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HCS STUDENTS MOVING ON





## SUPERINTENDENT'S MEMO

It is hard to believe that we have gotten another school year behind us and we are steadily planning for the fall already. This past school year proved to be a very good one for HCS. We celebrated many accomplishments over the course of the year, in academics and athletics. The most memorable, of course, was the state championship won by the HHS Men's Basketball team, but there were certainly many more to be cherished. I hope our students will hold on to these memories and will see them as milestones and markers in their journey through life.

I certainly cherish the times I had in school over the course of my 13 years. I still remember the anxiousness I felt on my first day of school. I attended East Side Elementary, and I was so scared when that bus dropped me off at the door. Mr. Elvin Wells was the principal then, and I thought he was the tallest man I had ever seen. He towered over us, but he had a heart for children and that overshadowed his size after a few days. I remember the friendships that were formed in kindergarten, and they still last to this very day.

Fast forward to high school - and it truly does seem to go in fast motion. High school was another time of anxiousness for me. I left the comforts of Sunny Hill with classmates that I had been to school with since Kindergarten. And now all of a sudden there were kids who I had never seen before. But after a few freshman pranks (that luckily our students don't take part in any more) and a lot of help from the teachers at HHS, I found my way and began to enjoy what would prove to be one of the best times of my life. High school was an amazing experience and as I sit here now, I have a smile on my face remembering all the fun times I had. Those days at HHS helped shape the person I am today and placed people in my life that I still hold as dear friends and as mentors.

That is what I hope for our students! I hope they can look back on their days in HCS and have the fondest of memories. I hope our graduating seniors will have friends who they can call on in their brightest and darkest times. I hope they have teammates who will continue to hold them up and hold them accountable. I hope they take what they have learned and put it to good use wherever they go from here. I hope they will come back often and keep in touch to share their accomplishments. We have been a part of their lives now for many years and I hope we will be for many more to come.

**Teresa Russell,**  
*Superintendent - Haywood County Schools*

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# GEAR UP begins fourth year

**H**aywood County GEAR UP TN will begin its fourth year in Haywood County Schools during the 2015-2016 school year. The GEAR UP Grant is a seven-year federal grant, that has matching funds from the City of Brownsville, and is administered by the state of Tennessee to help students get college and career ready. It began providing services in January of 2013 to the Class of 2018 and every class of seniors for the next seven years. It increases the number of students who are prepared to enter and succeed in postsecondary education.

The Haywood County GEAR UP Site Coordinator is **Jackie Whitten**. The grant provides many services throughout the year that benefit students and parents, such as ACT Prep Classes on Saturdays, English tutoring during the school day, college tours, job shadowing, job site visits, summer enrichment camps, individual and group college planning sessions, and College App Week. GEAR UP held the first College Signing Day on May 6 at Haywood High School. This was a special event that celebrated the choice students made to attend college. Over 100 students participated in this event and many chose to announce their names and the college they planned to attend in the fall, with great applause from those students and adults who attended this recognition ceremony. Special speakers were Mayor **Bill Rawls**, **Shayla Guy**, West GEAR UP TN Regional Coordinator, and **Mary Laphen**, Statewide Services Coordinator, and Haywood County Schools Superintendent, **Teresa Russell**.

GEAR UP also partners with various individuals and organizations. The recent "Walk and Line Dance with Drew and Friends" held on May 23 had over 60 participants walking and line dancing. GEAR UP partnered with **Drew Magruder** from the Healthy Haywood Coalition; **Karen Jones**, TSU Extension Agent; and **Opal Hay**, Haywood County Schools Parent/Family Coordinator, to provide community awareness of the services provided by each of these organizations. It was a great success and more walk and line dances are being planned for the future.

GEAR UP provided uprising 10th grade students with the opportunity to attend two job-shadowing camps during the summer. The "Learners to Leaders Camp" provided training about job shadowing and set up job shadowing opportunities for students with different individuals, businesses, and government offices. Students job shadowed optometrists, dentists, an electrician, physical therapist, police officer, real estate agent, principal, accountant, hair stylist, chiropractor, and other people in Haywood County. The job shadowing experience gave each student a first-hand look at the types of work done by the people in those occupations so they can make better decisions in their future when deciding on a college degree and career.

Seniors had the opportunity to attend the GEAR UP TN Rising Senior Camp at the University of Memphis at Lambuth. One of the highlights of the GEAR UP program is



▲ Sophomores at the GEAR UP TN Youth Summit learned how the college admission process works as they participated in a college application simulation. Students acted as college admission officers on a committee to decide who would be admitted to their college. Students had to consider family information, high school transcripts, ACT scores, activities, essays, and letters of recommendation to decide who would receive admittance.

▼ Students had the opportunity to job shadow during the "Learner to Leaders" camp.



the opportunity for students in the class of 2018 to apply and possibly be chosen to attend the GEAR UP TN Youth Summit. The yearly summit brings more than 200 students, along with school administrators, and parents, to a university so students can become totally immersed in college life by participating in challenging activities that impels them to use their leadership, team-building and critical skills to complete all their given tasks. Students stay on a college campus for two and a half days, sleep in dorms, and dine on campus. This year, nine tenth-grade students went to the summit at Middle Tennessee State University to participate in activities with students across the state of Tennessee.

Site Coordinator, Jackie Whitten, believes the efforts of the GEAR UP program, along with the Tennessee Promise, can make a real difference in the number of college-bound students. The Promise provides students two years of tuition-free attendance at a community or technical college in Tennessee. "It's an exciting time for the students in Haywood County, and we welcome these opportunities for students to get the knowledge needed to prepare for college and the financial assistance they need to pay for their education after high school. College is now a reality for students and we will see an increase in the number of first generation college students." **HCS**

# Summer Express Program a great success!

The Haywood County Extended Learning Summer Express Program, directed by Ms. **Catherine Lester**, was a huge success! More than 100 students, ranging in grades K-7, engaged in various learning opportunities including technology, art, chess, science, foreign languages, and entrepreneurship, among other subjects.

Students were privileged to visit both the Alex Haley Museum in Henning, Tennessee, and the Casey Jones Museum located in Jackson. Both field trips were a means to expose students to the rich history of the surrounding areas. Another delight for students was the various speakers, including a visit from Mayor **Bill Rawls**, who shared valuable information with the students.

The Summer Express staff members worked very hard to insure that each student attending the program would have a rich, fulfilling experience. Overall, the outcome was very favorable, and each student was impacted in a positive and enriching way. **HCS**



# April School Board meeting

Members of the Haywood County School Board met in regular session on Tuesday, April 14. After members approved the agenda, Superintendent **Teresa Russell** shared her celebration of schools. Board members also approved a policy change, mini-grants, and added days to the school calendar for HHS students and teachers, among other business.

Mrs. Russell talked about the HHS Tomcats winning the state basketball championship and HHS FCCLA students who performed well at the state competition and will be going to the national contest. She also reported that Senator **Dolores Gresham** visited Haywood Elementary on April 10, welcomed several student authors from Haywood Elementary and students from HMS who are learning about robotics.

In other business the board approved on first reading a policy change recommended by the Tennessee School Boards Association. Policy #64001 added wording that limits methods of student identification such as the collection of biometric data without prior written consent from parents. This policy covers student surveys, analyses and evaluations.

Board members also approved four mini-grants. **Kellie Haywood** at East Side Intermediate will use her grant to purchase the software, Study Island for Math Success. **Amelia Morrison**, a teacher from Haywood Elementary, will use her funds to purchase two HKC 8" 8GB Memory Dual Core Tablets. This will help students develop math skills. Also from East side Intermediate, **Chelsea Currie** will use her grant to subscribe to the iXL.com website to further develop her students' math skills. From Haywood High School, **John Cunningham** will purchase calculators for students to be successful in taking Chemistry I.

Instead of adopting textbooks, which was on the agenda, Mrs. Russell asked board members to make a blanket adoption so that when the state completes its review of the standards for the different subject areas, the appropriate books may be adopted. They approved the blanket adoption.

Although the board voted to approve that the high school be closed two days for the state basketball tournament, those days must be made up, according to state rules. Mrs. Russell announced at the meeting that the school calendar for the last week of school was May 18 and 19 with students out on the May 20 and teachers having a stockpile day, then teachers and students had one-half day on May 21. Now, HHS teachers will make up the stockpile day on Saturday, May 16, then students and teachers will attend school May 18-21 all day and one-half day on Friday, May 22.

Board members approved Parents and Educators for Progress (PEP) as a School Support Organization 501(C) (3) status. They also set Wednesday, April 29, as the date for their Annual Board Retreat.

The April meeting is when the board decides on how many scholarships and what amount will be given from the

Catherine Colhoun Scholarship Fund. **Allen Currie** and **Harrison Jones** serve on the Scholarship Committee, and Deputy Superintendent **Vincent Harvell** reported that the Colhoun Scholarship Fund has a balance of \$217,838. In the past, the board has approved six scholarships for \$2,000 each so board members agreed to give the six scholarships again this year. Mr. Currie and Mr. Jones will be meeting soon with the HHS guidance counselors to select seniors who will be recipients of the scholarships.

Mr. Harvell reported that the schools had received the Haywood County School District audit for the year ending June 30, 2014, and that there were no findings.

Board members approved the purchase of a 2004 GMC Yukon for \$9,800 for the school system. This vehicle is replacing a van and will be used by teachers to attend professional development and the board when they attend meetings.

They approved a contract with Trane for the Chiller Service Agreement for the unit at Haywood High School. It is a three-year contract for about \$113,000. This includes inspections and some parts if repairs are needed. They also approved setting a budget amount for a new roof needed for East Side Intermediate. The \$625,000 set aside for this major project will come from the schools' fund balance. If this is the cost of the roof, the fund balance will be about \$1.67 million.

Mrs. Russell invited **Abby Nichols** to speak to the board and guests after business.

She works for TSAC, Tennessee Student Assistance Corporation. TSAC is the state agency that administers the Hope Lottery Scholarship, TN Promise, TN reconnect, and Dual enrollment. She discussed the Drive to 55 initiatives (TN Promise and TN Reconnect) primarily. According to Mrs. Nichols, Tennessee Promise offers two years of tuition-free community or technical college to Tennessee high school graduates beginning with the Class of 2015. Tennessee Promise is a last-dollar scholarship, meaning it will cover college costs not met from Pell, HOPE, or TSAA.

Tennessee Reconnect is the Drive to 55 initiative to help more adults complete a postsecondary degree or credential. Tennessee has between 900,000 and 1 million adults with some college but no degree. Mrs. Nichols said, "It is impossible to achieve the mission of the Drive to 55 without re-engaging these students and helping them finish their degree or certificate. As part of Tennessee Reconnect, all Tennessee adults can now attend and earn a diploma or certificate at any of our 27 Tennessee Colleges of Applied Technology (TCATs) completely free of tuition and fees." Mrs. Russell thanked Mrs. Nichols for her presentation.

The next board meeting will be held on May 12 at 6 p.m. **HCS**

# Haywood County School Board earns “Board of Distinction” recognition

The Haywood County School Board was recognized at its meeting Tuesday night, May 12, as a Tennessee School Board Association Board of Distinction, highlighting outstanding board performance. **Marty Burlison**, board member in Tipton County and Tennessee School Boards Association Delta District Director, was on hand to make the presentation. This award, one of TSBA’s most prestigious, celebrates the achievements of those boards that have met the challenge of leadership in every area of their board responsibility. Mr Burlison said that the Haywood County Board is one of a select few boards that earn this designation. The HCS Board has been a Board of Distinction since 1990.

In other business at the meeting, Superintendent **Teresa Russell** recognized students and several events that have happened in the schools in the last few weeks. She announced the success that the HHS Baseball Tomcats are having, vying for the Region 8AA Championship on Wednesday against Ripley. The Soccer Tomcats are also having great success this year playing in the Region 8AA semifinal game Tuesday. Mrs. Russell also introduced Ebony Clark who read a poem to the board and visitors. She presented this poem at Mayor **Bill Rawls’** Save Our Streets event at the high school recently. GEAR UP held its first College Signing Day on May 6, featuring more than 100 HHS seniors announcing where they are going to college. Also Mrs. Russell introduced two new 30+ Club members, **Audrey Davis** and **Dustin Milton**. These students scored a 30 or above on the ACT. Audrey is the daughter of **Julie** and **Stark Davis**, and Dustin is the son of **Chris Milton** and **Jackie Inman**.

Mrs. Russell and the board met for their annual board retreat on April 29, and among other business they discussed, they conducted Mrs. Russell’s evaluation. Board Chairman **Harold Garrett** said it was a favorable evaluation. Mr. Garrett said while giving Mrs. Russell a raise would be warranted based on her performance and what other area superintendents are paid, she told him she wouldn’t accept a raise.

Board members approved several out-of-town trips for school groups. HHS HOSA advisor **Julie Taylor** will take



▲ Haywood County School Board members received a plaque designating them as a Board of Distinction, highlighting outstanding board performance. Pictured are (from left) **Marty Burlison**, Board Chairman **Harold Garrett**, Superintendent **Teresa Russell**, Board members **Harrison Jones**, **Olivia Farrington** and **Greg Vanstory**, Deputy Superintendent **Vincent Harvell** and Executive Assistant **Debbie Benard**. Not pictured is board member **Allen Currie**.

one student to the HOSA National Leadership Conference in Anaheim, California in June. **Denita Jarratt** will take three CTE students to the National FCCLA Star Events contest in Washington, D. C., in July. They also approved two trips for Mrs. **Jackie Whitten** to take students to MTSU on one trip and to Fort Campbell, Kentucky, and Austin Peay State on the other trip. Principal **Yvette Blue** of the Haywood Middle School received permission for the use of a school bus, to be driven by Mr. **Nick Korn**, to take students to the Kids Across American campsite in Branson, Missouri, in late May and early June.

The board, upon the recommendation of Mrs. Russell, approved the start-up of the Haywood Tomcat Pom Squad, a new extracurricular activity at Haywood High School.

Board members agreed to study the schools’ policy manual and discuss any changes that they recommend to be considered at the June board meeting. Before budget amendments were read, Deputy Superintendent **Vincent Harvell** reported that the balance of the Catherine Truss Colhoun Trust has a balance of \$217,838. Board members agreed last month to give six \$2,000 scholarships to HHS graduates this year.

The next meeting will be held on June 9 at 6 p.m. **HCS**

# School Board meets on June 9

Superintendent of Schools **Teresa Russell** opened the June HCS School Board meeting with her celebration of schools. She read to board members, guests and HHS Basketball Coach **Kendall Dancy** Resolution 313 of the Tennessee House of Representatives, which gave special recognition to the Haywood High Men's Basketball team that won the Division 1 Class AA State Championship. The resolution gave the team's winning statistics for the year and expressed great pride in its accomplishments. Sponsoring the resolution was Haywood County Representative **Craig Fitzhugh** and State Senator **Delores Gresham**.

Mrs. Russell also recognized the success of the Summer Express program, a nine-day summer program that offers special learning opportunities for the 137 students who participated. She said in addition to the classroom activities, students enjoyed two field trips. Mrs. Russell also shared with board members a report she received from the Family Resource Centers, one located at Anderson and one at Haywood Elementary. She said that 2,236 students used the centers, and that families checked out more than 7,000 items. She also reported that the Book Jam program was a great success with 1,728 students receiving free books, and in their programs, Haywood County students read more than 76,000 books.

Attending the meeting were board members **Harold Garrett, Allen Currie, Olivia Farrington** and **Harrison Jones**. Board member **Greg Vanstory** was out of town on business. In other business, board members approved the 2016 fiscal year Local Consolidated Application for students with disabilities under the No Child Left Behind law. They also approved to operate under a continuation budget until passage of the 2015-16 county budget by the Haywood County Commission. Superintendent Russell asked board members to approve the application process for two new Tornado Safe Space grants, one to be built at Haywood High and one to be built at East Side Intermediate School. This was approved.

Board members did not approve the superintendent's request to reappoint the current members of the Disciplinary Hearing Authority. Board member Olivia Farrington asked the board why they did not appoint members to the authority as it states in Policy 6.317. She said, "Either we need to go by the policy or change it." Mrs. Russell said that she requested the reappointments because she believed that the current authority members are doing a good job, and this is the way it has been done. After a discussion about the policy and the authority members, the board agreed to table the item on the agenda until Mrs. Russell can discuss the policy with HCS attorneys. Currently serving on the authority are **Art Garrett, Kenneth Emerson, Samuel Carney, Dorothy Bond, Opal Hay** and as an alternate, **Marjorie Vault**.

Board members discussed the next item on the agenda – bonuses for coaches. Besides coaches, the list included



▲ Superintendent of Schools Teresa Russell presented HHS Basketball Coach Kendall Dancy with copies of Resolution 313 of the Tennessee House of Representatives, which gave special recognition to the basketball team for winning the Division I Class AA State Championship. Each team member will get a copy of the Resolution.

sponsors of Career and Technical groups, the band and several other groups. After much discussion, the item did not pass when Olivia Farrington and Harrison Jones voted yes and Allen Currie and Harold Garrett voted no.

Mrs. Russell had on the agenda her new organizational chart, but asked to delay presenting this item until she has time to make some changes.

Board members approved the request from Mr. **Vincent Harvell** and Mrs. Russell for approval to schedule a company to repair the gym floor at Haywood Middle School. It seems the wood floor is rising in a big area due to a moisture problem. Insurance representatives have said they are not responsible for this damage, but they are waiting on a report from an engineer on the exact cause of the damage. The company they want to hire, "Sports Flooring," is a part of the National Joint Power Alliance, of which HCS is a member, so they don't have to bid out the project since other areas schools have used this company on similar projects. The estimated cost for the project will be \$22,556.

After board members approved some budget amendments, but before closing, Mrs. Russell set up a budget meeting with budget committee members Harold Garrett and Allen Currie for next Tuesday, June 16.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, July 14, at 6 p.m. HCS

# GoNoodle makes you smarter!

**D**id you know that playing games will make you smarter! Well, Ms. **Krista Parker**'s class sure does! Haywood County Schools is participating in an online physical activity program that increases attention skills, focusing, and retention of classwork. The program is called GoNoodle and it features really FUN "brain breaks," which are 3- to 4-minute physical activities to be done beside their desks. GoNoodle was introduced last year to HCS teachers by Coordinated School Health.

BCBST is sponsoring this program statewide to schools for the purpose for making students healthier and increasing academic performance. One-hundred-eleven teachers in our schools currently use GoNoodle "brain breaks," and Ms. **Cindy Smith** will be working on increasing that next year. Of those schools, 100 percent of Anderson teachers use GoNoodle in their classrooms!

And of that 100 percent, Mrs. Krista Parker's class has logged over 612 brain breaks for a total of 27,202 minutes ... and her students have earned 16 "champs"! Champs are whimsical figures that you can print and post in your classroom to celebrate various numbers of brain breaks played. Mrs. Parker's class was treated to a smoothie party by Coordinated School Health for having the most brain breaks/usage at Anderson and Haywood County Schools ... and probably the State of Tennessee!!! Way to go, Mrs. Krista! WAY TO GO, HCS TEACHERS! HCS



## Anderson students learn about safety in the sun



**S**tudents at Anderson, Haywood Elementary, and East Side learned about sun safety, skin cancer, and helping others who are sick recently. The Health Department and Coordinated School Health teamed up to sponsor this project as part of the Relay for Life effort. Educational information as well as a note to parents was sent home explaining the project. Dowling Pharmacy, Main Street Pharmacy, Walgreens, and Walmart donated all the sunscreen for these 1,600 students to use during their Field Day games at all three schools. Students at these three schools donated \$338.36 for the Relay for Life! Isn't that a wonderful way to help others while learning about taking care of yourself and other people? Thanks, kids and parents! HCS





# Anderson Cubs “Go Pink”

Today marked another special day at Anderson. In honor of the perseverance of some of our Anderson family, the Guardians of the Ribbon came to Anderson in the pink fire truck. The cancer survivors of our Anderson family, both past and present, were asked to honor the Guardians by signing the fire truck. Mrs. **Linda Sanders** and Mrs. **Krista Parker** were presented with flowers and T-

shirts in honor of their courageous fight with cancer this year. Also asked to sign were **Mary Jane Hawkins, Tucker Smith, Rebecca Shaw** and **Glenda Thomas**. As always, Cubs keep going. Not only did the Anderson family turn out, but also their families.

Go, Cubs and Go PINK! HCS



## Eddie the Eagle and FCCLA members visit Anderson

Haywood High School students in Mrs. **Denita Jarratt's** Honors Human Services class and Mrs. **Sarah Haynes' Child and Lifespan Development** class, along with **Eddie Eagle**, worked on gun safety with kindergartners from Anderson Early Childhood Center recently.

Students were shown a cartoon video of Eddie Eagle who flew around a city and warned kids of the dangers of guns. In the video he told via song and dance that if they found a gun to “stop, don’t touch, leave the area, tell an adult.”

Following the video, the high schools students practiced the song and dance with the kindergartners to help them remember what to do if they find a gun.

Eddie the Eagle joined in and visited each classroom giving out coloring books, stickers, and certificates.

The Eddie the Eagle Gun Safety program is sponsored by The Brownsville Police Department and the National Rifle Association. This is also part of Haywood High School’s FCCLA STOP the Violence campaign. HCS



# HES introduces student authors

When the school board met on April 14, several Haywood Elementary students gave a presentation for board members and guests. These students, **Caleb Morris**, **Aubrey Frye** and **Keaston Middlebrooks**, read their entries in a book written by them and their classmates. Mrs. Elizabeth Lovelace's class at Haywood Elementary School wrote a book called *If I Were a Superhero*. Each student wrote his or her own selection and illustrated a picture to go in the book. Once the editing process was completed, the book was published. They were all very excited to receive a hardbound book with their work in it! HCS



# Money Bee visits Haywood Elementary

Mr. Tim Stokely, Mrs. Laura Tucker, and Money Bee from Insouth Bank visited Mrs. Valerie Sceals' class to talk to the students about money. The class had fun learning about borrowing and saving. HCS



# The Ned Show came to Haywood Elementary

The Ned Show came to Haywood Elementary, and it was a great program that taught the students to always believe in themselves, try their best, and encourage others through the use of yoyos. The students were also able to purchase a yoyo so that they could practice on the playground during recess! The students were very attentive and very respectful as they watched and listen to the speaker. **Jaden Byars** was the winner of a yoyo for telling how to apply the NED motto "Never give up, encourage others, and do your best!" HCS



# Students participate in “Healthy Living” art contest

As part of Public Health week, students at Haywood Elementary participated in a Healthy Living Art Contest. Students drew pictures of their idea of healthy living. The winners are:

First grade: **Lamia Person** - 1st place; **Caden Evans** - 2nd place; **Elizabeth Mann** - 3rd place.

Second grade: **Carleigh Day** - 1st place; **Averie Parnell** - 2nd place; **Kamia Somerville** - 3rd place.

Third grade: **Matthew Jackson** - 1st place; **David Elrod** - 2nd place; **Anna Elrod** - 3rd place.

The Health Department, UT Extension, and Coordinated School Health sponsored the art contest. HCS



# Students learn about eating healthy

Students at Haywood Elementary received a minute health message from Ms. **Tamara Roach** with the TN Department of Health. Ms. Roach is the Community Outreach Coordinator and works with Coordinated School Health to bring healthy lessons to Haywood County School students. While in line for lunch, students learned about how much salt (sodium) is in foods, and how to try to reduce the salt you eat in order to stay healthy. So, if your child comes home telling you that you are eating too much salt, you probably are! We all are. But now they know how to do something about it! HCS



# Hashtag your Class!



Students in Mrs. **Elizabeth Lovelace's** first-grade class were treated to a Smoothie Party after winning the “Hashtag your Class” contest. UT Extension and the Health Department sponsored the contest where teachers hashtagged their classes doing something healthy during Public Health Week. Coordinated School Health sponsored the Smoothies! Way to go, Miss Elizabeth's class! HCS

# Senator Gresham visits HES



Senator **Dolores Gresham** visited Haywood Elementary on Friday, April 10. It was an honor to show off our wonderful school and share the great things happening in classrooms. Senator Gresham read to a group of students and spoke to representatives from “Save the Children” program. HCS

# East Side garden features delicious, red tomatoes!

**H**aywood County School students may enjoy delicious, red tomatoes later this summer and next school year, thanks to the school garden at East Side Intermediate School.

The 1305 Chronic Disease Grant sponsored the garden and the Community Coalition for Change (C3) grant supplied the tomatoes. The Haywood County Health Department, UT Extension, and Coordinated School Health are in charge of thinking of activities for the citizens of Brownsville/Haywood

County that will improve/decrease obesity, heart disease, and diabetes, and the tomato garden is one of those activities.

The school garden will share its yield with the cafeterias of Haywood County Schools in an effort to get students to eat more fruits and/or vegetables. Mrs. **Joni Taylor**'s fifth-grade class has taken on the garden as a project. They will "tend on" the garden throughout the summer. Project Managers for the class are **Ava Adams** and **Jennifer Moses**. An additional school employee will also oversee the project over the summer. It was fun watching them and the other students plant the garden. **HCS**

## East Side Walks Across Tennessee ...17 times



**S**tudents at East Side participated in an eight-week physical activity program sponsored by Coordinated School Health and UT Extension 4-H program. They recorded the number of minutes spent doing any physical activity each day, then turned in weekly log sheets to their teachers. Each 15 minutes of activity equaled "one mile." CSH kept the data and totals. Students had a hard time coming up with physical activities during the snow and icy months, but at the end of the program here's what they had:

Fifth grade logged 66,060 minutes of physical activity, equal to 4,404 (15 minute) miles, equal to walking across TN 10.0 times! The fifth-grade class that logged the most time was Ms. **Katrina Hill**'s class.

Fourth grade logged 46,375 minutes of physical activity, equal to 3,091 (15 minute) miles, equal to walking across TN 7.02 times! The fourth-grade class that logged the most time was Ms. **Jennifer Emerson**'s class!

Three fourth-grade students individually logged the most physical activity and received a small prize for that. They were: **Jeb Banks**, for 2,942 physical activity minutes; **Leighanna Baker**, for 1,765 physical activity minutes; and **Molly Nichols**, for 1,275 physical activity minutes. **WAY TO GO, EAST SIDE!** Thanks to all the students, parents, and teachers who helped make this a successful and healthy program for these students! **HCS**



# ES students learn about good dental health

**D**id you know that the average American eats 150 pounds of sugar a year? YUK! Students at East Side learned what happens to our teeth when we eat too much sugar, and how hard it is to truly keep our teeth clean. **Terry Archer**, with the State Health Department, provided a quick “lunch and learn” with a brief Powerpoint presentation and a short, really cool DVD for all the students. She will offer dental “sealant,” that will protect their teeth against sugar and mouth acids, to all students who want to receive this great, free, painless service. **HCS**



# East Side welcomes parents for pastries on April 2

**E**ast Side opened its doors for 59 parents and family members on Thursday, April 2, to enjoy its “Pastries for Parents” breakfast.

“Thanks to all of the parents who were able to join us for Pastries for Parents,” said Assistant Principal **Mandy Bell**. “We enjoyed sharing our morning with you. We hope to see you again soon!” **HCS**



# East Side students draw about healthy living

**E**ast Side students recently participated in the Public Health Week Art Contest, sponsored by the Health Department, UT Extension, and assisted by Coordinated School Health. Students were to draw what they thought of as “healthy living”. It was really hard to decide, but here are the winners:

4th grade: 1st place: **McKasia Brantley**; 2nd place: **Hadley Clagg**; 3rd place: **Molly Nichols**.

5th grade: 1st place: **Jennifer Moses**; 2nd place: **Akahli Sangster**; 3rd place: **Lillian Waddell**. **HCS**



# Graduates receive more than \$3.6 million in scholarships

**D**ignitaries, family and friends gathered Friday night and Saturday morning to honor 187 graduates of the Haywood High School Class of 2015. The Awards Ceremony was held Friday night in school gym and the Graduation Ceremony Saturday morning, also inside due to rain.

## Valedictorians (9)

**Emma Baumheckel, Will Clinton, Dannon Eubanks, Lauren Markowski, Mireya Pulido, Sara Ridriguez, Kyle Sills, Ryan Watson, and Destiny Williams**, received the Valedictorian Award for having the highest scholastic average in the Distinguished Scholar Program. All nine of these students have maintained a 4.0 GPA during their four years in high school.

## Remaining Top Ten

In addition to our Valedictorians, **Samantha Pittman** received an award for placing in the top 10 grade-point averages in the Distinguished Scholar Program.

Forty-seven graduates qualify for the Tennessee Scholars recognition - The Tennessee Scholars program is a business-led initiative endorsed by the Tennessee Department of Education, the Tennessee Chamber of Commerce and Industry, the Tennessee Business Roundtable, and many other education coalitions across the state. To become Tennessee Scholars, students must complete a rigorous academic and technical course of study that exceeds the minimum requirements for a diploma.

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## HHS Class of 2015 Top 10



▲ Destiny Williams (1), Ryan Watson (1), Mireya Pulido (1), Emma Baumheckel (1), Sara Rodriguez (1), Kyle Sills (1), Dannon Eubanks (1), Samantha Pittman (10), Lauren Markowski (1), and Will Clinton (1).

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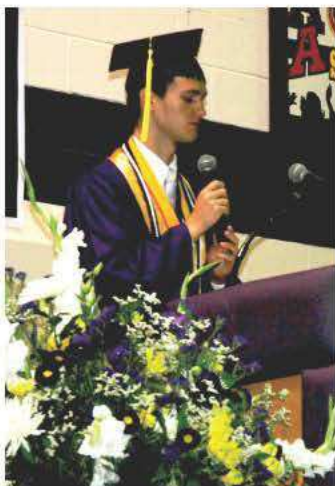
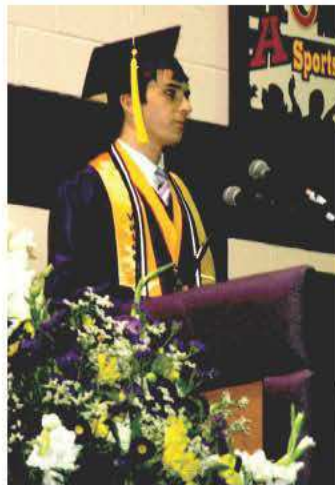
Additionally, they must meet other criteria including at least 80 hours of community service. "It speaks well of Haywood High School and of our senior class that 47 of our graduates meet all the requirements for Tennessee Scholar status, and that they collectively have performed more than 4,830 hours of community service during the past four years," Principal Jerry Pyron said.

**Scholarships – Colleges and Universities - \$1,000,824 (4 years)**

**HOPE (Lottery) Scholarships (83) seniors qualified - \$640,000 for 1 year - \$2,560,000 over 4 years**

**Local Scholarships - \$87,065**

**Total in Scholarships - \$3,647,889 over 4 years HCS**



# HMS holds promotional ceremony

Haywood Middle School held the Promotion Ceremony for 242 eighth-grade students on Tuesday, May 19, in the Haywood High School gymnasium to a packed house of family and friends. Principal **Yvette Blue** welcomed everyone to the ceremony and introduced Mr. and Mrs. HMS, **Deyondrius Hines** and **Ahmadia Hines** who spoke to the crowd and their classmates. Also speaking to the crowd was Superintendent of Schools **Teresa Russell**. HMS Guidance Counselor **Michelle Brasfield** introduced the Top 10, followed by HHS Principal Dr. **Jerry Pyron** speaking to the students about coming to HHS, dreaming big, working hard and finding success. Mrs. Blue and Assistant Principal **J. Morris Long** gave the students their promotional certificates before presenting them as the “Class of 2019.”

Earning Top Ten Honors based on their three-year grade averages were (1) **Samuel Thomas Banks**, 98; (2) **Victoria Isabella Colbeck**, 97.70; (3) **Ashlei Renea Wililams**, 97.43; (4) **Titus Ezra Newble**, 97.38; (5) **Jackson Lefave Pettigrew**, 97.22; (6) **Hunter Ricks Smothers**, 96.67; (7) **Emily Vaden Russell**, 96.63; (8) **Colbie Leigh Killen**, 96.37; (9) **Jamya Nashae Douglas**, 95.95; and (10) **Ellington Skye Steele**, 95.93. HCS





# HMS holds Academic Awards Program

The Academic Awards Program at Haywood Middle School was held on May 18 in the gymnasium. Welcoming everyone to the event was Principal Yvette Blue. Presenting awards were: Exchange Club Citizenship Award - Mrs. Joan Banks; DAR Award - Mrs. Margaret Welch; VFW Patriot's Pen Essay Awards - Mr. Ray Dixon; EXPLORE Awards - Mrs. Michelle Brasfield; Duke TIP Awards - Mrs. Michelle Brasfield; Passport2Manhood Club - Mr. Dwight Jones; HMS Spelling Bee Awards - Ms. Gina Cozart; Library Awards - Ms. Gina Cozart; Top Reader Awards - Ms. Gina Cozart; Pod Awards - Mrs. Mary Jane Williams - Language Arts, Science, Social Studies, Citizenship, Most Improved; Second Honor Roll - Asst. Principal Morris Long; First Honor Roll - Principal Yvette Blue; Perfect Attendance Awards - Mrs. Jane Jameson; and Closing Remarks - Asst. Principal Morris Long.



## Award Winners

**Exchange Club Citizenship Award** - 6th Grade - Elizabeth Kirby, runner-up - Anthony Nile; 7th Grade - Keterrian Currie, runner-up - Alyssa Allen; 8th Grade - Bendy Yuan Zhao, runner-up Victoria Colbeck

**DAR Award** - Ellington Steele

**VFW Essay Awards** - Honorable Mention (\$10.00) - 6th Grade - Elizabeth Kirby, Aniya Flournoy, Shantia Branch; 7th Grade - Asia Palmer; 8th Grade - Jordan Bell; WINNER - Dylan Milton (\$50.00)

**EXPLORE Awards - CERTIFICATES** - Sam Banks, Massai Twitty, Bendy Yuan Zhao, Anya Allen, Jordan Bell, Carlisle Clagg, Victoria Colbeck, Jordan Cone, Laurynn Ferrell, Leslie Fox, Gabriel Gonzalez, Anna Haynes, Jenavieve Jordan, Colbie Killen, Macon Leon, Titus Newble, Acayla Palmer, Everette Pettigrew, Ellie Riddle, Emily Russell, Alex Sceals, Brandy Zamudio

**Duke Tip (7th Grade) CERTIFICATES** - Benjamin Naylor, Duke TIP Qualification; Amanda Watson, Duke TIP Participant; Charles Phillips, Duke TIP Participant; Kameron Pickens, Duke TIP Participant; Rebecca Davis, Duke TIP State Recognition; Asia Palmer, Duke TIP State Recognition

**Spelling Bee** - 1st place-Kameron Pickens; Runner up-Emily Russell

**Library Awards (Medals)** - Rebecca Davis, Kameron Pickens

**Top Reader Awards Certificates**

**POP Awards (Medals)**

**6th Grade "Alabama"** - **Language Arts** - Reed Chapman /Elizabeth Kirby, **Math** -Ann Wesley Banks/Elizabeth Kirby; **Science** - Elizabeth Kirby; **Social**

**Studies** - Elizabeth Kirby; **Most Improved** - Tyrine Traxler, Savanna Coulston, Tanner Gatlin, Lucas Haynes; **Good Citizenship** - Alexis Priddy, Rianna Woods, Shaqwan Currie, Dyriah Pickens

**6th Grade "Vols"** - **Language Arts** - Jasmine Wellington; **Math** - Angelina Ferrer; **Science** - Angelina Ferrer; **Social Studies** - Angelina Ferrer; **Most Improved** - Xzavion Turner; **Good Citizenship** - Ruth Aguilar and Elizabeth Steele

**6th Grade "Tigers"** - **Language Arts** - Velma Santos; **Math** - Chayoue Yuan; **Science** - Chayoue Yuan; **Social Studies** - Molly McCage; **Most Improved** - Haley Anthony, Zoe Melo, Arianna Flagg, Anahi Cruz; **Good Citizenship** - Mikya Montgomery, Uziel Policarpo, Shelby Littlejohn, Samuel Haynes

**7th Grade "Vols"** - **Language Arts** - Preston Moore; **Math** - Riley Simmons; **Science** - Rebecca Davis; **Social Studies** - Rebecca Davis; **Most Improved** - Malik Turner; **Good Citizenship** - Riley Simmons

**7th Grade "Union Bulldogs"** - **Language Arts** - Alexandria Goodman; **Math** - Alexandria Goodman; **Science** - Alexis Ocegueda; **Social Studies** - Alexis Ocegueda

**Most Improved** - Mia Gaieto-McKinney, Shaquira Brown, Trevor Brewer

**Good Citizenship** - Alexandria Goodman, Haven Williams, Andrew Stanley, Alexis Ocegueda

**7th Grade "Skyhawks"** - **Language Arts** - Iverson Hines; **Math** - Alyssa Allen; **Science** - Alyssa Allen; **Social Studies** - Alyssa Allen; **Most Improved** - Chandler Nixon, Juan Martinez, Valentia Dancy, Cortasia Stewart; **Good Citizenship** - Abbie Meck

**8th Grade "Wildcats"** - **Language Arts** - Massai Twitty; **Math** - Alex Sceals; **Science** - Riley Barr; **Most Improved** - Arianna Harris, Chelsea Clark, Braxton Turner, Baileigh Waldrop; **Good Citizenship** - Iana Letman, Skye Green, Jordan Cone, McKenna Barken

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**8th Grade “Mississippi State Bulldogs” - Language Arts –**

Bendy Yuan Zhao; **Math –** Bendy Yuan Zhao; **Science –** Titus Newble; **Social Studies –** Bendy Yuan Zhao; **Most Improved –** Cortlin Herron, Decourtney Reed, Deronica Nelson; **Good Citizenship –** Demarius Freeman, Caitlin Williams, Taneshia Jordan, Bria Grant

**8th Grade “Auburn Tigers” - Language Arts –**

Sam Banks; **Math –** Victoria Colbeck; **Science –** Ashlei Williams; **Social Studies –** Sam Banks; **Most Improved –** Ahmadia Hines, Colby Warren; **Good Citizenship –** Robert Harris, Yatzi Cruz

**Mr. Featherston - Language Arts -** Jacob Warren; **Math -** Candice Crews; **Most Improved -** Miracle Taylor, Desmond Reed; **Good Citizenship -** Miracle Taylor, Candice Crews, Katelyn Campbell, Glendarious Jarrett; **Special Olympics -** Robert Gilliam, Noah Cole, Jordan Warren

**Ms. Logan - Language Arts -** DaMarco Taylor; **Math -** DaMarco Taylor - Jeremiah Taylor; **Most Improved -** James Goodman, Jeremiah Taylor, Jerelisha Tyus

**Good Citizenship -** Angel Gill, Jeremiah Taylor, James Goodman, Jerelisha Tyus, Jeremiah Taylor; **Special Olympics -** Gordan Pearson, DaMarco Taylor, Jeremiah Taylor, Shiann Mathes, Zachary Thweatt, Jerelisha Tyus

**First/Second Honor Roll- Medals/Certificates**

**6th Grade -**Ruth Aguilar, Carleigh Cannon, Bryse Carlton, Elizabeth Carpenter, Shaquan Currie, Anna Evans, Aniya Flournoy, Brionna Folks, Madison Harris, Leona Hitch, Walt Lonnon, Drew McBride, Madeline McCage, Britlyn McGarity, Angel Medina, Aiden Morton, Mykayla Mullins, Garrison Parker, Uziel Policarpo, Kyeth Powell, Thomas Pugh, Esmund Ruthkowski, Velma Santos, Julia Snowden, Melanie Tyus, Jasmine Wellington, Nyana Whitelaw

**7th Grade -** Gemiah Bell, Tamela Bell, Carson Conaster, Alex Goodman, Iverson Hines, Hannah Littlejohn, Abigail Meck, Destiny Medina, Preston Moore, Breyden Mora, Benjamin Naylor, Alexis Ocegueda, Asia Palmer, Kameron Pickens, Lauren Qualls, Andre Robertson, Tamia Robertson, Riley Simmons, Noah Staggs, Katie Walls, Amanda Watson

**8th Grade -** Shakayla Alford, Daniel Arellanes, Trevon Banks, McKenna Barken, Cornisha Barnes, Riley Barr, Jordan Bell, Jordan Cone, Lashdia Conner, Tyler Dickens, Janya Douglas, Laurynn Ferrell, Leslie Fox, Bria Grant,



Deyondruis Hines, Calen Johnson, McKenzie Kelly, Randarious Kinney, Kaleb Kutz, J.T. Lea, Iana Letman, Briana Mann, Karsen Neal, Titus Newble, Jackson Pettigrew, Lillie Pittman, Isiah Polk, Ellie Riddle, Alex Sceals, Taylor Shields, Ellington Steele, Jakobe Swift, Iyana Taylor, Massai Twitty, Lane Ward, Kirsten Watson, Shanya Whitelaw

**First Honor Roll- Medals/Certificates**

**6th Grade -** Ann Wesley Banks, Reed Chapman, Angelina Ferrer, Elizabeth Kirby, Molly McCage, Dyriah Pickens, Rianna Woods, Chaoyue Yuan

**7th Grade -** Alyssa Allen, Cameron Bond, Rebecca Davis, Charles Phillips,

**8th Grade -** Sam Banks, Victoria Colbeck, Ahmadia Hines, Colbie Killen, Everette Pettigrew, Breonica Reed, Emily Russell, Hunter Smothers, Ashlei Williams, Bendy Yuan-Zhao

**Perfect Attendance-Medals/Certificates**

**6th Grade -** Anasyria Carson, Ashareyah Franklin, Tanner Gatlin, Leona Hitch, Brakiah Hudson, Kiara Liggins, James Moore, Zakia Williams

**7th Grade -** Contavious Bufford, Rebecca Davis, Hunter Hensley, Chassity Hill, Iverson Hines, Lee Kinnon, Charles Phillips

**8th Grade -** Xavierious Fields, Trotavious Grade een, Randarious Kinney, Iyana Taylor, Trekia Woods, Tyreke Yancey **HCS**

# HHS honors Distinguished Scholars

Haywood High School held its annual Distinguished Scholar Recognition Banquet on May 4 in the school cafeteria. Forty-two senior students were recognized as 2015 Distinguished Scholar candidates. Participating in the program were Principal Dr. **Jerry Pyron**, Class President **Dannon Eubanks**, and teachers Mrs. **Julie Dahlhauser** and Mrs. **Linda Baxter**.

Distinguished Scholar candidates include **Jamie Alese April**, **Jordan Chanté Bailey**, **Emma Kaye Baumheckel**, **Autumn Bond**, **Alyssa Megan Campbell**, **Michael Hunter Campbell**, **Briana J. Cason**, **Christian J. Castro**, **Pamela Castro**, **Ebony Clark**, **William Clinton**, **Quantez Davis**, **Kyler Douglas**, **Idalias Yvette Flagg**, **Dannon Eubanks**, **Elizabeth Leah Ford**, **Shelby Alonxius Harris**, **Quaserica Holmes**, **Brandi Hudson**, **Jamira LaShay Jarrett**, **Tia V. Kent**, **Mary-Will King**, **Milena Mans**, **Lauren Markowski**, **Blake Moore**, **Abbey Elizabeth Morris**, **Hannah Leigh Ogden**, **Infiniti Pickens**, **Samantha Pittman**, **Mireya Pulido**, **Ethan Thomas Riddle**, **Sara Rodriguez**, **Breon Shaw**, **Kyle Gregory Sills**, **Jessica Deanna Taylor**, **Davarius Jawaun Tyus**, **Isaiah T. Walker**, **Martravius Washington**, **Ryan Watson**, **Destiny L. Williams**, **Dasjia Wilson** and **Gabriella Woody**.

Also recognized were students who made first honor roll the first, second and third quarters this school term: **Emma Baumheckel**, **Will Clinton**, **Trever Dancy**, **Audrey Davis**, **Mattie Ford**, **Elliot Garrett**, **Angel Goodrich**, **Kezira Horton**, **Adam K. Jollo**, **Taylor Ann King**, **Haynes Kirby**, **Kaitlin Leath**, **Lauren Markowski**, **Mary-Wyatt Pettigrew**, **Tina Phan**, **Mireya Pulido**,



**Sara Rodriguez, Felescia Sanders, Anne Marie Sceals, Kyle Sills, Dylan Simmons, Brandon Rahshad Taylor and Ryan Watson. HCS**

## Adara Donald elected to FCCLA State Executive Council

At the FCCLA State Leadership Conference, held in Nashville, Tennessee, recently, **Adara Donald** ran for and was elected to the FCCLA State Executive Council. Her position is Vice President of Individual Development. "This is a huge honor and responsibility," her teacher and sponsor **Denita Jarratt** said. Adara is the daughter of **Jennifer Donald** and the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. **Jimmy Donald**. Adara is a sophomore at Haywood High School and serves as Mrs. Jarratt's Vice President of FCCLA. Adara is very involved in school activities. She is the Sophomore Class Vice President, the treasurer of the Interact Club, a member of DECA, the Book Club, and the Junior Humane Society. She has been active in Haywood High School sports as well. She was on the soccer team and a member of the Track and Field team. Adara (right) is pictured with the other state officers. HCS



# HHS HOSA students compete in state contests



Three thousand HOSA students from across Tennessee met in Nashville March 19-21 for the HOSA State Leadership Conference and Competition. HHS students **Emma Baumheckel** and **Felescia Sanders** placed fifth in Emergency Medical Technician and **Anne Marie Sceals** placed third in Sports Medicine. Anne Marie will advance to the 38th Annual National Leadership Conference to be held in Anaheim, California, June 24-27. HHS sponsors for HOSA are **Julie Taylor** and **Brandlin Turner**. HCS

## FCCLA members compete in State contest

Haywood High School students recently participated in STAR Events (Students Taking Action with Recognition) at the Family, Career and Community Leaders of America's (FCCLA) State Leadership Conference, which was held in Nashville, Tennessee. FCCLA members had the opportunity to meet and network with hundreds of members from around the state. With a theme of Reach for the STARS, students were encouraged to attend general sessions with dynamic keynote speakers, participate in workshops, visit exhibit booths, and compete in their STAR Events. HHS Sponsors Mrs. **Denita Jarratt**, Mrs. **Sarah Haynes**, and Mrs. **Vickie Noles** each had FCCLA members to compete. There results were as follows:



**Ashley Morgan** and **Chardae Douglas** competed in the Life Event Planning, Senior category and placed 7th in state. They received a silver medal.

**Jada Shaw** received a gold medal in Creed, Senior, and she placed 6th in the state.

**Mikala Leath** received a silver medal in Creed, Junior. She placed 5th in the state.

**Aisha Shaw** competed in the Life Event Planning, Occupational category, received a silver medal and placed 4th in state.

**Jaylen Bledsoe** competed in the Career Investigation, Junior category and received a silver medal and 2nd place in the state. He will be representing Tennessee in Washington, D.C., at the National FCCLA STAR Event completion this summer.

**Adara Donald** and **Cate Thompson** competed in National Programs in Action, Senior, with the STOP the Violence campaign. They received a silver medal and 1st place in the state. They will also be representing Tennessee in Washington, D.C.

**Alecia Nelson**, **Immy Riley**, **Ali Hayes**, and **Angel Goodrich** also attended the conference, serving as voting delegates for their chapters.

Mrs. Noles' chapter received special recognition for having increased its membership by 25 members.

Mrs. Jarratt, Mrs. Haynes, and Mrs. Noles compliment the students on their professional behavior on the trip. All the students' hard work showed in their competitions, and they represented Haywood High School well. HCS

# HHS FFA honored at Awards Banquet

On Tuesday, April 21, Haywood High School FFA students attended the West Tennessee FFA Awards Banquet and won the Most Improved Chapter in West Tennessee, 1st place in District 5 for Horse Judging; 1st place, District 5 for Parliamentary Procedure; and 5th in West Tennessee for Lower Division Skills.

The Haywood FFA Chapter also attended the Tennessee State FFA Convention in Gatlinburg, Tennessee, March 30-April 1. The Chapter received a 10 percent Membership Increase Award. Also **Alyssa Campbell**, **Samantha Goodman** and **Amanda Rogers** earned their State FFA Degrees. HCS



# Het Herrera signs to play soccer at Martin Methodist

**Het Herrera**, a 2015 graduate of HHS, recently signed papers to play soccer for Martin Methodist College in Pulaski, Tennessee. He is the son of **Miguel** and **Isabel Herrera**. Het played soccer for HHS as a forward for four years under Coach **Mixon Moore**, and is a member of the Medina Raptors traveling team, under the direction of Coach **Craig Nakutis** and his wife **Chris Nakutis**. Pictured with Het are (from left, front) Coach **Mixon Moore**, his parents, **Chris Nakutis**, and (back row) Assistant Principal **Tim Seymour**, Principal **Jerry Pyron**, Assistant Principal **Paige Ferguson** and teacher **Kevin Hopper**. HCS

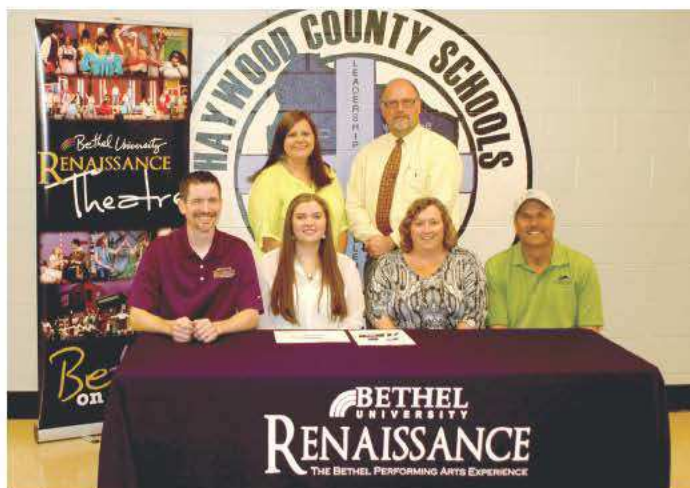


# Lauren Markowski receives Renaissance scholarship

Haywood High School senior **Lauren Markowski** signed in May to receive a Renaissance Scholarship at Bethel University to participate in the theatre and arts program there. She will receive \$8,000 per year for four years. She will also play golf for Bethel.

Joining her at the signing were (seated from left) **Brian Hill**, Director of the Renaissance program at Bethel; her parents, **Lory** and **David Markowski**; and (standing) HHS Drama teacher **Allyson Byrum** and Principal **Dr. Jerry Pyron**.

Lauren is in the Distinguished Scholars program at HHS, has a 4.0 GPA, and is a member of the Beta Club and other clubs, the HHS Show Choir and has participated in the school plays. She and her family attend Gracepoint Church in Jackson, Tennessee. HCS



# HHS Spring Sports Banquet highlights athletes

**H**aywood High School, along with PEP club members, held its Spring Sports Banquet on Monday, May 18, in the school cafeteria. Members of the school's basketball, baseball, soccer, softball, tennis and track teams were recognized for their successes on the field, court and track.

Assistant Principal and Athletic Director **Tim Seymour** emceed the event and opened with the HHS 2014-15 Athletic highlights.

In golf, team member **Lauren Markowski** played in the state tournament.

In cross country, **Reshada Dancy** also competed on the state level.

The girls' soccer team recorded its first winning record in team history.

The girls' basketball team won district, were the district tournament champs, the regional runner-up and sub-state runner-up.

The boys' basketball team won district, district tournament, regional, sub-state, and state championship.

The tennis team was district runner-up and Kyle Sills was regional runner-up.

The softball team was recognized as an improving young team.

The boys' soccer team was district tournament runner-up and regional semi-finalist.

The baseball team was district tournament champion, region champion and sub-state runner-up

The girls' track team had a USJ Invitational Meet winner.

The boys' track team had a Dyersburg Invitational winner,

**Kortavious Jones** was the Sectional Champion in the 400m (state qualifier), and **Denarius Toliver** was a sectional runner-up in the 200m (state qualifier)

Mr. Seymour also recognized **Mallory Blurton**, trainer for all the sports teams and a member of the Sports Plus staff in Brownsville. She donates her time to work with the athletes at Haywood High School and is available every day for the athletes and attends all the sports events. He presented her with a plaque and expressed appreciation on behalf of the school and the students.

## Baseball Tomcats

Named the Offensive Player of the Year was **Jordan Fitzgerald**. Defensive Player of the Year was **Preston Evans**. The Pitcher of the Year Awards went to **Billy Price** and **Dustin Staggs**. Player of the Year was **Hunter Roten**. Newcomer of the Year was **Tillman McRae**, and the Tomcat Awards went to **Blake Moore** and **Ryan Siler**. Breakout Player of the Year was **Jacob Smith**. Winning All-District recognition were **Jordan Fitzgerald**, **Hunter Roten** and **Tillman McRae**. Also in the District, **Dustin Staggs** was named Co-MVP, and **Billy Price** was named Co-Pitcher of the Year. Head coach for the team is **Tyler Newman**. His assistants are **Zach Lewis** and **Oscar Esquivius**. **Dwayne Robertson-Trotter** is the manager.

## Basketball Tomcats

**Cheerleader Awards** – Winning the Most Dedicated (cheered for 4 years) Awards were **Brandi Hudson**, **Jada Shaw** and **Autumn Bond**.

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The Most Integrity Award went to **Charde Cherry, JeLeesia Williams, Eugenia Boles and Camielle Rivers**. Receiving the Tomcat Basketball Cheer Legacy Pins were **Tanesa Thomas, Areyanah Mosby, Charity McGhee, Tyesha Starks, Camielle Rivers, Alexia Graves and Naiyai Hardin**. Every cheerleader received

certificates for Outstanding Attitude, Application and Effort. Sponsor for the squad was **Shalondria White**.

**Girls Basketball Awards** – Receiving the Lady Tomcat Award was **Idalias Flagg**. Most Improved went to **Madison Smith**, and **Alecia Johnson** received the Hustle Award. Most Rebounds award went to **Jamirah Shutes**. The Offensive Player of the Year was **Jamirah Shutes**. **Wandarkyu Young** earned the Best Free Throw Percentage and Best Field Goal Percentage awards. **Summer Cunningham** had the Most Steals and was named the Defensive Player of the Year. Winning the Best 3 Point Percentage Award was **Alecia Johnson**. Most Assists went to **Idalias Flagg**. Senior Awards went to **Summer, Idalias, Jasmine Jarmon, Kayla Shaw and Dasjia Wilson**. Coaching the girls are **Whitney Baird** and her assistant, **Frank Chapman**.



**Boys Basketball Awards – Freshman** – Most Dedicated was **Chris Jones**, and Most Improved was **Dillan Dancy**. The Best Defensive Player was **Xavier Walker**, and the Leadership Award went to **Keithon Powell**. On the Varsity team, Leading Scorer, Leading Field Goal Percentage, Leading Free Throw Percentage and Leading Rebounder was **Jordan Varnado**. **Jalen Benton** received the Leading Assists award and the Best Defensive Player Award. Most Dedicated was **Martravius Washington**, and **Detarion Boyd** was Most Improved. The Tomcat Leadership Award went to **Alandis Delk**. Best All-Around went to **Kyler Douglas**. Receiving the Tomcat Senior Awards were **Jordan Varnado, Kyler Douglas, Detarion Boyd, Alandis Delk, James Davidson, Ben Dix, Martravius Washington, Jalen Benton and Keyshawn Brummett**. Head Coach for the team is **Kendall Dancy**. His assistants are **Rodney Chatman** and **Grover Harwell**. **Tyler Morton** is the manager. Pictured with the team members in Brownsville is Brownsville Mayor **Bill Rawls** (left).

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**Boys Soccer Awards** – Winning awards on the soccer team were Most Assists, **Het Herrera**; Most Tackles – **Kaleb Witherspoon**; Most Goals, **Miguel** and **Het Herrera**; Defensive Player of the Year – **B. J. Perez-Perkins**; Offensive Player of the Year, **Miguel Herrera**; Coaches Award, **Jovani** and **David Sagahon**; Most Physical – **Marquiz Watkins**; Offensive Midfield Player of the Year – **Het Herrera**; and Defensive Midfield Player of the Year, **Christian Castro**. Coaching the boys are **Mixon Moore** and **Luis Rosales**.

**Girls Softball Awards** – Members of the girls' softball team receiving awards were **Mallory Faulkner**, Most Valuable Player; Best Defensive Player, **Morgan Hendrix**; Best Offensive Player, **Squirrell Sanders**; Most RBI's, **Kayla Douglas**; Most Improved, **Tazia McClellan**; and the DOUGie Award – **Anne Marie Sceals**. Recognized as TSSAA All-Academic (3.0 GPA or higher) were **Brooklyn Anderson** and **Alyssa Campbell**. Selected for the TSSAA All-District Team were **Brianna Jones** and **Anne Marie Sceals**. Named All-Tournament were **Anne Marie Sceals** and **Je'Leesia Williams**. Coaching the girls are **Holly Chilcutt** and her assistant **Rick Mason**.

**Tennis Teams** – Winning awards on the tennis team were **Quinton Douglas**, All-District; **Tommy Pyron**, Jedi Knight Award (pictured); and **Kyle Sills**, Boys MVP and All-District; **Will Clinton**, Team Captain; **Elliott Garrett**, All-District; and **Sadi Sharpe** – Girls MVP (not pictured). Also pictured are **Kezira Horton**, **Audrey Davis**, **Elizabeth Porter**, and **Emily Parker**. **Shelby Baggett** is not pictured. Coach for both teams is **Stark Davis**.

**Track** – On the girls' track team, **Rashadda Dancy** was named the Best Sprinter (Sectionals 200, 400). **Jabria Nixon** was named the Best Hurdler (sectionals 300H).

Best High Jumper in the Sectionals was **Rashadda Dancy**. Best Long Jumper was **Alexis Hines**. The Best Thrower in the Sectionals Shot Put was **Wandarkyu Young**. **Rashadda Dance** was named MVP, and **Victoria Perry** was Most Improved. Most Dedicated and Best Distance Runner was **Dannon Eubanks**.

On the boys' track team, Most Dedicated went to **Chars Edwards**. Other awards given were Most Improved, **Brandon Taylor**; Best Thrower, **Zaderrius Taylor**; Best Jumper, **Markevious Williamson**; Best Hurdler, **Jalin Turner**; Best Distance Runner, **Lezzerick Cortrell**; Best Mid Distance, **Kortavious Jones**; Best Sprinter, **Chars Edwards** and **Denarius Toliver**; Best Relay Team, **Kris Johnson**, **Kortavious Jones**, **Jawuan Harris**, and **Tyler Robertson**; and Most Valuable Player, **Kortavious Jones**. **HCS**





# HHS College Signing Day held May 6

**H**aywood County GEAR UP TN held the first Haywood High School College Signing Day on Wednesday, May 6. College Signing Day is an event to celebrate seniors going to college and to encourage a college-going culture among all students, with college meaning any formal education that is continued after graduating from high school. Focused on celebrating ALL students who are continuing their education after high school, Tennessee's statewide College Signing Day event takes its cue from the tradition of NCAA college athletics, where high school athletes get national attention as they sign letters of intent to attend a particular institution.

In a similar way, College Signing Day is intended to publicly commend seniors who commit to attend college. Seniors will have the chance to publicly proclaim their plans, which will promote a college-going culture in your school community. The event was held with seniors and juniors present, as well as special speakers Brownsville Mayor **Bill Rawls**, Superintendent **Teresa Russell**, Dr. **Jerry Pyron**, **Drayton Hawkins**, **Dorothy Bond**, GEAR UP Site Coordinator **Jackie Whitten**, and Senior Class President **Dannon Eubanks**. Also speaking were **Shayla Guy**, GEAR UP West Regional Coordinator, and **Mary Laphen**, the Tennessee Statewide Services Coordinator.

All of the speakers encouraged the students to pursue their education after high school. Ninety-seven students participated and announced where they would be attending college or the military branch they would be entering after graduation. HCS



# Walk & Line Dance with Drew & Friends

**O**pal Hay, Parent/School Coordinator, along with **Karen Jones**, TSU Extension Agent, and **Jackie Whitten**, GEAR UP TN Site Coordinator, formed a partnership with the Healthy Haywood Coalition and **Drew Magruder** to hold the first “Walk & Line Dance with Drew & Friends” on Saturday, May 23, at the John B. Hooper Memorial Stadium. The purpose of the walk and line dance was to increase awareness of the free services provided by the individual organizations who sponsored the event.

Sixty-two people came to walk and line dance to a variety of music selections, including country and rock. **Jimmy Craig** led the dances and **Pug Fuller** provided the music. There were several gift bags given away, including a framed photo of the Tomcat basketball team that was autographed by Coach **Kendall Dancy**. Special sponsors who provided items to hold the event or door prizes were Tee Shirts Plus, Flex Fitness, InSouth Bank, Brownsville Parks & Recreation, the Tomcat Basketball team, Haywood County Schools Parent/Family, Haywood County GEAR UP TN, and UT/TSU Extension. HCS



## Students win gifts for participating in Gear UP ACT classes



**T**wo Haywood High School students, **Keyshaun Brummett** and **Bryce Currie**, recently won \$25 gift cards after their names were drawn for attending the Haywood County GEAR UP ACT Success classes held on Saturdays at Haywood High during this school year. The classes, taught by **Tarsha Miller-Man** and **Julian Stanz**, provided students with tutoring in English, math, and science. The two students were among 54 students who took the classes on one or more Saturdays. The classes helped students gain insight into the content and format of the test, while they learned practical test-taking strategies for maximizing their test scores. HCS

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- 1 Winter Break
- 4 Stockpile/Professional Development Day  
Students Do Not Attend
- 5 Students Resume Classes
- 12 Report Cards Issued
- 18 Martin Luther King Day

3 First Day Classes (1/2 Day)

AUGUST 2015						
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
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2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					

FEBRUARY 2016						
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
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14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29					

- 4 Progress Reports
- 12 Parent/Teacher Conference  
10:00 am – 6:00 pm
- 15 President's Day

3 Progress Reports  
7 Labor Day  
28 Parent/Teacher Conference  
10:00 am – 6:00 pm

SEPTEMBER 2015						
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			

MARCH 2016						
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

- 9 End 3<sup>rd</sup> Nine Weeks
- 16 Report Cards Issued
- 21-25 Spring Break
- 28 Holiday

6 End 1<sup>st</sup> Nine Weeks  
13 Report Cards Issued  
19-23 Fall Break  
26 Stockpile/Professional Development Day  
Students Do Not Attend

OCTOBER 2015						
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

APRIL 2016						
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
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10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

- 19 Progress Reports

12 Progress Reports  
25-27 Thanksgiving Break

NOVEMBER 2015						
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					

MAY 2016						
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
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15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

- 18 Stockpile/Professional Development Day  
Students Do Not Attend
- 19 1/2 Day for Students  
End 4<sup>th</sup> Nine Weeks  
End 2<sup>nd</sup> Semester  
Students Pick Up Final Report Card

18 1/2 Students and Teachers  
End of 2<sup>nd</sup> Nine Weeks  
End 1<sup>st</sup> Semester  
21-31 Winter Break

DECEMBER 2015						
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

JUNE 2016						
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
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5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
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# Haywood Varsity Football 2015

**August 21<sup>st</sup> Haywood vs. TBA**

**August 28<sup>th</sup> Haywood vs. JCM (H)**

**September 4<sup>th</sup> Haywood vs. Obion Co. (H)**

**September 11<sup>th</sup> Haywood vs. Lexington (A)**

**September 18<sup>th</sup> Haywood vs. Dyer Co. (H)**

**September 25<sup>th</sup> Haywood vs. Crockett Co. (A)**

**October 2<sup>nd</sup> Haywood vs. Hardin Co. (H) *(Homecoming)***

**October 9<sup>th</sup> Open/Bye**

**October 16<sup>th</sup> Haywood vs. Jackson North Side (A)**

**October 23<sup>rd</sup> Haywood vs. Chester Co. (H) *(Senior Night)***

**October 30<sup>th</sup> Haywood vs. Ripley (A)**

**ALL HOME GAMES START AT 7:00 PM**



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