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Anderson County Community Connections

ACS Marks 40 Years Recognizing Outstanding Career and **Technical Education Students**



On Thursday, April 21, twenty Career and Technical Education students in Anderson County were recognized for their outstanding performance in their Program of Study at the Hollingsworth Center for Entrepreneurial Leadership on the floor of BizTown in the Junior Achievement Center. The Student of the Year Banquet has been held annually since 1978 to bring parents,

industry partners, community leaders, CTE instructors and their students together to provide recognition to the achievements of students in the Career and Technical Education programs at both high schools in the district. Over a decade ago, the district began a special recognition and scholarship for students in honor of Dr. Curtis Sexton. Dr. Sexton has been a proponent of

Career and Technical Education in Anderson County for over 25 years and has been integral to its growth and expansion serving as the chairperson for the Anderson County CTE Advisory Council. Kaylee Brown, from Anderson County High School, and Ben Daniels from Clinton High School, were the scholarship recipients for 2017.

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The following students were honored in their Program of Study during the evening awards:

ADVANCED MANUFACTURING

MACHINING

NATHAN GOODMAN

WELDING APPLICATIONS

TYLER EMERICK

AGRICULTURE

KAYLEE BROWN—ACHS BEN DANIELS—CHS

CONSTRUCTION

JOSEPH CROWLEY

BUSINESS MGMT ADMIN & FINANCE

HAILEY HAMM—ACHS KALLEY STEVENS—CHS

HEALTH SCIENCE

KELSEY GILES—ACHS SAMANTHA MACK—CHS

HOSPITALITY & TOURISM

CULINARY ARTS

KELSEY RUFFNER

HUMAN SERVICES

COSMETOLOGY

JASMYNE HAWKINS

CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

MAKAYLA HOLGUIN

SOCIAL HEALTH SERVICES

AUBREY RIDENOUR—ACHS SIERRA LISENBEE—CHS

CRIMINAL JUSTICE

COURTNEY JENNINGS

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

GUNNER MILLER

PROJECT LEAD THE WAY

SINJIN SMITH—ACHS KAREN ABERCROMBIE—CHS

TRANSPORTATION

AUTO TECHNOLOGY MATTHEW R. LEMARR

WORK BASED LEARNING

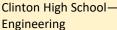
KATLYNN IRWIN



Dr. Sexton, Mr. Larry Foster, former ACS Director of Schools, and Mr. Kelly Myers, CTE Director presenting scholarship awards to Kaylee Brown and Ben Daniels.



Photos of table top decorations represent the student's Program of Study, future career, and/or post-secondary plans.





ACCTC— Construction



Clinton High School—Agriculture



ACCTC—Automotive Technology



Clinton High School – Business Management and Administration and Finance



Bridge Academy Students Visit Lt. Gov. Randy McNally

The Bridge Academy students visited Lt. Gov. Randy McNally to speak in favor of Jobs for Tennessee Graduates. The JTG program teaches students important skills for success in work, such as working cooperatively in a group, community service, and

writing a resume.



Mr. Estle Muncy is the JTG teacher for the ACS Bridge Academy. Charles, who wants a career in politics, is sitting in the lieutenant governor's chair. Others in the picture are

Bobby, Rei, Ms. Krista Whitaker (Bridge Academy English teacher), Lt. Gov. McNally, Destiney, Sydney, Hannah, and Jaylen.

Leave Your Mark At Lake City Middle School

Lake City Middle School offers the chance to leave your mark! Legacy bricks make a great gift

to honor a teacher, a student, or a class. Or make it a gift to honor your child's years at Lake City Middle. You can purchase a 4x8 or 8x8 personalized, engraved brick to install in the foundation of our marquee sign. All net proceeds will be used to purchase a new electronic sign for the school. Please come by the middle school or contact the school @865-426-2609.



Lake City Middle School's Students of the Week

At Lake City Middle School, we inspire students with our positive behavior plan. Each week we recognize students who are prepared, respectful, and safe. The students of the week are recognized every Monday morning, and are sent home with a letter of congratulations. For the month of March, we would like to congratulate Alyson Pyle, Courtland Golden, Hunter Jobe, Summer Lloyd, Haley Clark, Nick Ward, Caidance Justice, Lily Yassu, Abigale Lovely, Seth Sweet, Courtney Lafromboise, Alisha Nolan, Ty



Dugger, Haven Gibbs, Debin Merritt, Madison Rayfield, Megan Beard, Elijah Tracey, Heather Clark, Andy St. John, Connor Baird, Tifani Brown, Ryan Shipley, and Courtney Neer.

100% SAILS Completion

Congratulations to Rachel Jones and Clinton High School for achieving 100% completion of SAILS for the 2016-2017 school year! You and your staff have a worked tirelessly to get your students through all 5 Modules. Great Job!



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Lake City Middle School's 2017 Cake Walk

For the past 16 years, Lake City Middle School has supported Relay for Life. Every year the school has different competitions between grade levels to help raise money for cancer research.

In the past, the students have participated in Wacky Olympics, Cur-Eoke, and Cake Walks. This year, we had a very successful Cake Walk. The students enjoy raising money for such an important cause.



NMS TSA Team Competes at State Competition

Robotics, CO2 car construction, catapult launching, and video game design. What do these things all have in common? Norris Middle School students



participating in Technology
Student Association (TSA)
recently competed in these
events at the 2017 Tennessee
TSA State competition. TSA is
an extracurricular club that
focuses on increasing student
interest in science,
technology, engineering, and
math through student-led
projects.

Twenty-four Norris
Middle School students



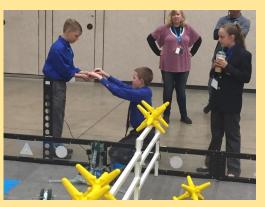
attended the state conference from April 5 through 8 and have been working on their projects since September 2016. All together, students from NMS competed in a total of eleven different competitions at the state level and many competed in the regionals just to qualify for state.

The Inventions and Innovations team consisting of Nicholas Harshbarger, Jack Hyden, and Parker Meldrum placed first overall in their event and qualified to compete in the national 2017 TSA competition in Orlando, FL, as did the Problem Solving team which included Caden John and Gabriel Watson. The Geospatial Technology team of Matt Baker and Caden John placed second, while the Video Game Design team with Aadyn Currier, Phillip Hamner, Micah Jones, Jacob Terry, and Caleb Walker placed fifth, and Parker Meldrum placed sixth with his Prepared Speech.

In addition to the physical projects the students completed, nearly all of the events include technical writing and interview components, giving students experience with real-life skills



necessary for today's workplace. Whether or not students went home with a trophy, the effort put forth by these students over the past few months is admirable, and it is exciting to anticipate what this group of young people will accomplish in the coming years.





NWMS Hosts Comcast Cares Day

To say the day was a success would be an understatement. Norwood Middle School had over 600 people register to attend their Comcast Cares Day. Even with the unfortunate weather, they had over 250 volunteers brave the rain to transform Norwood's campus. Special thanks to Andrew Boshears from Comcast for setting up the event and to Ted Phillips for getting many donations.

Two of the largest accomplishments of the day were: unloading a tractor trailer load of playground mulch and carrying a greenhouse to a new location.







NWMS is lucky to have many dignitaries like commissioners, school board members, and mayors. Mrs. Hobby and Mr. Jenkins would like to thank everyone for coming out and being a part of our wonderful community.

Clinton High School Student Receives a National Award



Sofia Olvera, a junior at Clinton High School, has won the 2017 Bertie Green Junior Travel Award from the Sociedad Honoraria Hispánica (SHH), an honor society for high school students studying Spanish or Portuguese, for her dedication to the study of Spanish and excellent skills in that language.

This national award is a prestigious honor for Clinton High School. It is valued at over \$3,000, and is awarded to only 24 students from over 2,400 SHH chapters across the United States. Students become eligible by being an inducted member of the SHH and then submitting samples of

their written and oral work in Spanish to a selection committee appointed by the American Association of Teachers of Spanish and Portuguese.

In July, Sofia will be traveling to Guatemala with the other 23 winners.

Clinton High School has a long history of excellence in academics and has maintained an active chapter of the Sociedad Honoraria Hispánica for the last 2 years. Congratulations to student Sofia Olvera and her Spanish teachers, Cheryl Broome and Lauren Sharon, who should be very proud of their accomplishments.

CRCS Students to Host Tie Dye-versity Event



During the month of May, Mrs. Love and Mrs. Melton of CRCS will be hosting a Tie Dye-versity Program! Tie Dye-versity is a tie dye t-shirt making event. They will be focused on mental health, and emotions. They will be linking their event to the movie Inside Out, and the colors connected to each emotion.

They will be discussing with their students how all the emotions, combined,

makes us who we are!

The colors/emotions are as followed:

Joy: **yellow** Fear: purple

Anger: red Disgust: green

Sadness: blue





Anderson County High School Football Players Hosts Egg Hunt

On Thursday, April 13, Anderson County High School football players participated with the elementary students of Clinch River Community School in an Easter egg hunt. Each of the elementary kids got to pick a football player to help them in their search for the eggs. After the hunt, the players and CRCS kids enjoyed a nice picnic lunch together outside. Way to go Mavericks on volunteering their time with such a special event!









Anderson County Schools Classified Celebration

On Wednesday, April 26, Anderson County Schools celebrated all of the classified staff members in the district with a classified banquet. This included maintenance people, assistants, administrative professionals, bus drivers, school resource officers and more! The classified banquet was full of fun games, prizes, and lots of good food. It was a great way for the district to show the classified staff how much they are appreciated!











Clinton Dragons Take Home Gold



The CHS Dragons took home multiple medals during the 2017 Special Olympics. The all day event took place on April 11,

2017. Congratulations to all of the winners for their hard work! Way to go, Dragons!



And The Winners Are....

Blake Poland (2 silver medals)

Allen Poland (1 Gold/ 1 silver)

Naomi Roberts (2 Gold)

Donielle Stricklin (1 gold/ 1 silver)

Seth Steward (1 gold/ 1 bronze)

Shawn Hooks (2 silver)

Jamie Turner (1 gold)

Zachary Motsinger (1 gold/ 1 bronze)

Will Johnson (1 gold/ 1 bronze)

Colby Tucker (1 gold / 1 silver)

Hunter Mason (1 silver / 1 bronze)

Carlton Crumpley (1 silver)

Koby Carroll (2 gold)

Sam McKamey (2 gold)



Planting A Promise Throughout Anderson County



The Plant a Promise campaign is a T4 (Tennessee Teens Talk Tobacco) activity that was initiated by the ASAP Ambassaors in the 2016-2017 school year. The ASAP Ambassadors is a youth coalition comprised of students from Anderson County, Clinton and Oak Ridge High Schools. Last fall, the Ambassadors encouraged their fellow



students to promise not to use tobacco products or e-cigarettes by signing a tulip on a banner. For each promise



the Ambassadors
received, they planted a
real tulip on the campus
of their school. This
spring, the tulips bloomed
to remind everyone of the
promises that were made
to remain tobacco
free. This project could
not have been completed
without the support of the
Anderson County Health
Department, Phil Warfield

and Donovan Harrington at Anderson County High School, Kimberly Dunn and Mary Tuskan at Clinton High School, Kim Guinn with Anderson County Schools and Jen Laurendine with Oak Ridge Schools.

Another Successful RoboDragons Season

Every year, the Clinton High School Robotics Team participates in FIRST's Smoky Mountain Regional competition. FIRST Robotics is an organization that gathers thousands of high school robotics teams from around the world to compete with the robots they have built. At the start of the build season, FIRST releases a challenge for teams to complete. This year, the challenge was to construct a robot that shoots wiffle balls, places gears on a peg, and climbs a rope in order to gain points. Like all other teams, the Robodragons were given six weeks to to design, build, and test a robot that completes the challenge. Team members put in countless hours of hard work, finished the robot on time, performed well with it at the competition. Now, after the competition is over, the team is working to prepare for next year's season.



Though building a robot and performing at the competition is the main focus of CHS's robotics team, it is not the only one. While some team members design and construct the robot, others take care of the finance, public relations, and safety aspects of the team. The robotics team functions like a small business, so team members gain a lot of experience. They learn responsibility, punctuality, and collaboration as well as various engineering and business skills that will be useful to them in the workplace.

Although the team members do much to make the team successful, the Robodragons wouldn't be the same without the support of the community. Teachers, parents, citizens and leaders of Anderson County, and local sponsors make the program possible. Because of this community support, financial or otherwise, the CHS Robotics Team is looking forward to another successful season!