

**Albemarle County Public Schools
School Board Commendations
June 10, 2010**

1. The School Board would like to recognize the following 25 students for their participation in the upcoming Virginia Department of Education Summer Residential Governor's Schools. These programs provide gifted high school juniors and seniors with intensive educational experiences in visual and performing arts; humanities; mathematics, science, and technology; life science and medicine.
 - **Elizabeth Mack** and **Laura Pugh** - Albemarle High School – Agriculture
 - **Tyler McPhillips** and **Aarati Sriram** - Albemarle High School – Humanities
 - **Ella Evans**, **Rachel Henderson**, **Rianna Jansen** and **Danielle Potter** - Monticello High School – Humanities
 - **Jennifer Bisgaier** – Western Albemarle High School – Humanities
 - **Samuel Winslow** - Western Albemarle High School - Mathematics, Science & Technology
 - **Clara James** and **Anthony Poehailos** - Monticello High School - Visual and Performing Arts
 - **Paige Rammelkamp** – Western Albemarle High School- Visual and Performing Arts
 - Albemarle High School - **Damon McIntire**, Spanish; **Kevin Sarp**, German; **Emily Skrutskie** and **Martha Templeton**, Latin
 - Monticello High School - **Catherine Merritt**, Spanish; **Elizabeth Phillips**, French; and **Hannah Vest**, Russian
 - Western Albemarle High School - **Emily Berg**, Latin; and **Henry Giles**, Spanish
 - Monticello students **Angela Fernandez** and **Andrea Goldstein** were accepted into the Virginia STARTALK Foreign Language Academies in Chinese and Arabic, respectively. Congratulations to all of these outstanding students!
2. Brownsville Elementary Principal, **Jo Vining**, will receive the Alton Taylor Leadership Award this year! Criteria for the Alton L. Taylor Administrative Leadership Award: May be any outstanding educational administrator, must display qualities of excellence in leadership, must have personal qualities of exceptional character and high standards of integrity; and must be an individual who has promoted education on the local, regional, state, or national

level. Jo has been serving our children and families for the last 36 years. Congratulations and thank you Jo for all of your hard work and your dedication!

3. The School Board would like to recognize **Jordan Haws** of Western Albemarle High School for being named the 2010 VHSL Group AA Female Athlete of the Year. This is a tremendous accomplishment and we wish Jordan well at Brigham Young University this fall!
4. Congratulations to **Lauryl Desch**, of Western Albemarle High School who was awarded the Group AA Wachovia/VHSL Citizenship Award. A male and female from each of the three VHSL classifications (A, AA, AAA) will receive a \$1,000 scholarship from the Wachovia Foundation toward their college or university education. Selection criteria included the applicant's contributions to family, school or community; promotion of good sportsmanship and citizenship; participation in at least one VHSL activity; and submission of a student essay. Congratulations Lauryl!
5. The School Board would like to honor two 8th graders from Burley Middle School Received Honorable Mention at the middle level during C-SPAN's National StudentCam Contest. Congratulations to **Erica Cosgrove** and **Elizabeth Rintels** on the high marks they received for their 6-minute "*Firefighters: Our Heroes*" documentary.
6. Western Albemarle High School Senior, **Hannah White** has been awarded the highest national scholarship from the National English Honor Society. The \$3,000 scholarship is funded by Sigma Tau Delta, the International English Honor Society founded in 1924 to confer distinction for high achievement in English language and literature. One \$3,000 scholarship is given annually nationwide; four other second-tier scholarships of \$1,500 are also awarded. Ms. White was selected from a pool of national applicants and her essay; entitled Dreams of Her Father, and will be featured in the upcoming 2010 Spring edition of the NEHS Museletter. Ms. White will attend the University of Pennsylvania this fall. At Western Albemarle High School, she is a member of the National Honor Society, the National English Honor Society, the French Honor Society, Key Club, the Yearbook staff, and the editorial board for Western's literary magazine Myriad. She volunteers her time weekly tutoring students at WAHS and at Henley Middle School. She is a finalist for the National Merit Scholarship as well. Congratulations on this prestigious academic honor!
7. Congratulations to **Mical Tawney**, a Monticello High School junior, as she has been selected to participate in the Congressional Academy for American History and Civics – only two students per state were selected to attend. The program will take place in June and July of this summer. The Congressional Academy for American History and Civics will lead high school students in a careful study of the pivotal turning points in American history memorialized by the Declaration of Independence, the Gettysburg Address, and the "I Have a Dream" speech. Participating students will spend twelve days in our nation's capitol, they will participate in seminars and visit historical sites in and around Washington, D.C.; and they will take two day-trips, one to Philadelphia and the other to Gettysburg, to visit the sites where these three historical documents came to life.

8. The School Board would like to congratulate **Bennett Hull**, a 5th grader at Brownsville Elementary on his selection as a Pop Warner All-American Scholar for outstanding academic achievement. Pop Warner is the largest youth football, cheer and dance program in the U.S. and the only national youth sports organization that requires scholastic achievement to participate. Bennett ranks among the top two percent of the 400,000 children who participate in Pop Warner programs nationwide. Way to go Bennett!
9. **Christine Huff**, a junior from Monticello High School has won both the district and the regional award for Best Actress in the AA VHSL Theater Festival. Christine is in the Thespian Honor Society and is the co-director of next year's student run Shakespeare Theater. She deserves a big round of applause. Congratulations Christine!