for Heart Event. The school raised \$3,853.56. WAY TO GO GATORS!
- ❖ **Wintergreen Primary School** recently held their 6th Annual Night of the Stars Talent Show to benefit the school's Relay for Life team. The following student's were honored:
 - Kristina Carlise, 1st grader – 1st place for singing "He's Concerned"
 - Marissa Miller, 2nd grader – 2nd place for singing "This is Me"
 - Storm James, 1st grader – 3rd place for freestyle dance

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