

**Albemarle County Public Schools
School Board Commendations
December 9, 2010**

1. Congratulations to **Nicole Muller** of Western Albemarle High School who was awarded the Kiwanis Capital District Teenager of the Year award. She received this not only for her overall achievements as a member of the Key Club at WAHS, but also for serving as the founder of the Neighbors-4-Neighbors Food Drive, which was launched in August 2009 to accumulate donations for the Blue Ridge Area Food Bank. She received this scholarship at the Kiwanis International convention in Lynchburg this past August. Well done, Nicole!
2. The School Board would like to recognize Albemarle High School students who competed in the National French Contest. **Morgan Campbell, Nikolina Cetic, Fiona Dale, Wilson Desimini, Victoria Drumm, Sarah Fredrick, Tong Liu, Elias Mackay, Angela McCauley, Matthew Polivka, Dana Pye, Kaitlin Roelofs, Christine Scott, Madeline Troisfontaines, Shailoah Wilson, and John Zhang** received a Certificat De Réussite for placing in the top percentiles of the state and nation in levels 1, 2, and 3. Four of Madame Espinosa's French 3 students won Laureat National awards, earning top places in the country: **Guillaume Bailey** placed 2nd, **Yang Fei** placed 6th, **Emily Kuhn** placed 9th, and **Nathaniel Pfund** placed 5th. Congratulations to these outstanding students!
3. The Piedmont Council of the Arts held their 2010 Arthur C. Greene Rising Star Youth Incentive Award Celebration this past October. Twenty-one area high students were recognized for their excellent achievements in the arts, and eleven were from Albemarle County: **Spencer Hadley, Jeremy Weiss** and **Aarati Sriram** from Albemarle HS, **Samantha Marshall, Lauren Rakes**, and **Danielle Scott** from Monticello HS, **Caitlyn Payne** and **Ana Hite** from Murray HS, and **Jordan Lindbeck, Rachel Gildersleeve**, and **Allison Slechta** from Western Albemarle HS.
4. Recently, the Virginia High School League announced the results from the 2009-10 Publications Evaluation Services. In the Magazine Division, the **Albemarle HS Lantern** was awarded Trophy Class. In the Newspaper Division, the **Western Albemarle Western Hemisphere** was awarded Trophy Class. In the Yearbook Division, the **Monticello HS Declaration** won Second Place honors. Congratulations to those students and their advisors!
5. The **Burley Bearettes**, the young women's chorus at Burley Middle School, were honored with their third National Grand Champion trophy from Music Festivals, Inc. The group was named the top performing middle school choir in the US from among participating groups from across the nation. They traveled to Myrtle Beach to perform in April before a live audience that included professional musicians and clinicians serving as an adjudication panel. The Bearettes also won National Grand Chamption in

2007 and 2009. This 100% volunteer ensemble is led by Craig Jennings, the choral director at Burley Middle School. Way to go, ladies!

6. Congratulations to 5 Henley Middle School students who presented at the National Girls Collaborative Project in Washington, DC in October. Sisters **Emilia and Victoria Dell, Emma Gore, and sisters Celina and Ila Kimata** spoke eloquently about STEM opportunities in Albemarle County, and sources say they knocked it out of the park!
7. The School Board would like to congratulate the **cast and crew of "Tardy,"** a one-act comedy written collaboratively by Monticello HS students **Max Hoffman, Maddy Cohen, Sam Relken, and Sophia Heinecke.** They won Best Play at the VHSL Jefferson AA district theater festival, as well as first place at the AA Regional Festival. **Paul Krs and Sophia Heinecke** were named Best Actor and Actress at the district level, and **Christine Huff** won her second regional Best Actress award. Congratulations to the entire cast and crew, and break a leg on December 6 at the state competition!
8. The School Board would also like to congratulate **Fay Cunningham and the AHS Players** in their win at the 2010 Virginia Theater Association Championship. They competed against 43 other high schools from across the state, performing a shortened version of Man of la Mancha. At the awards banquet, AHS received a number of recognitions. **Morgan Stouffer** placed third as part of an On the Spot team, while the team of **Jessica Brown, Warren Brown, Izzy Farineau, Katie Kellenberger, and Luke Long** placed second in the Tech Olympics. AHS also received an honorable mention for Costuming. **Annie Keller** won the All-Star Acting Award and **Jeremy Weiss** was awarded Best Actor. The AHS Players will travel to Atlanta in early March for the South-East Theater Conference competition, where they will compete against troupes from 10 states. Cheers and break a leg!
9. Twenty-four students from Monticello HS served as ambassadors at the University of Virginia's Model United Nations Conference last month. They represented the countries of Israel and Libya. While most students participated in General Assembly committees, some students were on more select expert committees. **Danielle Scott** represented Israel on the UN Committee on the Status of Women; **Tessa Diehl** was William Patterson of New Jersey in the US Constitutional Convention of 1787; **Maggie Echols** was Karel Drama (Czech) in the Paris Peace Conference of 1919; **Valerie Michel** was Tajudeen Abdul-Raheem, Africa Coordinator, in the Millennium Development Goals Summit of 2015; and **Max Hoffman** was K.C. Wu, a Chinese Nationalist, in the Chinese Civil War of 1945. An addition to this year's conference was committees on Harry Potter. **Carly Lin** represented Rodolphus Lestrangle of the Death Eaters and **Jan Walker** was representing the Department of Magical Law Enforcement in the Ministry of Magic. Finally, **Dominic Scerbo** is on the highly selective Jefferson Committee on Diplomacy. Other students who attended were **Briana Sinden, Brittany Scott, Chandler Ferrebee, Emily Ludwick, Emma Leeds-Armstrong, Frank Muraca, Jack Echols, Jordan Fox, Libby Firer, Mical Tawney, Patrick McDonnell, Reed Shaw, Sam Jano, Sean Knightly, Susan Barlow, and Walt Muraca.**

10. The School Board would like to honor the many students who entered their original artwork into the Sakura Cray-Pas Colorful World Contest through the World Awareness Children's Museum. Their artwork was selected for the International Youth Art Exchange, which is a type of Honorable Mention. The students are **Grace Apple, Kelly Fitzgerald, Leslie Morris, Nicholas Swanson, Matthew Batten, and Nicholas Kelly** from Jouett Middle School, **Kenneth Batten, Holly Rebecca Hilten, and Zeyna Marroquin** from Broadus Wood Elementary, **Elizabeth Audae Dudley and Elizabeth Quick** from Scottsville Elementary, and **Sophie Kane** from Walton Middle School. Excellent work!

11. Fifty Albemarle County high school students from all three comprehensive high schools participated in this year's All-District Chorus. Choral students from 17 area high schools competed in the auditions held earlier last month. Among the Albemarle County students selected were 21 sopranos, 18 altos, six tenors, and five basses. They are:

**From Albemarle HS
(Jennifer Morris,
director)**

Mia Brunal
Austrine Davies
Megan Farabaugh
Tori Fielding
Taylor Gaines
Robert Gentry
Halley Gilbert
Morgan Glennie
Shira Goldeen
Peyton James
Mackenzie Jones
Joseph Kellenberger
Katherine Kellenberger
Annie Keller
Alex Krone
Claire Krouse
Kiersten Lamb
Elizabeth Lewis

Sheldon McClung
Naomi Miller
Nathan Mullinax
Veronica O'Brien
Christopher Palmer
Amanda Parmiter
Austin Patterson
Hugh Sandbridge
Dawn Seto
Caitly Sheffield
Emily Shepherd
Aarati Sriram
Austin Suhler
Molly Thomson
Madeline Tornrose
Emily Wicks

**From Monticello High
School (Janet
Whitmore, director)**
Jesse Aielli

Madeline Cohen
Ella Evans
Sharon Fernandez
Emily Freeman
Emily Gardiner
Rachel Hunter
Taylor Roberts
Tara Skeen
Quinton Smith
Erin Tawney
Stephanie Wright

**From Western
Albemarle High School
(Joel Hartshorn,
director)**

Sarah Jane Cushing
Morgan High
Sarah Pollard
Abby Wilson