

Awards of Excellence, April 10, 2012

Congratulations to Mrs. Darlene Freemon, FHS Creative Writing Teacher and Sara Kachelman, FHS student, for being named the 2nd place winner of the *Letters About Literature* contest sponsored by the Alabama Center for the Book. She will continue on to national competition.

Congratulations to Mrs. Anna Wicks, Harlan teacher, for receiving a \$1,500 grant from the Board of the St. Francis Project. The money will be used to take 4th grade students to McWane Center in Birmingham on April 20.

Congratulations to Mr. Jerry Foster, FHS Art Teacher, and Sarah Young, FHS student, for placing 3rd in the state in the Duck Stamp competition and to Daniel Lewey, FHS student, for placing 2nd in the state in the Alabama Wildlife competition.

Congratulations to Mrs. Renee Wallace, FHS Career Tech Cosmetology Teacher, for receiving a \$10,000 grant. The grant includes Mrs. Wallace's attendance in professional development workshops in Orlando, Florida, Las Vegas, Nevada, Los Angeles, California, Kansas City, Missouri and the ACTE summer conference in Birmingham, Alabama.

Congratulations to Mrs. Carol Behel for her selection as Elementary Education Interest Section Incoming Chair for TESOL (Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages).

Congratulations to Mrs. Susan Stanley, HMS retiree/contracted teacher, in being selected to serve on Auburn University's College of Education National Advisory Committee.

Congratulations to Mrs. Caryn Hairell, Mrs. Sabrena McFall and Mrs. Jennifer Butler, FHS teachers, in being selected as presenters at the Alabama Educational Technology Conference which will take place in June, 2012.

Congratulations to Mrs. Nira Dale, FFC teacher, in being selected as a presenter at the Alabama Educational Technology Conference which will take place in June, 2012.

Congratulations to Mrs. Marsha Carter, Mrs. Callie Rutherford, Mrs. Lisa Arnett and Mrs. Jill Brooks, Career Tech Family and Consumer Sciences teachers, and the following students who won honors at the State of Alabama STAR (Students Taking Action in Recognition) conference:

Applied Technology - Rachel Carter, Latosha Armstead (gold and state winners)
Career Investigation – Denzel Reeder (gold and state winner)
Illustrated Talk – Laken Wilson, Jacob Mitchell (gold and state winners)
Chapter Service Project Display – Anna Moore, Jordan Starks (gold and state winners)
Illustrated Story – Bailey Roberson (silver and overall winner)
Life Event Planning – Ari Carter (bronze and overall winner)

Congratulations to the Mrs. Rebecca Rockhill and Carrie Ann Davison, FHS student, in being selected as (state) Outstanding Accompanist in competition held in March.

Congratulations to Mr. Jason Morgan, FMS Career Tech AgriScience Teacher in his being selected to serve on state Career Technical Education leadership skills writing committee.

Congratulations to the following 2012 Florence City Schools Teachers of the Year:

Mrs. Rebecca Rockhill, Florence High School
Mrs. Donna Freeze, Freshman Center
Mrs. Melanie Harris, Florence Middle School
Mrs. Karen James, Hibbett Middle School
Mrs. Debbie Reynolds, Forest Hills Elementary School
Mrs. Anna Grinnell, Harlan Elementary School
Mrs. Kim Thompson, Weeden Elementary School

Congratulations to Mrs. Kim Thompson in being selected as FCS Elementary Teacher of the Year and Mrs. Rebecca Rockhill, FCS Secondary Teacher of the Year.