

## Awards of Excellence, October 11, 2011

Congratulations to Mr. Rod Sheppard, Principal, Florence Freshman Center, for his selection as the State of Alabama's Alpha Phi Alpha Alumni Brother of the Year. Mr. Sheppard will represent the State of Alabama at the Southern Regional Convention in March, 2012.

Congratulations to Ms. Jessica Byrd, Hibbett Middle School Special Education Teacher, for receiving a \$2,500 scholarship from CASE (Council of Administrators in Special Education).

Congratulations to Mrs. Rebecca Rockhill, Florence High School Choral Director, and the following students: Tamira Jones, Frances Jane O'Steen, Jocelyn Barnes, Emily Towery, Elli Mitchell, Virginia Riedel, Quay Lewis, Conner Puckett, Hallie Mauldin, Aliyah Cole, Kristen Tatum, Summer Blasingame, Hannah Marsh, Hayley Frazer, Rebekah Nelson, Daniel Hulsizer, Tanner King, and Dederick Anderson. Following auditions last week at the Alabama All-State Choir competition, these students were selected. Only 60 students in the State of Alabama were selected!

Congratulations to Mrs. Leslie Thorn, Mr. Pete Rodi, Ms. Jessica Wallace and Mr. Cary Williams, Forest Hills Elementary School Physical Education teachers and teaching assistants, for being selected to participate in the "Wee Can Fight Obesity" fitness program with the assistance of the Alabama legislature. The activity is administered by the Alabama Sports Festival under the auspices of the Alabama State Department of Education, Alabama State University and the Governor's Commission on Physical Fitness.

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