

**Albemarle County Public Schools
School Board Commendations
May 14, 2009**

1. In what can only be described as Albemarle High School history being made, the 4X800 Indoor Track relay team consisting of **Zach Vrhovac, Luke Noble, Anthony Kostelac and Garrett Bradley** won at the district, regional and state levels setting national and world records in the event. The relay team also broke the state and national records in the outdoor track 4X800 event. Congratulations to this outstanding group of athletes.
2. **Zach Vrhovac, Luke Noble, Anthony Kostelac and Garrett Bradley** were joined by indoor track teammates **Nathan Rouse, Jordan Hill, Joel Okaah, Jervon Speller, Tory Key, Mark Baucom, Keenan Parker, and Josh Kidd** to clinch the AAA Indoor Track State Championship. Congratulations to Coach Male and his state champions!
3. Western Albemarle High School student, **Tyler Stutzman** was crowned state champion in both the 1600 meter and 1000 meter races. **Kyle Satterwhite** was named state champion in the 3200 meter run. Also bringing home the gold from the State Championship was Western's 4X400 meter relay team: **Aaron Myers, Ryan Dettmann, James Howard-Smith and Adrian Sitrer**.
4. Western Albemarle High School Student, **Sarah Harper**, was named First Team All-State in volleyball. Way to go, Sarah!
5. Additional All-State Selections for Field Hockey for Western Albemarle were as follows: **L.P. Desch**, Group AA State Player of the Year, and **Effie Nicholaou**, Group AA First Team All-State.
6. Western Albemarle High School's Warrior golfer, **Patrick Leisure**, received the honor of being named First Team, All-State. Congratulations to all of these Western athletes!
7. Congratulations to **Jacob Brubeck**, Albemarle High School Senior and CATEC student, for his first place finish in the State Skills USA competition of masonry.
8. Baker-Butler students **Emily Seawell** and **Roshan George** both won awards for their respective age groups in this year's PBS Reading Rainbow Young Writers and Illustrator's Competition. Ms. Seawell, a third grader, won first place for her book about a Greek goddess, Hestia. Mr. George, a second grader, was awarded second place for his book, "My Friend."
9. Congratulations to **Chiara Martinez** for finishing first in the VSBA Central Regional Art Contest. Ms. Martinez is a student at Sutherland Middle School.

10. The Destination Imagination State Competitions were held at Western Albemarle High School and the following teams finished in the top 2 spots and will advance to the global competition:

Meriwether Lewis Elementary: Second Place

Charles Reichert, Lauren O'Donnell, Hannah Kearns, Javeneh Brown, Max Congdon, Cole Weis, and Margaret Richey

Murray Elementary: First Place for two teams!

Sara Garcia Pett, Katherine Snyder, Christopher Rabasa, Morgan Broadus, Elizabeth Kochard, Vivian Lin, William Livermon, Henry Walker Smith, Trevor Persico, Sophia Mastakas, Alexander Kingsley, Douglas Krester, David Hatter and Carter Williams

Jack Jouett Middle School: Second Place

Shinah Yi, Elizabeth Hillstrom, Karunassai Mahadevan and Rachael Bosley

The Board would also like to recognize the following students for their third place award:

Henley Middle School: Third Place

Michael Desimone, Jessica Duska, John Grammer, Rachel Poulter-Martinez, Margaret Spindel, Claire Wayand and Rob Nowlin

11. Congratulations to the following students from Sutherland Middle School that finished first in the Math Counts Competition: **Ryan Lake, Laura Ungar, Alex Perez-Reyes and Sims Gautam.**

12. The School Board would like to recognize the **Volunteer of the Year** from each school. The support and tireless effort these volunteers contribute to our school system truly makes a difference in the lives of our children. The list of recipients for the Volunteer of the Year are as follows:

Lisa Porter/Agnor-Hurt, Deanna Nolan/Baker-Butler, Jade Meyer/Broadus Wood, Katherine Mehrige/Brownsville, Rose Van Epp/Cale, Kelly Johnston/Crozet, Mary Tatum/ Greer, Melissa MacKnight/Hollymead, Mary Huffard Scott/Meriwether Lewis, Jennifer Locasale-Crouch/Murray Elem., Stephanie Morris/Red Hill, Nate Szeiniuk/Stone-Robinson, Anne Raque/Stony Point, Robin Fox/Woodbrook, Dana Fitz-Gerald/Yancey, Fred Daus/Henley, Michelle Caldwell/Sutherland, Tony and Carol Alimenti/Murray High, Cheryl Parks/Western Albemarle, Carol Saller/Albemarle, Kristen Billies/Scottsville, Lisa Porter/Jack Jouett, Jim Jansen/Burley, Kore Drummond/Walton.

13. Sutherland Middle School student **Julie Shaw** received first place in the Piedmont Regional Science Fair category, *The Effects of Environment on Plant Growth*. Ms. Shaw submitted a project entitled, *Effect of Climate on Plant Growth*. Congratulations Ms. Shaw!
14. The School Board would like to recognize the **Friends in Schools Helping (FISH)** program for their contribution to the Volunteer Program of Albemarle County Public Schools during the 2008-09 school year.