

Awards of Excellence September 10, 2013

Thank you to Hibbett Student Resource Officer Matt Minor for demonstrating bravery for ensuring the safety of students, faculty, and staff of Hibbett Middle School during a recent threat.

Congratulations to Mr. Randy Bruce, Career Technical Education Teacher, and Florence High School for winning third place at the “How We Achieve Excellence in Our School” statewide video contest. They will be awarded \$500 and a Bloggie Touch video camera.

Congratulations to student Ellison Barrett of Florence High School for winning Class 6A-Honorable mention as a first baseman at the 2013 ASWA Softball All-state competition.

Congratulations to the administration, faculty, and staff of Weeden elementary School for winning a \$3,000 Reading Program grant from the Dollar General Literacy Foundation.

Congratulations to Mr. Jerry Foster, Florence High School Fine Arts Teacher, and the following students for placing at the State Duck Stamp Competition:
Kelsey King – 2nd place
Maggie Gruber – 2nd place
Berenice Gonzalez – Honorable Mention

Congratulations to Mrs. Nira Dale, Florence Freshman Center Teacher for being selected as an official Edmodo Ambassador.

Congratulations to Mrs. Susan Girsch, Weeden Elementary School Teacher, for winning a Pets in the Classroom Grant from The Pet Care Trust. Mojo, the leopard gecko, joined their second grade class on September 3rd.

Congratulations to Mrs. Jane Powell, Choral Director Florence Middle School/Florence Freshman Center, for being selected as Recording Secretary of the Alabama Vocal Association.

Congratulations to Mrs. Darlene Freemon, Creative Writing Teacher, and the *Signatures* staff of Florence High School for winning a Gold Medal and three

All-Columbian Honors in Organization, Content, and Design from the Columbia Scholastic Press Association. This is the first time that *Signatures* has “swept the awards” in every category.

Award Winning Staff - Thomas Solomon, Gabriele D’Arcy, and Sara Mathews

Special Honors for Artwork - Grace Ann Griffin and Corey Crane

Special Honors for Prose - Thomas Solomon and Adrienne Robertson

Congratulations to student Adrienne Robertson, finalist in last year’s River of Words Poetry Contest, for being filmed for an HBO documentary about the environment. She read her poem aloud and was interviewed about her inspiration as a writer.

Congratulations to Mrs. Tricia McKinney, Forest Hills Teacher, for demonstrating a commitment to excellence in education by completing a master’s degree in special education.