

## Awards of Excellence, April 9, 2013

Congratulations to Mrs. Darlene Freemon, Florence High School Creative Writing Teacher, and FHS Creative Writing students Adrienne Robertson for being named a national finalist in the River of Words poetry contest, and Sara Jane Kachelman for being named the National Grand Prize winner (Scholastic Art and Writing Award – silver medal, dramatic script – national, gold key dramatic script and silver key flash fiction – southeast region).

Congratulations to Mrs. Darlene Freemon, Florence High School Creative Writing Teacher, and Florence High School student Cutter Smith, for Cutter having a poem chosen for publication in the national anthology *Creative Communication: A Celebration of Poets*.

Congratulations to Mrs. Janet Whitehurst, Equestrian Team Coach, and Florence High School student Kristen Anderson, for Kristen placing 6<sup>th</sup> at Ocala Winter II Horse Trials.

Congratulations to Mrs. Donna Bogan and Mrs. Robin Thompson, Science Olympiad Sponsors, and the following students for honors won at Science Olympiad state competition:

Lee McLaughlin – 3<sup>rd</sup> place, Robotics  
Barry Flannery and Allen Mao – 4<sup>th</sup> place, Anatomy  
Raymond Lee and Lee McLaughlin – 4<sup>th</sup> place, Magnetic Levitation

Congratulations to Mrs. Marsha Carter, Florence High School Career Technical Education Culinary Arts Teacher, Mrs. Callie Rutherford, Florence High School Career Technical Education Family and Consumer Sciences Teacher, Mrs. Lisa Arnett, Florence Freshman Center School Career Technical Education Family and Consumer Sciences Teacher, and Mrs. Jill Brooks, Florence Middle School Career Technical Education Family and Consumer Sciences Teacher and the following students for honors won at FCCLA state competition:

### Florence High School

Jacob Mitchell, Andrea Belk and Chris Burton – Overall state winners  
Chris Burton – National qualifier  
Rachel Carter and Latosha Armstead – Applied Technology, silver  
Samantha Melvin – Career Investigation, gold  
Amber Borden and Tina Wright – Illustrated Talk, silver  
Makenzi Hauk and Hallie Olive – Chapter Service Project Display, silver  
Caroline Rylant – Nutrition and Wellness, silver  
Jordan Starks – Recycle and Design, silver

Florence Freshman Center

Carrie Ann South – National Programs in Action/Community Service, gold  
Kelsi Williford – Focus on Children, silver

Florence Middle School

Katelyn Olive – Reading Story, silver  
Kamari Davis – Illustrated Story, bronze

Congratulations to Mrs. Caryn Hairell, Florence High School Spanish and English Teacher, and Mrs. Sabrena McFall, Florence High School Social Studies Teacher and the for being selected as presenters for the summer AETC Conference in Birmingham.

Congratulations to Mr. Jason Morgan, Florence Middle School Career Technical Education Career Technologies Teacher, and the following students for honors won at the Technology Student Association (TSA) State Conference hosted by the School of Engineering at the University of Alabama:

Annisha Borah – 1<sup>st</sup> Place – Career Prep  
Martha Howard – 1<sup>st</sup> Place – TSA Creed  
Darby Keith – 1<sup>st</sup> Place – Essays in Technology  
Ryleigh Rainey – 1<sup>st</sup> Place – State T-Shirt Design  
Travis Simpson – 2<sup>nd</sup> Place – TSA Creed  
Mary Margaret Borden – 2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Essays in Technology  
Andrew Walker, Raj Aryal, Clayton Sumner – 2<sup>nd</sup> Place – VEX Robotics  
Brinley Elkins – 2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Communication Challenge  
Parker Peden – 3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Career Prep  
Andrew Mitchell – 3<sup>rd</sup> Place – TSA Creed  
Valerie Chobot – 3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Essays in Technology  
Ila McCanless – 7<sup>th</sup> Place – Communication Challenge  
Sydney Nester and Vivian Mallette – 8<sup>th</sup> Place – Problem Solving  
Catherine Young – 8<sup>th</sup> Place – Safety Illustration  
Lanigan Burke – 8<sup>th</sup> Place – State Pin Design  
Caleb Whitehurst – 8<sup>th</sup> Place – Dragster Design  
Julia Riedel – 9<sup>th</sup> Place – Prepared Speech  
Sims Greer – 9<sup>th</sup> Place – Dragster Design

Along with these individual awards, FMS won 3<sup>rd</sup> Place in the TSA Outstanding School competition! FMS TSA members took home 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> places in the state for both TSA Creed and Essays in Technology!

Congratulations to Mrs. Michele Flack, Hibbett Middle School Music/Chorus Teacher, and the following students for honors won at State Choral Competition. Hibbett's 6<sup>th</sup> grade concert chorus received an overall superior rating.

Leyland Allen  
Alissa Byrd  
Amiya Carter

Kenzie Churchwell  
Alexis Compton  
Madeline Creel  
Briley Davis  
Adamaris Gonzalez  
Sydney Graff  
Allie Grubbs  
Lakilah Harris  
Emily Hodges  
Karly Grace Holt  
Kaye Howard  
Malike Ingram  
Destiney Jackson  
Jakayla Jackson  
Latonya Johnson  
Breylee Linder  
Taylor Grace Longcrier  
Hannah Maner  
Emily Marks  
LaBronida Martin  
Emma Grace Oliver  
D'Yancie Orr  
Allison Purser  
Jasmine Richardson  
Nalaysha Ricks  
Mariah Roy  
Johannah Stacy  
Leviticus Taylor  
Raven Whiteside  
Jordan Yarbrough