

**Albemarle County Public Schools
School Board Commendations
June 11, 2009**

1. The Albemarle County School Board would like to recognize **Paul H. Cale Elementary School, Red Hill Elementary School, Scottsville Elementary School, Stony Point Elementary School and Woodbrook Elementary School** for being selected to receive the 2009 Title I Distinguished School Award. This recognition is based on student achievement during the 2007-2008 school year.
2. Congratulations to **two Meriwether Lewis students, Benjamin Baker and Nicholas Horner**, who are the regional and Virginia champions in this year's Stock Market Game. Teams are given a hypothetical \$100,000 to "invest" in an online portfolio over a 10-week period. Benjamin and Nick placed first in the state with a final portfolio value of \$160,666.40, an astonishing 61 percent return on investment! Well done gentleman! The following 6th grade Henley students swept the Stock Market Game middle school regional division: **Lorenzo Carrazana, Seamore Zhu, Devin Morris and Ethan Sewell**.
3. The School Board would like to acknowledge Agnor-Hurt students **Graham Smith** and **Alec Figler** for winning the Reading Rainbow Young Writers & Illustrators Contest Award. Congratulations!
4. Albemarle High School's Envirothon team captured the Regional Title at the Virginia Envirothon Competition. Team members **Sharon Ellison, John Leonard, Michael Cantoni, Matthew Solomon, and Andrea Oliver** planned a 610-acre conservation area to stabilize the habitat of the endangered Red-Cockaded Woodpecker species. **Brigitte Moneymaker** has served the team as an alternate and will replace Matthew Solomon when the team competes for the state title.
5. The following Albemarle County Public Schools students earned first-place awards at the state-level National History Day competition and will advance to the national level to compete: **Walton Middle School eighth grader Patrick Bond** won first place for his individual performance of "Forging the Chain: The Civil Rights Legacy of Harry S. Truman," grade 8 student **Julia Updike of Henley** won first place for her historical research paper "Victor Wouk: Father of the Hybrid Car," and **Western Albemarle High School junior Everleigh Stokes** won first place for her individual documentary "You should Have Seen it in Color." The students will compete in the national contest June 14-18.
6. Congratulations to Ten Albemarle County High School students named National Merit Scholar finalists for 2009. Less than one-half of one-percent of the 1.5 million high school students in the United States who take the qualifying exam each year are selected as National Merit Scholars. The winners were as follows: Two students from Monticello High School, **Patricia Fernandez**, awarded a National Merit University of Chicago Scholarship and **Timothy Pianta**, awarded a National Merit Scholarship for Washington University in St. Louis; three students from Western Albemarle High School, **Joshua Dugan**, who received the National Merit Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology Scholarship; **Wesley Swank**, who will attend the California Institute of Technology as a National Merit Scholar, courtesy of Consol Energy Inc.; and **Whitney Wenger**, who received a National Merit Northwestern University Scholarship but has chosen to attend Cornell University;

five students from Albemarle High School, **Roger Fan**, awarded a National Merit University of Chicago Scholarship; **Cameron Hill** awarded a National Merit Northrop Grumman Scholarship and will attend Brown University; **Valentina Moshnikova** and **Amy Pugh** both awarded a \$2500 National Merit Scholarship; Ms. Moshnikova will attend the College of William and Mary and Ms. Pugh will attend Davidson College. Congratulations to all of these outstanding students for this prestigious academic honor.

7. Western Albemarle senior **Joanna Moody** was awarded the Daughters of the American Revolution Good Citizen Award. Ms. Moody was named the 2009 recipient of this award at the State DAR Conference in Portsmouth. Congratulations.
8. The School Board would like to recognize **Mary Huffard Kegley Scott** who has served as President of the Albemarle County Parent Council for the past three years. Mrs. Scott provided commitment and positive leadership to the executive committee, parent council members and schools. Thank you, Ms. Scott, for all the time and energy you shared to make Parent Council purposeful and highly effective.
9. The School Board would like to recognize the following recipients of the Volunteer of the Year award: **Ms. Rose Van Epp/Cale Elementary, Ms. Kelly Johnston/Crozet Elementary, Ms. Kristen Billies/Scottsville Elementary, Ms. Anne Rague/Stony Point Elementary, Ms. Robin Fox/Woodbrook Elementary, Mr. Fred Daus/Henley Middle School, Ms. Lisa Porter/Jouett Middle School, Ms. Michelle Caldwell/Sutherland Middle School, Ms. Kore Drummond/Walton Middle School, Mr. and Mrs. Tony & Carol Alimenti/Murray High School, and Ms. Cheryl Parks/Western Albemarle High School.** The support and tireless efforts these volunteers contribute to our school system truly makes a difference in the lives of our children. Thank you!