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April

**CHRISTIAN COUNTY
PUBLIC SCHOOLS
NEWSLETTER**

2019



**Superintendent
Mary Ann Gemmill**

This month we will honor and celebrate Teacher and Staff of the Year at a reception at Naimoli Estate. You can never truly understand or appreciate the work of our teachers and staff. It is a difficult task to motivate children (especially those born into a poor environment) to look at life and school with expectations of success. However, on April 30, 2019 we will recognize the commitment and dedication many have made to improve the lives of the young people of our community. This is a wonderful celebration of individual accomplishments and being recognized by your peers for excellence in the workplace. Thank you to every finalist for Teacher and Staff of the Year. You are chosen by your peers for outstanding practices, rapport with students, and going above and beyond every day to make a positive difference in the lives of our students.



**CCPS Board Vice Chair Tom Bell Celebrates Our
District's Diversity**

As the students and employees of CCPS return from spring break I would like to thank each and every one for the opportunity to serve as a school board member. One of the values that we celebrate within our district is diversity. Having diverse backgrounds, opinions, and perspectives help make our district a place where shared experiences help create a safe and welcoming environment for all people. It is my goal to expand partnerships to unify the school system with our community partners. As we come together as one and celebrate our uniqueness we can create a district that attracts and retains the very best students and employees our community has to offer. Hope each of you realize your goals as we come to the end of this school year.

**April Focus Word
*DIVERSIFIED***



Thirteen CCPS students have been selected as members of the 2019 Governor's Scholars Program and five are alternates. Almost 2,000 Kentucky high school juniors applied for the program.

According to GSP, the Governor's Scholars Program strives to enhance Kentucky's next generation of civic and economic leaders. Established in 1983, the program provides academic and personal growth through the balance of a strong liberal arts program with a full co- curricular and residential life experience.

Students are selected through a blind-scoring process at the district level. District-recommended applicants then compete with others from across the state.

Those selected attend the program free of charge. Christian County submitted a total of twenty-two applications to the state level.

CCPS students selected as 2019 Scholars include:

- Mary Campbell**
- Hannah Croom**
- Greer Givens**
- Bryce Hanson**
- Lauren Langhi**
- Ashlyn Montgomery**
- Cameron Poland**
- Garrett Pyle**
- Bryce Robinson**
- John Schmitt**
- Jaylon Taggart**
- Abeni Thomas**
- Hutchinson Williams**

Alternates, include:

- Savannah Barnes**
- Shahil Desai**
- McKay Dunn**
- Isabel Keys**
- William Rye**



CCPS Food Service Director Meets with Kentucky Delegation

CCPS Food Service Director Penny Holt recently attended the School Nutrition

Association Conference in Washington, DC. Penny is a Regional Director for the Kentucky School Nutrition Association. While in DC, she and her colleagues were able to meet with Kentucky Senators Mitch McConnell and Rand Paul, as well as First District Congressman James Comer (in the photo, Penny is on the right).

CCPS School Nutritionists are here for one purpose only... to support our students!

Acceleration Station Keeps CCPS Moving Forward



CCPS's Acceleration Station continues to give our students at each elementary school opportunities to participate in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) learning. Operated by Gift and Talented Instructor Lea Brumfield, Acceleration Station allows students to study STEM concepts in a mobile classroom setting. Above, Freedom Elementary School scholars study solar powered energy by building and testing solar powered cars!



Indian Hills' Amanda Cornell Is A National Board Certified Teacher

Amanda Cornell, Language Arts teacher at Indian Hills Elementary School, was recently named a National Board Certified Teacher (NBCT).

National Board Standards are rigorous and are developed by committees of educators

representing accomplished professionals in their field. Less than ten percent of teachers achieve NBCT certification.

NBCT teachers follow five core propositions: Teachers are committed to students and their learning, teachers know the subjects they teach and how to teach those subjects to students, teachers are responsible for managing and monitoring student learning, teachers think systematically about their practice and learn from experience, and teachers are members of learning communities. Congratulations Amanda!



Robinson Scores Perfect 36 on the ACT

Hopkinsville High School junior Bryce Robinson has scored a perfect 36 on the ACT. The test measures a high school student's educational development and ability to complete college level work covering four skill areas: English, Reading, Science, and Mathematics. The feat is accomplished by less than .02% of test takers. Impressive work Bryce!

CCPS Musicians Excel at Governor's School for the Arts

Hopkinsville High School junior Jaylon Taggart, is not only a Governor's Scholar but he is one of just 256 students out of 1400 candidates selected to the prestigious Governor's School for the Arts (GSA) this

summer! Taggart was selected for Tuba.

Alternates to GSA are Alex Pritchett (Vibraphone/Snare Drum) from Christian County High School and Jared Chance-Martin (Baritone/Euphonium) from Hopkinsville High School. The Governor's School for the Arts works with students in the art disciplines of Architecture+Design, Creative Writing, Dance, Drama, Instrumental Music, Musical Theatre, Film+Photography, Visual Art and Vocal Music.



Jaylon Taggart



CCHS's David Tekeste Earns Prestigious Aebersold Music Scholarship

David Tekeste has earned a scholarship to the prestigious Jamey Aebersold Jazz Workshop held on the campus of the University of Louisville. David's performance at the Jamey Aebersold Jazz Festival at Murray State University led to his being only one of three drummers chosen for this highly selective scholarship. Congratulations David!



Gateway Academy to Innovation and Technology Sets School Record At Kentucky SkillsUSA Competition

Gateway Academy to Innovation and Technology's SkillsUSA team set a school record for most wins at the Kentucky SkillsUSA championship. Gateway Principal Penny Knight says the hard work and dedication of advisors Sean Conley, Ricky Peterson, Betty Adams, and Nathan Hicks led to the career center being named Kentucky State Chapter of Excellence while Sean Conley is the State Advisor of the Year! Gateway had 25 teams & scholars place in the top three (Ten 1st Place; seven 2nd Place, and eight 3rd Place) and was awarded over \$128,000 in scholarships to Sullivan University for Culinary and Robotics events!

Individual Awards include:

- 1st Place, Cake Decorating, Elizabeth Bronaugh \$16,000 Scholarship
 - 1st Place, Culinary Arts, Marcus Crockam, \$16,000 Scholarship
 - 1st Place, Mobile Robotics, Josh Bush and McKay Dunn, \$16,000 each
 - 1st Place, 30-Second Elevator Speech, Tre Simmons
 - 1st Place, Team Debate, Rachel Baker and Braden Howell
 - 1st Place, Urban Search and Rescue, Jadyn Hicks and Will Knight
 - 1st Place, T-Shirt Design, Koryn Hicks
 - 1st Place Middle School Division ~ 3D Print Design, Larry Johnson
 - 1st Place Middle School Division ~ Team Engineering Challenge, Steven McAskill, Donovan Sharber, and Joshua Owens
 - 1st Place Middle School Division ~ Urban Search and Rescue, Donovan Sharber and Steven McAskill
 - 2nd Place Cake Decorating, Brooke Parker, \$10,000 Scholarship
 - 2nd Place Culinary Arts, MyDaejah Montgomery, \$10,000 Scholarship
 - 2nd Place Mobile Robotics, Tyler Daley and John Willis \$10,000 Scholarship each
 - 2nd Place Photo Art Display
 - 2nd Place Extemporaneous Writing, Jadyn Hicks
 - 2nd Place Electrical Wiring, Austin Gee
 - 2nd Place Urban Search and Rescue, Ian Gentry and Eric Hines
 - 3rd Place Mobile Robotics, Koryn Hicks and Alyssa Hook, \$6,000 Scholarship each
 - 3rd Place Commercial Baking, Mary Poe, \$6,000 Scholarship
 - 3rd Place SkillsUSA Banner, Alyssa Hook
 - 3rd Place Photo Art Display, Cameron Poland
 - 3rd Place Pledge, Tre Simmons
 - 3rd Place Extemporaneous Writing, Zoe Hollis
 - 3rd Place Related Technical Math, Garrett Pyle
- Mr. Conley and all 1st place winners will compete at SkillsUSA Nationals in June.





**Alex Pritchett
CCPS
Student of the
Month**

The Christian County Public Schools Student of the Month for March is Alex Pritchett. A junior at Christian County High School, Alex not only is accomplished academically, but excels in extra-curricular activities as well. He is a member of the Colonel Band and was selected All-District, Quad-State, and All-State in band. Alex was recently named an alternate to the prestigious Governor's School for the Arts. Other activities include the guitar club, the Hopkinsville community band and Hopkinsville Community College's indoor drumline. Congratulations Alex!



**Imagination
Library's
Jeanette Owen
Retires from
HCCPL**



HCCPL Director DeeAnna Sova & Jeanette Owen

Jeanette Owen recently retired as co-coordinator of Dolly Parton's Imagination Library at the Hopkinsville Christian County Public Library. The program is for Christian County residents below the age of five and delivers a free book each month to registered children. Owen has led the program with Bonnie Lynch and over 7,000 children have received books since the program's inception. An anonymous donor made a generous gift to the library which has made this important program possible. Thank you Jeanette and Happy Retirement from CCPS!

Tiger Boys Take First in Toyota of Hopkinsville Invitational

Christian County and Hopkinsville High School Girls and Boys track teams took on 14 other high schools at the Toyota of Hopkinsville Invitational this month as they prepare for the regionals. The Tiger and Colonel boys finished 1st and 3rd, while the Tiger and Colonel girls came in 5th and 6th. The Tigers are coached by Frederick Sowerby and the Colonels are coached by T.A. Edmondson.



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Perry
Cunningham



Keane
Mumford

CCPS Middle School Students Named Mayor's Scholars

49 CCPS middle school students have been named Mayor's Scholars by Hopkinsville Mayor Carter Hendricks.

Representing the CCMS Colonels are Lanie Bivins—**2nd place**, Adriana Maya--**tied 8th place**, Lynzie Wagoner-**tied 8th place**, Melody Aukland, Eric Barrett, Hannah Benedict, Ella Brown, Makennah Comperry, Karlee Crick, Mirnaly Cruz, Areionna Davis, Alani Ellis, Marleigh Griffith, Michaela Hanrahan, Makyala Hines, Tionna Hurt, Caleb Johnson, Chynna McCombs, Nakaya Mumford, Serena Skinner, Kathryn Watkins, Emmy Kay White, Danyael Willis, and Na'Shiaya Wilson.

HMS Tigers honored are Chaney Guffy-**5th place**, Allie Fort-**6th place**, Brooke Arvin, Jada Ashbery, Jazlyn Bass, Jacob Bealle, Sha'niyah Brodie, Julia Burke, Faith Folz, Addyson Fortin, Bailey Kingston, Matthew Koehler, Piper Krohn, Ella Lester, Tyona McKee, Sterling McNutt, Keyarie Metcalf, Rahkel Mills, Lauren Montgomery, Ashley Moore, Jay Mulero, Jalise Rudolph, Lacey Stewart, Shaniya Straight, and Rebecca Wittenburg.



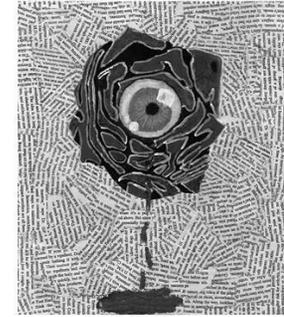
CCMS's Ella Brown and her mother Johnna

CCPS Student Artists Honored At 2019 Young Masters Art Exhibit

151 student artists representing Christian County Public Schools were recognized recently at the 2019 Pennyroyal Arts Council's Young Masters Youth Art Exhibit. The exhibit, held in the Auditorium Gallery at Hopkinsville Community College, was sponsored by the Kiwanis Club of Hopkinsville and featured works of art in a variety of media.

Pennyroyal Arts Council
presents
YOUNG MASTERS
Youth Art Exhibit 2019

Sponsored by: Hopkinsville Kiwanis Club



Shelby Adams
Christian County High School

Thursday, March 7, 2019
Hopkinsville Community College Gallery

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