

## Awards of Excellence, April 7, 2011

Congratulations to Mrs. Carol Behel on her receipt of the Lucile Cornetet Award for professional development. Mrs. Behel was also selected to serve on the Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL) conference in New Orleans in March, 2011. For expenses incurred with the TESOL conference, Mrs. Behel was presented a \$1,000.00 check from the organization.

Congratulations to the Child Nutrition Program staff, teachers and Dr. Coker of Harlan Elementary School. An article celebrating National School Breakfast Week was accepted for publication in national Nutrition Magazine. Harlan CNP staff and teachers prepared and presented an outstanding program to students to reinforce the importance of eating healthfully and exercising regularly.

Congratulations to FHS student, Shejuti Paul, in her being awarded the Prudential Spirit of Award for Florence High School. Miss Paul was recognized by State Superintendent Morton on March 10, 2011, at the State Board of Education meeting.

Congratulations to Mrs. Darlene Freemon, creative writing teacher and FHS students Mary Locker, Gabrielle Lindley and Shejuti Paul who placed first, second and third respectively in the 2010-11 *State of Alabama Letters about Literature* contest. An awards ceremony will be held April 16, 2011, at which these students will be honored.

Congratulations to Mr. Matt Ball, Career Technical Education AgriScience Teacher at Florence Middle School. Mr. Ball was awarded a \$10,799 Career and Technical Education Extended Contract Grant.

Congratulations to Mr. Jerry Foster, art teacher, FHS, and student Taylor Hester, third place winner at the Savannah College of Art and Design International Fashion Show. Taylor was in the top twelve 3D design competitions earlier this year. And, Taylor's painting of a mallard placed second in the Duck Stamp Competition.

Congratulations to Mariah Prince on winning the Duck Stamp Competition for the State of Alabama. Her artwork will travel to Washington, D.C. to compete with winners from the other 49 states. This is Florence City Schools' first attempt and winner of this competition.

Congratulations to Mrs. Dorlea Rikard, English and Humanities Teacher and FHS student Gabrielle Lindley, winner of 8<sup>th</sup> place in the essay contest sponsored by the Istanbul Center entitled *Empathy: Walking in Another's Shoes*.

Congratulations to Mrs. Beth Jones, Mrs. Cindy Hackworth, Mrs. Melissa Waddell and Mrs. Shala Bragwell, Science teachers and FFC/FMS Science Olympiad students for placing at the state tournament March 12, 2011, in Montgomery. The entire team received the Team Spirit Award. The award is presented to teams that demonstrated character in competitiveness. Amanda Lawrence and Barry Flannery – 1<sup>st</sup> place in *Compute This*; Chance Snyder and Sydney Leavitt – 4<sup>th</sup> place in the ecology category; Jacob Parasiliti and Jackson Sneed – 4<sup>th</sup> place in the optics category

Congratulations to Mr. Jason Morgan, Career Technologies Teacher and the following FMS students who placed at the TSA State Conference:

Karah Rhodes – 6<sup>th</sup> place in the *Write Now!* Technical Writing Competition

Kristen Anderson – 10<sup>th</sup> place in the *Write Now!* Technical Writing Competition

Carly James – 11<sup>th</sup> place in the *Write Now!* Technical Writing Competition

Tyrik Siner 1<sup>st</sup> place in the TSA Creed (writing portion) Competition

Mary Geer Dethero – 4<sup>th</sup> place in the TSA Creed (writing portion) Competition

Congratulations to Mrs. Lisa Whatley and Mrs. Lara Collier, HMS teachers, for being selected as presenters at the 2010 Midsouth Technology Conference in Memphis, Tennessee.