

Awards of Excellence May 8, 2012

Congratulations to the administration, faculty and staff of Forest Hills Elementary School for being awarded a \$5,000 grant from Intel Schools of Distinction. Forest Hills was selected as one of three elementary schools nationwide for math excellence.

Congratulations to Ms. Stephane Singleton, Harlan Elementary School teacher, for being chosen to participate in Alex Certification of Excellence (A.C.E.) through the Alabama State Department of Education technology initiatives.

Congratulations to the Child Nutrition Program staff of Harlan Elementary School for being recognized in the April, 2012, edition of *School Nutrition*, a national publication.

Congratulations to Chaunce Watkins for receiving honorable mention in class 6A basketball all-state competition. Chaunce was also named the 4A-6A Times Daily Player of the Year. Mr. Byron Graham, Athletic Director for Florence City Schools, was his coach during the season.

Congratulations to Mrs. Darlene Freemon, FHS Creative Writing Teacher, and Sara Kachelman, FHS student, for being selected as a Young Southern Writers Project Playwriting (YSWP) finalist. Sara was presented an award at the Alabama Shakespeare Festival in Montgomery April 28.

Congratulations to Mr. Jason Morgan, Florence Middle School Career Technical Education AgriScience Teacher, for receiving a Technology Student Association (TSA) Advisor of the Year award.

Congratulations to Mrs. Donna Bogran, Biology Teacher, Florence Freshman Center, and students Rohit Borah and Roman Sherrod. Both students earned a silver medal in the optics competition and have been awarded \$8,500 scholarships to attend Huntingdon College.

Congratulations to Mr. Danny Carson, Florence High School Career Technical Education Automotive Technology Teacher, for receiving a TSA Advisor of the Year award.

Congratulations to Mrs. Leigh Anna Trimble, Career Technical Education Cooperative Education Teacher, Florence High School, and students Josie Perry and Juliette Stanley. Josie was elected Future Business Leaders of Alabama (FBLA) state secretary for Alabama for 2012-13. Juliette placed 2nd in the state in a business calculations competition. She will be eligible to compete in the FBLA national conference in San Antonio.

Congratulations to Mrs. Jeanie Hughes, French Teacher, Florence High School, and students Melissa Villagrana, Sara Wilson and Melissa Adame. Melissa ranked number one in the State of Alabama and fifth nationally for French 3; Sara Wilson ranked sixth in Alabama for French 1; Melissa ranked sixth in Alabama for French 2.

Congratulations to Mr. Danny Carson, Career Technical Education Automotive Technology Teacher, Florence High School, and the following students:

Benjamin Crenshaw, Daniel James, Stephen Molkulis, Samuel Spearman,
Christopher Whitehead – Quiz Bowl 1st place
Will Landers – Motorcycle Service Technology 3rd place
Edward Chombo – Job Information Manual 6th place

Congratulations to Mr. Randy Bruce, Career Technical Education Graphic Arts Teacher, Florence High School, and the following students:

Luke Wright, Lane Rohling – Video Product Development 1st place
Zac Anderson, Davis Sandlin - Television (Video) Production 3rd place

Congratulations to Mrs. Renee Wallace, Career Technical Education Cosmetology Teacher, Florence High School, and the following students:

Adrienne Perkins – Extemporaneous Speaking 1st place
Alin Arias, Alexandra Aparicio – Chapter Display 1st
Katyra Hogan, Brooke Swan, Shontae Johnson, Jana Morgan - Class Project
Display Team 2nd place
Shacey Mitchell - Program Cover 2nd place
Shacey Mitchell, Shontae Johnson - Class Project Display Team 3rd place
Morgan Fowler- Customer Service 3rd place
Shacey Mitchell – Class Project Display Individual 3rd
Le’Maple Cole – Job Information Manual 4th place
Le’Maple Cole – Prepared Speech 5th place
Katyra Hogan – T-shirt design 5th place
Dianna Galvez, Alondra Salgado – Nail Care 7th place

Mariah Mitchell, Brianna Goss – Esthetics 8th place
Congratulations to Mr. Jason Morgan, Career Technical Education
AgriScience Teacher, Florence Middle School, and the following
students:

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Annisha Borah – 1st Place
Erin Thompson – 2nd
Omar Jones – 4th

Digital Photography

Annie Dethero – 2nd Place

Dragster Design

Paul Marcu – 16th
Thomas Self – 11th

Essays on Technology

Bailey Gough – 4th
Natalie Dorin – 5th
Shelby Atwood – 8th

Prepared Speech

Mattie Reid – 6th

Safety Illustration

Madison Stout – 5th
Devondrick Robinson – 11th

State Pin Contest

Jackson Sneed – 4th
Pathan Syed – 10th

State T-Shirt Design

Eloise Tomlinson – 2nd

VEX Robotics

3rd Place Overall
Chase Holcome
Devondrick Robinson
Dylan Kohler
Quinn Raymond
Jackson Sneed
Brandon Rieff
Joshua Pannell
Omar Jones

Congratulations to Mr. Warren Fowler, Career Technical Education Business Education Teacher, Florence High School, and students Cutter Smith and Des'ree Smith, for winning first place in the state (out of 310 teams) in the *Stock Market Game*.

Congratulations to Mr. Matt Ball, Career Technical Education AgriScience Teacher, Florence Freshman Center, for being awarded a one-month extended contract for the summer of 2012 funded by the Alabama State Department of Education's Career Technical Education's division.

Congratulations to Mrs. Aimee Rainey, Principal of Florence Middle School, Mrs. Rainey was selected as 1 of 13 principals by the National Association of Secondary School Principals (NASSP) from Breakthrough Schools that have continued to make progress in student achievement (according to spring 2011, data) to attend a Capitol Hill forum to discuss school success with the chief of staff for the U. S. Secretary of Education. Mrs. Rainey also met with congressmen and senators to share the success stories of Florence Middle School.

Congratulations to the faculty and administration of Florence Middle Schools for being recognized as an NASSP Breakthrough School (2008) that continues to make progress in student achievement as measured by the spring 2011, data.

Congratulations to Mrs. Kaye Reyes, Latin Teacher, Florence High School, and students listed below for their achievements on the national Latin examination:

Florence High School

Matthew Kassels – Latin I, Cum Laude
Samuel Irvine – Latin II, Silver Maxima Cum Laude
Allison Rieff – Latin II, Silver Maxima Cum Laude
Katrina Helms – Latin II, Silver Maxima Cum Laude
Andrew Brown – Latin II, Magna Cum Laude
Kaytlin Smith – Latin II, Magna Cum Laude
Amaryst Parks – Latin II, Magna Cum Laude
Emily D'Arcy – Latin II, Cum Laude
Dominick Goodwin – Latin II, Cum Laude
Juliette Stanley – Latin II, Cum Laude
Britny Adame – Latin II, Cum Laude

Michael Allen – Latin II, Cum Laude
Elizabeth Ronilo – Latin II, Cum Laude
Rohit Borah – Latin III, Gold Summa Cum Laude
Katherine Rylant – Latin III, Silver Maxima Cum Laude
Caitlin Wall – Latin III, Silver Maxima Cum Laude
Gabrielle D’Arcy – Latin III, Silver Maxima Cum Laude
William Tidwell – Latin III, Silver Maxima Cum Laude
Daniel James – Latin III, Magna Cum Laude
Daniel Hulsizer – Latin III, Cum Laude
Hannah Sweeney – Latin III, Cum Laude
Teena Patel – Poetry IV, Magna Cum Laude
Melissa Villagrana – Poetry IV, Magna Cum Laude
Trey Richardson – Poetry IV, Cum Laude

Florence Freshman Center

Samantha Roberson – Latin I, Magna Cum Laude
Sarah Mathews – Latin I, Magna Cum Laude
Silas Spearman – Latin I, Magna Cum Laude
Michaela Tucker – Latin I, Magna Cum Laude
Nicholas Watts – Latin I, Magna Cum Laude
Rachel Tucker – Latin I, Cum Laude
Shelby Niedergeses – Latin I, Cum Laude
Mattilen McIntyre – Latin I, Cum Laude
Catherine Twesme – Latin I, Cum Laude
Emily Blackburn – Latin I, Cum Laude

Congratulations to Sydney Childers, Florence High School student as a state finalist in girls’ singles tennis. Mr. Rick Ashley, Welding and Manufacturing Career Technical Education Teacher, Florence High Schools is the tennis coach.

Congratulations to Jerissa Green, Florence High School student, for placing 2nd in 6A state track competition for discus throw. Mr. Lesley Mitchell, World History Teacher, Florence Freshman Center, is the track coach.