

Albemarle County School Board
Commendations
April 15, 2010

1. The following schools earned the [Governor's Award for Education Excellence](#): Baker-Butler Elementary, Hollymead Elementary (2nd consecutive year at top tier), Meriwether Lewis Elementary (2nd consecutive year at top tier) and Virginia L. Murray Elementary (3rd consecutive year at top tier). To qualify for this top-tier VIP Award, schools must achieve Governor Kaine's goals for elementary reading and participation, if eligible, in the Virginia Preschool Initiative. Bonus points are earned for other performance measures, including the Governor's Nutrition and Physical Activity Scorecard.
2. The following three schools earned the [Board of Education's Excellence Award](#): Brownsville Elementary, Scottsville Elementary, and Stony Point Elementary. In addition to meeting all state and federal achievement benchmarks for at least two consecutive years, schools and divisions receiving the Board of Education's Excellence Award must have made significant progress toward goals for increased student achievement and expanded educational opportunities set by Governor Kaine and the board.
3. The following eight schools earned the [Board of Education's Competence to Excellence Award](#): Albemarle High, Broadus Wood Elementary, Crozet Elementary, Monticello High, Murray High, Stone-Robinson Elementary, Western Albemarle High, and Woodbrook Elementary. Schools and divisions qualifying for the Board's Competence to Excellence Award, the third-tier award in the VIP program, must have met all state and federal achievement benchmarks for at least two consecutive years, and made progress toward VIP objectives reflecting the goals of Governor Kaine and the board.
4. The following two schools have been selected to receive the [2010 Title I Distinguished School Award](#): Red Hill Elementary and Stony Point Elementary. This recognition is based on student achievement during the 2008-2009 school year. A school receives this distinguished award for achieving a mean score at the 60th percentile for both English and mathematics; for meeting AYP for two consecutive years without safe harbor or proxy percentage for all students and in the subgroups; for reaching full accreditation in the second year of making AYP; and for exceeding the AMO for English and mathematics in the current and previous year for all students.

5. Sixty-five Albemarle County high school students were selected to the [2010 All District Choir](#). Only 200 members are selected through an audition process from the entire District which is comprised of 17 high schools. Albemarle County students comprised one-third of the choir. The following students were inadvertently left off the original recognition list:

Amber Archer
Chelsea Herring
Madeline Cohen

Irving Jones

6. ACPS proudly congratulates the following middle and high school students who were accepted by audition to the [Junior Regional Orchestra](#). The event took place in Shenandoah County on March 26-27, 2010:

<u>Albemarle High School</u> Albert Hwang John Zhang Meghan Noga Sydney Giacalone Anna Smith Kendra Wisinski Alyssa Brunal Mary Grace Craig	<u>Western Albemarle HS</u> Stacy Li Alexander Hahn AnnaBeth Higgins Emmelie Gordon	<u>Jack Jouett Middle School</u> Hannah Deal Seokyoung Ma Yi-Chuan (Philip) Ma Samyuktha Mahadevan Ellen Jordan
<u>Sutherland Middle School</u> Allison Moore Joshua Ling Jisoo Han Mia Brunal	<u>Henley Middle School</u> Henry Cohen	

7. A Charlottesville student is packing her bags and heading to Los Angeles to compete in the game show, Jeopardy, with Alex Trebek. Joli Millner is a 7th grader at Burley Middle School. [Jeopardy Kids Week](#) will air July 5-9, 2010 in Los Angeles where Joli will travel with her mom and could win a minimum of \$10,000.

8. Fifteen Albemarle County Public School high school and middle school students participated in the [29th Annual Virginia Piedmont Regional Science Fair](#) held March 10, garnering 24 total awards for 11 award winners. Out of the 80 high school students from nine schools and 210 middle school students from 21 schools, Albemarle County had seven high school projects representing two high schools and eight middle school projects representing two middle schools. Of the total of 24

awards for 11 winners, there were two first place finishes, six top three finishers, and a Grand Award Best of Show.

Grand Awards

Grand Award Best of Show

HPV Oncogene E6 Targets Histone Acetyl Transferases in Cancer Cell

Arun Dutta

Western Albemarle High School, Albemarle County

Teacher: Wally Adesina

Senior Division Category Awards

First Place Cellular & Molecular Biology

HPV Oncogene E6 Targets Histone Acetyl Transferases in Cancer Cell

Arun Dutta

Western Albemarle High School, Albemarle County

Teacher: Wally Adesina

First Place Computer Science

The Application of Neural Networks on SPAM Filtration

John Oliver

Albemarle High School, Albemarle County

Teacher: Steven Bantz

Second Place Engineering – Electrical & Mechanical

Laser Communications

Andrea Oliver

Albemarle High School, Albemarle County

Teacher: Steven Bantz

Junior Division Category Awards

Second Place Plant Sciences

Upside Down! The Effect of Orientation with Respect to Light and Gravity on Plant Growth

Laura Ungar

Sutherland Middle School, Albemarle County

Teacher: Beth Evans

Special Awards

Air Force Award

Sponsored by: Air Force

The Effect of Temperature on a Catalase Reaction

Trevor Stutzman

Henley Middle School, Albemarle County

Teacher: Jenny Merrill

Best Exhibit Involving Radio, Communication or Electronics

Sponsored by: Albemarle Amateur Radio Club

Laser Communications

Andrea Oliver

Albemarle High School, Albemarle County

Innovation Award

Sponsored by: Battelle Memorial Institute

HPV Oncogene E6 Targets Histone Acetyl Transferases in Cancer Cell

Arun Dutta

Western Albemarle High School, Albemarle County

Teacher: Wally Adesina

Moxley Science Award

Sponsored by: Bob Moxley Memorial

The Effect of a Placebo Inhaler on My Exercise Induced Asthma

Julie Shaw

Sutherland Middle School, Albemarle County

Teacher: Beth Evans

Excellence in Computer Science Award

Sponsored by: Intel

The Application of Neural Networks on SPAM Filtration

John Oliver

Albemarle High School, Albemarle County

Teacher: Steven Bantz

INCOSE First Place Award

Sponsored by: International Council on Systems Engineering

Improving Home Security

Cole Smith

Albemarle High School, Albemarle County

Teacher: Steven Bantz

INCOSE Second Place Award

Sponsored by: International Council on Systems Engineering

Prosthetic Hand

Pablo Redden-Gonzalez

Albemarle High School, Albemarle County

Teacher: Steven Bantz

NSPE Innovative Engineering Award

Sponsored by: National Society of Professional Engineers

Prosthetic Hand

Pablo Redden-Gonzalez

Albemarle High School, Albemarle County

Teacher: Steven Bantz

Naval Science Award

Sponsored by: Office of Naval Research

Prosthetic Hand

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Albemarle High School, Albemarle County

Teacher: Steven Bantz

Naval Science Award

Sponsored by: Office of Naval Research

Upside Down! The Effect of Orientation with Respect to Light and Gravity on Plant Growth

Laura Ungar

Sutherland Middle School, Albemarle County

Teacher: Beth Evans

Most Outstanding Exhibit Using In Vitro Biology/Tissue Culture

Sponsored by: Society For In Vitro Biology

HPV Oncogene E6 Targets Histone Acetyl Transferases in Cancer Cell

Arun Dutta

Western Albemarle High School, Albemarle County

Teacher: Wally Adesina

Outstanding Exhibit in Cellular & Molecular Biology

HPV Oncogene E6 Targets Histone Acetyl Transferases in Cancer Cell

Arun Dutta

Western Albemarle High School, Albemarle County

Outstanding Exhibit in Computer Science

Sponsored by: Virginia Dental Association

The Application of Neural Networks on SPAM Filtration

John Oliver

Albemarle High School, Albemarle County

Teacher: Steven Bantz

Virginia Dental Association Grand Award

Sponsored by: Virginia Dental Association

HPV Oncogene E6 Targets Histone Acetyl Transferases in Cancer Cell

Arun Dutta

Western Albemarle High School, Albemarle County

Teacher: Wally Adesina

Most Outstanding 11th Grade Exhibit in Computer Science, Engineering, Physics, or Chemistry

Sponsored by: Yale Science & Engineering Association

Prosthetic Hand

Pablo Redden-Gonzalez

Albemarle High School, Albemarle County

Teacher: Steven Bantz

9. Congratulations to Helen Given, 8th grader at Henley Middle School, for placing first in the [Albemarle County Division Spelling Bee](#) for the 2010 school year. Helen went on to represent the Division at the Regional Bee and placed in the top 10. Congratulations, Helen!

10. Congratulations also to Tyler Waters, 4th grader at Agnor Hurt Elementary. Tyler was runner up in the [Division Spelling Bee](#) and also went on to the Regional Bee where he placed in the top 10. Congratulations, Tyler.

11. The artwork chosen to be on the [Fine Arts Festival Poster](#) was created by Lauren Kohler, a 7th grader from Sutherland Middle School. Her teacher is Karen Singel.

12. Albemarle High School junior Haley Swartz received the top high school award for her [photograph in the Charlottesville in 2D](#), community exhibit at the McGuffey Art Center. The theme of the exhibit is "Green Charlottesville" and Haley's photo is labeled "Drainage Ditch".

13. Seven students from Albemarle, Monticello and Western Albemarle high schools were selected by blind audition to participate in the [All-Virginia Chorus](#), which will be held April 29 through May 1, 2010 in Tyson's Corner. Juniors and Seniors from across District XIII who had been selected for All-District Choir were eligible to audition for this prestigious honor. Six additional students were selected as alternates.

<u>Albemarle High School</u>	<u>Western Albemarle HS</u>	<u>Monticello High School</u>
Sara Bergstresser Chiaka Chuks Emily Shepherd Aarati Sriram	Rachel Marshall	Ella Evans Chelsea Herring

14. Albemarle County Public Schools proudly congratulates the following students for their outstanding achievements at the [District Four National History Day Competition](#), held earlier this month at James Madison University. These students will now compete in the state's Virginia History Day competition, held April 17, 2010 at Thomas Nelson Community College, History Triangle Campus in Williamsburg.

Albemarle High School

Senior Group Exhibit, 1st place: Aarati Sriram, Aleksa Olekhnovich

Henley Middle School

Group Documentary, 1st place: Leah Ruth, Emily Kochard

Research paper, 1st place: Eleanor Fabiano

Research paper, 2nd place: Zach Mandell

Sutherland Middle School

Junior Individual Performance, 1st place: Abby Wild

Jouett Middle School

Individual Documentary, 1st place: Shassata Fahim

Group Documentary, 2nd place: Monika Grabowska and Amelia Garland

Individual Exhibit, 2nd place: Alyssa Sweigart

15. Ten musicians from all three Albemarle County high schools were selected to participate in the [2010 All-Virginia Band and Orchestra](#). The select group of 220 band members and 82 orchestra members from across Virginia's 16 districts will study and perform with a guest conductor April 8-10, 2010 at Great Bridge High School in Chesapeake, VA.

The following students from Albemarle County Public Schools were chosen during the All Virginia Band and Orchestra Auditions, held February 27th at James Madison University:

All Virginia Orchestra

Frank Wu	AHS	Violin
Sarah Fredrick	AHS	Cello
Becca Fredrick	AHS	Violin
Paige Rammelkamp	WAHS	Bassoon

Jia-Hao Wang	WAHS	Flute
Claire Fortenberry	WAHS	Violin
Ha-Rang Ju	WAHS	Violin
Sara Chiaka	AHS	
Emily Aarati	AHS	

All Virginia Band

Kelly Barksdale	AHS	French Horn
Peter DelGrosso	AHS	French Horn
Nick Matherne	AHS	Tuba
Melissa Leider	AHS	Clarinet
Anthony Poehailos	MoHS	Clarinet

Students from all high schools in Virginia are eligible to audition. The All State Event consists of one orchestra and two bands, symphonic band and concert band.

16. Destination ImagiNation (DI) is an extra-curricular activity in which students work in teams to solve different challenges and then present their solutions at tournaments. In addition to gaining basic knowledge and skills, students learn to use their imagination, take risks, work together as a team, be flexible, adaptable, and create unique approaches to problem solving.

The following DI students from Albemarle advanced with their teams to the DIVA State Finals March 27, 2010:

<u>Brownsville Elementary</u> <u>3b: The Fasteroni Thinkers</u>	<u>Walton Middle School</u> <u>STITS</u>	<u>Murray Elementary</u> <u>DI Mustangs</u>
Kella Meier Isabel Brown Thomas Cunningham Julia Douvas Everett McConville Rowan Breen Annie Meenan	Andrew Van Epp Colin Price Cece Burger Emily Burger Quinton Miller	Kate de Jong Grace Demaso Lana Kweon Cheney Knight Nathaniel Brawley Joonseong "Danny" Park Grace Schinsing

<u>Broadus Wood Elementary</u> <u>Peace Peeps</u> Claire Mills Nick Swanson Alyssa Jordan Maggie Angevine Lily Casteen Ellie Cain Olivia Smith	<u>Stone Robinson Elementary</u> <u>Flying Golden Trailblazers</u> Julia Landis Samantha Kelly Emma Jolly Claire Sutliff Patrick Campbell Stephen Trumbull	<u>Walton Middle School</u> <u>Walton/Covenant</u> Charlie Wolfe Charlotte Hendrix Mason Kayser Haley Stern Sullivan Stern Hannah Page
<u>Murray Elementary</u> <u>DI Duckies</u> Landon Smith Juliet Kingsley Kevin Kiester Avery Jordan Jeffrey Dodson Lucien Peach Eliza Dameron	<u>Cale Elementary</u> <u>Phantom Twilight Colts</u> Nathan Martin Aidan Stoddart Katie Cannell James Burger Taylor Sheffield Emily Lowden	<u>Burley Middle School</u> <u>Technology Groovy Sprouts</u> Margaret Townes Jenna Jansen Katherine Wagoner Teddy Leeds Armstrong Mandi McCrea Jake Slawson
<u>Henley Middle School</u> <u>Dinosaurs</u> Morgan Broadus Billy Livermon Kate Snyder Elizabeth Kochard Vivian Lin Sara Garcia Trevor Persico	<u>MoHS/AHS/WAHS</u> <u>Chicken Teeth</u> Lauren Rakes Katja Van Eersel Irene Lee Tim Wersinger Lainie Taylor Kevin Hensley	<u>Meriwether Lewis Elementary</u> <u>The Improms</u> Meg Richey Max Congdon Cole Weis Charlie Reichert Javaneh Brown Hannah Kearns Lauren O'Donnell
<u>Monticello High School</u> Ben Stern Georgia Proutt Arianna Slate Austin Moran Max Hoffman Emily Laskoe	<u>Cale Elementary</u> <u>Dragon Fire Elmos</u> Ana Goddard Jordan Linville Phoebe Miller Andrew Price Sophia Shepherd Olivia Slate	<u>Sutherland Middle School</u> <u>Technology Sutherland 7 S's</u> Annette Berkin Benjamin Patterson Cherry Wang Gwen Pattison Ping Yi Zho Wesley Daugherty Nick DeFrank

Albemarle High School
Knuckleheads

Jonathan Karns
Elizabeth Mack
Dawn Seto
Sean Moss
Marie Mack
Chris Seto

17. The AHS Forensics team anchored its 10th victory at the District level and its 9th consecutive win at the Northwest Regional VHSL Forensics Tournament. The following students are part of the team many of whom won awards:

James Wu – 1st place in Foreign Extemporaneous at both levels
Connor Fanning – 2nd place in Impromptu Speaking at both levels
Amory Fischer – 2nd place in Original Oratory at the Regional level
Cat Tignor – 1st place in Storytelling at both levels
Jon Schwaner – 2nd place in Storytelling at the District level
Steven McKiernan – 1st place in Prose at both levels
Alex Peterson – 2nd place in Prose at the Regional level
Kiera Kelly – 1st place in Serious Dramatic at both levels
Eden Shumate – 2nd place in Serious Dramatic at both levels
Luke Long – 2nd place in Humorous Dramatic at the District level
Jessica Brown – 2nd place in Duo Interpretation at the District level & 1st place at the Regional level
Alex Cooke – 2nd place in Duo Interpretation at the District level & 1st place at the Regional level
Brandon Blake
Katie Kellenburger
Nate Harper – 2nd place in Poetry at the District level
Andrew Dame – 2nd place in Poetry at the District level
Brady Storer
Austin Shepherd
Ryan Jepson
Lottie Lockhart

18. The AHS Theatre Troupe won the VHSL State Championship with their production of The Zoo Story . AHS competed with 7 other schools across the state. This marks the first time AHS has won the VHSL State Theatre title. The following students were involved in this production in some capacity as actor or crew with two winning Best Actor Awards:

Jeremy Weiss – Best Actor Luke Marsh – Best Actor Evan Simpson Sam Lahar Alex Cooke Austin Shepherd Justin Weiss Eden Shumate Kiera Kelly Kira Heeschen	Katie Kellenberger Joe Hebblethwaite Amanda Parmiter Hilary Matkovich Andrew Dame Jessica Brown Sarah Skidmore Sarah Knarzer Steven McKiernan Nate Harper	Cat Tignor Warren Brown Kim Schwaner Gabby Tate Madison Basile Hannah Gates Luke Long Madeleine Marshall Roth Brandon Blake
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