

A Celebration of Excellence

Saluting Great Teaching & Learning

May 11 & 12, 2015

A Special Thanks

- ◆ To Margaret Gamble for providing the beautiful floral arrangements and corsages in memory of her parents, Joseph and Mary Gamble.
- ◆ To Brenda Jackson, Clinton Elementary teacher, and her art classes for making the table decorations.

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Saluting Great Learning & Great Teaching

Monday Evening's Celebration

Prelude

David Platts, Instructional Specialist ♦ Alan Bishop, Band Director, Buford High School ♦ John Rhodes, Band Director, Lancaster High School

Welcome

Gene Moore, Superintendent

Presentation of Colors

Andrew Jackson High JROTC

Pledge of Allegiance

Alexis Roberson, Heath Springs Elementary School

National Anthem

Elementary Choral Ensemble

Invocation

Andrea Ribelin, Buford Elementary Principal

Dinner

As you dine, we hope you'll enjoy the music of
David Platts, Piano ♦ Alan Bishop, Drums ♦ John Rhodes, Bass

Keynote Address

Mary Beth Mize, Celebrate Great Teaching District Award Recipient

Recognition of Students

Bobby Parker, Board of Trustees Chair
Gene Moore, Superintendent
Lydia Quinn, Planning & Accountability Executive Director

Closing Remarks

Bobby Parker, Board of Trustees Chair



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Tuesday Luncheon's Celebration

Prelude

David Platts, Instructional Specialist ♦ Alan Bishop, Band Director, Buford High School ♦ John Rhodes, Band Director, Lancaster High School

Welcome

Gene Moore, Superintendent

Presentation of Colors

Lancaster High JROTC

Pledge of Allegiance

Cadet Ramya A. Lockhart, Lancaster High JROTC

National Anthem

Linda Blackwell, Elementary Education Director

Invocation

Angela McCrorey, Food Services Director

Dinner

As you dine, we hope you'll enjoy the music of
David Platts, Piano ♦ Alan Bishop, Drums ♦ John Rhodes, Bass

Recognition of Retirees

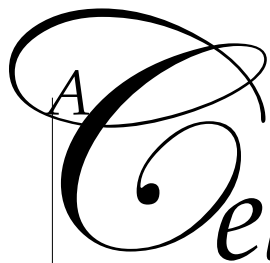
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Special Recognitions – Education Hall of Fame

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Closing Remarks

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Saluting Great Learning

Tuesday Evening's Celebration

Prelude

David Platts, Instructional Specialist ♦ Alan Bishop, Band Director, Buford High School ♦ John Rhodes, Band Director, Lancaster High School

Welcome

Gene Moore, Superintendent

Presentation of Colors

Indian Land High JROTC

Pledge of Allegiance

Maggie McDow, Andrew Jackson Middle School

National Anthem

Middle School and High School Choral Ensemble

Invocation

Chris Thorpe, Indian Land Middle Principal

Dinner

As you dine, we hope you'll enjoy the music of
David Platts, Piano ♦ Alan Bishop, Drums ♦ John Rhodes, Bass

Keynote Address

Will Anderson, Lancaster High Senior Earning Highest GPA

Recognition of Students

Bobby Parker, Board of Trustees Chair
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Closing Remarks

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Student Honorees

Dana Adams

Buford High School, Grade 12

Dana is a very bright and motivated band student. She has served as brass captain and band captain in the marching band. She works hard at improving her skills as a trumpet player. It has been my joy to have known Dana and to have her as a member of the Buford band program. She will be missed!

Buford High teacher Alan Bishop

- Highest HonorsGrade 12
- National Beta ClubGrades 10-12
- National Honor SocietyGrades 11-12
- Junior CivitansGrades 9-12
- Ensemble AwardGrades 7,10
- Homecoming QueenGrade 12
- Prom CommitteeGrade 11
- Clothes ClosetGrades 6-11
- Praise BandGrades 6-9
- Church Youth GroupGrades 6-12
- First PriorityGrade 9
- BandGrades 6-12
- Marching Band.....Grades 10-12
- Jazz BandGrades 10-12
- Basketball.....Grades 7-9

Erin Paige Adams

Heath Springs Elementary School, Grade 5

Erin first caught my attention as a kindergartener at Heath Springs Elementary. I can't remember if it was the BIG bow or the head-to-toe matching ensemble that made her stand out in the crowd. Having only a son at that time, I was drawn to little girls with big bows with a matching personality. Little did I know, Erin was much more than a well-accessorized kindergartner. Needless to say, we became fast friends. Conversations that began over style and fashion quickly transitioned into conversations about books, characters and a mutual love for conversation and learning. I found myself looking forward to her daily, spontaneous drop-in visits.

When I first saw her name on my class list as a rising third grader, I knew I was up for a challenge, since she had visited my classroom almost daily since first grade. Although I knew her passion for conversation may be a challenge for both of us, I had no idea that I would learn so much from her each day. She kept me informed and updated, both figuratively and literally. From the latest documentary on the Discovery Channel to the latest gossip she secretly tapped into on Facebook; she kept me in the loop.

Erin taught me way more than I ever taught her. She taught me to never judge a book by the cover and to always take the time to engage in conversation. Although I teased Erin for years about wanting her hand-me-down wardrobe for my daughter, I wish Erin could hand down more than her big bows and fashion-filled closet. I would want her to hand down her outgoing personality, inquisitive nature and passion for life and learning. Erin is an exceptional young girl, one very dear to my heart. I look forward to watching her grow and can't wait to see where God leads her. I hope the world is ready because she's sure to leave her mark.

Heath Springs Elementary teacher Staci White

- A Honor RollGrades 3-5
- Math AwardGrades 3-5
- Reading AwardGrades 3-5
- Class Spelling Bee Winner.....Grade 4
- School Spelling Bee WinnerGrade 4
- Gifted and Talented ProgramGrades 3-5
- Accelerated Reader Award
- Safety PatrolGrade 5
- Drama ClubGrades 4-5
- Gymnastics.....Grades 3-4
- Lancaster County Honor ChoirGrade 5
- Science FairGrade 3

Garren Adamson

A.R. Rucker Middle School, Grade 8

Garren is a highly motivated individual who possesses all the tools necessary to succeed in the classroom and in life. Garren displays daily a natural intelligence,

intense open-mindedness and an incredible wit. Garren is a free-thinker, unlimited by the restraints of an “inside-the-box” mentality. His problem-solving abilities have allowed him to thrive in his academic endeavors, as well as extracurricular activities such as robotics club and the academic challenge team. Garren’s personality and talents will allow him to continue to maintain a positive example of excellence throughout his academic career and beyond. I am proud to have taught Garren, but I am even more proud to celebrate Garren’s outstanding achievements in his quest for excellence.

A.R. Rucker Middle teacher Palmer Hudson

- Junior ScholarGrade 8
- Trustees AwardGrade
- Student of the Month AwardGrade 7
- Lancaster Community PlayhouseGrades 2-8
- ST-ARTS ProgramGrades 6-7
- National Junior Beta ClubGrades 6-8
- G/T CampGrade 5
- Leo ClubGrades 7-8
- BandGrades 6-8
- Pep BandGrades 7-8
- PianoGrade 8
- Boy ScoutsGrades 6-8
- SoccerGrades 2-5
- Swim TeamGrade 6

Hunter Elizabeth Allen

Buford Middle School, Grade 8

Hunter is the type of student and player that teachers and coaches dream about. Teachers and coaches have moments that define and shape their careers. Knowing Hunter Allen is one of those moments for me. She is a perfect example of the student athlete. Hunter has maintained high academic standards while participating in several sports throughout the years. She has earned the respect of her teachers, coaches and fellow students. Hunter often heard me say as I coached her, “Never be satisfied.” She managed to take that to the next level. Hunter has a supportive family, which has instilled in her a strong work ethic, the value of education and the internal drive to succeed. Hunter will achieve great success in her life because of her quest for excellence.

Buford Middle teacher Susan Scott

- A Honor RollGrades 3-8
- English Language Arts AwardGrade 5
- Math AwardGrade 5
- Science AwardGrade 5
- Perfect AttendanceGrades 1, 4

- Gifted and Talented ProgramGrade 5
- Accelerated Reader AwardGrades 1-4
- Student of the Month AwardGrades 1-4
- Citizenship AwardGrade 8
- P.E. AwardGrade 5
- Art Award - 2nd Place Lancaster County FairGrades K-5
- National Junior Beta ClubGrades 6-8
- Yearbook StaffGrade 8
- Terrific Kid AwardGrades 1-4
- Effective Leadership AwardGrade 5
- Church Youth GroupGrades 6-8
- BasketballGrades 7-8
 - Rec-basketballGrades 4-6
 - AllstarsGrades 4-6
 - Co-MVPGrade 7
- Rec-SoccerGrades 3-5
 - AllstarsGrade 3
- SoftballGrades K-6
 - Varsity SoftballGrades 7-8
 - JV SoftballGrade 7
 - AllstarsGrades 3-4
 - Dixie All-Star Team - Won Dixie Region ... Grade 4
 - State PlayoffsGrade 4
 - Active Member of Travel Softball with Palmetto PrideGrades 3-8
- Volleyball
 - RecGrade 6
 - BMSGrades 7-8
- Church Youth GroupGrades 6-8

Megan Allison

Indian Land High School, Grade 12

Itaught Megan in year-long English I Honors her freshman year, as well as, photography her sophomore year. Megan is one of my favorite students; her happiness and success radiate to those around her. She is hard-working, bright and courteous. Whenever we cross paths in the halls, she continues to ask how I am doing or chat about our favorite TV show. Because of Megan’s dedication, she is bound to succeed in whatever she decides to do in life.

Indian Land High teacher Robin Champion

- Highest HonorsGrade 12
- A Honor RollGrades 9-11
- Junior MarshalGrade 11
- Academic AchievementGrades 9-12
- English AwardGrade 9
- Keyboard AwardGrades 6-8
- Science Fair AwardGrade 5
- Class Spelling Bee WinnerGrade 5
- Perfect AttendanceGrades 1-5, 7-8
- Student of the Month AwardGrade 8
- Peer MediationGrades 4-5

- Peer TutoringGrade 12
- National Beta Club.....Grades 9-12
- National Honor Society.....Grades 10-12
- National Junior Honor Society.....Grades 7-8
- Student Council.....Grade 8
- Yearbook StaffGrades 11-12
- Basketball.....Grades 8-10
- CheerleaderGrades 3-7
- Soccer.....Grades K-5
- PianoGrades 6-10
- Church Youth GroupGrades 6-12
- Fellowship of Christian Athletes.....Grades 10-12
- Yearbook EditorGrade 12
- Yearbook Business ExecutiveGrade 11
- Lifegroup Leader for 7th-Grade Girls.....Grades 11-12
- Fellowship of Christian Athletes Leader
.....Grades 11-12
- Rice 'n Beans Homeless Outreach.....Grades 10-12
- Joyprom VolunteerGrades 9-12
- Turning Point VolunteerGrades 9-12
- New York MissionaryGrades 9-12

Taylor Marie Ames-Alexander

McDonald Green Elementary School, Grade 5

God has blessed my wife and I with two sons, and over the years we have always heard that we need a daughter.....if I were able to handpick one girl to be my daughter, it would be Taylor. She stole my heart as an out-going, energetic and fun-loving little 5 year old when she stepped into my P.E. class as a kindergartner. I knew from day one she was going to be a special young lady, and she has proven me to be correct in a manner I wouldn't have ever imagined. Taylor's ability to perform at an academic and athletic level is outstanding! Having the ability to successfully balance and manage the demands of her academics and athletics speaks volumes about how great of a young woman Taylor will one day be! Taylor has a profound love for life, learning and her community. Taylor's beautiful smile and laugh are very contagious. She can definitely brighten up the darkest day. Her effervescent personality allows her to bond with all she interacts with. These aforementioned characteristics will allow Taylor to reach people of all ages and walks of life and will sustain her to a most promising future. If Taylor doesn't become a famous female athlete, this will be acceptable, because she will be able to perform any profession she desires due to her aspiration to succeed. Celebration of Excellence is and should be synonymous with Taylor Marie Ames-Alexander! It has been my honor and privilege to have Taylor as

one of my students here at McDonald Green. I am grateful for the time we were able to share together. I hope I was able to make an impact upon her life as she has made upon mine! It has been a Godsend to know and teach Taylor.

McDonald Green Elementary teacher Michael Owens

- A Honor RollGrades 2-5
- Science Award.....Grade 5
- Gifted and Talented ProgramGrades 3-5
- Study Island AwardGrade 4
- P.E. AwardGrade 4
- National Junior Beta Club.....Grade 5
- Student Council.....Grades 4-5
- SoftballGrades 1-5
- Steel Drum EnsembleGrade 5
- Girl ScoutsGrades 2-4
- Hall of FameGrades K-4

William Anderson

Lancaster High School, Grade 12

William is one of the best students I have had the joy to work with at Lancaster High School. He is a student that applies a great deal of effort to his studies and does not just take the information given. He checks the information and if he finds errors, he brings them to the attention of the teacher. He has an outstanding attitude for school and learning. It was a joy to have him in our AP U.S. History class and talk to about history and the process of learning. His desire to be the best will take him far in life. I want to thank Will for sharing in the learning process and being excellent. Good Luck!

Lancaster High School teacher Ed Humphrey

- Highest HonorsGrade 12
- A Honor RollGrade 3-8
- Junior Marshal - Head Jr. MarshalGrade 11
- English AwardGrades 5-11
- History AwardGrades 10-11
- Math AwardGrades 5-10
- Science AwardGrades 5-10
- Social Studies AwardGrades 5-8
- Trustees AwardGrades 7-8
- Lt. Governor's Writing Award Winner.....Grade 5
- President's Award for Educational Excellence
.....Grade 5
- Gifted and Talented ProgramGrades 3-5
- Battle of Books AwardGrades 3-5
- Accelerated Reader Award.....Grades 2-8
- Citizenship AwardGrades 5, 8
- Principal's PalGrade 3

- P.E. AwardGrade 8
- Duke University Talent Identification Program
.....Grades 4-8
- Boys StateGrade 11
- Erskine FellowGrade 12
- Presbyterian FellowGrade 12
- Wofford ScholarGrade 12
- Junior ScholarGrade 8
- Lander Junior FellowGrade 12
- Clemson ScholarGrade 12
- Palmetto FellowsGrade 12
- AP Scholar
- National Merit - Letter of CommendationGrade 12
- Top 15 in Class.....Grades 9-12
- High School Academic Challenge Team ..Grades 9-12
- Middle School Academic Challenge Team
.....Grades 7-8
- Duke Tip Scholar State RecognitionGrade 7
- Outstanding Sophomore.....Grade 10
- Outstanding JuniorGrade 11
- *Southern Sampler*Grade 2
- National Beta Club.....Grades 11-12
- National Junior Beta Club.....Grades 7-8
- National Honor Society.....Grades 11-12
- Junior CivitansGrades 9-12
- Art ClubGrade 5
- French AwardGrade 6
- Chess ClubGrades 10-12
- Letters About LiteratureGrade 5
- Robotics Club.....Grades 6-8
- Computer AwardGrades 5-7
- Overall Academic Excellence Award.....Grade 8
- Spanish Award.....Grade 11
- Psychology Award.....Grade 10
- Boy ScoutsGrades 6-12
- Eagle ScoutGrade 12
- Cub ScoutsGrades 1-5
- Order of the ArrowGrade 9
- Scribe SocietyGrades 11-12
- Woodmen of the WorldGrade 11
- Royal AmbassadorsGrades 1-5

Madison Arbour

Indian Land Middle School, Grade 8

"Quality is never an accident. It is always the result of high intention, sincere effort, intelligent direction and skillful execution. It represents the wise choice of many alternatives." (Will Foster) *This quote by Mr. Foster best describes Madison. She always works and presents her work at an excellent level. There is no other way for her. I see Madison doing great things in this world if she continues with the attitude that excellence is the only thing she will accept.*

Indian Land Middle teacher Emily Dunning

- A Honor RollGrades 1-8
- Academic AchievementGrades 1-8
- English AwardGrades 4-7
- Geography AwardGrades 4-7
- History AwardGrades 4-7
- Keyboard AwardGrades 4, 6-7
- Language AwardGrades 4-7
- Math AwardGrades 4-7
- Reading AwardGrade 4
- Science AwardGrades 4-7
- Social Studies AwardGrades 4-7
- Gifted and Talented ProgramGrades 4-5
- Accelerated Reader AwardGrade 4
- Student of the Month AwardGrade 6
- Citizenship AwardGrades 1-4
- Safety PatrolGrade 5
- Music AwardGrade 6
- Duke University MAP ProgramGrade 4
- Duke University Talent Identification Program
.....Grade 4
- National Junior Honor SocietyGrades 6-8
- Student CouncilGrades 5-6
- Drama ClubGrade 5
- CheerleaderGrades 4-8
- GymnasticsGrades 1-5
- SoftballGrades 4-7
- PianoGrade 6
- DramaGrade 5
- News CrewGrade 8
- Brownie ScoutsGrades 1-3
- Celebration of Excellence AwardGrade 5, 8

Tru Krystal Ann Ashby

Erwin Elementary School, Grade 5

Intelligent, soft spoken, creative and friendly are words that come to mind when I think of Tru Ashby. Tru has a kind heart and enjoys helping others in need. She is a friend to everyone and can quickly brighten a room with her sweet smile. Tru works hard and goes the extra mile without being asked. She gives her all each and every day which plays a big part in her educational successes. Without a doubt, I know that Tru's positive attitude and drive to succeed will bring her great things in the future. Congratulations, Tru, I am very proud of you!

Erwin Elementary teacher Mandy McGee

- A Honor RollGrades 2-5
- Science Fair AwardGrade 4
- Perfect AttendanceGrades 3-5
- Accelerated Reader AwardGrade 3
- Student of the Week AwardGrade 4
- Safety PatrolGrade 5
- Art AwardGrade 4

- Founders FellowGrade 5
- CheerleaderGrades 4-5
- Soccer.....Grade 4
- ChorusGrades 4-5

Amber Avant

Lancaster High School, Grade 12

I count myself blessed to have met Amber Avant during her senior year. She is an intelligent and self-reliant young lady who will succeed in life. Amber was a computer programming student, who was tenacious, methodical and efficient. All of these superlatives will carry over into her everyday life and college endeavors. She is composed, helpful, self-driven and enthusiastic. I will continue to follow her successes in the future.

Lancaster High teacher Bridgett Plexico

- Highest HonorsGrade 12
- A Honor RollGrades 3-12
- Junior MarshalGrade 11
- Academic AchievementGrades 5, 9-11
- Reading AwardGrade 4
- Science AwardGrades 4, 6, 8
- Science Fair AwardGrades 3, 5, 7
- Perfect AttendanceGrade 3
- Youth Art MonthGrades 7, 9, 12
- Columbia College ScholarGrade 11
- High School Academic Challenge TeamGrade 12
- National Beta Club.....Grades 11-12
- National Honor Society.....Grades 11-12
- National Junior Honor Society.....Grade 8
- ACE Club.....Grade 8
- Art ClubGrades 11-12
- Computer AwardGrades 3, 8
- Psychology Award.....Grade 11
- President's Education AwardGrade 5
- Outstanding Student AwardGrade 8

Meagan Ballard

Lancaster High School, Grade 12

Excellence is a choice. Students are presented with countless choices daily. Meagan Ballard has chosen excellence. Academic rigor has been important to her. Participation in church, family and school activities has always been a visible part of Meagan's routine and her outstanding character reflects the impact she has had on fellow students and teachers as well. She has shown great potential as a leader. Excellence is a process which grows with practice. Meagan will continue to choose excellence as she moves forward and meets new challenges.

Lancaster High teacher John K. Rhodes

- Highest HonorsGrade 12
- A Honor Roll
- Junior MarshalGrade 11
- Gifted and Talented ProgramGrades 3-12
- National Beta Club.....Grades 11-12
- National Honor Society.....Grades 11-12
- Soccer.....Grade 9
- TrackGrade 9
- BandGrades 6-12
- Marching Band.....Grades 9-12
- Jazz BandGrades 9-11
- Pep BandGrades 9-12
- All-County BandGrades 8, 10, 12
- Girl Scouts

Anne Marie Barton

Andrew Jackson School, Grade 12

Anne Marie is an exceptional young woman. She carries herself in a professional manner and excels in all tasks assigned. I have had the pleasure of working with Anne Marie on the yearbook staff for multiple years. She has been vital to the success and completion of the book on multiple fronts. She does well with deadlines and pushes others to their maximum potential. In addition to yearbook, Anne Marie is a part of other extracurricular activities; varsity volleyball, BETA Club, National Honor Society, and church volunteering. She definitely makes the best use of her spare time. Her demeanor makes her a joy to be around and an asset to any class or organization in which she participates. Anne Marie is a hard worker and diligently works to achieve the high standards she sets for herself. It has been a pleasure watching Anne Marie grow in both knowledge and leadership the past few years. Congratulations, it is well deserved!

Andrew Jackson High teacher Benjy Bell

- Highest HonorsGrade 12
- A Honor RollGrades 3-8
- Junior MarshalGrade 11
- English AwardGrades 6-7
- Math AwardGrades 6-7
- Reading AwardGrade 2
- Science AwardGrade 6
- Perfect AttendanceGrades K, 2-4, 6
- Gifted and Talented ProgramGrades 3-7
- Focus - Art.....Grades 6-8
- Student of the Month AwardGrades 1-4, 6
- Office Aide Award.....Grade 6
- Coaches Award.....Grade 7
- Safety PatrolGrade 5
- Art AwardGrade 3

- Girls State.....Grade 11
- 1000 Plus SAT Club.....Grade 12
- National Beta Club.....Grades 6-12
- National Junior Beta Club.....Grade 5
- National Honor Society.....Grades 11-12
- Yearbook StaffGrades 11-12
- Teacher Cadet.....Grade 12
- Basketball.....Grades K-5, 7
- Soccer.....Grades 1-3
- SoftballGrade 4
- Swim TeamGrades 1-4
- VolleyballGrades 7-12
- PianoGrade 11
- Church Youth GroupGrades 6-9
- Girls in Action (GAs).....Grades 1-5
- Student Athlete Leadership TeamGrades 11-12
- Computer AwardGrades 10-11

Keri Beard

Buford High School, Grade 12

I had the joy of having Keri in my Art 4 class. She was a great asset to the classroom with her vibrant personality and amazing talents. Keri is academically successful, artistically talented and a hard worker at all she does. Her delicate hand and eye for color bring beauty and brilliance to her artwork, and her constant willingness to learn continues to better her abilities. She is always willing to go the extra mile to get the work done, a helping hand anytime needed, and a friend to anyone she meets. Keri is a well-mannered, respectful young lady with a very bright future. It was a true pleasure getting to know Keri and watch her grow as an artist, and I cannot wait to see what she conquers in her future pursuits!

Buford High teacher Sydney Hinson

- Highest HonorsGrade 12
- Junior MarshalGrade 11
- Gifted and Talented ProgramGrades 3-7
- Junior ScholarGrade 8
- National Beta Club.....Grades 10-12
- National Honor Sociey.....Grades 10-12
- Junior CivitansGrades 10-11
- SoftballGrades 7-11
- VolleyballGrades 7-8, 10

Courtney Beckham

Buford High School, Grade 12

Courtney has been a member of the band program at Buford for six years. During this time, I have observed Courtney become a very motivated and talented

young lady. Courtney is very dedicated to the band program. Courtney has demonstrated self-motivation by contacting other marching band officers over the summer to communicate her goals to the officers, and to offer herself for assistance to anyone that may be in need. It has been an honor to have taught Courtney. We will miss her!

Buford High teacher Alan Bishop

- Highest HonorsGrade 12
- A Honor Roll.....Grades 10-12
- Keyboard AwardGrades 7-8
- Math AwardGrades 10-11
- Science Award.....Grade 11
- Perfect AttendanceGrade 8
- Accelerated Reader Award.....Grades 7-8
- Music AwardGrades 8-12
- Ensemble AwardGrades 11-12
- Best Drum MajorGrade 12
- Duke University Talent Identification Program
.....Grade 7
- Erskine ScholarGrade 11
- Presbyterian ScholarGrade 11
- Junior ScholarGrade 8
- Trustees Award.....Grade 8
- National Beta Club.....Grades 10-12
- National Honor Society.....Grades 10-12
- TrackGrades 7-12
- BandGrades 6-12
- Marching Band.....Grades 8-12
- PianoGrades 5-12
- Church Youth GroupGrades 6-12
- Fellowship of Christian Athletes.....Grades 10-12
- First PriorityGrades 10-11
- Clothes ClosetGrades 9-12
- Praise BandGrades 6-9

Aradhya Bhoop

Indian Land Middle School, Grade 8

I am happy to congratulate and celebrate Aru's accomplishments. I have enjoyed working with him this past year. He is always pleasant, respectful and attentive. It's a joy to see him smile. Aru is an independent self-starter and very responsible. He is a very intelligent young man who is always prepared and completes his work independently without assistance. His work ethic enhances his academic excellence. With these characteristics, I know Aru will be very successful in any endeavor he pursues regarding his post-secondary educational goals and career pathways. He will most certainly become a productive member of society.

Indian Land Middle counselor Phedrian Alexander

- A Honor Roll.....Grade 4

- Junior ScholarGrade 8
- Trustees AwardGrade 8
- Math AwardGrade 4
- Reading AwardGrades 4-5
- Science AwardGrade 5
- Social Studies AwardGrade 5
- Perfect AttendanceGrade 5
- Gifted and Talented ProgramGrades 4-5
- Study Island AwardGrades 5-6
- Safety PatrolGrade 5
- Duke University Talent Identification Program
..... Grade 7
- Doodle for Google - State FinalistGrade 6
- Rainbow Award - Respect and Responsibility
..... Grades K-1

Austin Blackmon

Buford Elementary School, Grade 5

Four words can sum up Austin Blackmon – a joy to teach. I was lucky enough to have Austin in my third-grade class. He was very well behaved. He got along well with his peers and was respectful to any adult that he encountered. Austin was a self-motivated learner who took pride in his schoolwork. His work was always turned in on time, neat and accurate. In addition to doing well academically, Austin was good at sports. He is indeed a well-rounded young man with a bright future. Congratulations on your award, Austin, I wish you continued success.

Buford Elementary teacher Mary Wilkes

- A Honor RollGrades K-5
- Class Spelling Bee WinnerGrade 5
- Gifted and Talented ProgramGrades 3-5
- Study Island AwardGrades 2-4
- Principal's PalGrades K-3
- Duke University MAP ProgramGrade 5
- Duke University Talent Identification Program
..... Grade 5
- S.W.A.T. TeamGrade 4
- BaseballGrades K-5
- BasketballGrade 4
- SoccerGrade K

Casey A. Blackmon

Kershaw Elementary School, Grade 5

Itaught Casey in third grade. She is still the sunshine in many of my days. She is a caring and considerate student. I love her sense of humor. She is a very good student and a natural leader within the classroom.

Trustworthiness is a key component of leadership, and Casey possesses this quality. Casey is well liked by her classmates and is able to motivate others to be successful. Her smile and positive attitude are contagious. She is a good citizen who always follows the rules and procedures. This maximizes her learning potential. Although I am no longer her teacher, she continues to brighten my days with her beautiful smile and positive attitude. I am so proud of Casey and will miss her "sunshine" next year.

Kershaw Elementary teacher Eleanor Young

- A Honor RollGrades 2-5
- Math Award
- Reading AwardGrades 1-5
- Class Spelling Bee WinnerGrades 3-5
- Book-It-AwardGrades 2-3
- Accelerated Reader AwardGrades 2-5
- Student of the Month AwardGrade 3
- Principal's PalGrade 2
- P.E. AwardGrade 4
- Safety PatrolGrade 5
- Art AwardGrade 4
- Lancaster Youth Art ShowGrade 4
- National Junior Beta ClubGrade 5
- BaseballGrade 2
- CheerleaderGrade 4
- ChorusGrade 5
- 100 Book ChallengeGrades 2, 5
- Junior Beta Club - Secretary/TreasurerGrade 5

GraceAnn Blackmon

Heath Springs Elementary School, Grade 5

GraceAnn Blackmon brings joy to everyone! She has the absolute best personality and a work ethic to match. Even when she meets a challenging task, she perseveres to meet the goal. She is an excellent friend to her classmates. She helps them with their academics, as well as lifting their spirits if they are having a bad day. I know she will achieve greatness in her future endeavors.

Heath Springs Elementary teacher Jennifer Fleming

- A Honor RollGrades 3-5
- Math AwardGrade 3
- Reading AwardGrades 1, 3-4
- Science AwardGrades 1, 3
- Social Studies AwardGrades 1, 3
- Gifted and Talented ProgramGrade 5
- Citizenship AwardGrades 1-3
- P.E. AwardGrades K-1
- Yearbook StaffGrade 4
- BaseballGrades K-1
- BasketballGrades 2-3

- DancingGrades K-5
- PianoGrade 4
- Girls in Action (GAs).....Grades 2-5
- Girls on the RunGrade 4
- Reading Counts Award.....Grades 1, 3
- Spelling AchievementGrade 1
- Certificate of Completion.....Grade 1
- Certification of Participation.....Grade 4
- 100 Book Challenge.....Grade 3
- Outstanding BehaviorGrade 1
- Handwriting AchievementGrades 1, 3
- Writing AwardGrades 1-4

Katlyn Blakley

Lancaster High School, Grade 12

Katlyn is a delightful young lady with a great sense of humor and a great work ethic. I have had the pleasure of teaching her in calculus this year and have been impressed with her academic ability and drive to succeed. She is a great student and a very nice person. She has the mind, motivation and personality to do great things with her future. I know she will be successful at whatever she pursues.

Lancaster High teacher Nancy Marshall

- Highest HonorsGrade 12
- A Honor Roll.....Grades 3-10
- Keyboard AwardGrade 7
- Math AwardGrade 5
- Reading AwardGrades 3-4
- Science AwardGrade 4
- SociologyGrade 11
- WSMS ProductionGrade 7
- Academic Recognition AwardGrade 9
- Perfect AttendanceGrades 2, 4-7
- Gifted and Talented ProgramGrade 6
- Mini Society AwardGrades 4-5
- Office Aide Award.....Grade 4
- Citizenship AwardGrade 7
- Principal's PalGrade 4
- P.E. AwardGrade 3
- Ensemble AwardGrade 5
- 1000 Plus SAT Club.....Grade 12
- National Honor Society.....Grades 11-12
- National Junior Honor Society.....Grades 6-8
- CivinettesGrades 9-12
- Outdoors ClubGrades 9-11
- ChorusGrades 6-8
- Church Youth GroupGrades 6-12
- Girls in Action (GAs).....Grades 6-8
- First PriorityGrades 6-8

Kenzlie Charles Blankenship

North Elementary School, Grade 5

Kenzlie is a fun-loving student. She understands the importance of having fun all the while keeping her excellent academic record. Being her ELA teacher, it touched my heart to see her constantly reading. She is a self-motivated student who tries her best in all she does. I know with Kenzlie's inquisitive spirit and her excellent academic abilities she will have a successful future. I am honored that I had the opportunity to teach such a high-spirited young lady.

North Elementary teacher Casey Burgess

- A Honor RollGrade 5
- Founders FellowGrade 3
- Newspaper StaffGrade 5
- Art ClubGrade 5
- ChorusGrade 5
- PianoGrade 4
- News CrewGrade 5
- Columbia Children's TheaterGrades 1-2
- Cast in 3 Plays/Musicals
- Main Character in One Play
- Girl ScoutsGrade 4
- Church Youth GroupGrades 2-5
- Basketball - Church.....Grade 4
- Soccer.....Grades 3-4
- SoftballGrades 3-5

J Bobo

Indian Land Elementary School, Grade 5

Jis an exceptional student who goes above and beyond in everything he does. He is a great role model for other students and a pleasure to have in class. J is always willing to participate in class and does so with enthusiasm. He is eager to help in any way possible, always offering to help out in the classroom when he finishes his work. J is well liked by his classmates and by his teachers. I know that J will continue to be successful in his educational career and in whatever he chooses to do in life. It was my pleasure to have J as a student this year!

Indian Land Elementary teacher Lara Duernberger

- A Honor RollGrades 3-5
- Science Award.....Grade 4
- Class Spelling Bee Winner.....Grade 5
- Gifted and Talented ProgramGrades 2-5
- Book-It Award.....Grades 1-5

- Accelerated Reader Award.....Grade 3
- Good Sport Award.....Grade 3
- P.E. Award.....Grade 4
- Duke University Talent Identification Program
.....Grade 5
- Piano.....Grades 1-5
- Cub Scouts.....Grades 1-5
- Arrow of Light.....Grade 5
- State Bible Drill.....Grades 4-5

Hannah Boone

Buford Middle School, Grade 8

First, let me begin by stating that it is an honor to be asked to write on Hannah's behalf. Hannah is a very gifted and conscientious student. Her dedication, fine attitude and eagerness to learn enhance her excellence in academics. Hannah does an excellent job balancing her academics and extracurricular activities. As Hannah's basketball coach, the one thing I admire most about her is her determination. No matter how tough I was on her, Hannah would never let me get the best of her. I appreciate that because it made her a fighter. As she faces challenges in life, I am sure Hannah will handle them with the same attitude of determination as she did on the basketball court. I have firm confidence that Hannah's motivation and determination to succeed will take her far in life! Hannah is a great student and athlete, but to me she is even more than that. She is a remarkable young lady!

Buford Middle teacher Susan Scott

- A Honor Roll.....Grades 3-8
- Junior Marshal.....Grade 7
- Perfect Attendance.....Grades 1-8
- Gifted and Talented Program.....Grades 3-5
- National Junior Beta Club.....Grades 6-8
- National Junior Art Society.....Grade 8
- Yearbook Staff.....Grade 8
- Basketball.....Grades 7-8
- Highest Academic Average in Basketball.....Grade 7
- Softball - JV.....Grades 7-8
- Volleyball.....Grade 8
- Church Youth Group.....Grades 6-8

Dylan Boswell

Indian Land Middle School, Grade 8

Dylan is a highly intelligent, trustworthy, eccentric and whimsical person, which makes him stand out from the crowd. His unique sense of humor and insight is typically thought provoking. He is an enthusiastic,

knowledge-hungry learner, eager to meet challenges and quickly assimilate new concepts. His perseverance and diligence will carry him through the failures he must endure in order to succeed. Dylan has the potential to make exponential change in our world.

Indian Land Middle teacher Lisa Bachini

- A Honor Roll.....Grades 3-8
- Junior Scholar.....Grade 8
- Trustees Award.....Grade 8
- English Award.....Grades 3, 6-7
- Math Award.....Grades 3, 6-7
- Science Award.....Grades 3, 5-7
- Science Fair Award.....Grades 3, 6
- Class Spelling Bee Winner.....Grades 3-7
- Social Studies Award.....Grades 3, 6-7
- Perfect Attendance.....Grade 5
- Gifted and Talented Program.....Grades 3-5
- P.E. Award.....Grade 4
- National Junior Honor Society.....Grade 7
- Baseball.....Grade 3
- Karate.....Grades 6-7
- Drama.....Grades 4-5
- Boy Scouts.....Grade 4
- First Lego League.....Grade 8

Garrett Bowers

Andrew Jackson Middle School, Grade 8

Garrett is a quiet, observant and patient young man. Through his middle school years, he has demonstrated kindness, excellent manners and a desire to always strive to reach his goals. He is at home in the classroom, in athletic endeavors and in the outdoors. Garrett is strong in his faith and strives to show that strength through his daily actions and his commitment to setting the best example for those around him.

Andrew Jackson Middle teacher Beth Reeves

- A Honor Roll.....Grades 3-8
- Language Award.....Grades 4,7
- Math Award.....Grades 2, 6-7
- Science Award.....Grades 6-7
- Class Spelling Bee Winner.....Grade 7
- Social Studies Award.....Grades 6-7
- Perfect Attendance.....Grades 1, 3-6
- Gifted and Talented Program.....Grades 3-8
- Focus.....Grades 6-8
- Book-It Award.....Grades K-5
- Accelerated Reader Award.....Grades K-5
- Student of the Month Award.....Grade 2
- Great Attitude Award.....Grade 2
- Safety Patrol.....Grades 4-5
- Music Award.....Grade 4
- Art Award.....Grade 2

- Duke University Talent Identification ProgramGrade 7
- Service LearningGrades 5-8
- National Junior Beta ClubGrade 5
- BaseballGrades 1,3
- TrackGrades 7-8
- ChorusGrade 5
- Melody MakersGrade 5
- DramaGrades 6-8
- News CrewGrade 5
- Church Youth GroupGrades 6-8
- Royal Ambassadors (RAs)Grades K-6
- A+ Effort AwardGrade 7
- Computer High Average AwardGrade 7
- Dance FocusGrade 7
- FootballGrade 5
- Academic ExcellenceGrade 6
- Random Act of Kindness AwardGrade 6
- Highest AR Points AwardGrade 6
- Governor's Reading Honor RollGrades K-3
- Math-a-thonGrades K-5
- Lancaster County Council of the Arts
Summer CampGrades 2-3
- Lancaster County Library Summer Reading Club
.....Grades K-5
- Children's Church ChoirGrades 1-5
- Church Christmas PlayGrades 3-6, 8
- Lancaster Soil and Water Conservation Poster
ContestGrade 4
- "Just Say No" Drug Awareness Writing Contest
WinnerGrade 4
- Lancaster County Read-inGrade 4
- Come See Me Run ProgramGrade 5
- Certificate of Achievement for Memorizing the
Books of the BibleGrade 3
- Excellence Award for Reading the Bible Through
.....Grade 4
- Terrific KidGrades 1-2
- 100 Book Reading AwardGrade K
- Computer Award for ReadingGrade K
- Church Mission TripGrade 6

Lacy Bowers

Lancaster High School, Grade 12

Excellence is not passive. It demands daily dedication. Lacy Bowers has focused her efforts on excellence. Her demeanor and countenance show others her consistent passion for life and love for growth. Lacy has combined family, academics and community obligations and her success has been evident to all. She has encouraged other students to set lofty goals and her patience and kindness define her character. Our school family will see the impact she has generated for years to come.

Lacy will continue to strive for excellence in all her future endeavors.

Lancaster High teacher John K. Rhodes

- Highest HonorsGrade 12
- A Honor RollGrades 3-7
- Junior MarshalGrades 7-8
- Gifted and Talented ProgramGrades 3-8
- Principal's PalGrade 3
- Founders FellowGrades 3-5
- Elementary School Academic Challenge Team
.....Grade 5
- National Beta ClubGrade 12
- National Junior Beta ClubGrade 11
- National Honor SocietyGrade 12
- National Junior Honor SocietyGrade 11
- CivinettesGrades 9-12
- Outdoors ClubGrades 9-12
- BandGrades 9-12
- Marching BandGrades 9-12
- Jazz BandGrades 9-12
- Pep BandGrades 9-12
- First PriorityGrade 11
- Chime Choir at Grace PresbyterianGrades 9-12

Noah Bradley

Indian Land High School, Grade 12

Noah is currently serving time in my AP Biology class. As a teacher, we get only small glimpses into our students' exterior world, but I was able to witness a small piece of Noah beyond the classroom. The recognition of excellence is a mere by-product to actual life being lived. The conscientious effort that Noah displays, not only in classroom dynamics, but his interactions with peers and faculty is a subject beyond my skills to impart upon students. It goes beyond excellence – it is Noah's character, along with his qualities of excellence. It has been my honor to teach and be a part of his learning process.

Indian Land High teacher Chris Kendrick

- Highest HonorsGrade 12
- A Honor RollGrades 4-8
- English AwardGrades 6-8
- Geography AwardGrade 6
- History AwardGrades 6-8
- Class Spelling Bee WinnerGrades 4-6
- School Spelling Bee WinnerGrades 4-6
- Social Studies AwardGrades 6-8
- President's Award for Education Excellence ...Grade 5
- Accelerated Reader AwardGrades 5-7
- Citizenship AwardGrade 7
- Music AwardGrades 6-8
- Duke University Talent Identification Program
.....Grades 5-8

- Middle School Academic Challenge TeamGrade 7
- Lancaster Community PlayhouseGrades 3-4
- National Beta Club.....Grades 10-12
- National Junior Beta Club.....Grades 6-8
- National Honor Society.....Grade 12
- National Junior Honor Society.....Grade 8
- Student Council.....Grade 7
- Baseball.....Grades 6-7
- Basketball.....Grades 4-6
- Tae Kwon DoGrade 5
- BandGrades 6-8, 11-12
- Marching Band.....Grades 11-12
- Pep BandGrades 6-8, 11-12
- Boy ScoutsGrades 6-12
- Eagle Scouts.....Grade 12
- Cub ScoutsGrades 1-5
- RoboticsGrades 6-7
- Math Award
- Science Award

Alex Ryan Brasington

Andrew Jackson High School, Grade 12

Alex is a natural in my Architectural and Mechanical Design classes. During his freshman year in class, it became very apparent that his understanding of Architectural and Mechanical Design would allow him to excel. His ability to visualize, create and problem solve in class makes him a very special student. I wish Alex the best in his next phase of life. I'm sure he will continue his hard work in college and become successful in whatever he chooses. He will be missed next year. May God bless you in all that you do!

Andrew Jackson High teacher Jimbo Barton

- Highest HonorsGrade 12
- A Honor RollGrades 9-12
- Junior MarshalGrade 11
- Gifted and Talented ProgramGrades 4-8
- Erskine ScholarGrade 11
- Presbyterian ScholarGrade 11
- National Beta Club.....Grades 9-12
- National Junior Beta Club.....Grades 6-12
- National Honor Society.....Grades 11-12
- SALT - Student Athlete Leadership Training
.....Grades 11-12
- Palmetto Fellows ScholarGrade 12
- Capstone Scholar USC.....Grade 12
- Baseball.....Grades 7-12
- FootballGrade 12

Hannah Brasington

Buford High School, Grade 12

Hannah is a quiet, thoughtful, conscientious student, who listens well and goes "above and beyond" to complete assignments and projects. She plans to teach and did an excellent job at Buford Elementary during her Teacher Cadet field experience. Hannah could be described as the model student as she is never a problem. She likes to help others and will make an excellent teacher one day. Hannah has high moral character and strives to set a good example. I look forward to hearing great things about her future – hopefully in the classroom!

Buford High teacher Beth McDonald

- Highest HonorsGrade 12
- A Honor RollGrades 6-12
- Gifted and Talented ProgramGrades 6-8
- High School Academic Challenge Team
.....Grades 10-12
- Service LearningGrade 11
- National Beta Club.....Grades 10-12
- National Honor Society.....Grades 10-12
- Teacher Cadet.....Grade 11
- ChorusGrades 10-12
- Girls in Action (GAs).....Grades 6-8
- Completer in Education Class.....Grade 11
- Regional Honor Choir.....Grade 12
- County Honor ChoirGrades 10-12
- Voting Poll ManagerGrades 11-12
- Volunteer Cub Scout HelperGrades 9-10

Blake J. Brice

North Elementary School, Grade 5

I cannot think of a more deserving student for recognition of excellence in the classroom. Blake is an excellent student who has a quiet but determined will when it comes to reaching his goals. He is very knowledgeable and strives to do well in every subject. Blake has very high standards for himself and those around him. Blake works hard to learn any new skill or concept put before him. His love of reading is matched by his passionate, creative writing. It was a great joy and honor to work with such an amazingly gifted student.

North Elementary teacher Kevin Price

- A Honor RollGrades 3-5
- Science Fair Award - School and DistrictGrade 4
- Gifted and Talented ProgramGrade 5
- Accelerated Reader Award.....Grades 1, 4
- Student of the Month Award
Terrific Kid.....Grades 2-4
- Boy ScoutsGrades 1-3

Sydney Bryant Burback

Indian Land Middle School, Grade 8

Sydneý is a student with great character who exhibits strong morals, respect, commitment to her education and self discipline. She is helpful to anyone who crosses her path and makes the most of every situation. Sydney has a unique ability to excel in all walks of life. She strives to be the best she can be. She continuously carries a positive attitude and a gigantic smile that is contagious to others. She is willing to tackle anything that comes her way. Because of her drive and motivation in life, no doubt Sydney will excel in all areas of life! She will make a difference in others' lives! It is an honor to write this for Sydney Burback.

Indian Land Middle teacher Marci Lail

- A Honor RollGrades K-8
- English PASS Test - Perfect ScoreGrade 7
- English AwardGrades 6-7
- Math AwardGrades 6-7
- Science AwardGrades 6-7
- Social Studies AwardGrades 6-7
- Trustees AwardGrade 8
- STEM AwardGrade 6
- Student of the Month AwardGrade 6
- Citizenship AwardGrades 3-5
- Safety PatrolGrade 5
- National Junior Honor SocietyGrades 7-8
- Student CouncilGrade 5
- Yearbook StaffGrades 7-8
- BandGrades 6-8
- PianoGrade 3-7
- Church Youth GroupGrades K-8

Zoe Byrd

South Middle School, Grade 8

Zoe is not only an avid reader but also a superb mathematician. Another quality that she exhibits is her willingness to help others. Zoe is the kind of student a teacher loves to have as a part of the classroom because her talents and abilities help to motivate others around her. These qualities show that Zoe has the potential to be successful in everything she does. Congratulations on a well-deserved honor!

South Middle teacher Dianne Mills

- A Honor RollGrades 7-8
- Junior MarshalGrades 4, 7
- English AwardGrade 7
- Class Spelling Bee WinnerGrade 4
- Social Studies AwardGrade 6
- S.C. Young WriterGrade 3

- Gifted and Talented ProgramGrades 3-5
- Duke University Talent Identification ProgramGrades 4-5
- Junior ScholarGrade 8
- Trustees AwardGrade 8
- Middle School Academic Challenge TeamGrade 8
- Lancaster Youth Art ShowGrade 8
- ST-ARTS ProgramGrades 6-8
- National Junior Honor Society
- Student CouncilGrades 4-5
- GymnasticsGrades 2-3
- SoftballGrades 3-7
- Girl ScoutsGrades 2-3
- Principal's ChoiceGrade 3
- United States' Achievement AcademyGrade 5

Jeremiah Alexander Campbell

Andrew Jackson Middle School, Grade 8

Alex is a young man who loves life, and he seeks to find joy in every moment. Whether studying Shakespeare or grammar, Alex can find something to laugh about even as he is absorbing the information being taught. I have learned that his impish grin is often a sign that he is teasing or that he is about to pull a harmless, yet amusing prank, and that I am going to end up laughing before he leaves my classroom. At the same time, Alex is a young man schooled in "Southern manners." He is quick to say, "Yes, ma'am," and "thank-you," a trait that is becoming more rare among middle-school students. I have no doubt that Alex will excel both academically and personally in the coming years. I am honored to have been his teacher.

Andrew Jackson Middle teacher Deborah Griffin

- A Honor RollGrades 3-5
- A-B Honor RollGrades 6-7
- Academic AchievementGrade 7
- Junior ScholarGrade 8
- Trustees AwardGrade 8
- English AwardGrades 4-6
- History Award
- Language AwardGrade 4
- Keyboard AwardGrade 6
- Math AwardGrades 1-7
- Reading AwardGrades K-2, 4-6
- Science AwardGrade 4
- Social Studies AwardGrades 3, 6
- Gifted and Talented ProgramGrades 4-5
- FocusGrades 6-8
- Safety PatrolGrade 5
- Ensemble AwardGrade 4
- Art AwardGrade 1
- Duke University Talent Identification ProgramGrade 7

- Middle School Academic Challenge TeamGrade 7
- Governor's ReadingGrades K-2
- SpellingGrades 1-2
- Published Author.....Grade 2
- Writing AwardGrade 4
- Highest Average ELA ClassworksGrade 6
- Media Assistant.....Grade 7
- Church Youth GroupGrades 6-8
- Drama.....Grades 6-8
- WrestlingGrades 2-3
- Soccer.....Grades K-8
- DancingGrade 7
- Basketball.....Grades 3-4
- SwimmingGrade K

Peter William Campbell

Indian Land Elementary School, Grade 5

Even though it has been a few years since Peter Campbell was in my class, he is truly one of those students that I will never forget. His sense of humor, his natural gift to understand concept taught, his ability to reason through problems presented, are just some of the attributes that are particularly noteworthy. There is no doubt in my mind that Peter will continue to have a successful school career, and I look forward to hearing about those successes in the years to come. I consider it an honor to have been part of his life.

Indian Land Elementary teacher Leslie Jacobs

- A Honor RollGrades 2-5
- Reading AwardGrades 1-3
- Social Studies AwardGrade 2
- Gifted and Talented ProgramGrades 3-5
- Music AwardGrade 3
- Art AwardGrade 3
- Duke University Talent Identification ProgramGrades 4-5
- Art ClubGrade 3
- Drama ClubGrade 5
- MAP Reading - Highest Class ScoreGrades 2-3
- ILEAD.....Grade 5
- Computer AwardGrade 4
- Science Fair Honorable MentionGrade 4
- Talent ShowGrade 1
- Baseball.....Grades 3-5
- Basketball.....Grade 4
- WrestlingGrade 1
- FootballGrades 3-4

Elyse Casado-Perez

Harrisburg Elementary School, Grade 5

Elyse is new to Harrisburg Elementary this school year. She is a sweet and compassionate young lady. She is always willing to go the extra mile and help others if they need it. Elyse is very studious and always strives to do her best. She will be very successful next year in middle school.

Harrisburg Elementary teacher Tia Harden

- A Honor RollGrades 1-5
- Reading AwardGrade 4
- Perfect AttendanceGrade 3
- Student of the Month AwardGrades 3-5
- Citizenship AwardGrade 3
- Art ClubGrades 4-5

Noah Elliott Caskey

Buford Elementary School, Grade 5

Noah is dedicated, positive, self-motivated, hard working, and a terrific young man. He strives for excellence and is willing to work hard to succeed. He encourages his classmates to learn through his enthusiasm and positive attitude towards education. He is kind to others. He was a student whom I enjoyed teaching and feel honored to have had the opportunity to teach.

Buford Elementary teacher Julia Craig

- A Honor RollGrades 3-5
- Class Spelling Bee Winner.....Grade 5
- Gifted and Talented Program - EaglesGrades 3-5
- Eagles Summer Camp.....Grade 3
- Odyssey of the MindGrade 3
- Accelerated Reader AwardGrade 5
- Study Island Award
- Principal's PalGrade 1
- Chorus Award - Honors.....Grade 5
- G/T/ Camp - Eagles Summer CampGrade 3
- Certificate of Achievement for Completing
Piedmont Natural Gas Science of Hockey
ProgramGrade 5
- Reading BuddiesGrade 5
- Super Reader ProgramGrades K-4
- Church Children's GroupPreschool-Grade 5
- Dixie Baseball.....Grades 2-5
- Basketball - Rec. DepartmentGrades 2-5
- Soccer - Rec DepartmentGrades 1-5
- Dixie Baseball - All-StarsGrade 4
- Rec. Basketball - All-StarsGrade 5
- Rec. Soccer - All-StarsGrades 2-5

Jacob Cato

South Middle School, Grade 8

Writing a comment about Jacob is so much more than writing a few positive remarks about a former student. I am so proud of the young man Jacob has become. He is truly like a family member to me. Being a part of many aspects of his life from the beginning has given me a sense of pride I would experience with one of my own children. Jacob's genuine compassion and caring personality make him a great role model for other young people. He is an excellent student and athlete who has grown up within a village who loves him more than he will ever know. I am so proud to call Jacob a former student of mine, but even happier to call him my friend. I'm sure he will be successful in every aspect of his life, but more importantly will always embrace the morals and values that have been his guide from the beginning.

South Middle teacher Jean Neal

- A Honor RollGrades 3-8
- Academic AchievementGrade 5
- English AwardGrades 4-6
- Keyboard AwardGrade 4
- Social Studies AwardGrade 5
- President's Award for Educational ExcellenceGrade 5
- Coaches AwardGrade 8
- P.E. AwardGrade 5
- Physical Fitness AwardGrade 5
- Safety PatrolGrades 4-5
- Music AwardGrades 4-5
- Duke University Talent Identification ProgramGrade 5
- Middle School Academic Challenge TeamGrades 7-8
- National Junior Beta ClubGrades 4-5
- National Junior Honor SocietyGrades 6-8
- Church Youth GroupGrades 6-8
- First PriorityGrades 6-8
- FootballGrades 7-8
- Honor ChoirGrades 7-8
- SoccerGrade 8

Christopher Catoe

Andrew Jackson Middle School, Grade 8

Chris is a young man who looks at the world through the lens of curiosity. He is not afraid to question the "whys" or to work to find the "what." If something is of interest to him, he will become an expert on the topic. In

the classroom, Chris is often the one who sees things a little differently, but he thrives on the differences instead of hiding from them. He typically has a smile on his face and often seems to be most comfortable when he is working with peers who, like him, walk to the beat of their own drum. I have very much enjoyed having Chris in my class this year because I know that I can count on him to help me see things in a special way. I am honored to have been his teacher.

Andrew Jackson Middle teacher Deborah Griffin

- A Honor RollGrade 7
- Gifted and Talented ProgramGrade 5
- Accelerated Reader AwardGrade 5
- Art AwardGrade 4
- Duke University Talent Identification ProgramGrade 7
- Junior ScholarGrade 8
- Trustees AwardGrade 8
- Middle School Academic Challenge TeamGrade 8
- TrackGrade 7
- BandGrade 8
- Boy ScoutsGrade 8
- Church Youth GroupGrade 8
- Royal Ambassadors (RAs)Grade 5

Gracie Leigh Catoe

North Elementary School, Grade 5

Gracie is an excellent student! She is hard working, attentive, and responsible. Her class behavior is fabulous and her work ethic is very strong. There are so many great things I could say about Gracie, but one of her most wonderful qualities is her attitude. She comes to class and leaves class with a smile on her face. When you pass her in the hall, she has a smile to share. Gracie makes people around her feel cared for and appreciated. Gracie will be successful in anything she tries because of these characteristics. I am so proud of all of her accomplishments.

North Elementary teacher Melanie Hollis

- A Honor RollGrades 3-5
- Science Fair AwardGrade 3
- Perfect AttendanceGrades K-4
- Dancing9 Years
- SoftballGrades 3-5
- VolleyballGrade 5
- Brownie ScoutsGrade 1
- Girl ScoutsGrade 2
- Church Youth GroupGrades K-5
- Terrific Kid AwardGrades K-3
- North Elementary 100 Book ChallengeGrades 2-4

Zachary Stewart Catoe

Lancaster High School, Grade 12

For Zack, I thought about beginning with the lyrics from *The Dukes of Hazzard*...“just a good ol’ boy,” but I was afraid everyone would think that he was on the level of Bo and Luke intellectually, which he is not—he is far superior to them. It is just that he loves being in nature either hunting and fishing, and that is where he spends a great deal of time, and it seems to have given him the calm, collected demeanor of someone who does not worry too much. In his classes, he works hard and cares about learning what is being taught. For him, it is not just about the grade or the GPA; it is about what he learns. Zack, during his time in high school, has become a leader who sets the example of hard work for others to follow. So, I guess he is a “good ol’ boy”; someone who is liked by others for his sense of humor, work ethic and laidback approach to life.

Lancaster High teacher Richard Gay

- Highest HonorsGrade 12
- A Honor RollGrades 1-12
- Junior MarshalGrades 4, 7, 11
- ValedictorianGrade 5
- Academic AchievementGrades 3-12
- Keyboard Award - Highest Average.....Grade 7
- Reading AwardGrade 2
- Perfect AttendanceGrade K
- Trustees Award.....Grade 8
- Lt. Governor’s Writing Award Winner.....Grade 5
- Gifted and Talented ProgramGrades 3-8
- Mini Society AwardGrades 6-8
- Student of the Month AwardGrades 6-8
- Citizenship AwardGrade 5
- P.E AwardGrade 4
- Duke University Talent Identification Program
.....Grades 4-12
- All-American ScholarGrade 9
- Boys StateGrade 11
- Coker Scholar.....Grade 11
- Erskine ScholarGrade 11
- Presbyterian ScholarGrade 11
- Junior ScholarGrade 8
- Palmetto Fellows ScholarGrade 12
- Lander University ScholarGrade 11
- District Science Fair Award - First PlaceGrade 6
- SC Young Writers.....Grades 5, 7
- Highest Reading Counts AwardGrades 4-5
- Celebration of Excellence Award.....Grades 5, 8, 12
- National Society of High School Scholars.....Grade 11
- U.S. Achievement Academy AwardGrade 9
- Math Superstar Award.....Grade 4
- Exemplary Writing AwardGrade 3

- Outstanding Student of ExcellenceGrades 6-8
- Highest Cumulative AverageGrades 3-5
- Highest Class Average - Math.....Grades 3-4, 6
- Highest Overall Average - Pre Algebra.....Grade 7
- Highest Class Average - Language Arts.....Grades 3, 5
- Highest Overall Average - Language Arts .Grades 7-8
- Highest Class Average - Social StudiesGrades 4-5
- Highest Overall Average - Social Studies ...Grades 6-8
- Elementary School Academic Challenge Team
.....Grade 3
- Middle School Academic Challenge TeamGrade 6
- Who’s Who Among American High School Students
.....Grade 10
- National Beta Club.....Grades 11-12
- National Honor Society.....Grades 11-12
- National Junior Honor Society.....Grades 6-8
- Junior CivitansGrades 9-12
- Vice President.....Grade 12
- Highest Overall Average - ScienceGrades 6-8
- American Legion Auxiliary AwardGrade 5
- American Legion Citizenship CitationGrade 11
- Certificate of Achievement for Fast Forward Reading
.....Grades 3-4
- Honorable Mention 2005 Red Rose Coloring
Contest.....Grade 2
- Golf - Junior Golf AssociationGrades 5-7
- LHS Golf TeamGrades 7-11
- Lancaster Recreation Soccer All-StarGrade 10
- LCPR Soccer RefereeGrades 10-12
- Dixie Youth BaseballGrades K-6
- Basketball - Moriah AssociationGrades 8-12
- Soccer.....Grades K, 5, 10
- Swim TeamGrades 11-12
- Lancaster Swim TeamGrades 11-12
- BandGrades 6-8
- Lancaster All-County Band.....Grades 7-8
- Solo and Ensemble-Superior RatingGrade 7
- ChorusGrade 5
- Choir ChimesGrade 4
- Cub ScoutsGrades 1-5
- Church Youth GroupGrades 7-12
- Second Baptist Church Member
- Fellowship of Christian Athletes.....Grades 10-12
- The Arrow of Light Cub Scouts AwardGrade 5
- Team Player AwardGrade 4
- Terrific Kid.....Grade 5

Kaylie Cawthon

Buford Elementary School, Grade 5

I had the privilege to teach art to Kaylie in third and fourth grades. I remember Kaylie always approached projects with careful consideration and her final work always reflected this. Kaylie is a focused young lady who works to achieve the highest levels in what is asked of her.

I enjoyed working with Miss Cawthon, and I'm sure she will continue with greatness!

Buford Elementary teacher Melissa Hinson

- A Honor Roll.....Grades 3-5
- Gifted and Talented Program

Kristen Cervantes

Buford High School, Grade 12

I had the pleasure of being Kristen's 9th grade World Geography and 10th grade World History teacher. I have also spent time with Kristen through Beta Club. She is one of those rare students who truly understand that education (school) is about more than "getting good grades." She genuinely has a love for learning.

Buford High teacher Robbie Loudermilk

- Highest HonorsGrade 12
- A Honor Roll.....Grades 8-11
- Junior MarshalGrade 11
- Gifted and Talented ProgramGrades 3-7
- Music AwardGrades 11-12
- Ensemble AwardGrades 11-12
- Junior ScholarGrade 11
- National Beta Club.....Grades 10-12
- National Honor Society.....Grades 10-12
- BandGrades 6-12
- Marching Band.....Grades 7-12
- Jazz BandGrades 10-12
- Church Youth groupGrades 6-12
- Girls in Action (GAs).....Grades 1-5
- Fellowship of Christian Athletics.....Grades 9-12
- First PriorityGrades 7-11

Nick Chavis

Buford High School, Grade 12

I have had the pleasure of working with Nick Chavis for many years. I have taught him in the classroom and coached him on the field. He excels in both areas. Nick is not content with average or ordinary. He strives hard to produce the best work or become the best athlete. He has a strong work ethic and doesn't mind putting in the extra hours it takes to become extraordinary. He is a leader on the field and off. Nick Chavis will be a successful adult because he refuses to settle for anything less than outstanding.

Buford High teacher & athletic director Mike Wells

- Highest HonorsGrade 12
- Trustees AwardGrade 8
- Lt. Governor's Writing Award Winner.....Grade 8
- Junior ScholarGrade 8
- National Beta Club

- National Honor Society
- Football

Ju Hwan Cho

Indian Land Middle School, Grade 8

Cho is an incredibly intelligent, mature and creative student. Due to his many accomplishments, he is seen as a school leader: STEM club participant, Academic Challenge high scorer and the Lancaster County Spelling Bee Champion. During class discussions, he always offers insightful comments to take the material to a higher level of understanding. It has been my pleasure to have taught Ju Hwan this year, and I have no doubt he will continue to achieve greatness in years to come.

Indian Land Middle teacher Melanie Price

- A Honor RollGrades 6-7
- Junior ScholarGrade 8
- Trustees AwardGrade 8
- Class Spelling Bee Winner.....Grade 8
- School Spelling Bee WinnerGrade 8
- District Spelling Bee winnerGrade 8
- Duke University Talent Identification ProgramGrade 7
- Middle School Academic Challenge TeamGrades 7-8

Taylor Clark

Erwin Elementary School, Grade 5

It has been my honor to teach Taylor this year. She is an extremely bright young lady and catches on to new concepts very quickly. From the moment she walked into my classroom, Taylor has confidently excelled in all subjects. Because Taylor is a thinker and a hard worker, her grades are consistently some of the highest in my class. Her spunky attitude makes me smile, and she always seems to be in a cheerful mood. I am a big fan of personality, and Taylor has a bunch of it. I know she will do big things in life.

Erwin Elementary teacher Jon Bradley

- A Honor RollGrades 2-5
- Reading AwardGrade 3
- Perfect AttendanceGrades K-3
- Gifted and Talented ProgramGrades 3-5
- P.E. AwardGrades 2-3
- Music AwardGrades 1-3
- Founders FellowGrade 3
- Student Council.....Grades K-5
- CheerleaderGrades K-3, 5

- DancingGrade 4
- Swim TeamGrades 3, 5
- ChorusGrades K-5
- Girls On The RunGrades 4-5

Jason B. Connors

Harrisburg Elementary School, Grade 5

Jason is so deserving of the Celebration of Excellence honor. I had the pleasure of teaching him in third grade, and he is a student I will never forget. To say he is hard working would be an understatement. He always does his best no matter the task. He works hard and pushes himself to always do more! I am so proud of you, Jason!

Harrisburg Elementary teacher Jessie Massie

- A Honor RollGrades 3-5
- Math AwardGrades 2-4
- Reading AwardGrades 3-4
- Science AwardGrades 2-3
- Class Spelling Bee WinnerGrade 3
- Social Studies AwardGrades 2-3
- Gifted and Talented ProgramGrades 3-5
- Citizenship AwardGrades 2-4
- Principal's Award for ClassGrade 3
- ILeadGrade 5

Chloe Cook

Indian Land High School, Grade 12

Chloe has a pleasant disposition and a remarkable insight. She is far beyond her peers in grasping difficult concepts and being able to express these concepts in concise and clear prose as seen in her analysis of persuasive and argumentative essays and rhetoric, and she makes it look so easy (though I know she works hard to do her best). She has taken a number of high-level classes besides mine, including AP English Literature, AP Probability and Statistics, AP Biology and AP U.S. History. Without a doubt, she is one of Indian Land High's best students.

Indian Land High teacher David Dudley

- Highest HonorsGrade 12
- A Honor RollGrades 9-10
- Junior MarshalGrade 11
- Academic AchievementGrade 9
- English AwardGrades 8, 10
- Reading AwardGrade 7
- Youth Art MonthGrades 9, 10, 12
- Duke University Talent Identification ProgramGrade 7

- Junior ScholarGrade 8
- National Beta ClubGrades 11-12
- National Junior Beta ClubGrades 9-10
- National Honor SocietyGrade 9
- Cross CountryGrades 10-12
- BandGrades 6-8

Kevin Cook

South Middle School, Grade 8

Kevin is a very smart young man. He always came to school eager and ready to learn. Although Kevin was quiet in my class, I could always tell that he was thinking about the problem or the activity at hand. He always did his very best at any assignment or activity that we completed. Kevin especially enjoyed the science experiments that we completed in class. He enjoyed trying to find out how things worked. I am very proud of Kevin's accomplishments, and I am looking forward to hearing more great things about him.

EAGLE Program teacher Charles Rivers

- Class Spelling Bee WinnerGrades 3, 8
- Gifted and Talented ProgramGrade 5
- Junior ScholarGrade 8
- Trustees AwardGrade 8
- Middle School Academic Challenge TeamGrade 8
- National Junior Honor SocietyGrades 7-8
- ChorusGrade 8
- Boy ScoutsGrades 6-8
- Cub ScoutsGrades 1-5
- Royal Ambassadors (RAs)Grades 4-5

Landon S. Cook

Indian Land High School, Grade 12

Landon has taken two courses with me over the past few years and has always been a pleasure to have in class. He has consistently shown the utmost respect to me, as well as his peers. I have observed his exceptional work ethic, and leadership skills both in and out of the classroom. I would say Landon is an exceptional young man among the many students that I have taught and still teach today. I have grown to respect him and appreciate his hard work and consistency. Seeing him work hard to pursue his dreams brings me great happiness and represents one of the most rewarding aspects of my job as a high school social studies teacher.

Indian Land High teacher Jared Funderburk

- Highest HonorsGrade 12

- A Honor RollGrades 6-9
- Junior MarshalGrade 11
- Science Fair AwardGrade 8
- Student of the Month AwardGrade 8
- Coaches AwardGrades 10-12
- Boys StateGrade 11
- Junior ScholarGrade 8
- Trustees AwardGrade 8
- National Beta Club.....Grades 11-12
- National Junior Beta Club.....Grades 9-10
- National Honor Society.....Grades 11-12
- National Junior Honor Society.....Grades 9-10
- Cross CountryGrades 10-12
- Soccer.....Grades 8-9
- Tae Kwon doGrades 6-7
- TrackGrades 10-12
- LacrosseGrade 10

Christian Copeland

Erwin Elementary School, Grade 5

Christian is an excellent student who always gives 100% to everything he does. He comes to class with a desire and readiness to learn. Christian always has a positive attitude and a quick wit that will keep his future teachers on their toes. It is a pleasure to have Christian in my class this year, and I look forward to seeing what great things he accomplishes in life!

Erwin Elementary teacher Kathryn Jacobs

- A Honor RollGrades 2-5
- Gifted and Talented ProgramGrades 3-5
- Accelerated Reader Award -Reading Counts
Bronze Medal Grade 1
- Founders FellowGrade 2
- ChorusGrade 5
- ACE Club.....Grade 5

Renea Cox

Buford High School, Grade 12

When I think of Renea Cox, I think of a brilliant young woman. She is such a wonderful young lady to be around. She just brightens the day. Her bright and cheerful personality makes her a joy to be around. I have had the pleasure of coaching this wonderful student athlete for four years. Renea sets high standards for herself and works with everything she has to achieve them. She goes above and beyond the standards set by her teachers in the classroom. She is highly motivated and determined to succeed. Renea puts time and effort into every assignment because she sees the importance of it in the future. She is always looking for ways to

improve in the classroom and in life. That says a lot about her character. I know Renea will work hard to succeed at everything she does and that is why her future looks as bright as her personality.

Buford High teacher Jareth Bailey

- Highest HonorsGrade 12
- A Honor Roll
- Junior MarshalGrade 11
- Gifted and Talented ProgramGrades 3-8
- Girl's StateGrade 11
- Erskine ScholarGrade 11
- Presbyterian ScholarGrade 11
- National Beta Club.....Grades 10-12
- National Honor Society.....Grades 10-12
- Student Council.....Grade 9
- Junior CivitansGrades 10-11
- KarateGrade 12
- TrackGrades 9-12
- ChorusGrades 6-8
- Brownie Scouts
- Girl Scouts
- Church Youth Group

Jessica Gayle Craven

Indian Land Elementary School, Grade 5

Jessie is courageous and strong. She is intellectual, intuitive, caring and kind. She has a genuine love for others that causes her to reach out with a sincere desire to help when she is asked, assist where she is needed, and improve what is limited. Jessica has a heart for those who have special needs; her dedication to her passion is inspiring. Jessica easily shares her smile, and her quick wit disarms even the most awkward moments, dire situations and grumpy people. Jessie has a bright future ahead of her. I look forward to watching her grow and mature, not only in a physical sense, but also spiritually and academically. I have truly enjoyed having Jessica in my homeroom this year; she is a hard worker, and I am very proud of her achievements.

Indian Land Elementary teacher Teresa Watkins

- A Honor RollGrades 3-5
- Language Award - Highest Classroom Score ..Grade 4
- Math Award - Highest Classroom ScoreGrade 4
- Gifted and Talented ProgramGrades 3-5
- Book-It Award.....Grades 1-5
- Accelerated Reader Award.....Grades 2-3
- Citizenship AwardGrade 3
- Art AwardGrade 4
- Duke University Talent Identification Program
..... Grade 5
- Drama ClubGrade 5
- Gymnastics.....Grade 4

- Brownie ScoutsGrade 2
- ILeadGrade 5
- Church VolunteerGrades 4-5
- Retirement Home Volunteer.....Grades 4-5

Kaley Elizabeth Crosby

Indian Land Middle School, Grade 8

Kaley is the perfect example of a student who strives to be excellent in all she does. It has been an honor being a part of her middle-school journey. She always comes to class with a positive attitude and ready to learn. She is kind and respectful to her teachers and peers. I am so blessed to be able to cross paths with students as smart and beautiful as Kaley during my educational career.

Indian Land Middle choral director Shonda Bradshaw

- A Honor RollGrades 6-8
- English AwardGrade 7
- Math AwardGrade 7
- Science AwardGrades 6-7
- Social Studies AwardGrades 6-7
- Trustees Award - Writing and EnglishGrade 7
- Gifted and Talented ProgramGrades 7-8
- Duke University Talent Identification Program Grades 4-8
- National Junior Honor SocietyGrades 6-8
- Yearbook StaffGrade 8
- ChorusGrades 6-8
- PianoGrades 6-7
- Church Youth GroupGrades 6-8
- Mission Trip to Wilmington, NC to Build Houses
With St. Andrews UMC Youth Group .. Grades 6-8
- Horseback RidingGrade 8
Tryon Hunt Club Horse Trails
Starter Division - 8th Place
Riverdale Combined Training - Horse Show
Maiden Division -2nd Place
Thoroughbred Training - Center Horse Trails
Maiden Division -3rd Place
Center 2 Phase Competition, Beginner Novice
2nd Place
Paradise Horse Trails - Starter Division- 3rd Place

Amilya Curry

Erwin Elementary School, Grade 5

Amilya is a wonderful young lady who exemplifies all the characteristics of a great student. She always gives 100% in class, and her hard work shows through in her grades. She is a model student and her positive attitude about learning is contagious. It always makes

me smile to see Amilya's hand pop up when I ask a question, because I know she's got it. It is a pleasure to have Amilya in my class this year. I look forward to seeing what great things she accomplishes in life.

Erwin Elementary teacher Jon Bradley

- A Honor RollGrades 2-5
- Reading AwardGrade 4
- Perfect AttendanceGrade 4
- Gifted and Talented ProgramGrade 5
- Book-It AwardGrade 5
- Founders Fellow Grades K-1, 3-5
- Student Council.....Grades 4-5
- Art ClubGrade 4
- Basketball.....Grade 4
- CheerleaderGrade 2
- SoftballGrades 1, 5
- Girl ScoutsGrades K-5

Amiya Curry

Erwin Elementary School, Grade 5

I had the pleasure of teaching Amiya in fourth grade. She is a very reserved young lady with a quiet demeanor. Under her quiet exterior, she has a passion for learning. She is a remarkable young lady who is determined to do the very best she can at any given task. When she is challenged, she always rises to the occasion and never gives up. Amiya is a natural leader. She would often assume the leadership position while working in small groups to ensure everyone was on task. She is strong in her faith which drives her passion for learning. She is also responsible, determined and kind. Her outstanding attitude and work ethic will take her far in life. Amiya is a special and beautiful young lady, and I am very proud of her!

Erwin Elementary teacher Sheila Jenkins

- A Honor RollGrades 2-5
- Reading AwardGrades 1-5
- Perfect AttendanceGrades K-5
- Gifted and Talented ProgramGrade 5
- Book-It AwardGrades 1-5
- Art AwardGrade 5
- Founders FellowGrades 2-3
- Art ClubGrade 5
- SoftballGrades 3-5
- Girl ScoutsGrades K-5

Ethan Alexander Cvitkovic

Indian Land Middle School, Grade 8

Ethan is one of a kind. His great sense of humor and smiling face were always two of the many highlights of my day. I am so glad I was able to watch him grow as a student and young gentleman throughout middle school. I know Ethan will continue to succeed at anything he puts his mind and heart into.

Indian Land Middle choral director Shonda Bradshaw

- A Honor RollGrades 6-8
- Science AwardGrade 7
- Social Studies AwardGrade 6
- Art AwardGrade 3
- Duke University Talent Identification Program
..... Grades 4-5
- National Junior Honor SocietyGrades 6-8
- Student CouncilGrade 7
- Art ClubGrade 4
- Drama ClubGrade 5
- SoccerGrades 7-8
- PianoGrades 7-8
- Church Youth GroupGrades K-8
- RoboticsGrade 5
- Flag FootballGrade 4
- LeadershipGrade 6

Amanda Germaine Czarnecki

Indian Land High School, Grade 12

Amanda strives for academic excellence and excels at everything she does. She is a dependable and serious-minded young lady with high moral standards. Amanda is a well-rounded student and is always looking for ways to excel. She is very conscientious about juggling school work and extracurricular activities while maintaining a part-time job. Amanda has an impeccable work ethic and is willing to do whatever it takes to be successful. Her dedication and commitment to further her education and become a teacher is truly admirable. Amanda is going to be a phenomenal teacher because she is very passionate about the profession and loves working with children.

Indian Land High teacher Sheila Washington

- Highest HonorsGrade 12
- A Honor RollGrades 4-5
- Perfect AttendanceGrade 4
- Student of the Month AwardGrades 2, 10
- Citizenship AwardGrades 1, 3
- Elementary School Academic Challenge Team
..... Grade 5
- National Beta ClubGrades 10-12

- National Honor SocietyGrades 11-12
- National Junior Honor SocietyGrades 7-8
- Student CouncilGrades 3, 8
- Junior CivitansGrades 9-10
- Drama ClubGrade 7
- Teacher CadetGrades 11-12
- CheerleaderGrade 6
- DancingGrades 8-10
- ChorusGrades 6-11
- Brownie ScoutsGrades 2-3
- National History Day - District WinnerGrade 9
- Future Educators AssociationGrades 9-12
- NSHSSGrades 11-12
- F.O.R. ClubGrades 11-12

Alexis Danette Dabney

Andrew Jackson High School, Grade 12

Allie is a multi-faceted young woman – one of the most creative, intellectual students I have taught. Allie is a mature young woman with outstanding communication and time-management skills. She constantly manages family, friends, church, show choir and school successfully. Her initiative, her determination and her exceptional skills stem from her will and desire to be successful in both life and school. Allie has done excellent work in AP Calculus. She is always attentive and participates well by asking and answering questions. Allie is a good independent thinker who enjoys the challenge of solving higher-level math problems. She is open to offer her own ideas or suggestions in class and works hard to understand every concept and its application. Allie's ability to comprehend complex and abstract concepts, along with her work ethic, moves a class forward through her integrated knowledge of the subject. Allie is a leader among her peers and uses sound judgment in making decisions. She is not afraid to take the initiative to start a project and successfully gains support from her classmates. These characteristics, along with Allie's personality and leadership abilities, insure that she will be successful in college and throughout her career.

Andrew Jackson High teacher Pamela Shaw

- Highest HonorsGrade 12
- A Honor RollGrades 3-12
- Junior MarshalGrade 11
- ValedictorianGrade 12
- English AwardGrades 3-4, 6, 8-9, 11
- History AwardGrades 4, 6-7, 11
- Keyboard AwardGrades 6-8
- Math AwardGrades 4, 6-8, 11
- Reading AwardGrades 2, 5-6

- Science AwardGrades 6-8
- Class Spelling Bee Winner.....Grade 5
- School Spelling Bee WinnerGrade 5
- District Spelling Bee Winner - Runner-UpGrade 5
- Perfect AttendanceGrades 1, 3, 6
- Trustees AwardGrades 7-8, 10-11
- State Superintendent's Writing Award Winner
..... Grade 8
- President's Award for Educational Excellence
..... Grade 5
- Gifted and Talented ProgramGrades 3-7
- Citizenship AwardGrade 7
- Chorus Award.....Grade 6
- Music AwardGrade 5
- Duke University Talent Identification Program
..... Grades 4-8
- Columbia College ScholarGrade 11
- Erskine ScholarGrade 11
- Presbyterian ScholarGrade 11
- Converse College Junior ScholarGrade 11
- Lander University Junior FellowGrade 11
- USC Aiken ScholarGrade 11
- State Recognition Duke Tip - SAT ScoreGrade 8
- PC Presidential Fellowship ProgramGrade 12
- Junior ScholarGrade 8
- People to People Student Ambassador Program
..... Grade 5
- Woodmen of the World American History Award
..... Grade 11
- Elementary School Academic Challenge Team
..... Grades 4-5
- ST-ARTS ProgramGrades 7-8
- Envirothon.....Grades 9-12
- 1000 Plus SAT ClubGrades 9-12
- National Beta Club.....Grades 10-12
- National Junior Beta Club.....Grade 5
- Junior Beta Club President.....Grade 5
- National Honor Society.....Grades 11-12
- Tri-M Music Honor Society.....Grades 10-12
- ACDA National Women's Honors ChoirGrade 10
- SCACDA - Honors Choir (South Carolina)
..... Grades 10-12
- ChorusGrades 6-12
- Southern Division ACDA - Honors ChoirGrade 11
- AJHS Women's EnsembleGrades 9-12
- AJHS Show Choir.....Grades 9-12
- AJHS FFAGrades 11-12
- PresidentGrades 11-12
- Envirothon TeamGrades 9-12
- PianoGrades 5-8, 10
- Church Youth GroupGrades 6-12
- Girls in Action (GAs)Grades 1-5
- Art ClubGrade 5
- Gymnastics.....Grades 2-3
- Soccer.....Grades 3-4
- TrackGrade 8
- VolleyballGrades 7-8

Parker Deese

Heath Springs Elementary, Grade 5

Parker is a dependable, patient, exceptionally kind young man. I was honored to have the privilege of teaching Parker during his kindergarten year. I have been blessed to be able to continue developing that relationship over the last five years. Parker always comes prepared with a positive attitude and persistent resolve even when challenges arise. He excels in all areas of academics and is extraordinarily thoughtful while interacting with peers and teachers. Parker is equipped with a firm foundation and is empowered by his faith in God. Congratulations on this achievement of excellence. I look forward with anticipation to the promising future God has in store for Parker.

Heath Springs Elementary teacher Angie Blackmon

- A Honor RollGrades 3-5
- Math AwardGrade 3
- Reading AwardGrade 3
- Science AwardGrade 3
- Science Fair Award - Second PlaceGrade 5
- Social Studies AwardGrade 3
- Gifted and Talented ProgramGrades 3-5
- Citizenship AwardGrade 1
- Safety PatrolGrade 5
- Art AwardGrade 4
- Duke University Talent Identification Program
..... Grade 5
- PASS Test - Perfect Score in Math, EnglishGrade 4
- BaseballGrades 1-3
- BasketballGrades 1-5
- Golf - Junior GolfGrades 1-4
- SoccerGrades K-5
- Boy ScoutGrade 1
- Lego Competition TeamGrade 5
- Lego TeamGrade 4
- AWANAGrades 4-5
- Reading Counts AwardGrade 3

Peyton Nicole Deese

Buford Elementary School, Grade 5

I had the pleasure of teaching Peyton in second grade, and she was an excellent student. Peyton came into my classroom every morning with a sweet smile on her face and a positive attitude. She enjoyed learning and excelled in her work. Peyton is a polite, respectful, well-rounded young lady with a fun-loving personality. I am so proud of her, and I wish her much success in the years to come.

Buford Elementary teacher Rhonda Loughry

- A Honor RollGrades 3-5
- Gifted and Talented Program - EAGLES ...Grades 4-5
- Basketball.....Grades 4-5
- Soccer.....Grades K-5
- ChorusGrade 5
- PianoGrades 1, 4-5
- Church - Children's Group
- Girls on the RunGrade 5

Joshua S. DeSantis

Indian Land High School, Grade 12

Josh has a great intellect, a fun personality and the ability to accomplish great things in his life. Josh has the gift of foresight and self-control that will keep him on track for his future career goals. Combining his many talents will help Josh to reach any goal that he sets in his life.

Indian Land High teacher Kathleen Berlin

- Highest HonorsGrade 12
- A Honor Roll
- Junior MarshalGrade 11
- Academic AchievementGrade 8
- Scholastic Achievement Award
- Math AwardGrade 8
- Science AwardGrade 8
- Social Studies AwardGrade 8
- Trustees AwardGrade 7
- Gifted and Talented ProgramGrade 5
- Student of the Month AwardGrade 7
- Duke University Talent Identification ProgramGrade 7
- Junior ScholarGrade 8
- Middle School Academic Challenge TeamGrade 7
- National Honor Society.....Grades 9-12
- National Junior Honor Society.....Grade 8
- GolfGrade 9
- PianoGrade 8
- Boy ScoutsGrades 3-5
- Shining Star AwardGrade 7

Kerry Devlin

Indian Land Middle School, Grade 8

I have seen many students walk through my doors at Indian Land Middle School, and I can say with confidence that none have worked harder than Kerry Devlin. Kerry is driven, intelligent and it has truly been a joy to have her in our band family. I have watched Kerry grow into an integrate part of her grade level's ensemble, and she deserves all the recognition and awards she receives. I am very proud of her development as a musician, but more importantly, her development as a person. I have

witnessed Kerry inspire the people she encounters, and I am confident she will continue to do so in the future. It is always hard to see exemplary students move to the next level, and this is especially true with Kerry. It has been truly an honor teaching her, and I know she is destined for greatness.

Indian Land Middle teacher Scott Flieschman

- A Honor RollGrades 3-8
- Academic AchievementGrades 2-8
- Math AwardGrades 4-7
- Science AwardGrades 5-7
- School Spelling Bee Participant.....Grade 1
- Social Studies AwardGrades 6-7
- Perfect AttendanceGrade 5
- Gifted and Talented ProgramGrades 2-5
- Citizenship AwardGrades 2-4
- Music Award - Regional BandGrade 8
- Art AwardGrade 3
- Duke University Talent Identification ProgramGrades 5-8
- Service LearningGrade 8
- ST-ARTS ProgramGrades 7-8
- National Junior Honor Society.....Grades 7-8
- Drama ClubGrade 5
- Basketball.....Grade 4
- CheerleaderGrades 1-5
- Gymnastics.....Grade 5
- SoftballGrades 1-5
- BandGrades 6-8
- Orchestra ViolinGrade 3
- Honor BandGrade 8
- Musician of the Month.....Grade 3
- Regional Band.....Grade 8
- Marching Band.....Grade 8
- Jazz BandGrade 8
- Warrior Award in BandGrade 7
- Drama.....Grade 5
- Highest Math Average in 5th GradeGrade 5
- Excellence Award.....Grade 5
- Principals AwardGrades 2-3
- Soccer ChallengeGrade 5
- Solved the Rubiks CubeGrade 6
- Brownie ScoutsGrades 2-3
- Girl ScoutsGrades 4-5
- Church Youth GroupGrades 6-8

Brenna Dickerson

Indian Land High School, Grade 12

Brenna is a driven, motivated young lady. She decided to work for the main office during her senior year instead of an early dismissal. We had no idea. Brenna has the unique ability to have ideas become reality. She has been an excellent addition to the ILHS front office staff, one that will be difficult to replace (even

though I have offered to quintuple her salary). She is the glitter queen, and her effervescent personality is contagious. I am happy I have had the pleasure to work with Brenna and wish her all the luck in all her future endeavors. When I think of Brenna, I think of the song “Maria” from the “The Sound Of Music – “How do you solve a problem like Br-enna? How do you catch the moon and make a beam? How do you find the word that means Br-enna? A sparkle tosser! A glitterologist! A gleam!”

Indian Land High principal David Shamble

- Highest HonorsGrade 12
- Student Body President.....Grade 12
- Perfect AttendanceGrade 8
- S.C. History AwardGrade 9
- Student of the Month AwardGrades 11-12
- ST-ARTS ProgramGrades 6-8
- National Beta Club.....Grades 9-12
- National Junior Honor Society
- Student Council
- Yearbook StaffGrade 8
- Teacher Cadet.....Grade 12
- CheerleaderGrades 7-12
- Coaches Award
- Fellowship of Christian Athletes.....Grades 11-12
- F.O.R. ClubGrades 11-12
- Daughters of the American Revolution - 2nd Place
.....Grade 8
- Most Spirited CheerleaderGrades 9, 11
- National History Day Regional Competition
1st Place Exhibit.....Grade 9
- National History Day State Competition
1st Place Exhibit.....Grade 9
- National History Day National Competition
10th Place ExhibitGrade 9
- Cheerleading Coaches AwardGrade 10
- Most Spirited CheerleaderGrade 11
- Miss WarriorGrade 12
- Miss Junior PrincessGrade 11
- Miss Sophomore PrincessGrade 10
- Miss Red Rose2011-2012
- Young Miss Teen York County2011-2012
- Teen Miss Lancaster County2012-2013
- Teen Miss York County.....2013-2014
- Teen Miss Fort Mill2014-2015
- Brownie Scouts
- Girl Scouts

Randall Jackson Dingler

Heath Springs Elementary School, Grade 5

I had the pleasure of being Jackson Dingler’s second-grade teacher. Jackson was a unique student, always thinking outside the box. He was eager to learn and always had

deep, challenging questions. These were the kind of questions that would inspire other students to follow his lead, creating special teaching opportunities for this teacher. In second grade, he had an enthusiasm that was contagious. I am thankful for the opportunity to have had Jackson Dingler as a student. He taught me to see things differently, as we learned together.

Heath Springs Elementary teacher Christine Kellin

- Gifted and Talented ProgramGrades 3-5
- Safety Patrol.....Grade 5
- Yearbook StaffGrade 5
- Royal Ambassadors (RAs).....Grades 1-5
- Lego Robotics TeamGrades 4-5

Carson Dodge

Harrisburg Elementary School, Grade 5

I had the pleasure of teaching Carson math and science this school year. He is an exceptional student with a quest for knowledge that is infectious to those around him. Carson is an inquisitive student who is always wanting to soak in as much information as he possibly can. He is not afraid to take on any challenge! He is a wonderful advocate for his peers and is eager to help those around him learn and grow as well. I am honored to have been Carson’s teacher this year. I am looking forward to hearing many great things about him throughout his middle and high school years.

Harrisburg Elementary teacher Kimberly Dow

- A Honor RollGrades 3-5
- English AwardGrade 3
- Language AwardGrade 3
- Math AwardGrades 2-4
- Science AwardGrade 4
- Class Spelling Bee Winner.....Grade 4
- Social Studies AwardGrade 3
- Gifted and Talented ProgramGrades 3-5
- Citizenship AwardGrade K
- P.E. AwardGrades 3-4
- Physical Fitness Award
- Safety Patrol.....Grade 5
- Art Award.....Grade 3
- Student Council.....Grade 5
- Swim TeamGrades 1-4
- Let Me RunGrade 4
- Travel Hockey - Pineville Falcons.....Grades 1-5
2nd Charlotte Jr. Checkers
- ILeadGrade 5

Grady Duncan

Andrew Jackson High School, Grade 12

- Highest HonorsGrade 12

Andrew M. Duffell-Hoffman

North Elementary School, Grade 5

Andrew Duffell-Hoffman is a hardworking, bright and deep-thinking student who I look forward to teaching every day. Throughout this whole year, there has never been a day that I could not count on him to be responsible and to be a great leader to his peers. He always sets high expectations for himself and continually pushes himself in order to meet those high expectations. His love for learning new things and for breaking down difficult challenges is inspiring to all around him, including me. Another thing that I appreciate about Andrew is that he is a well-rounded young man. He is not only an exceptional student, but he is also respectful, obedient, curious, thoughtful and a future “mad scientist.” He has an unbelievably bright future ahead of him, and I am so blessed and thankful to have been a small part of his journey there. Andrew, words cannot describe how proud I am of the growth you have shown this year and of all the hard work that you have put into your learning. No challenge is too hard or too big for you, and do not let anyone tell you differently!

North Elementary teacher Melanie Helm

- A Honor RollGrades 3-4
- Gifted and Talented ProgramGrades 3-5
- Terrific KidsGrades 1-5
- Lancaster Community PlayhouseGrade 1
- Art ClubGrade 5
- G/T Camp.....Grades 3-5
- Baseball.....Grade 1
- Soccer.....Grades K, 4-5
- Nature Stewards ClubGrades 4-5
- Tae Kwon DoGrade 4
- Run with the Bruins 5KGrades 4-5

Matthew A. Duffell-Hoffman

A.R. Rucker Middle School, Grade 8

Matthew Duffell-Hoffman represents the epitome of excellence both in and out of the classroom. Matthew’s natural abilities, his innate intelligence, his unassuming compassion and his compelling personality far

outstrip most individuals. Say nothing of the fact that Matthew is an accomplished athlete or that he has affixed his position at the top of each of his academic classes, Matthew has achieved excellence in spite of obstacles that most people cannot even begin to fathom. Most impressive of all, however, is the fact that Matthew does not view accomplishments in terms of challenges faced or obstacles to overcome. Therein lies Matthew’s true “excellence.” Excellence comes naturally to Matthew, and no obstacle can stand in his way.

A.R. Rucker Middle teacher Palmer Hudson

- A Honor RollGrade 6
- Junior ScholarGrade 8
- Trustees AwardGrade 8
- English AwardGrade 6
- Math AwardGrade 6
- Reading AwardGrade 7
- Science AwardGrade 7
- Social Studies AwardGrade 6
- Trustees Award - PSAT SC ScholarGrade 8
- Middle School Academic Challenge TeamGrade 8
- Cross CountryGrades 7-8
- TrackGrade 7
- Braille S.C. Technology OlympicsGrade 6
- Braille Challenge Reading AwardGrade 8

Matthew K. Dwight

McDonald Green Elementary School, Grade 5

Matthew Dwight is an excellent student. He is hard working, responsible and ambitious. I can always count on Matthew to have his assignments completed on time and with accuracy because he is a very conscientious student. Also, Matthew is an active member of the McDonald Green Junior Beta Club and has participated in several community service projects at his school. I know Matthew will continue to be successful throughout his academic career. He sets high goals for himself, and he will achieve those goals with his ambition and determination. I’m proud of him and his accomplishments.

McDonald Green Elementary teacher Lorraine Corzo

- A Honor RollGrades 3-5
- Academic AchievementGrade 4
- Scholastic Achievement Award.....Grades 3-4
- English AwardGrade 4
- History AwardGrades 3-4
- Reading AwardGrades 3-4
- Science AwardGrades 3-4
- Class Spelling Bee Winner.....Grade 5
- Social Studies AwardGrades 3-4

- Gifted and Talented ProgramGrades 3-5
- Study Island AwardGrades 3-5
- Duke University Talent Identification Program
..... Grades 4-5
- National Junior Beta Club.....Grade 5
- Boy ScoutsGrade 5
- Cub ScoutsGrades 3-5

Jordan Eason

Andrew Jackson High School, Grade 12

Jordan is an extraordinary young lady. I have known her for four years, and in that time I have always been impressed with her maturity, her willingness to accept responsibility and her concern for others. As a senior member of our JROTC program, her maturity was most evident during times of team conflict and discussion. She was always the first to listen to others. She was always the voice that focused the group on what was important versus what was popular. Jordan was always calmly assessing the situation, then directing the decision-making process towards a reasonable and effective resolution. While she served as our Battalion Executive Officer, Jordan bore the responsibility for the training and discipline of a 125-cadet, Army JROTC program. Jordan's leadership and willingness to accept responsibility, directly and positively, motivated her peers to elevate their performance. She bore the scrutiny of her superiors and peer group with grace under pressure and a demonstrated focus on excellence. Our program is a better program because of Jordan's participation. Jordan serves as an excellent example of the "whole student" concept. She takes on challenging course work, she excels in artistic endeavors as part of our music department, she works hard as a member of the track team, and most importantly, she leads and assists others to be successful. Jordan understands that helping others be successful is the true measure of a caring and effective leader. It has been a sincere pleasure watching her grow and develop as a young leader and young adult. I believe that Jordan clearly understands the connection between hard work and success. It is this understanding, coupled with her intellect and sincere concern for others, that will certainly produce greater contributions for our community and country.

Andrew Jackson High teacher Major John Verdugo

- Highest HonorsGrade 12
- A Honor RollGrades 3-10
- Junior MarshalGrade 11
- Reading AwardGrades 1-5

- Perfect AttendanceGrades 1-6
- Trustees AwardGrade 8
- Gifted and Talented ProgramGrades 4-7
- FocusGrades 6-12
- Citizenship AwardGrade 10
- Safety PatrolGrade 6
- Duke University Talent Identification Program
- Girls StateGrade 11
- Coker Scholar.....Grade 11
- Columbia College ScholarGrade 11
- Erskine ScholarGrade 11
- Furman ScholarGrade 11
- Gardner Webb ScholarGrade 11
- Presbyterian ScholarGrade 11
- Wofford ScholarGrade 11
- Junior ScholarGrades 8
- High School Academic Challenge Team
..... Grades 10-12
- Middle School Academic Challenge TeamGrade 7
- National Beta Club.....Grades 10-12
- National Junior Beta Club.....Grade 5
- National Honor Society.....Grades 11-12
- Science Bowl Team MemberGrades 10-12
- Newspaper StaffGrade 7
- Art ClubGrades 4-5
- TrackGrades 9-12
- BandGrades 6-12
- Marching Band.....Grades 7-12
- Jazz BandGrades 6-7
- ChorusGrades 6-8
- Melody MakersGrade 5
- News CrewGrade 5
- Church Youth Group
- First Priority

Joey Elizabeth Effren

Harrisburg Elementary School, Grade 5

I have never met a young lady quite like Joey Effren. It comes of no surprise to me that she is receiving recognition for "Celebration of Excellence" because she is an exemplar student. Joey has a feel good attitude towards life and always sees the brighter side of any situation. Her drive and commitment to her academics have earned her the grades, while her outgoing, uplifting personality has garnered her respect from others. Joey has the potential to do any and everything that she sets in her mind.

Harrisburg Elementary teacher Chris Davis

- A Honor RollGrades 2-5
- Language AwardGrades 1-4
- Math AwardGrades 2-4
- Science AwardGrades 2-3
- Science Fair AwardGrade 3
- Social Studies AwardGrades 2-4

- Perfect AttendanceGrades 2-4
- Trustees AwardGrade 4
- Gifted and Talented ProgramGrades 3-5
- Citizenship AwardGrade 3
- Safety PatrolGrade 5
- Music AwardGrade 2
- Art AwardGrade 1
- Student CouncilGrade 5
- Art ClubGrades 3, 5
- DancingGrades K-5
- SoccerGrades K-2
- Swim TeamGrades K-5
- PianoGrade 5
- Girl ScoutsGrades 1-5
- Highest Classroom MAP Score - MathGrade 2
- Reading Counts - Top Point EarnerGrade 2
- Girls on the RunGrades 4-5
- Outstanding Work in Library Media CenterGrade 4
- I-LeadGrade 5

Shae Ellison

Indian Land High School, Grade 12

I have only known Shae Ellison for the past year, but I have learned quickly that she is a hardworking, intelligent young woman who has a strong passion for her education and future career goals. She is determined to get what she wants from life and to have a successful future. Shae has a very outgoing personality and adapts well to changing environments. She shows great leadership qualities and works well with others. She is ambitious and always wants to learn more. Shae is an outstanding student who takes pride in her education and takes full advantage of opportunities. I honestly cannot say how delighted I have been to have Shae in my class and as an officer in the FFA.

Indian Land High teacher Heather Alligood

- Highest HonorsGrade 12
- P.E. AwardGrade 5
- Physical Fitness AwardGrade 5
- 1000 Plus SAT ClubGrades 11-12
- Student CouncilGrade 9
- Yearbook StaffGrade 8
- DancingGrades K-5
- GymnasticsGrades 6-9
- Cub News TV ProgramGrade 5
- FFAGrades 10-12
- Weight Lifting ClubGrade 9
- National Society of High School ScholarsGrade 12

Aydin Oak Ertural

McDonald Green Elementary School, Grade 5

Aydin is a superb student with a brilliant mind. He is soft-spoken; yet, he receives great attention for all he does both in and out of the classroom. Aydin works well on individual assignments, and he also works well with his classmates when given group activities. Aydin's ability to process information is outstanding. For example, he is able to obtain all needed information, which renders a quick decision as to what it takes to get any task completed. His attention to detail permits him to be an admirable student. I am sure Aydin's future holds great rewards for him. He is well deserving of this award, and I know Aydin has made me a better person by teaching him here at McDonald Green. He has the essential knowledge and desire to make this world a better place. We need more Aydins!

McDonald Green Elementary teacher Robert Owens

- A Honor RollGrades 3-5
- Math AwardGrades 3-4
- Reading AwardGrades 3-4
- Science AwardGrades 3-4
- Social Studies AwardGrades 3-4
- Gifted and Talented ProgramGrade 5
- Book-It AwardGrades 1-5
- National Junior Beta ClubGrade 5
- 21st CenturyGrades 3-4
- Boy ScoutsGrades 1-4

Jacob Evatt

Indian Land Middle School, Grade 8

I can say Jacob is smart and he will go far in his education, but that is evident by him being recognized for this award. I'd rather say Jacob is and will be one of the students a teacher always remembers, one who will stick out years down the road as still being that young man full of humility, integrity and drive he is being praised for today. From his "explosive" ideas to his competitive four square antics to his self-reflective dedication to himself and his education, Jacob has proven himself worthy of this award and is the definition of an exemplar student. Jacob's mature sense of self, fostered by a wonderful and nurturing family, is why he stands tall, confident and raises the bar for himself and for others. Congratulations, Jacob, know that your sixth-grade science teacher will always be here to support you! Get'em, Evatt!!

Harrisburg Elementary teacher Chris Davis

- A Honor RollGrades 6-8
- English AwardGrades 6-7
- Math AwardGrade 6
- Science AwardGrades 6-7
- Social Studies AwardGrades 6-7
- Student of the Month AwardGrade 7
- Daughters of the American Revolution Award
..... Grade 8
- National Junior Honor SocietyGrades 6-8
- BandGrades 6-8
- Jazz BandGrade 8
- County BandGrade 8
- Samaritan's PurseGrade 8

Avery Faile

Lancaster High School, Grade 12

Avery is very creative—she sees the world differently from many of her peers. When she gets an idea in her head, she finds it hard to let it go. She ponders over it, dissects it, develops it and eventually shares it with others. Avery is passionate about all she does—year-book, English, supporting others, truly everything. She is definitely a leader, but she can blend in and be a worker—she readily adapts to situations and uses her talents to help in any way that she is needed. Unlike some creative people, she is organized and focused on her goals, always pushing to expand herself and her talents. Avery is definitely a leader who leads by example; she does not expect more of others than she does of herself, and this is what has driven her to excel.

Lancaster High teacher Richard Gay

- Highest HonorsGrade 12
- A Honor RollGrade 12
- Class Spelling Bee WinnerGrades 6-8
- Gifted and Talented ProgramGrades 3-5
- Chorus AwardGrade 8
- Youth Art MonthGrades 2, 8
- Columbia College ScholarGrade 8
- Callisto
- Peer LeaderGrade 11
- National Beta ClubGrades 11-12
- National Junior Beta ClubGrades 6-8
- National Honor SocietyGrades 11-12
- CivinttesGrades 10-12
- Yearbook StaffGrades 10-12
- Yearbook EditorGrade 12
- Journalism AwardGrades 10-11
- Girl ScoutsGrade 6
- Tennis - Varsity GirlsGrade 11

Nathan T. Faile

Buford Elementary School, Grade 5

Nathan is an excellent student as well as an excellent citizen. He always strives to do his very best whether it be on taking a test, doing homework or helping a friend. Nathan truly cares about his grades, and he always takes the initiative to study and prepare for classes. Nathan goes above and beyond what is expected of him. It has been a pleasure teaching him for two years, and I am proud of the young man that he is becoming. I cannot wait to see where his intelligence and kindness will lead him. Congratulations, Nathan!

Buford Elementary teacher Trena Thompson

- A Honor RollGrades 3-5
- Gifted and Talented ProgramGrades 3-5
- Book-It AwardGrades 5K- 4
- Odyssey of the MindGrade 4
- Accelerated Reader AwardGrade 5
- Student Island AwardGrades 1-4
- Principal's PalGrades 2-4
- Duke University MAP ProgramGrade 5
- BaseballGrades 5K-4
- News CrewGrade 5
- Cub ScoutsGrade 2
- Church Youth GroupGrade 5

Richmond Fang

Harrisburg Elementary School, Grade 5

Iwas fortunate enough to have Richmond in my fourth-grade class. He demonstrates above average performance. He loves to challenge himself and excels in all academic areas. Richmond has a true passion for learning and strives to do his best. He sets a great example for his peers in his hard work and strong focus. His performance in my class is a strong indication of how well he will succeed in his upcoming educational experiences. I wish him the best and can't wait to see what he accomplishes in the future.

Harrisburg Elementary teacher Stephanie Cvitkovic

- A Honor RollGrades 3-5
- Academic AchievementGrades 2-5
- English AwardGrade 4
- Math AwardGrade 4
- National Merit Math AwardGrade 4
- Class Spelling Bee WinnerGrade 5
- Perfect AttendanceGrades 1-4
- Trustees AwardGrade 4
- Gifted and Talented ProgramGrades 2-5
- 97th Percentile ClubGrade 2

- Accelerated Reader Award Grades 2-4
- Citizenship Award Grades 3-4
- Duke University Talent Identification Program
..... Grades 4-5
- Horizons Grade 2
- Gymnastics.....Grades Pre School - K
- Soccer..... Grades K-5
- Chinese Language Enrichment PSTO1
- Highest Class MAP Score - Reading Grade 4
- Highest Class Average In Lang Arts Grade 4
- Highest Class Average In Mathematics Grade 4
- Highest Class Average in Science Grade 4
- Highest Classroom MAP Score - Math..... Grade 4
- Most Improved Class MAP Score - Reading .. Grade 4
- Most Improved Class MAP Score - Math..... Grade 4
- Discovery Soccer Club Grade 5
- Faith Formation..... Grade 5
- Tennis Grade 2
- KTEA -11 Math 99th Reading 97th Grade 2
- WIAT - 111 Reading/Math 99th Percentile Grade 2

Claire Faulkenberry

McDonald Green Elementary School, Grade 5

One of the best students in our district, one of the best in the state and one of the best in the world is Claire Faulkenberry – a born leader who exemplifies impeccable leadership skill, outstanding character and intellectual abilities and one who always strives for excellence daily. She always thinks outside the box to bring about positive change to our school. Claire's vast knowledge, motivation and positive work habits enable her to be a role model for peers. She willingly shares responsibilities to accomplish learning tasks. Efficient work habits allow Claire the opportunity to set goals necessary for her educational success. Because of her caring nature, she's consistently willing to assist the administrative team, her teachers and classmates. Her enthusiasm and humor brings a ray of sunshine to our school. All of these attributes contribute to Claire being one of the very best to matriculate through McDonald Green Elementary School. Claire, shoot for the moon, even if you miss, you'll land among the stars.

McDonald Green Elementary principal Michelle Crosby

- A Honor RollGrades 3-5
- English AwardGrade 4
- Math AwardGrade 4
- Reading AwardGrade 4
- Science AwardGrade 4
- Class Spelling Bee Winner.....Grade 4
- Gifted and Talented ProgramGrades 3-5
- Book-It-Award
- Mini Society AwardGrade 4

- P.E. AwardGrade 4
- National Junior Beta Club.....Grade 5
- Student Council.....Grades 4-5
- DancingGrades 2-3
- Tumbling..... Grades 2, 4
- Girls on the RunGrade 4

William J. Ferri

Indian Land Elementary School, Grade 5

William is such an intelligent, funny and charismatic boy. He gives everything he does one hundred percent of his effort. Will is unique and special in a way that teachers and students alike notice. He is always willing to help others and will do anything needed with or without being asked. He is friends with everyone and always has kind words for those in need. I know he will accomplish great things, because he holds himself to a much higher standard than anyone else ever could. He is going to change the world, and I can't wait to see it. I wish him all the best, and I hope he always remembers how amazing he is. I look forward to hearing about all the things he accomplishes. Will has been a joy to teach, and I know all teachers to come will feel that way as well.

Indian Land Elementary teacher Kristen White

- A Honor RollGrades 3-5
- Math AwardGrades 3-4
- Reading AwardGrades 3-4
- Class Spelling Bee Winner.....Grades K-4
- Citizenship AwardGrade 4

Blake Todd Finley

Buford High School, Grade 12

I had Blake in my Art 4 class, and it was truly a joy! Blake is a warm, sweet young man with a comical sense of humor and contagious smile. If I was ever having a rough day, Blake coming in last block immediately ended that with a silly joke or kind word and smile. He is the true definition of a friend to all who know him and carries a warm, positive energy with him everywhere he goes. Seeing Blake's personality in his artwork brought me such joy and true appreciation for his work. Blake's academic and artistic talents are just part of a well-rounded, sweet soul that is a joy and asset to wherever he is. There is not a doubt in my mind Blake will go very far in his pursuits and not only succeed, but share many smiles along the way!

Buford High teacher Sydney Hinson

- Highest HonorsGrade 12
- Erskine ScholarGrade 12
- National Beta Club.....Grades 10-12
- National Honor Society.....Grades 10-11
- Church Youth GroupGrades 6-12

Lexi Fletcher

Andrew Jackson High School, Grade 12

I have had the extreme pleasure of teaching Lexi over the past four years. During that time, I have watched her grow and mature, not only as a musician, but as a person. Lexi is very passionate about the things she is involved with. She puts her whole heart into her musical skills and has been a leader in our choral ensembles since she was a sophomore. I have never witnessed a student want to improve her skills as much as Lexi. She has taken every possible level of chorus, some more than once, and completed the AP Music Theory course. As a freshman, she began to audition for honor choirs and that success sparked a drive in her that still has not stopped. Lexi has also placed a lot of time and importance on her involvement with the Relay for Life team. With her leadership, the team has raised over \$8,000 each year for the past three years. Lexi has impacted my life and the choral program in more ways than could be written down. She is one of the most dedicated and talented students to go through the choral program, and the entire choral family wishes her the best in all of her future endeavors.

Andrew Jackson High teacher Lizzi Elliott

- Highest HonorsGrade 12
- A Honor Roll Grades 3-5, 8, 11-12
- English Award Grades 4, 6
- Keyboard AwardGrade 6
- Reading AwardGrades 4-5
- Science AwardGrades 5-6
- Class Spelling Bee Winner.....Grade 4
- School spelling Bee Winner.....Grade 5
- Trustees Award.....Grades 10-11
- S.C. Scrapbook.....Grade 3
- FocusGrades 6, 12
- Accelerated Reader Award.....Grades 3-5
- Student of the Month AwardGrade 4
- Chorus Award.....Grades 10-12
- Music AwardGrades 3-4, 9
- Ensemble AwardGrades 10-12
- Art AwardGrade 4
- Columbia College ScholarGrade 11
- National Beta Club.....Grades 10-12
- National Honor Society.....Grades 11-12
- Student Council.....Grade 4
- CheerleaderGrade 8

- DancingGrades 1-8
- Soccer.....Grades 3-6
- ChorusGrades 3-12
- Music AwardGrades 3-4, 9
- Drama.....Grades 8-12
- SC All State Choir.....Grades 10-12
- SC American Choral Directors Association Choir
.....Grades 10-12
- Southern Division ACDA - Junior Honor Choir
.....Grade 9
- National ACDA Women's Honor Choir.....Grade 10
- Tri-M Music Honor Society.....Grades 10-12
- Solo and Ensemble.....Grades 10-12

Qua'Tajha Tykeionia Foster

Brooklyn Springs Elementary School, Grade 5

Qua' Tajha is a wonderful young lady who has all the qualities of a great student. She comes to school each day ready and eager to learn. She is an organized, hard-working student who gives it her all in everything he does. Besides being so bright, she also has an amazing personality. Whether she is getting a 100% on a math test or dancing on the playground, Qua'Tajha can always make me smile. I could not be more proud of her, and I know she will accomplish any goal she sets out for.

Brooklyn Springs Elementary teacher Rebecca Double

- A Honor RollGrades 3-5
- Class Spelling Bee Winner.....Grade 5
- Safety Patrol.....Grade 5
- Founders Fellow.....Grades K, 2-5
- National Junior Beta Club.....Grade 5
- 21st CenturyGrade 4
- CheerleaderGrade 5
- Girl ScoutsGrades 4-5
- Girls on the RunGrade 5
- Terrific KidsGrade K

Qua'terious Foster

Lancaster High School, Grade 12

If there were pictures of students in the dictionary beside the word "excellence," there would be a photo of Qua'terious Foster. I have had the privilege of teaching Quay in two different law enforcement classes. Quay is a joy to teach! He is exceptionally intelligent and articulate, with a strong work ethic and desire to turn in only exemplary work. I love to see him working on his written assignments with his dictionary and thesaurus close at hand! He looks at life with his eyes wide open and does not allow others to sway his

convictions. Quay is mature and responsible in the classroom and everywhere else he goes. His ethical decision-making skills and positive attitude ensure his success at the next level and beyond. In addition, his personality and sense of humor make him the kind of person others truly enjoy being around. He carries himself with pride and sets a wonderful example for others. Quay is the kind of young man you proudly point to as a representative of our school and community.

Lancaster High teacher Debbie Rowell

- Highest HonorsGrade 12
- A Honor Roll.....Grades 3-12
- Academic AchievementGrade 12
- Math AwardGrade 5
- Class Spelling Bee Winner.....Grade 4
- Gifted and Talented ProgramGrades 3-5
- Principal's PalGrade 2
- Chorus Award.....Grade 7
- Founders Fellow.....Grade 3
- Middle School Academic Challenge TeamGrade 8
- National Beta Club.....Grades 11-12
- National Junior Beta Club.....Grades 4-5
- National Junior Honor Society.....Grade 7
- ChorusGrades 6-8
- Terrific Kid.....Grade 4
- Governor Science AwardGrade 7
- Super StudentGrade 4
- T-BallGrade K
- Baseball.....Grades 3-6
- Basketball.....Grade 3

Anna Funderburk

Buford High School, Grade 12

Most students easily employ pathos and proffer their emotions for all to read. Few students utilize logos in their writing to demonstrate their understandings of cause and effect in society. Even fewer students ever are able to examine their own moral codes and express their personal ethos in comparison to that of society as a whole. Always with a smile and an open mind to new ideas, Anna represents the rarest educational dearth of all: that paucity of learners whose precocious adeptness at employing the aforementioned three methods of expression is clearly and effectively evident in every work they produce.

Buford High teacher Alan Rogers

- Highest HonorsGrade 12
- A Honor Roll
- Junior MarshalGrade 11
- Youth Art MonthGrades 10-12
- Erskine ScholarGrade 11
- Presbyterian ScholarGrade 11

- Lancaster Youth Art ShowGrades 10-11
- National Beta Club.....Grades 10-12
- National Honor Society.....Grades 10-12
- Art ClubGrade 11
- Swim TeamGrades 9-12
- Church Youth GroupGrades 7-12
- Captain's Award - Swim Team.....Grade 12

Danny Lee Funderburk

Heath Springs Elementary School, Grade 5

It gives me immense pleasure to congratulate Danny Funderburk for his excellent academic career. Danny is an amazing young man. He is funny, creative, clever and hardworking. I have witnessed him grow into a bright, creative thinker. I feel honored to be one of Danny's teachers. He has challenged me to become a better teacher. I anticipate him to continue doing great things!

Heath Springs Elementary teacher Brandon Craig

- Math AwardGrades 2-3
- Reading AwardGrades 2-3
- Science AwardGrades 1-2
- Social Studies AwardGrades 1-3
- Art AwardGrade 3
- Writing AwardGrades 1-2
- Spelling AwardGrade 1
- 100 Book Challenge Award - 800 Steps or More
.....Grades 1-4
- Reading Counts Award.....Grades 3-4
- Published Author AwardGrades 2-4
- Sportsmanship AwardGrade 2
- The Most Helpful Award.....Grade 1
- Good Buddy Award.....Grade 1
- Handwriting AwardGrade 3

Tia M. Funderburk

Harrisburg Elementary School, Grade 5

I had the honor of teaching Tia Funderburk in 4th grade. Tia is a wonderful student. She strives to do her best in everything she does. She has a positive attitude toward school and a very sweet personality. Tia is a remarkable young lady who excels both inside and outside the classroom. Tia is very kindhearted and is always willing to help others. She is well liked by others, and her positive attitude is very contagious. I look forward to seeing what wonderful things Tia accomplishes in the future!

Harrisburg Elementary teacher Kathy Gerdes

- A Honor Roll.....Grades 3-5

- Science Fair AwardGrade 4
- Gifted and Talented ProgramGrades 4-5
- Student of the Month AwardGrade 4
- Citizenship AwardGrades 1-4
- P.E. AwardGrades 1-2
- Drama ClubGrade 5
- Principal Choice Classroom WinnerGrades 2-3
- Principal Choice School WinnerGrade 2
- Basketball.....Grades 1-5
- SoftballGrades 1-5

Jocelyn Furlos-Beristain

North Elementary School, Grade 5

Jocelyn is a precious student. She brightens my day with her pleasant manners and willingness to always participate in class lessons. Her cheerful attitude towards school and her peers makes her a positive role model. Jocelyn has the exceptional ability to make everyone around her feel good. I know with Jocelyn's motivated spirit and her excellent academic abilities, she will have a successful future. I am honored that I had the opportunity to teach such a remarkable young lady.

North Elementary teacher Casey Burgess

- A Honor RollGrades 3-5
- Safety PatrolGrade 4
- Youth Art MonthGrade 4
- Art ClubGrade 5
- 21st CenturyGrades 3-5
- STEM Achievement.....Grade 5
- Terrific Kid.....Grades 4-5

Christian Carmichael Gallien

Andrew Jackson Middle School, Grade 8

There is an old saying that still waters run deep. Christian can be the embodiment of that statement. He tends to be a young man of few words when everyday, traditional topics are discussed. But if the class or teacher should venture into topics related to pop culture, watch out because Christian will come alive! His face will light up, his voice will get louder, and his eyes will reveal an excitement and knowledge that speak volumes. By the same token, if Christian is allowed the freedom to be creative with projects, his sense of humor and quick wit will result in a presentation that all will remember and enjoy. Christian is a highly intelligent and talented young man. I am honored to have been his teacher.

Andrew Jackson Middle teacher Deborah Griffin

- A Honor RollGrades 3-5
- AB Honor RollGrades 6-7

- Academic AchievementGrades 3-5
- English AwardGrade 4
- Language AwardGrade 5
- Science AwardGrades 3-5
- Class Spelling Bee Winner.....Grade 5
- Trustees AwardGrade 8
- Gifted and Talented ProgramGrades 3-5
- Study Island AwardGrades 4-5
- Junior ScholarGrade 8
- National Junior Beta Club.....Grade 5
- Junior Scientist AwardGrade 4-5
- Library Student AwardGrade 5
- Glassworks CertificateGrades 4-5
- Baseball.....Grades 3-4
- Basketball.....Grade 2
- Soccer.....Grade 1
- Drama.....Grades 6-8
- Church Youth GroupGrades 7-8
- Royal Ambassadors (RAs).....Grades 1-6
- Wood Working - Made BirdhousesGrades 4-5

Jayda Galish

Erwin Elementary School, Grade 5

Jayda is the kind of student every teacher loves to have. She works hard each and every day to study and prepare. In class, her love for learning, her excitement and her determination to be the best she can be make her stand out as exceptional. Because of Jayda's loving, caring personality, she is always helping others. People like Jayda make our world a better place. She has a bright future ahead of her!

Erwin Elementary teacher Kathryn Jacobs

- A Honor RollGrades 2-5
- Class Spelling Bee Winner
- Music AwardGrade 4
- Founders Fellow.....Grade 3
- Soccer.....Grades K-1
- Girl ScoutsGrade K
- Advanced ArtGrades 4-5
- ACE Club.....Grade 5

Carissa Gamble

Lancaster High School, Grade 12

Carissa is a hard-working, young lady with a competitive spirit who has taken advantage of her athletic gifts and uses these related skills and qualities in her academic performance. This is seen as she prepares and tackles her school work with preparation, strong effort, organization, perseverance and energy. Sometimes students have a hard time being able to balance their

many school extra-curricular activities and academics but Carissa has figured out this formula of success. She has a good head on her shoulders and is one-of-a-kind. She is always prepared and works hard in all areas of this program. She is liked by all her peers and clients alike. I am confident that Carissa will be a tremendous asset to anything that she decides to do as she finishes her high school career. She has been a great joy to teach and get to know during the past two years. I am also confident that she will continue to grow and mature as a young woman with a career in the cosmetology field.

Lancaster High teacher Jan Williamson

- Highest HonorsGrade 12
- A Honor Roll..Grades 5-8, 11 Academic Achievement Grades 9-11
- Keyboard AwardGrade 6
- Reading AwardGrades 3-4
- Perfect AttendanceGrades 3-4
- President's Award for Educational ExcellenceGrade 5
- Student of the Month Award - CosmetologyGrades 11-12
- Great Attitude AwardGrades 6-8
- Art AwardGrades 7-8
- Founders FellowGrades 3-5

Richard James Gardner, III

Buford High School, Grade 12

James is quite a character. He never fails to entertain the people around him. In spite of his gregarious nature, he handles a schedule of advanced course work while participating in sports here at school and working a part-time job. James often disguises how intelligent he is with a joke, but he is insightful and unafraid to voice his opinion, even when it may not be popular. James is the epitome of the "all-American" boy, growing up in the South. Class with James is never dull.

Buford High teacher Julie Thompson

- Highest HonorsGrade 12
- Junior MarshalGrade 11
- Science Award - ChemistryGrade 10
- Trustees AwardGrades 7-8
- Gifted and Talented ProgramGrades 3-8
- Duke University Talent Identification ProgramGrade 7
- Erskine ScholarGrade 11
- Presbyterian ScholarGrade 11
- USC-Aiken ScholarGrade 11
- Lander ScholarGrade 11
- Palmetto FellowGrade 12
- Junior ScholarGrade 8

- National Beta Club.....Grades 10-12
- National Honor Society.....Grades 10-12
- Yearbook StaffGrade 11
- Baseball.....Grades 7-12
- Baseball All-RegionGrade 11
- Church Youth GroupGrades 7-12

Spencer Gardner

Indian Land Elementary School, Grade 5

Spencer is such a caring, kind and intelligent boy. He always puts forth one hundred percent. He doesn't put emphasis on acknowledgment from others, but cares more about doing the best for himself. He has so many qualities that are going to aid in his success. Spencer will do anything for anyone without being asked or told, he takes initiative. He may be quiet at times, but when he adds to my lessons, it is informative and thoughtful. Spencer has so much talent and ability. I know he will do great things. I have enjoyed having him in my class, and I know teachers in the future will feel the same. He is amazing, and I hope he always remembers that. I look forward to hearing about all the wonderful things he accomplishes in his life, and wish him the best.

Indian Land Elementary teacher Kristen White

- A Honor RollGrades 3-5
- History AwardGrades 3-4
- Math AwardGrades 3-4
- Science AwardGrades 3-4
- Social Studies AwardGrades 3-4
- Gifted and Talented ProgramGrades 4-5
- Citizenship AwardGrades 3-4
- Soccer.....Grades K-5
- Cub ScoutsGrades 3-4

Amarie MaKayla Gist

Brooklyn Springs Elementary School, Grade 5

Amarie is a wonderful choice as a Celebration of Excellence honoree. It is difficult to imagine a more deserving student to receive such recognition for excellence in the classroom. Amarie displays an amazing amount of respect for the opportunity she is given to learn and achieve throughout the school day. She is a very kind and considerate student who is always eager to help and encourage her classmates. Along with a soft and gentle nature, Amarie is a persistent, hard-working student who exhibits a true love for learning. Over the years, it has been my distinct pleasure to work with outstanding students like Amarie. She is truly a

joy to work with each day. What an amazing young lady, who sets a terrific example for others to follow. Congratulations, Amarie! We are all so very proud of you!

Brooklyn Springs Elementary teacher Tim Page

- A Honor RollGrades 3-5
- Math AwardGrades 3-4
- Science AwardGrade 3
- Citizenship AwardGrade 3
- Safety PatrolGrade 5
- Chorus AwardGrades 4-5
- Art AwardGrade 4
- National Junior Beta ClubGrade 5
- Student CouncilGrades 3, 5
- Art ClubGrades 4-5
- 21st CenturyGrades 3, 5
- BasketballGrade 5
- CheerleaderGrades 2-5
- SoftballGrades 4-5
- ChorusGrades 4-5
- Girl ScoutsGrade 5
- Founders FellowGrades 2-5
- Principal Wall of FameGrades 1-5
- Creative WritingGrade 4

Tymia Gladden

Lancaster High School, Grade 12

Tymia Gladden is an amazing young woman who demonstrates great character through self-confident leadership, compassionate and empathetic care-giving skills. She is so trustworthy and honest that I trust her to care for my own children. I am so proud of her and very excited about her future.

Lancaster High teacher Jessica McGriff

- Highest HonorsGrade 12
- A Honor Roll
- Junior MarshalGrade 11
- ValedictorianGrade 5
- English AwardGrade 5
- Keyboard AwardGrade 5
- Math AwardGrades 5-7
- Science AwardGrade 5
- Class Spelling Bee WinnerGrade 5
- Perfect AttendanceGrade 5
- Gifted and Talented ProgramGrade 6
- Accelerated Reader AwardGrade 7
- Student of the Month AwardGrade 5
- Citizenship AwardGrade 5
- Principal's PalGrade 7
- P.E. AwardGrade 5
- Founders AwardGrade 5
- National Beta ClubGrades 11-12
- National Junior Beta ClubGrades 7-8

- National Honor SocietyGrades 11-12
- CivinettesGrades 10-12
- Yearbook StaffGrade 12
- Spanish ClubGrade 5
- CheerleaderGrades 7-8
- GymnasticsGrades 4-5
- Cub New TV ProgramGrade 5
- Girl ScoutsGrades 2-3
- Fellowship of Christian AthletesGrade 12
- TennisGrade 12
- T-BallGrade K

Felix Gonzalez

Indian Land Elementary School, Grade 5

Felix Gonzalez is a great student who always gives above and beyond what is expected. He is a pleasure to have in class and sets a perfect example for his peers. Felix is always willing to participate in class and does so with enthusiasm. He is always eager and willing to help in any way possible, no matter who needs assistance. Felix is well liked by his teachers and classmates. Felix will continue to excel in his educational journey and will be a success in whatever he decides to do. It was a great pleasure to have Felix in 5th grade this year.

Indian Land Elementary teacher Risa Lail

- A Honor Roll
- Math Award
- Science Award
- Class Spelling Bee Winner
- Perfect Attendance
- Gifted and Talented Program
- Citizenship Award
- Art Award
- Duke University Talent Identification Program
- Drama Club
- Baseball
- Karate
- Skating
- Soccer
- Walking
- Wrestling
- Boy Scouts
- Cub Scouts
- Church Youth Group
- Science Fair Participant Award
- Most Improved in Math
- Most Reading Counts Award

Aspen Goodyear

Erwin Elementary School, Grade 5

Aspen is a wonderful young lady, and one of the brightest students I have ever taught. She catches on to concepts well before I get through the lesson. Aspen is determined to do her very best, and I can always expect to see her hand waving in the air ready to answer questions with her unique perspective. Aspen has enough personality to fill an arena and she makes me laugh with her quirky sense of humor. I'm not sure where life will take Aspen, but I hope I'm able to have a front row seat to watch.

Erwin Elementary teacher Jon Bradley

- A Honor RollGrades 2-5
- Academic AchievementGrades 4-5
- Scholastic Achievement AwardGrade 4
- School Spelling Bee WinnerGrade 4
- Gifted and Talented ProgramGrades 3-5
- Study Island AwardGrades 2-5
- Student of the Month AwardGrades K, 2
- P.E. AwardGrade 4
- Physical Fitness AwardGrade 4
- Art AwardGrades 3-4
- Duke University MAP ProgramGrades 4-5
- Founders FellowGrade 4
- Lancaster Youth Art ShowGrade 3
- Student CouncilGrade 5
- Art ClubGrade 4
- BaseballGrades K-3
- DancingGrades 2-4
- SoccerGrades K-4
- SoftballGrades 4-5
- ChorusGrades 4-5

Matthew Graham

Lancaster High School, Grade 12

Matthew is a wonderful young man who exhibits the qualities all teachers desire in a student: inquisitiveness, intelligence and determination. Matthew never settles, he always wants to excel in whatever he chooses to do. Matthew goes after a problem like a dog after a bone. He is an unquenchable learner that always seeks to achieve perfection-whether it is in academics or in life. Matthew will succeed in whatever he chooses to do with his life because he will accept nothing else. Matthew represents a perfect example of how the youth of today will become the leaders of tomorrow.

Lancaster High teacher Bobby Bullard

- Highest HonorsGrade 12

- A Honor RollGrades 5-12
- Junior MarshalGrade 11
- Academic AchievementGrades 5-12
- Math AwardGrades 6-8
- Trustees AwardGrades 7-8
- Duke University Talent Identification ProgramGrades 7-8
- National Honor SocietyGrades 11-12
- Junior CivitansGrade 12
- Church Youth GroupGrades 9-12
- TennisGrades 10-12

Joshua Gregory

Lancaster High School, Grade 12

Having had the privilege of teaching Joshua Gregory each year for the past four years, I have had the honor of watching him grow not only as a student, but also as a person. Joshua is an exceptionally intelligent young man who models maturity beyond his years. Josh is a very self-motivated individual with a heart for serving others. I believe that these characteristics, along with his undying desire to seek new challenges, will prove him to be a very successful young man.

Lancaster High teacher Jason Young

- Highest HonorsGrade 12
- A Honor RollGrades 3-5, 12
- Science Fair AwardGrade 5
- Gifted and Talented ProgramGrades 3-6
- Middle School Academic Challenge TeamGrade 7
- SC Honors DiplomaGrade 12
- National Beta ClubGrades 11-12
- National Honor SocietyGrades 11-12
- Junior CivitansGrades 10-12
- TennisGrades 11-12

Drew Kaitlyn Griffin

Andrew Jackson High School, Grade 12

Drew is a mature young woman who is motivated to do her best. She is one of the most hardworking and intellectual students I have taught. Drew is an excellent student who takes pride in her work. She is always very attentive in class and participates in class discussion. Drew is a good independent thinker who enjoys the challenge of solving higher-level mathematical problems. Drew is positive, ambitious, and is well liked by both teachers and peers. She is outgoing and is always willing to do her very best to understand each and every concept along with its application. Drew is open to offer her own ideas or suggestions, which makes her a leader among her peers. Drew is very

much involved with extracurricular activities, such as student government, as well as, her community. She constantly manages family, friends, church and school successfully. She is a leader among her peers and uses sound judgment in making decisions. She has been very active in initiating projects and is successful in gaining support from her fellow classmates. She is an outstanding student who has shown tremendous motivation and determination to be successful. She has acquired good study skills which will be beneficial to her in college. Drew's outgoing personality, hard work and desire to succeed will help her achieve her goals. It is this desire to learn and excel that will make her successful in college as well as her career.

Andrew Jackson High teacher Pamela Shaw

- Highest HonorsGrade 12
- A Honor RollGrades 11-12
- Junior MarshalGrade 11
- Student Body PresidentGrade 12
- FocusGrades 9-12
- Citizenship AwardGrades 10-11
- Art AwardGrades 9-10
- Coker ScholarGrade 11
- Columbia College ScholarGrade 11
- Erskine ScholarGrade 11
- Founders FellowGrade 11
- Presbyterian ScholarGrade 11
- Wingate ScholarGrade 11
- Junior ScholarGrade 8
- National Beta ClubGrades 10-12
- National Honor SocietyGrades 11-12
- Student CouncilGrades 9-12
- Newspaper StaffGrade 9
- Art ClubGrades 10-12
- Drama Club - International Thespian Society
Troupe 6830Grades 9-12
- ChorusGrades 9-11
- DramaGrades 9-12
- Church Youth GroupGrades 11-12
- First PriorityGrades 9-10
- KATS Fund TheatreGrade 10

D.J. Hagins

Andrew Jackson High School, Grade 12

Where do I begin? DJ is an outstanding student. He is able to excel in class with very little input once the subject is explained. I always have to keep him in mind when determining how long a project may last. Projects that usually take 2-3 days to complete may take him only one day. Over the years, DJ has made me a better teacher because of his hard work in class. He always kept me planning ahead. I believe because

of his hard work other students tried harder to succeed. I also believe that DJ will be successful in anything he attempts. I wish him the best in his next stage of life. I will surely miss him in my class next year. DJ, just think.....no more minus 5! May God bless you in all that you do!!

Andrew Jackson High teacher Jimbo Barton

- Highest HonorsGrade 12
- A Honor RollGrades 3-8, 10-11
- Junior MarshalGrade 11
- Gifted and Talented ProgramGrades 3-4
- FocusGrades 6-8
- Safety PatrolGrade 5
- Duke University Talent Identification Program
.....Grades 4-7
- Boys StateGrade 11
- Junior ScholarGrade 8
- National Beta ClubGrades 10-12
- National Junior Beta ClubGrades K-5
- National Honor SocietyGrades 10-12
- BasketballGrades 7-11
- SoccerGrade 7
- TrackGrade 8
- Church Youth GroupGrades 7-12

Lauren Elizabeth Hagins

Andrew Jackson Middle School, Grade 8

I had the pleasure of teaching Lauren last year. Lauren demonstrated high character both in her academics and in her personal interactions with her peers. Lauren always brought energy and enthusiasm to the classroom. Lauren is a great student and a better person. She is dedicated to performing her best at any task and always gives 100%. She has that leadership quality that few others possess at her age. I have no doubt that she has a bright future.

Andrew Jackson Middle teacher Matthew Bailey

- Trustees AwardGrade 8
- Junior ScholarGrade 8
- FocusGrades 6-8
- ChorusGrade 5
- ST-ARTS ProgramGrades 7-8
- Art Club
- VolleyballGrade 8
- PianoGrades 3-6
- DramsGrades 7-8
- News CrewGrade 5

Alexia R. Hall

Indian Land High, Grade 12

Alexia came to my class to take AP biology. Over the course of the school year, she put on a display of academic achievement that combined with her athletic contribution and a daily optimistic demeanor defines the very word, excellence. Hers is a name not only worth knowing but remembering, and I do and I will. She is why we teach. One can only hope she will infuse her compassion and knowledge into the hearts and minds of generations to come. It was my privilege to have taught Alexia and assist her along life's winding path.

Indian Land High teacher Chris Kendrick

- Highest HonorsGrade 12
- A Honor RollGrades 7-12
- Junior MarshalGrade 11
- Academic AchievementGrade 8
- English AwardGrade 8
- History AwardGrade 8
- Language AwardGrade 8
- Science AwardGrade 8
- Math AwardGrade 8
- Social Studies AwardGrade 8
- Coaches AwardGrades 10-12
- Junior ScholarGrade 8
- Wofford ScholarGrade 11
- National Beta ClubGrades 10-12
- National Honor SocietyGrades 10-12
- National Junior Honor SocietyGrades 7-8
- VolleyballGrades 7-12
- Model UNGrade 9

Makenzie Hall

Buford Middle School, Grade 8

Makenzie is a beautiful young lady with a sunny, positive attitude who was a joy to have in class. I don't think a day went by that Makenzie didn't enter my room with a bright smile on her face and a willingness and an eagerness to tackle whatever task was at hand. She was such a blessing to teach because she was able to balance her intelligence with a down-to-earth manner; she was a wonderful student and also a genuinely nice person to everyone. Whenever our class worked in a cooperative setting, I could always pair her with anyone, without complaint, because she is that type of person who gets along with, and can work closely with, all of her peers. In class, if Makenzie ever had concerns about her work, she never hesitated to question it – always wanting to make sure it was correct,

not just complete. This kind of integrity and work ethic is unique in a middle schooler, but they are givens with Makenzie. Through the National Junior Beta Club she has contributed numerous service hours to her community and to our school, giving unselfishly of herself. Makenzie embodies the characteristics of positivity, integrity and involvement, and it has truly been a pleasure getting to know her these past few years. If a person's character is, as they say, an indication of success, then surely Makenzie will be a smashing one!

Buford Middle teacher Paige Johnson

- A Honor RollGrades 3-8
- Junior MarshalGrade 7
- English AwardGrade 6
- Math AwardGrades 6-7
- Gifted and Talented ProgramGrades 3-5
- Citizenship AwardGrade 6
- Principal's PalGrade 3
- Youth Art MonthGrade 7
- Lancaster Youth Art ShowGrade 7
- National Junior Beta ClubGrades 6-8
- DancingGrades 1-8
- GymnasticsGrades 1-4
- Church Youth GroupGrades 6-8
- National Junior Art Honor SocietyGrades 7-8
- Youth Art Month
 - Cube Design - School WinnerGrade 7
 - 3D Art - 3rd PlaceGrade 7

Caroline Hammond

Heath Springs Elementary School, Grade 5

Caroline is an absolute dream come true for a teacher. She is kind, respectful and hardworking. She is so conscientious and careful about everything she does. I will always cherish having Caroline in my class. She will forever have a special place in my heart.

Heath Springs Elementary teacher Mark Glasser

- A Honor RollGrades 3-5
- Math AwardGrades 1-3
- Reading AwardGrades 1, 3-4
- Science AwardGrades 1, 3
- Science Fair Award - Second PlaceGrade 4
- Social Studies AwardGrades 1, 3
- Perfect AttendanceGrades 1, 3
- Citizenship AwardGrades 1, 3
- Safety PatrolGrade 5
- Music AwardGrade 2
- Art AwardGrade 1
- Youth Art MonthGrades 1, 5
- Lancaster Youth Art ShowGrades 3, 5
- Yearbook StaffGrade 4
- PianoGrades 1-2
- Swim TeamGrades 3-4

- Soccer.....Grades K-5
- All-Star.....Grades 3-5
- Softball.....Grades 2-5
- All-Star.....Grades 3-4
- Brownie Scouts.....Grades K-1
- Girl Scouts.....Grades 2-3
- Lancaster County Honors Choir.....Grade 5
- AWANA.....Grades 4-5

Drew Hardin

Harrisburg Elementary School, Grade 5

Drew is a very bright young man. His enthusiasm for learning new things made him a pleasure to have in class. Drew was a leader for his classmates, and as a student in the iLead program, he is continuing to strengthen those leadership skills. I am positive his path of success and determination will take him far! He is capable of excelling in anything he puts his mind to do.

Harrisburg Elementary teacher Tia Johnson

- A Honor Roll.....Grades 3-5
- Class Spelling Bee Winner.....Grade 4
- Gifted and Talented Program.....Grades 3-5
- Citizenship Award.....Grade 3
- Duke University Talent Identification Program.....Grades 4-5
- Drama Club.....Grade 5
- Baseball.....Grades K-3
- Basketball.....Grades K-5
- Swim Team.....Grades K-5
- Football.....Grades K-5

Zaquarius Harris

Lancaster High School, Grade 12

In regards to Zaquarius' academic ability, he demonstrated the following as above average. He was responsible, attentive and studious. His demeanor was pleasant to instruct. Zaquarius was a hard, diligent, self-motivated student. His attitude about learning and school was exemplified in his characteristics and abilities as an academic student. Zaquarius' was organized, good at communicating and curious to be better as a student in and outside of the classroom. Mr. Harris was full of positive characteristics that made him a complete joy to teach. My most admired characteristic of his was his ability to work well with and understand others. All of the concepts that describe him will by far translate beautifully to him becoming a contributing member of society. His sense of humor and self-awareness also made my heart as an educator smile.

Lancaster High teacher Betsi O'Shields

- Highest Honors.....Grade 12
- A Honor Roll.....Grades 3-5
- Junior Marshal.....Grades 4, 11
- Academic Achievement.....Grades 10-12
- Keyboard Award.....Grade 8
- Language Award.....Grade 6
- Math Award.....Grade 7
- Class Spelling Bee Winner.....Grades 4-5
- Perfect Attendance.....Grades K-5
- Gifted and Talented Program.....Grade 6
- Horizons.....Grade 3
- National Beta Club.....Grades 11-12
- National Honor Society.....Grades 11-12
- National Junior Honor Society.....Grades 7-8
- Newspaper Staff.....Grade 3
- Spelling Award.....Grade 5
- 21st Century.....Grades 4-5
- Basketball.....Grades 3-8
- Football.....Grade 8
- T-Ball.....Grade K
- Terrific Kid Award.....Grade 3

Haley Havermann

Indian Land Middle School, Grade 8

Haley is one of the most impressive students that I have ever had the pleasure to teach. She is extremely dedicated, focused, talented and driven. She has an amazing ability to master new information quickly and apply it to larger tasks. Haley is extremely creative artistically which she often puts on display when completing projects which allow her to show off her gift. With all of these characteristics, Haley has nothing but a bright future ahead of her. She can aim as high as she wants with her goals, and I am confident that she will achieve them. It was an absolute pleasure to have her in my classes this year. I enjoyed being able to witness the level of academic success that she was able to display.

Indian Land Middle teacher Brian McDonald

- A Honor Roll.....Grades 6-8
- Junior Scholar.....Grade 8
- Trustees Award.....Grade 8
- Geography Award.....Grade 7
- Perfect Attendance.....Grade 6
- Gifted and Talented Program.....Grade 8
- Accelerated Reader Award.....Grades 6-7
- ST-ARTS Program.....Grade 8
- National Junior Beta Club.....Grade 7
- Basketball.....Grade 8
- Soccer.....Grade 8
- Band.....Grades 6-7
- Chorus.....Grade 8

Bethany Noelle Hayes

Lancaster High School, Grade 12

As an outstanding Advanced Composition student, Bethany was always willing to add to classroom discussions through her personal insights. Her projects continually exceeded expectations, and she was always willing to put in the necessary work required for excellence. Bethany has an exceptional command of the language, and she was often able to make connections with pieces of her own work as well as the works of others. Beyond her classroom connections, however, Bethany is an outstanding young woman. She has a spirit about her that few can ignore. Rarely did she enter the classroom without a smile and a sense of confidence in both her wealth of knowledge and who she is as a person. Bethany's contagious positive attitude and her ability to connect with others through her love of learning have helped her to become both an outstanding young woman and student.

Lancaster High teacher Marie Johnson

- Highest HonorsGrade 12
- A Honor RollGrades 3-10
- Junior MarshalGrade 11
- Language Award - Highest Average.....Grades 6-7
- Math AwardGrades 3, 5, 7
- Science AwardGrades 4-7
- Social Studies AwardGrades 3-7
- Perfect AttendanceGrades K, 9-10, 12
- Gifted and Talented ProgramGrades 3-5
- Accelerated Reader Award.....Grades 6-7
- Student of the Month AwardGrades 1-2, 4
- Citizenship AwardGrades 2, 7
- P.E. AwardGrade 8
- Physical Fitness AwardGrades 4-5
- Music AwardGrade 3
- Art AwardGrades 4, 6-7
- Youth Art Month - MarchGrade 5
- Duke University Talent Identification Program
.....Grade 7
- Junior ScholarGrade 8
- Trustees AwardGrade 8
- Columbia College ScholarGrade 11
- Founders FellowGrades 1, 5
- Converse CollegeGrade 11
- USC Aiken ScholarGrade 11
- Asbury Hills Summer Camp
- Beta ClubGrades 7-8
- Elementary School Academic Challenge Team
.....Grades 4-5
- Middle School Academic Challenge Team
.....Grades 6-7
- Who's Who Among American High School Students
Nominee

- Citizenship Outstanding ServiceGrade 6
- BowlingGrade 5
- Lancaster Youth Art ShowGrades 2, 5
- Art ClubGrade 5
- GT Art AwardGrade 4
- County Fair Art Show - First PlaceGrade 5
- Brownie ScoutsGrades 1-3
- Girl ScoutsGrades 4-12
- Daisy Girl ScoutsGrades PreK-K
- Church Children's GroupGrades K-5
- Church Children's ChoirGrades K-4
- Church Youth ChoirGrade 5
- Church Youth GroupGrades 6-9
- Salkehatchie Summer Service
- Girls on the RunGrades 4-5
- Mother-Daughter Book ClubGrades 6-7
- French AwardGrade 7
- Salutatorian - Clinton ElementaryGrade 5
- Media Center WorkerGrades 6-8
- Ram Pride AwardGrades 6-7
- A.R. Rucker Anthology.....Grades 6-7
- Social Studies - Highest AverageGrade 7
- Excellent Reading Average AwardGrade 5
- PE Squad LeaderGrade 5
- PE Active AthleteGrade 5
- Computer AchievementGrade 3
- Writing Contest WinnerGrade 4
- Outstanding Work Classroom - Reading and Math
.....Grade K
- National Young Scholars Nomination.....Grade 5
- Certificate of Excellence, NFL Pepsi
Punt Pass & Kick CompetitionGrade 5
- Office of the Governor and SC Safe Kids
Coalition - 2006 Kids Safety CalenderGrade 3
- "100 Book" Club Award for Reading -328 Books
.....Grade 1
- Gov. Hodges' Honor Roll for Reading 100 Books
.....Grade 4
- School & Community ServiceGrades 6-7
- Community Service - Donna Sawyer
Adopt-A HighwayGrade 5
- Jackson Shrine Club Annual Fish Fry Volunteer
.....Grades 9-12
- Ward Faulkenberry Christmas Basket Fund
- Hope Community Christmas Party
- Girl Scout VolunteerGrade 12
- 2011 National Young Leaders State Conference
State Representative NomineeGrade 7
- Chess ClubGrade 11

Matthew William Hegler

Andrew Jackson Middle School, Grade 8

Matthew entered my classroom in the sixth grade as a tall blonde-headed boy who liked math. I could see him grow in my class with each assignment. Matthew worked hard to be one of my top ten math students for that year. I always enjoyed teaching Matthew because he came to class ready to compete for that top spot. Competitive, smart, talented, and well-rounded are words I would use to portray Matthew. That tall blonde-headed boy made an impression on me because he came in liking math but left the sixth grade with a love of math that I hope he will have for the rest of his life.

Andrew Jackson Middle teacher Hope Rollings

- A Honor Roll Grades 3-8
- English Award Grades 6-7
- Math Award Grades 6-7
- Class Spelling Bee Winner Grade 8
- Social Studies Award Grades 6-7
- Gifted and Talented Program Grades 2-5
- Accelerated Reader Award Grades 6-7
- Duke University Talent Identification Program
..... Grades 4-8
- Junior Scholar Grade 8
- Trustees Award Grade 8
- Lancaster Youth Art Show Grade 1
- Soccer - JV Boys Grades 7-8
- Fellowship of Christian Athletes Grade 8
- Computer Award Grade 7
- 4th Grade Marshal Grade 4
- Lancaster Youth Art Show Grade 1
- Perfect Score on SC PASS Test - Writing
..... Grade 7
- P.E. Award Grades 5-7

Jimmy Helms

Buford High School, Grade 12

Jimmy was a student in my pre-calculus and calculus classes these past two years. Jimmy has a very keen mathematical mind which he used to solve and analyze problems. He was a very quiet conscientious and self-directed student who was a pleasure to have in class. I wish for him success in his future endeavors.

Buford High teacher Margaret Page

- Highest Honors Grade 12
- A Honor roll Grades 11-12
- National Junior Beta Club Grades 10-12
- National Honor Society Grades 11-12
- JROTC Rifle Team Grades 9-10
- JROTC Staff Grades 11-12

Abby Hendrix

Kershaw Elementary School, Grade 5

Though I have had the pleasure of knowing Abby for only the past school year, I have grown to know and love this amazing young lady. For starters, she is an accomplished Safety Patrol monitor who walks our kindergarten students to class each day with authority and confidence. While in each of her classes, she is methodically organized and hard-working. As a member of our Junior Beta Club, she is always first to come up with a new idea for a service project or social event. Abby is one of those rare gems who can do it all. In fact, when we teachers need a hand at the last minute, most of us ask, "Where's Abby?" I have no doubt that I will continue to hear amazing things about Abby as she continues her educational journey. I am thrilled to have been a small part of it. Congratulations, Dear Abby!

Kershaw Elementary teacher Jeri Rogers

- A Honor Roll Grades 3-5
- Reading Award Grade 3
- Class Spelling Bee Winner Grade 4
- School Spelling Bee Winner Grade 4
- Perfect Attendance Grades 4-5
- P.E. Award Grade 3
- Safety Patrol Grade 5
- National Junior Beta Club Grade 5
- Student Council Grade 3
- Cheerleader Grades 2-4
- Volleyball Grade 5
- Girl Scouts Grades K, 2
- Girls in Action (GAs) Grades K-5

Makenzie Henry

Lancaster High School, Grade 12

Makenzie has been a student in the Health Science program at Lancaster High School for the past 3 years. She has taken every course in the Lancaster High School Health Science Program including; Introduction to Health Science, Health Science 1, Health Science 2 and Medical Terminology courses under my instruction. She also has taken Sports Medicine, under the instruction of our Athletic Trainer, Jessica McGriff. Makenzie has maintained an "A" average in all her Health Science classes and shows the qualities of a health care worker. She is very dependable, respectful and an excellent team-player. Makenzie is also a member of the National Honor Society and the

Health Occupations Students of America Organization (HOSA). She is a very dedicated student, and I feel she is deserving of this award.

Lancaster High teacher Susan Burgess

- Highest HonorsGrade 12
- A Honor RollGrades 11-12
- Academic AchievementGrade 5
- Perfect AttendanceGrades 2, 4-7
- President's Award for Educational Excellence
..... Grade 5
- Student of the Month Award
- Citizenship AwardGrades 5, 7
- Coaches Award - SwimmingGrade 12
- P.E. AwardGrade 3
- Physical Fitness AwardGrade 3
- Presidential Academic Fitness AwardGrade 5
- Art AwardGrade 5
- Founders FellowGrades 1-5
- CallistoGrade 11
- National Junior Beta ClubGrade 5
- National Honor SocietyGrades 11-12
- National Junior Honor SocietyGrades 6-8
- Student CouncilGrade 7
- CivinettesGrades 10-11
- CheerleaderGrades 1-6
- DancingGrades 1-5
- Swim TeamGrades 7-12
- BandGrades 6-8
- Pep BandGrades 7-8
- ChorusGrade K
- DramaGrade 3
- HOSAGrade 12
- Cheer & Dance TeamGrades 1-6
- ACE Club - All A'sGrades 1-5

Marissa Hodge

Buford Middle School, Grade 8

Marissa is full of life and exuberance, and that is evident from the minute she walks in the classroom. I taught Marissa for two years, and in that time, I got to see many facets of her personality. Never self-conscious, Marissa was as likely to enter the room in song as she was to dance across the room. She's one-of-a-kind with a personality that can barely be contained. She dances to the beat of her own drummer and makes no apologies for it, and that is something I cherish about her. I also loved that when she was in my class, she was willing to put her thoughts out on the table in class discussions. Often, pre-teens are nervous about opening up in front of their peers; but for Marissa, that is her chance to shine and have her voice heard. I could always count on her to lend an opinion or thought to a discussion, and many times it would be a take on

something no one else would have thought of. I just love Marissa's passion and zest for life. She is unique in a world full of copies, and that is a special thing!

Buford Middle teacher Paige Johnson

- A Honor RollGrades 3-6
- Gifted and Talented ProgramGrades 3-5
- Junior ScholarGrade 8
- Trustees AwardGrade 8
- Art ClubGrades 7-8
- SoccerGrades 3-5
- PianoGrades 6-7
- Girl ScoutsGrade 5
- GuitarGrade 8

Dakota James Holden

Andrew Jackson Middle School, Grade 8

Dakota is exceptional. When he was a student in my fifth-grade ELA class at Kershaw Elementary, Dakota was an avid reader. Not just an avid reader -- a voracious reader. I will always recall conversations we had about books and his vivid imagination. One of the smartest, wittiest and most talented students with whom I have ever had the pleasure to work with, Dakota will truly "go places" in the future. I, for one, am thankful to have been a small part of his journey. Dakota, I am so proud of you! Congratulations!

Kershaw Elementary teacher Jeri Rogers

- A Honor Roll
- Junior ScholarGrade 8
- Trustees AwardGrade 8
- Academic Achievement
- Book-It-AwardGrades K-4
- Accelerated Reader Award
- Duke University Talent Identification Program
..... Grade 7
- Middle School Academic Challenge Team
..... Grades 7-8
- Lancaster Youth Art ShowGrade 4
- Cub ScoutsGrade 4
- Church Youth GroupGrades 6-8
- Royal Ambassadors (RAs)Grades K-8

Jackson Hollis

North Elementary School, Grade 5

Jackson is the type of student that makes people become teachers. He is a balanced learner whose interests take his learning to the next level. Jackson sets his own learning goals and takes initiative in the face of difficult tasks. He is evaluative and reflective of his own learning. Not only is Jackson responsible for his

own learning but he is also responsible to his peers. Jackson is principled and finds it easy to remain balanced and set a good example for others. With all of these phenomenal characteristics, Jackson has found success and will succeed at any path he chooses. I feel very lucky that I had the privilege to work with Jackson.

North Elementary teacher Alexis Willis

- A Honor RollGrades 3-5
- Science AwardGrade 3
- Science Fair AwardGrades 4-5
- Gifted and Talented ProgramGrades 4-5
- Art ClubGrade 5
- Science Fair - District -First PlaceGrade 5
- National Youth Leadership Forum
- Pathways to STEMGrade 5
- FootballGrade 5
- Basketball.....Grade 5
- Soccer.....Grades K-4

Kellen Jay Hook

Indian Land Middle School, Grade 8

The first day of school students had to give me one word to describe their personalities, and Kellen's word was Hurricane. He will forever be Hurricane to me. He is an extraordinary student. He thinks differently than others; he walks to the beat of his own drum, and he always surprises me with his wealth of vocabulary knowledge and writing ability. Like a hurricane, he can be unpredictable, but that unpredictability is what makes him original yet unique, but always memorable.

Indian Land Middle teacher Christa Sullivan

- Junior ScholarGrade 8
- Trustees AwardGrade 8
- Class Spelling Bee Winner.....Grades 5, 8
- School Spelling Bee WinnerGrade 5
- Duke University Talent Identification Program

Caysen Olivia Horton

North Elementary School, Grade 5

Caysen is a focused, determined student. She sets her mind to a task that needs to be accomplished and figures out a way to solve the task. She strives to do her best in every task she is given. Her excellent academic record is evidence of her work ethic. Her positive attitude combined with impeccable kindness will allow her to accomplish all her dreams. I am truly honored that I had the opportunity to teach such an outstanding young lady.

North Elementary teacher Casey Burgess

- A Honor RollGrades 3-5
- Gifted and Talented ProgramGrades 3-5
- DancingGrade 1
- Gymnastics.....Grades 3-5
- Soccer.....Grade K
- Terrific Kid Award.....Grades K-5
- Lancaster Runs! Run ClubGrades 2-3

Bethany Faith Hott

Buford Middle School, Grade 8

Bethany is a quiet force, ready to take on any assignment, any challenge, anything requested of her with the best she has. I had the pleasure of teaching Bethany for two years and for working with her in National Junior Beta Club for three years. You will never hear Bethany complain or even grumble about a task. Instead, she recognizes what it will take to complete it, and she does it; no questions asked. During her time as Junior Beta Club secretary, she has been in charge of taking attendance and keeping up with member service hours, no small task for a club of almost 50 people. The wonderful thing is that she does so with no prompting from the sponsors, and her bookkeeping is meticulous. We often joke that we are not going to let her leave middle school because no one can replace her efficiency and work ethic. Junior Beta Club is only one of many things with which Bethany is involved. It is rare to have a student like Bethany – one who takes everything she does with utmost seriousness, one who maintains top grades and one who distances herself from drama or from anything else that might cause her path to be disrupted. She is a fabulous student all around and a wonderful girl who will no doubt go on to positively impact the world around her.

Buford Middle teacher Paige Johnson

- A Honor RollGrades 3-8
- Junior MarshalGrade 7
- Perfect AttendanceGrades K-8
- Student of the Month AwardGrade 8
- Special Friends AwardGrade 7
- Principal's PalGrades K-5
- National Junior Beta Club.....Grades 6-8
- Art ClubGrades 7-8
- CheerleaderGrades 7-8
- Chorus.....Grade 5
- PianoGrades 7-8
- News CrewGrades 7-8
- Church Youth GroupGrades K-8
- First PriorityGrades 6-8
- Terrific Kid.....Grade 1

Rachel F. Hovis

Andrew Jackson High School, Grade 12

Rachel is a wonderful student and person. She is very energetic, enthusiastic and seeks to learn as much as she can. She has a mind for the future and a mind for the agriculture industry. She has really grown as an individual over the four years I have known her. She has done great things in those years. She has served very well as the 2014-15 FFA treasurer. She excels in all the activities I ask her to complete. She is an asset to the class, and I wish I had many more students like her.

Andrew Jackson High teacher Ashli Young

- Highest HonorsGrade 12
- A Honor Roll
- Academic AchievementGrade 11
- English AwardGrades 4-8
- Math AwardGrades 4-8
- Reading AwardGrades 3-5
- Science AwardGrades 4, 6-8
- Social Studies AwardGrades 4, 6-8
- Trustees AwardGrade 8
- S.C. Project ParticipantGrade 3
- S.C. ScrapbookGrade 3
- Gifted and Talented ProgramGrades 4-5
- Focus - ChorusGrades 6-8
- P.E. AwardGrades 3-7
- Safety PatrolGrade 5
- Ensemble AwardGrade 5
- Art AwardGrade 3
- Duke University Talent Identification Program
..... Grades 4-5, 7
- Junior ScholarGrade 8
- Southern SamplerGrade 4
- Peer TutoringGrade 11
- EnvirothonGrade 12
- National Beta ClubGrades 10-12
- National Honor SocietyGrades 11-12
- Yearbook StaffGrade 5
- BasketballGrades 1-8
- GolfGrades 7-9
- SoccerGrades 1-3
- SoftballGrades 3-5
- ChorusGrades 10-11
- PianoGrades 1-3
- Church Youth GroupGrades 7-12
- Girls in Action (GAs)Grades 1-6
- FFA OfficerGrade 12
- FFA MemberGrades 9-12
- Show ChoirGrade 10
- Terrific Kid AwardGrade 5
- Math-A-Thon AwardGrades 3-5
- Governor's Reading Honor RollGrade 4
- USC-L Water Safety ProgramGrade 4
- Ag AwardGrade 9

Samantha Howie

Indian Land Middle School Grade 8

Samantha is the quintessential student. As her former teacher, I have been so excited to watch her grow and succeed. She always did her best and went above and beyond what was expected. She is a kind, generous girl and has always had the ability to make people feel welcome. She enjoyed learning and asked questions to enhance her comprehension. Sammie has the ability to understand and reiterate any information. I do not believe any task is too big for her to accomplish. She has an empirical understanding of English, and this shows in her writing ability. She has a big heart and will do whatever she can to help others. Even with her esoteric knowledge base, she would never make anyone feel as though they are less than she is. I feel lucky to have known Sammie as a student and a person. She has enriched my life and was a true joy to teach. I have no doubt all teachers who know her feel the same way. I look forward to hearing about all the things Samantha will continue to accomplish in her life, for I know they will be great. I wish her the best in all she does in the future and hope she always remembers how amazing and loved she is.

Indian Land Elementary teacher Kristen White

- A Honor RollGrades 3-7
- Junior ScholarGrade 8
- Trustees AwardGrade 8
- Class Spelling Bee WinnerGrade 5
- Gifted and Talented ProgramGrades 3-5
- Citizenship AwardGrade 5
- Youth Art MonthGrade 8
- Duke University Talent Identification Program
..... Grade 4
- Lancaster Youth Art ShowGrade 8
- National Junior Honor SocietyGrades 6-7
- DancingGrades K-6
- TrackGrade 8
- PianoGrades 7-8
- Church Youth GroupGrades 6-8
- LeadershipGrade 7

Luke Stanley Hubbard

Indian Land Middle School, Grade 8

Luke is a most interesting, deserving student! He has a very pleasant personality and is well liked by his peers and teachers. He was a member of the Academic Challenge team for two years, and he enjoyed learning unusual trivia! Luke has a very inquisitive mind and

was a joy to have in the classroom. Congratulations on your achievements, Luke.

Indian Land Middle teacher Kay Sehorn

- A Honor RollGrades 6-8
- English AwardGrades 6-7
- Keyboard AwardGrade 8
- Math AwardGrades 6-7
- Reading AwardGrades 6-7
- Science AwardGrade 7
- Class Spelling Bee Winner
- Social Studies AwardGrades 6-7
- Perfect AttendanceGrade 4
- Gifted and Talented ProgramGrade 5
- Citizenship AwardGrade 3
- Duke University Talent Identification Program
..... Grades 5-7
- National Junior Honor SocietyGrades 6-8
- Middle School Academic Challenge Team
..... Grades 7-8
- Art ClubGrade 7
- Science ClubGrades 3-4
- BasketballGrade 4
- PianoGrades 7-8
- Church Youth GroupGrades 6-8
- Kiwana's Terrific KidsGrades 3-4
- Governor's Honor RollGrade 2
- Reading Counts - Top Point EarnerGrade 2
- Warrior Way WinnerGrade 4

Rodney Edward Hubbard

Indian Land High School, Grade 12

Rodney was a good student to have, the sort who goes about his business without complaint and without dissent. He was willing to do what was asked. It was clear he wanted to understand the information, and he worked hard to do so. When he asked questions, they were intelligent ones. He is a very low-maintenance student. The spark of intelligence lights his eyes, and I look forward to him doing some quiet, yet important thing to further human knowledge in the years to come.

Indian Land High teacher Doug Young

- Highest HonorsGrade 12
- A Honor RollGrades 3-10
- Junior MarshalGrade 11
- Academic AchievementGrades 5-8
- English AwardGrade 8
- Math AwardGrade 8
- Reading AwardGrade 4
- Science AwardGrades 3-4, 8
- Social Studies AwardGrades 6, 8
- Perfect AttendanceGrades 4-6, 8
- Gifted and Talented ProgramGrades 3-8
- Student of the Month AwardGrade 8

- Citizenship AwardGrade 8
- Safety PatrolGrade 5
- Duke University Talent Identification Program
..... Grades 5-8
- High School Academic Challenge TeamGrade 11
- Middle School Academic Challenge Team
..... Grades 7-8
- Who's Who Among American High School Students
..... Grade 10
- National Beta ClubGrades 10-12
- National Junior Beta ClubGrades 7-8
- National Honor SocietyGrades 9-12
- National Junior Honor SocietyGrades 7-8
- Science ClubGrades 3-5
- Academic Challenge Team State ChampGrade 11
- Robotics - Regional FinalistGrades 6-8
- Church Youth GroupGrades 6-12
- Fellowship of Christian AthletesGrades 9-11

Will Hudson

Andrew Jackson Middle School, Grade 8

Will is a bright young man with many diverse talents. He is gifted academically and always strives for perfection. Will is respectful and possesses leadership qualities that make him well liked by his teachers and peers. He is a competitive athlete who manages to balance the demands of the classroom, as well as, the responsibilities of baseball. Will also plays the guitar very well, which was quite impressive in elementary school. There is no doubt in my mind this well-rounded student will have a successful future ahead. Best of luck, Will!

Andrew Jackson Middle teacher Kendall Blackmon

- A Honor RollGrade 3
- Math AwardGrades 4-5
- Reading AwardGrades 4-5
- Science AwardGrade 5
- Social Studies AwardGrades 4-5
- Coaches AwardGrade 5
- P.E. AwardGrade 4
- Safety PatrolGrade 5
- Ensemble AwardGrade 4
- Junior ScholarGrade 8
- Trustees AwardGrade 8
- Yearbook StaffGrade 4
- Baseball 4 Years Old-Grade 8
- BasketballGrades 7-8
- DancingGrades 6-8
- SkatingGrades 5-8
- Tae Kwon DoGrades K-3
- PianoGrades 3-4
- Post OfficeGrade 5
- Church Youth GroupGrades 6-8
- GuitarGrades 2-8
- Drums 4 Years Old-Grade 2

Clarence Hylton III

Buford High School, Grade 12

I have had the pleasure of knowing CJ Hilton for three years. CJ is the student that every teacher dreams to have. He is extremely respectful, genuinely nice to his teachers, well respected by his peers and is known for his good sense of humor. CJ is a young man who leads by example; he can always be counted on to do the right thing.

Buford High teacher Dana Wilson

- Highest HonorsGrade 12
- Envirothon.....Grades 11-12
- National Beta Club.....Grades 6-11
- National Honor Society.....Grades 10-11
- KarateGrades 3-12
- District-Wide Public Speaking Competition
..... Grade 11

Dumkelechukwu Owen Idehen

Harrisburg Elementary School, Grade 5

I have had the pleasure of teaching Dumkele math and science this school year. Dumkele is truly a one of a kind student. He has a creative side that is evident in his daily work in the classroom setting. Dumkele puts forth 100 percent effort in his school work and always strives to do his very best in each task assigned. He is an exceptional writer with a unique ability to capture an audience. I am proud of the growth I have seen in Dumkele this year. I look forward to hearing many great things about him in the future.

Harrisburg Elementary teacher Kimberly Dow

- A Honor Roll3-5
- Perfect Attendance
- Gifted and Talented Program
- Drama Club

Isabella Grace Ihm

North Elementary School, Grade 5

Isabella Ihm is truly a one-of-a-kind student. She can best be described as polite, respectful and always willing to lend a helping hand any way she can. Whether she is helping the teacher organize a work space in the classroom, or offering to help a struggling classmate; we can always count on Isabella to step in and assist her teachers and peers. Isabella is very conscientious about her work, and her love of learning is evident in

anything that she does. Throughout her elementary career, she has exemplified the qualities of a model North Knight. I look forward to seeing what big things Isabella will accomplish in life as she moves through her educational career! My wish is that she continues on the path of being a responsible, hard-working, life-long learner. It has been my pleasure to watch her develop into the awesome young lady she is today!

North Elementary Principal Keishea Mickles

- A Honor RollGrades 3-5
- Reading AwardGrades 3-4
- Science Award.....Grade 4
- Science Fair Award - Third Place.....Grade 4
- Accelerated Reader AwardGrades 3-5
- Service LearningGrade 5
- Art ClubGrade 5
- DancingGrades K-5
- Swim Team - RecGrades K-5
- ChorusGrade 5
- Girls In Action (GAs).....Grades 3-5
- USC-L Competitive Swimming TeamGrades 4-5
- Church Choir.....Grades K-5
- Terrific Kid Award.....Grades K-3
- Performed in Columbia City Ballet - Nutcracker
..... Grades 3-5

Logan Immel

Indian Land Middle School, Grade 8

Logan works hard to achieve his academic goals. His work ethic and dedication are seen in all subjects. Logan is always respectful and is seen with a smile on his face. Logan will continue to succeed because he always does his best work.

Indian Land Middle teacher Jessica VanValkenburgh

- A Honor RollGrades 3-8
- English AwardGrade 7
- Math AwardGrade 7
- Science AwardGrade 7
- Trustees AwardGrade 8
- Gifted and Talented ProgramGrades 3-5
- Odyssey of the MindGrades 3-5
- Youth Art MonthGrade 2
- Duke University Talent Identification Program
..... Grades 6-7
- Youth Art MonthGrade 2
- Junior ScholarGrade 8
- Service LearningGrades 3-5
- Southern SamplerGrade 2
- Lancaster Community PlayhouseGrade 2
- Lancaster Youth Art ShowGrade 2
- National Junior Honor SocietyGrades 7-8
- G/T CampGrade 4
- GolfGrade 8

- KarateGrades 3-4
- Swim TeamGrade 3
- BandGrades 6-8
- Jazz BandGrade 8
- PianoGrades 7-8
- Drama.....Grades K-5
- Boy ScoutsGrade 6
- Cub ScoutsGrades 4-5
- Church Youth GroupGrades 7-8
- Junior CotillionGrades 6-8

Jaime Elizabeth Irwin

Indian Land High School, Grade 12

Intelligent, confident, and creative! These are a few of the words I would use to describe Jaime. Not only is she one of the top students in AP Calculus, but she has been a leader on the cheerleading squad, a member of a competition cheer team and an entrepreneur with her own business. I am excited to see where this sweet, determined young lady goes in life! Good luck, Jaime!

Indian Land High teacher Paula Adams

- Highest HonorsGrade 12
- A Honor RollGrades 6-12
- Junior MarshalGrade 11
- Trustees AwardGrade 8
- Gifted and Talented ProgramGrades 3-6
- Junior ScholarGrade 8
- National Beta Club.....Grades 10-12
- National Honor Society.....Grades 10-12
- National Junior Honor Society.....Grade 8
- Yearbook StaffGrade 11
- CheerleaderGrades 10-12
- DancingGrades K-8
- Swim TeamGrades 1-11
- BandGrade 6
- PianoGrades 4-5
- Brownie ScoutsGrades 1-2

Bradley Logan Ivey

Buford Elementary School, Grade 5

Bradley is a very bright and intelligent young man. His hard work and determination have paid off. He always gives 100% to everything that is assigned to him as he works to acquire new knowledge. He is very confident in the classroom and shares his knowledge with classmates. With Bradley's determination and motivation, he will one day make a great leader. I am proud of Bradley and the academic success that he has had. Congratulations, Bradley!

Buford Elementary teacher Trena Thompson

- A Honor RollGrades 3-5
- Eagles ProgramGrades 3-5
- Children's ChurchGrades 1-5
- AWANA ProgramGrades 2-5

Jalynn Iwu

Indian Land Middle School, Grade 8

Jalynn is an energetic student who possesses a sunny disposition and an upbeat, positive attitude. She is a flexible team player that consistently demonstrates unsurpassed interpersonal skills. Jalynn is a results-driven student with exemplary planning and organizational skills. Possessing a high degree of detail orientation, she is a dependable and responsible individual who is committed to academic excellence and experiences a high degree of success. Jalynn is a highly motivated self-starter who takes initiative with minimal supervision and will make significant contributions in her selected field(s) of study.

Indian Land Middle teacher Lisa Bachini

- A Honor Roll
- Junior ScholarGrade 8
- Trustees AwardGrade 8
- Academic Achievement
- English Award
- History Award
- Keyboard Award
- Math Award
- Reading Award
- Science Award
- Science Fair Award
- Social Studies Award
- S.C. History Award
- Gifted and Talented Program
- Accelerated Reader Award
- Student of the Month Award
- Citizenship Award
- Music Award
- Art Award
- Duke University MAP Program
- Duke University Talent Identification Program
- Founders Fellow
- Founders School from Winthrop
- Peer Tutoring
- ST-ARTS Program
- Art Club
- Soccer
- Band
- Piano
- News Crew

David Wesley James

South Middle School, Grade 8

David James is one of those students that every teacher dreams of having in class. He excels in academics, behavior and extra-curricular activities. David is sincere, studious and dependable in everything he attempts. His determination and strength of character exemplify what we hope for in our young people. David is able to maintain honor roll while participating in sports, Academic Challenge, WSMS, National Honor Society and various church activities. He also leads the First Priority group each week at South.

As one looks toward the future, it is apparent that David will continue the path he has already begun to walk. He is very worthy of being recognized as one of South Middle School's "finest."

South Middle teacher Liz Baker

- A Honor RollGrades 3-8
- Academic AchievementGrades 6-7
- Math AwardGrades 3-7
- Science AwardGrades 4, 6-7
- Social Studies AwardGrades 3-4, 6-7
- Gifted and Talented ProgramGrades 3-8
- Study Island AwardGrade 4
- Duke University Talent Identification ProgramGrades 4-5
- OEC Academic Challenge Winner.....Grade 7
- Middle School Academic Challenge Team .Grades 6-8
- National Junior Beta Club.....Grade 5
- National Junior Honor Society.....Grades 6-8
- Student Council.....Grades 4-6
- BandGrades 6-8
- Region Band.....Grade 8
- All-County BandGrades 7-8
- Church Youth GroupGrades 7-8
- First PriorityGrades 6-8
- Woodmen of the WorldGrades K-8
- Terrific Kid.....Grades 1-4
- Jump Rope for HeartGrades 3-5
- Reading Counts Award.....Grades 2-4
- FootballGrade 8
- WSMSGrades 6-8
- SYATP.....Grades 6-8
- Veteran's Day SoloistGrade 8

Adreana Jefferson

Lancaster High School, Grade 12

Few words accurately describe such a compassionate, determined young lady. Adreana is intelligent, kind, bright and articulate. Adreana longs for success, and she has definitive strategies for how to reach those levels of achievement. She sees life as a chance to participate in a multitude of opportunities that will most assuredly grow her and move her to exceptional levels. For Adreana, no door is to be left closed; no path is to be left untraveled. She works diligently to achieve greatness. She works contentiously to accomplish lofty goals. She works meticulously to exceed expectations. Because of her willingness to simply work, with both fervor and gusto, Adreana will surpass all parameters and probabilities. She is the consummate student with an extremely bright future ahead of her.

Lancaster High teacher Marie Johnson

- Highest HonorsGrade 12
- Junior MarshalGrade 11
- Academic AchievementGrade 7
- Math AwardGrade 8
- Gifted and Talented ProgramGrade 6
- Accelerated Reader AwardGrades 3-4
- Student of the Month AwardGrade 7
- P.E. AwardGrade 9
- National Beta Club.....Grades 6-8
- National Honor Society.....Grades 11-12
- Newspaper StaffGrade 11
- BandGrades 6-9
- Marching Band.....Grade 9
- Church Youth GroupGrades 10-12

Megan Jendrasiaik

Indian Land High School, Grade 12

Megan was in the same hunt as Calvin, a group of four students in total who made me realize why I wanted to become a teacher. She gives a heart to the non-fiction she produced while in my class. Beneath the calm exterior is an artist waiting to hold forth. Megan will do well as she moves on to college. She is a deliberate, honest and expressive writer.

Indian Land High teacher David Dudley

- Highest HonorsGrade 12
- Junior MarshalGrade 11
- Trustees AwardGrade 8
- Gifted and Talented ProgramGrade 8
- Art AwardGrade 10
- Duke University Talent Identification Program

- Wofford Scholar.....Grade 11
- Junior ScholarGrade 8
- National Beta Club.....Grades 10-12
- National Honor Society.....Grades 10-12
- National Junior Honor Society.....Grade 8
- BandGrades 9-11
- Marching Band.....Grades 9-12
- SC Daughters of the American Revolution
Essay Contest Grade 8

Briana Marie Jenkins

Buford Elementary School, Grade 5

It is a great pleasure to have a student such as Briana in my classroom. She is the paradigm of academic achievement and honorable character. Briana approaches her duties and activities with unparalleled rigor and enthusiasm, both in and out of the classroom. Staff and peers alike esteem this exceptional young lady-a credit to her family, school and community. As she transitions to middle school, her loyalty, dedication and commitment to excellence will surely serve her community well for many years to come.

Buford Elementary teacher Phyllis Lakatos

- A Honor Roll.....Grades K-5
- Gifted and Talented ProgramGrades 3-5
- Principal's PalGrade 3
- Chorus Award - HonorGrade 5
- Duke University Talent Identification Program
..... Grade 4
- SoftballGrades 3-5
- WrestlingGrade 4
- ChorusGrades 4-5

Madison Jenkins

South Middle School, Grade 8

Trustworthy, confident, organized and well-rounded are just a few words that come to mind when I think of Madison. She is able to maintain high grades while participating in extra-curricular activities such as volleyball and high school softball. She is also an active member of First Priority and the National Honor Society. Madison always has a positive attitude which contributes to her success. Because of these characteristics, she has a bright future in anything she chooses to do. I look forward to following her success in the future. It is with great pleasure that I recommend Madison as one of South's finest students.

South Middle teacher Liz Baker

- A Honor Roll.....Grades 3-8

- English AwardGrade 6
- Class Spelling Bee Winner.....Grade 4
- Perfect AttendanceGrades K, 5, 8
- Gifted and Talented ProgramGrades 4-5
- Safety Patrol.....Grade 5
- Founders Fellow.....Grade 1
- National Junior Honor Society.....Grades 7-8
- Dancing
- SoftballGrades 2-8
- VolleyballGrade 8
- ChorusGrades 4-8
- PianoGrades 2-3
- Church Youth GroupGrades 6-8
- Girls in Action (GAs).....Grades 4-5
- First PriorityGrades 7-8
- Favorite Teacher Writing Essay - WinnerGrade 4

David Jewell

Lancaster High School, Grade 12

I have known David for several years now in different capacities. I have coached him in cross country for multiple years and seen him excel in his work as a student and musician. As a cross country team member, David exemplifies what it means to be a Bruin – discipline, hard work, leadership and character -- someone who models what it means to be a student athlete and carries himself with dignity on and off the field. What I'm most impressed with is his ability to lead and be committed even while also being a leader in the marching band. Seeing this young man's development throughout high school and how he has embraced a well-balanced, healthier life is an inspiration.

Lancaster High teacher Josh Pauling

- A Honor Roll.....Grades 10, 12
- Junior MarshalGrade 11
- Gifted and Talented ProgramGrades 4-5
- Highest HonorsGrade 12
- Science Fair AwardGrades 6-7
- Coaches Award.....Grades 10, 12
- Physical Fitness AwardGrade 11
- Music AwardGrades 9-12
- Boys StateGrade 12
- Erskine ScholarGrade 11
- Furman Scholar.....Grade 11
- Coker Scholar.....Grade 11
- Presbyterian ScholarGrade 11
- High School Academic Challenge Team Grades 11-12
- Middle School Academic Challenge Team
..... Grades 7-8
- 1000 Plus SAT Club - Scored 1200Grade 12
- National Beta Club.....Grades 11-12
- National Junior Beta Club.....Grades 6-8
- National Honor Society.....Grades 11-12

- Junior CivitansGrades 10-12
- Outdoors Club.....Grades 10-11
- Cross CountryGrades 11-12
- SoftballGrades 11-12
- BandGrades 6-12
- Marching Band.....Grades 8-12
- Jazz BandGrades 9-12
- Pep BandGrades 9-12
- Boy ScoutsGrades 6-12
- Eagle ScoutGrade 12
- Church Youth GroupGrades 6-12
- Fellowship of Christian Athletes.....Grades 11-12
- First PriorityGrade 12
- Bruin Award - Cross Country.....Grade 12
- Most Improved - TennisGrade 10
- Scribe SocietyGrade 12
- Chess ClubGrades 10-12

Sha'Deja Johnson

Lancaster High School, Grade 12

Having had the occasion to teach Sha'Deja as both a freshman and a senior, I have seen, first hand, how she has grown and exceeded expectations. Sha' Deja is both kind and considerate. She is also loyal and intelligent. She seldom meets a stranger, and she is always willing to help anyone in need along the way. Sha' Deja, though reserved at times, is never afraid to take academic risks. She always wanted to push herself beyond her preliminary starting points. She always wanted to strive for levels initially unseen. Sha' Deja does not see life through the traditional lenses. She sees her experiences as a chance to transform herself into someone quite different- someone with more wisdom, someone with more knowledge, someone with more opportunity. Sha' Deja is an extraordinary human being who will assuredly impact the world in a very deep and meaningful way.

Lancaster High teacher Marie Johnson

- Highest HonorsGrade 12
- A Honor RollGrades 4-6, 8, 10, 12
- Junior MarshalGrade 11
- Keyboard AwardGrade 8
- Math AwardGrades 8-9, 11
- Science AwardGrades 8, 10-11
- Class Spelling Bee Winner.....Grade 4
- Social Studies AwardGrade 8
- Perfect AttendanceGrade 5
- President's Award for Educational Excellence
.....Grade 5
- Accelerated Reader Award.....Grade 8
- Great Attitude AwardGrade 6
- Citizenship AwardGrade 9

- Principal's PalGrade 4
- Chorus Award.....Grade 5
- Founders FellowGrade 1
- Service LearningGrade 5
- National Beta Club.....Grades 11-12
- National Junior Beta Club.....Grades 7-8
- National Honor Society.....Grades 11-12
- Student Council.....Grades 11-12
- CivinettesGrades 9-11
- BandGrades 6-12
- Marching Band.....Grade 12
- Jazz BandGrade 12
- ChorusGrade 5
- RoboticsGrade 8
- JROTCGrade 9
- South Carolina Band Director's Association Award
.....Grade 8
- U. S. Army Cadet Command, Academic
Excellence AwardGrade 9
- Academic RecognitionGrade 11
- HOSA.....Grade 12
- Vice-President of National Honor Society.....Grade 12
- Junior Class Vice-PresidentGrade 11
- Senior Class Vice-PresidentGrade 12

Valerie Jones

Buford High School, Grade 12

Iwent to watch Valerie play basketball when she was in middle school, and she was a fireball all over the court giving 100% effort. Everyone told me she was fun to watch but was a bit out of control. As I watched her develop on the court in high school, I saw her grow and gain confidence every day. Some days I had to rein her in, but by her senior year she played in control and led by example, still always giving 100%. I also had the opportunity to have Valerie in the classroom. She was a self-motivated student who was a leader. Others in the class fed off of her enthusiasm and she always did exceptional work.

Buford High teacher Troy Armbrust

- Highest HonorsGrade 12
- A Honor RollGrades 9-10
- Service LearningGrade 10
- National Beta Club.....Grades 11-12
- National Honor Society.....Grades 11-12
- Yearbook StaffGrade 11
- Teacher Cadet.....Grade 12
- Basketball.....Grades 9-12
- Soccer.....Grades 9-12
- VolleyballGrades 9-12

Sarah Jordan

Indian Land High School, Grade 12

I am very thankful Sarah is my student. Her ability to comprehend the concepts in the variety of math courses I taught her only begins to show the depth of her abilities. Sarah is a kind, loving, intelligent, thoughtful young lady who sets high expectations for herself and then reaches up to accomplish them. I have watched her grow over the past three and a half years and am constantly amazed at how she continuously shows more of her talents as time goes by. I know Sarah will accomplish great things in college and that her dream of medical school is within her reach.

Indian Land High teacher Kathleen Berlin

- Highest HonorsGrade 12
- Junior MarshalGrade 11
- English AwardGrade 9
- Keyboard AwardGrade 8
- Math AwardGrade 9
- Student of the Month AwardGrade 12
- Citizenship AwardGrade 7
- Safety PatrolGrade 5
- Art AwardGrades 7-8
- Peer TutoringGrade 12
- National Beta ClubGrades 10-12
- National Junior Beta ClubGrade 8
- National Honor SocietyGrades 10-12
- National Junior Honor SocietyGrade 8
- Student CouncilGrades 8-9
- Cross CountryGrades 7-12
- SoccerGrade 12
- TrackGrades 7-11
- Church Youth GroupGrades 6-12
- Fellowship of Christian AthletesGrades 9-12

Taylor Anne Joyce

Andrew Jackson High School, Grade 12

Taylor is talented, conscientious and compassionate. She is always eager to participate in class discussions and help her classmates who are struggling with material and concepts. She always has a positive attitude and is determined and motivated to be successful. Taylor is a leader among her peers. She is not afraid to take the initiative to start a project and successfully gains support from her classmates. Taylor is the true definition of an excellent student who helps make teaching fun. Taylor Joyce is truly an asset to the classroom.

Andrew Jackson High teacher Lana Broughton

- Highest HonorsGrade 12

- A Honor RollGrades 4-6
- Junior MarshalGrade 11
- English Award
- Keyboard Award
- Reading Award
- Science Award
- Science Fair AwardGrade 5
- Gifted and Talented ProgramGrades 3-8
- FocusGrades 6-12
- Art Award
- Youth Art Month
- Duke University Talent Identification Program
..... Grades 4-5
- Converse College Towers ScholarGrade 12
- Converse College Art ScholarshipGrade 12
- Elementary School Academic Challenge Team
..... Grade 5
- Lancaster Youth Art Show
- ST-ARTS ProgramGrade 7
- National Beta ClubGrades 9-12
- National Honor SocietyGrades 11-12
- Student CouncilGrade 5
- Art Club
- Swim Team - Lancaster County

William Stiles Joyce

Andrew Jackson Middle School, Grade 8

Stils is an outstanding student and a fine young man. He has an extraordinary work ethic in the classroom. He is a very respectful student and helps others in class. He is a great asset to our school. No matter what Stiles chooses to do in life, I know he will be successful. It has been an honor to teach Stiles this year.

Andrew Jackson Middle teacher Bryan Steele

- A Honor RollGrades 3-8
- English AwardGrades 3-7
- Math AwardGrades 3-7
- Science AwardGrades 3-7
- Social Studies AwardGrades 3-7
- Perfect AttendanceGrades K-4
- Gifted and Talented ProgramGrades 3-8
- 97th Percentile ClubGrades 3-8
- Accelerated Reader Award - Reading Counts
..... Grades 3-5
- Student of the Month Award
- Office Aide Award
- P.E. Award
- Duke University Talent Identification Program
..... Grades 4-5
- Junior ScholarGrade 8
- Trustees AwardGrade 8
- Service Learning AwardGrade 5
- National Junior Beta ClubGrade 5
- G/T CampGrade 3

- Soccer
Rereation Dept. Grades 1-6
Junior Varsity Grades 7-8
- State Soccer Championship Team.....Grade 5
- Swim Team - Lancaster CountyGrades 1-3

Madison McGrath Kelly

Harrisburg Elementary School, Grade 5

Madison Kelly was a student that will always have a special place in my heart. She was an extremely smart student and enjoyed learning new things. She used her academic strengths to help others in her class and always wanted to know more information or dig deeper into her schoolwork. As a first grader, Madison loved to read and write. I can remember her writing in a diary and only wanting to share it with me! Madison was always kind and friendly to all that she came in contact with. She was an absolute joy to teach and I wish her a lifetime of success.

Harrisburg Elementary teacher Marley Cole

- A Honor RollGrades 3-5
- Gifted and TalentedGrades 3-5
- Duke University Talent Identification Program
..... Grades 4-5
- Science Fair Award - First Place ILESGrade 4
Lancaster County - Second Place
- Science
Highest Classroom Average - 98% Grade 2
Highest Classroom Average - 100% Grade 3
- MAP Score- Highest Classroom Average
Reading Grades 2 -4
- MAP Score - Highest Classroom Average - Math
..... Grade 2
- MAP - Highest Score - ReadingGrade 2
- Library Media Center AwardGrade 2
- Science Lab Award.....Grade 3
- Language Arts - Highest Classroom Average
99% Grades 3-4
- Social Studies - Highest Classroom Average
100% Grade 3
99% Grade 4
- Girls on the RunGrades 3-5
- iLeadGrade 5
- Lancaster County Council for the Arts
Youth Art Month Participant Grade 4
- Art ClubGrade 5

Jacob Weber Kerna

Harrisburg Elementary School, Grade 5

Jacob Kerna is a mature young man that is built through humility. He shows a concentrated passion for learning that radiates, but in a quiet and disciplined manner. Jacob is observant and has the ability to communicate with artistic expression. His drawings and sketches just showcase another way of how he excels. He is willing to work hard for everything he has earned and is more than deserving of this award.

Harrisburg Elementary teacher Chris Davis

- A Honor RollGrades 3-5
- Citizenship AwardGrade 4
- Art ClubGrade 3
- iLeadGrade 5
- Jr. Food Revolution AmbassadorGrades 4-5

Madeline Grace Kersey

Indian Land Middle School, Grade 8

Madeline has a unique personality that shines bright daily. She is headstrong and full of determination. No matter the task, if she wants to accomplish it, she will. She is always willing to help, whether in the classroom or with other students. She has a huge heart for others that are less fortunate than her. She finds ways to reach out to those in need in ways that do not bring attention to herself. She is loving, giving, an awesome student, a hard worker, and a playful, caring friend to all.

Indian Land Middle teacher Brittney Mager

- A Honor RollGrades 3-8
- English AwardGrade 7
- History AwardGrade 7
- Class Spelling Bee Winner.....Grade 5
- Gifted and Talented ProgramGrades 4-5
- P.E. AwardGrade 3
- Duke University Talent Identification Program
..... Grade 4
- Junior ScholarGrade 8
- Trustees AwardGrade 8
- Yearbook StaffGrades 7-8
- Drama ClubGrade 7
- BasketballGrades 4-5
- Swim TeamGrades 2-6
- TrackGrades 7-8
- BandGrades 6-7
- PianoGrade 8
- Church Youth GroupGrades 5-8

Danyal Shoaib Khan

Harrisburg Elementary School, Grade 5

Danyal Khan is new to Harrisburg this year and has adjusted to the new school with ease. Danyal is a great student. He is always participating and putting forth his best effort in class. He takes school seriously and will have many great opportunities ahead of him.

Harrisburg Elementary teacher Tia Harden

- A Honor RollGrades 4-5
- Reading AwardGrades 3-4
- Odyssey of the MindGrade K
- BandGrade 4
- Drama.....Grades 1-2

Abby Knabenshue

Harrisburg Elementary School, Grade 5

Abbey Knabenshue is a brilliant girl with an absolutely amazing personality. She is hilarious and will constantly keep you laughing. She is an extremely hard-working girl who strives to be the best that she can be every minute of her school day. She truly cares about those around her. She will always go out of her way to help you in any way that she can. She would volunteer her extra time to stay after class and do anything that needed to be done. She would stay for hours if she could, and I loved having her. She is a fantastic friend to her classmates and always makes you feel as if she loved each day of school. Her attitude is contagious and everyone truly loved being around her. She is a very self-motivated and hard- working student. Abby always strives to reach her full potential and would never accept anything less from herself. She is the student that makes teachers truly enjoy teaching. She constantly brought life and laughter to our school days. Abby is a student that you always look forward to seeing each day. It has been my absolute honor and pleasure to have her in my class. May she always know how much I adore her, how much I miss her and how much I loved being her teacher.

Indian Land Elementary teacher Michelle Anderson

- A Honor RollGrades 3-5
- Math AwardGrade 2
- Class Spelling Bee Winner.....Grades 3-5
- School Spelling Bee Winner - Second Place ...Grade 5
- Gifted and Talented ProgramGrades 3-5
- Citizenship AwardGrades 2-4
- P.E. AwardGrade 3

- Safety PatrolGrade 5
- Art AwardGrade 2
- Duke University Talent Identification ProgramGrades 4-5
- Art ClubGrades 3-5
- Drama ClubGrade 5
- DancingGrades 2, 4-5
- Soccer.....Grade 3
- Drama.....Grade 5
- Computer AwardGrade 3
- Most Improved MAP Score - MathGrade 3
- Girls on the RunGrades 3-4
- iLeadGrade 5

Gabe Rhyne Knight

Buford High School, Grade 12

Gabe is one of those students teachers love to have in class. Gabe is focused on his goal of becoming a pharmacist and has worked toward this goal for the past four years. When Gabe was inducted into the Beta Club, he became very active in working with the community service projects and participating in the convention activities. Gabe is a student who asks good questions, reads about things outside of class and then brings these topics to class for others to hear about, and participates completely in the classroom and outside of it. He takes concepts he learns and applies them to situations he comes in contact with outside of school. I know that Gabe will be successful in whatever he puts his mind to because of his drive and endurance. Congratulations, Gabe, and best wishes in your endeavors.

Buford High teacher Juline Wieland

- Highest HonorsGrade 12
- A Honor RollGrades 10-11
- Gifted and Talented ProgramGrades 6-7
- Middle School Academic Challenge TeamGrade 7
- National Beta Club.....Grades 10-12
- National Honor Society.....Grades 10-12
- USC Upstate ScholarGrade 11
- USC Aiken ScholarGrade 11
- Medical TerminologyGrade 11
- Human Anatomy and PhysiologyGrade 11
- School Improvement CouncilGrade 11
- Student Council.....Grade 6
- Drama ClubGrade 11
- BandGrades 6-12
- All-County BandGrades 7, 9, 11
- Marching Band.....Grades 10-12
- Pep BandGrades 10-12
- Church Youth GroupGrades 6-12
- Royal Ambassadors (RAs)Grades 3-5

Michael Knight

Buford High School, Grade 12

When I think of Michael, I think of a confident, strong leader. He knows how to lead a team in a way that makes them believe in what he says and does. Michael is a great leader because he possesses the skills to lead with honor and pride. It has been a great pleasure coaching such an exceptional young man. He rises above the standards set by many. He is very goal-oriented and works at his very best to achieve every goal he sets. His work ethic is amazing. He worked extremely hard to get where he is. He understood, at the beginning, it was going to take a lot of work, but he knows the prize at the end will be great. I know Michael will be very successful in whatever he chooses because of his character and personality.

Buford High teacher Jareth Bailey

- Highest HonorsGrade 12
- A Honor RollGrades 9-12
- Gifted and Talented ProgramGrades 3, 6-7
- Middle School Academic Challenge TeamGrade 7
- 1000 Plus SAT ClubGrade 12
- National Beta ClubGrades 10-12
- National Honor SocietyGrades 10-12
- BasketballGrade 9
- Cross CountryGrade 12
- TrackGrades 7-12
- Church Youth GroupGrades 6-11
- Elementary Sunday School TeacherGrades 10-12
- Wendy's Heisman State FinalistGrade 12
- BHS Varsity Basketball - Lancaster News WriterGrade 12

Ryan Richard Knight

South Middle School, Grade 8

Ryan is a multi-talented student every teacher dreams of having. He excels in academics, in sports and in service to others. He always conducts himself as a positive role model. Ryan maintains honor roll while actively participating in sports, Academic Challenge, National Honor Society, WSM and church activities. He is also a leader for South's First Priority organization. One of Ryan's most favorable characteristics is his positive attitude. This attitude – toward his family, his faith, his academics and his peers – will help carry him far. It has been a privilege to get to know and to teach Ryan, and I look forward to what his future will bring him.

South Middle teacher Liz Baker

- A Honor RollGrades 3-8
- Junior MarshalGrade 7
- Language Award - WritingGrades 1-2
- Math AwardGrades 2-4, 6-7
- Reading AwardGrades 1-2
- Science AwardGrade 6
- Science Fair AwardGrades 6-8
- Social Studies AwardGrade 3
- Perfect AttendanceGrades K-1, 3-8
- Gifted and Talented ProgramGrades 3-5
- P.E. AwardGrade 7
- Duke University Talent Identification ProgramGrades 4-8
- Founders FellowGrade 4
- Junior ScholarGrade 8
- Trustees AwardGrade 8
- Middle School Academic Challenge TeamGrades 7-8
- Lancaster Youth Art ShowGrade 5
- National Junior Beta ClubGrade 5
- National Junior Honor SocietyGrades 6-8
- Student CouncilGrades 4-6
- Art ClubGrades 4-5
- G/T CampGrades 2-3
- Basketball - ChurchGrade 8
- SoccerGrades K-5
- BandGrades 6-8
- Church Youth GroupGrades 6-8
- First PriorityGrades 6-8
- Royal Ambassadors (RAs)Grades K-5
- District Science Fair - Second PlaceGrades 6-8
- Science Fair Soil and Water Conservation AwardGrade 8
- FootballGrades 6-8
- TennisGrade 8
- Band AwardGrade 7
- All-County BandGrades 7-8
- WSMS - News CrewGrades 6-8

Wesley Knight

Lancaster High School, Grade 12

Wesley is an outstanding young man who exhibits persistence, intelligence and dogged determination. Wesley never gives up on a problem. He will find the solution no matter how long it takes or how much hard work it entails. Wesley always wants to know more than just the answer to the problem, he wants to understand its application. Wesley is determined and ambitious. He will succeed in whatever profession he chooses and, more importantly, in whatever life he chooses. Wesley is honest, conscientious and well mannered. He never has a harsh word for anyone. Wesley will be an asset to whatever entity he commits his professional life to.

Lancaster High teacher Bobby Bullard

- Highest HonorsGrade 12
- A Honor RollGrades 3-12
- Junior MarshalGrade 11
- Citizenship AwardGrade 8
- Newberry Scholar
- Aiken Scholar
- National Honor Society.....Grades 11-12
- National Junior Honor Society.....Grades 8-10
- Junior CivitansGrade 12
- Baseball.....Grades 9-12
- Team Captain Grade 12

Jackson Koch

Indian Land Middle School, Grade 8

Jack was a great pleasure to teach. He possesses all the qualities that teachers want from their students in the classroom. Jack always had a positive attitude in my class. The complexity or quantity of work would never make him complain, but rather would kick him into action. He would simply look up with a smile on his face and get moving. Jack was always a quick learner. He was an exemplary reader who always projected with strong emotion and clarity. Jack was never afraid to ask questions if he was unsure of something, or just did not get it. He asked insightful questions in order to strengthen learning of topics he did not understand. Jackson was also a fantastic personality in our fifth-grade play, *The Wizard of Oz*, as the Emerald City gate keeper. Jack had an unprecedented love of U.S. Presidents and history. One day, I will not hesitate when it comes time to vote for him as my next President.

Indian Land Elementary teacher Jason Weiss

- A Honor RollGrades 6-8
- Junior ScholarGrade 8
- Trustees AwardGrade 8
- Class Spelling Bee Winner..... Grades 3, 5
- Gifted and Talented ProgramGrades 3-5
- National Junior Honor Society.....Grades 7-8
- Student Council.....Grade 5
- BandGrades 6-8
- Marching Band.....Grade 8

Megan Krimminger

Buford High School, Grade 12

I have been Megan's agriculture teacher and FFA advisor and have known Megan for the last four years. As a student, Megan has demonstrated a love of learning and the level of commitment necessary to succeed in college and beyond. As an educator, I am happy to be

able to provide this Celebration of Excellence statement for such a deserving student. I have great respect for Megan and truly believe she is a deserving student that our school district should be proud of. Megan has exerted herself throughout her high school career, both in the classroom and through extra-curricular activities. Megan welcomes challenge and rigor in the classroom and devotes her time preparing for those challenges. She is self-motivated and has an inner-drive to do her best in all that she does. Megan is also known and viewed as a leader in our school, serving on many leadership boards and acting as chairperson on committees. She has served as an FFA officer on my officer team and has grown and matured into a natural leader who is caring and compassionate to those students she serves, yet extremely organized and responsible in fulfilling her duties. In addition to having firsthand knowledge of Megan's academic commitment, I am also familiar with her educational goals. Megan is a very goal-driven student and has devoted her time to accomplish every goal she has set for herself, both personally and professionally. I feel certain that, after spending only a short time with Megan, you will be just as impressed with Megan as I am. As an educator who is committed to helping students succeed, it makes me very excited to see a student such as Megan recognized for the hard work and dedication she has shown throughout her high school career.

Buford High teacher Troy Helms

- Highest HonorsGrade 12
- A Honor RollGrades 6-12
- Junior MarshalGrade 11
- Business Law Highest Average.....Grade 10
- Gifted and Talented Program6-12
- High School Academic Challenge Team Grades 10-12
- Envirothon.....Grades 10-12
- National Beta Club.....Grades 10-12
- National Honor Society.....Grades 10-12
- Church Youth GroupGrades 6-12
- Girls in Action (GAs)Grades 6-12
- Introduction to AP BiologyGrade 11
- AccountingGrade 11
- Future Farmers of AmericaGrades 9-12
- FFA Officer - Reporter.....Grade 12
- FFA Officer - Junior State Secretary.....Grade 11
- Junior Volunteer at Springs Memorial Hospital
.....Grade 11
- Horse Judging Team.....Grade 12
- Computer in BusinessGrade 12
- Election Poll WorkerGrade 12

Jarrett Yates Laney

Buford Elementary School, Grade 5

I had the privilege of teaching Jarrett for two years. He is an excellent student who gives his very best in all that he does. Jarrett's remarkable behavior and academic excellence make him a model student and an outstanding citizen. Outside of the classroom, Jarrett has a love for sports, which he also excels in. With all of the positive character traits Jarrett possesses, I expect that he will be very successful. I am proud of the young man that he is becoming. Congratulations, Jarrett!

Buford Elementary teacher Trena Thompson

- A Honor RollGrades 3-5
- Gifted and Talented ProgramGrades 4-5
- Book-It-AwardGrades K-5
- Student of the Month AwardGrade 5
- Citizenship AwardGrade 5
- Principal's PalGrade 1
- Duke University Talent Identification Program
.....Grade 5
- Lancaster Youth Art ShowGrade 3
- Dixie Youth Baseball - All-StarGrades 3-4
- Carolina Tigers - World Series Champions.....Grade 4
- Lancaster County Rec. Basketball
- Moriah Baptist Youth Basketball
- Church Kids Group - Tabernacle UMC

Anna Grace Langley

Buford Middle School, Grade 8

Having known Anna Grace for many years before she entered middle school, I knew that when I taught her, I had best be at the top of my teaching game. She was known to be inquisitive, sharp and self-assured. Now those may seem like awfully lofty descriptions for a 12-year old, but I knew Anna Grace was all that and more. The two years I taught her language arts were truly a pleasure for me. I got to know her so well and see the beauty of a teenaged girl who knows that the only boundaries are those she sets for herself. She is the one to whom her classmates look to vocalize issues, to take on the system, to get things done. Her election as president of both the student body and the Junior Beta Club are demonstrations of the trust and confidence her peers have in her. She is smart and in-charge, and I'm not even sure the sky is her limit; for it may be beyond that. The standing joke at our school is that she once confronted the superintendent

about giving her mom, a teacher, a raise. She has guts, and to me, that is so refreshing to see in a young girl. On an academic front, Anna Grace is a gifted student who can pen poetry like nobody's business. She has a voice and style and flow to her words that mark her as a potentially great writer. I look forward to seeing what great things await Anna Grace in life, and even more importantly, what great things she will make happen in life.

Buford Middle teacher Paige Johnson

- A Honor RollGrades 6-8
- Junior MarshalGrade 7
- English Award - Highest AverageGrades 6-7
- Math Award - Highest AverageGrade 6
- Social Studies Award - Highest AverageGrade 6
- Perfect AttendanceGrade 6
- Buford BuddiesGrades 7-8
- Coaches Award - Volleyball ManagerGrade 6
- Duke University Talent Identification Program
.....Grade 7
- Middle School Academic Challenge Team
.....Grades 7-8
- National Junior Beta Club.....Grades 6-8
- Vice President.....Grade 7
- PresidentGrade 8
- Student Council RepresentativeGrade 6
- Student Body Vice-PresidentGrade 7
- Student Body PresidentGrade 8
- Language Arts Award - Highest AverageGrade 6
- Social Studies Award - Highest AverageGrade 6
- Pre-AP English Language Arts Award
 Highest AverageGrade 7
- Yearbook StaffGrade 8
- Volleyball Manager Award.....Grade 6
- Buzzworthy Award as Determined by Teacher
.....Grade 6
- Buzzworthy Award as Determined by Peers
.....Grade 7
- Morning News CrewGrades 6-8
- Media Center WorkerGrades 6-8
- Buford BuddiesGrades 7-8
- Seth's HopeGrades 6-8
- ChorusGrades 6-8
- Piano AwardGrade 7
- News CrewGrades 6-8
- Church Youth Group
- Unity ARP MiddlersGrades 6-7
- Unity ARP YPCUGrade 8
- MLK Jr. - I have a Dream Essay Contest
 District Middle School WinnerGrade 8

Dazae Lawrence

Harrisburg Elementary School, Grade 5

Dazae is an exceptional student whose quiet resilience and determination set her apart from the norm. She is a listener and a thinker. She observes the environment and analyzes every situation to formulate the best possible strategy or develop the most efficient plan. Dazae is a strong, independent student with a individualized approach to life. She is honest, respectful, dependable, helpful and hard-working. Dazae is an all-around great student and more importantly a great person. I have enjoyed participating in her education through the EAGLE Program. I look forward to what her future holds.

LCSD GT/EAGLE Program teacher Marni Peavy

- A Honor RollGrades 3-5
- English AwardGrades 2-4
- Math Award
- Science AwardGrades 3-4
- Class Spelling Bee Winner.....Grade 5
- Social Studies AwardGrades 2-3
- Perfect AttendanceGrades 1-5
- Gifted and Talented ProgramGrades 3-5
- Citizenship AwardGrade 2
- Duke University Talent Identification Program
..... Grade 4

Mason Lewis

Erwin Elmentary School, Grade 5

Mason is an extremely bright young man. He is very attentive, always participates in discussions and frequently raises his hand to answer questions. Mason loves to read and often spends any spare moments during the day in a book. It makes my heart smile to see someone reading, not because they have to, but because they want to. Mason's interest in reading gives him the ability to understand concepts that others his age have a difficult time grasping. It has been a pleasure to have Mason in my class, and I am confident that he will continue to be successful.

Erwin Elementary teacher Jon Bradley

- A Honor RollGrades 2-5
- Reading AwardGrades 1-5
- Class Spelling Bee Winner.....Grade 5
- Perfect AttendanceGrades 2-3
- Book-It AwardGrades 3-5
- Study Island AwardGrades 1-4
- Safety PatrolGrade 4

- Founders FellowGrade 1
- BaseballGrade 2
- BasketballGrade 5
- KarateGrades 3-4
- WrestlingGrade 3
- ChorusGrades K-5
- Royal Ambassadors (RAs)Grades K-4
- Reading Counts - Silver MedalGrade 1

Morgan Logan

Buford High School, Grade 12

Morgan has always been a determined, conscientious student. She puts in the extra effort to complete her assignments and projects well. She is a leader, both in class, and in our FEA club. She takes initiative when needed and will make an excellent teacher herself one day. She is kind and respectful both in and out of class. Morgan is always eager to learn new things, and she sets a good example for others. Morgan did an outstanding job as a Teacher Cadet, and is currently working with an elementary teacher every day during her work-based credit class. She also tutors after school and clearly loves teaching. She will be an asset to the teaching profession.

Buford High teacher Beth McDonald

- Highest HonorsGrade 12
- A Honor RollGrades 9, 11
- Geography AwardGrade 9
- Perfect AttendanceGrades K-7
- Gifted and Talented ProgramGrades 6-7
- Citizenship AwardGrade 5
- Principal's PalGrade 4
- Chorus AwardGrades 6-8
- Girls StateGrade 11
- Service LearningGrades 11-12
- Peer TutoringGrades 11-12
- National Beta ClubGrades 10-12
- National Honor SocietyGrades 10-12
- Junior CivitansGrades 10-12
- Teacher CadetGrade 12
- PianoGrades 3-7
- Church Youth GroupGrades 6-12
- Fellowship of Christian AthletesGrades 9-12
- First PriorityGrades 9-12
- Future Educators AssociationGrades 10-12
- Women Active for ChristGrades 6-12

Tori Loughry

Buford High School, Grade 12

Tori is a dependable, conscientious student who possesses a strong intellectual ability and an eagerness to learn. I cannot recall an instance in which Tori did not fulfill an expectation required of her in the classroom. Not only does she work hard to achieve academically, but also to serve others. Through mission trips, volunteering at the Animal Shelter, and student organizations such as the Beta Club and National Honor Society, Tori has demonstrated an understanding beyond her years of the values of service, compassion, thankfulness, and encouragement of others.

Buford High teacher Donna Conwell

- Highest HonorsGrade 12
- Business Law Highest Average.....Grade 11
- Gifted and Talented ProgramGrades 4-8
- Citizenship AwardGrade 5
- Principal's PalGrade 5
- National Beta Club.....Grades 10-12
- National Honor Society.....Grades 10-12
- Student Council.....Grade 9
- Junior CivitansGrades 10-11
- KarateGrade 12
- TrackGrades 9-12
- BandGrades 6-7
- Marching Band.....Grade 7
- ChorusGrade 8
- PianoGrades 5-7
- Drama.....Grade 10
- Church Youth GroupGrades 7-12
- Fellowship of Christian Athletes.....Grades 10-11

Calvin Lovejoy

Indian Land High School, Grade 12

The first thing that comes to mind regarding Calvin is a string of synonyms referring to "quiet," soft-spoken, reticent, taciturn and restrained. The danger here would be to equate silence with a lack of understanding. Calvin, though reserved, conceals a significant intellect capable of producing lucid and meaningful communications. Best wishes to a young scholar as he continues his education in Mother England.

Indian Land High teacher David Dudley

- Highest HonorsGrade 12
- A Honor RollGrades 3-12
- Junior MarshalGrade 11
- ValedictorianGrade 12
- English Award

- Math Award
- Class Spelling Bee Winner
- Social Studies
- Gifted and Talented ProgramGrades 7-8
- Student of the Month AwardGrades 7, 9
- Presidential Academic Fitness Award
- Boys StateGrade 11
- Middle School Academic Challenge Team
..... Grades 7-8
- Cross CountryGrade 11
- Cross Country Rookie of the YearGrade 11
- Soccer.....Grades 8, 11-12
- BandGrades 7-10
- Jazz BandGrade 8
- Model U.N. Honorable DelegationGrade 7
- Soaring Award.....Grade 7

Andrew Lyles

A.R. Rucker Middle School, Grade 8

Andy is an exceptional young man. He represents himself and his beliefs with confidence and determination. He understands difficult concepts and ways to apply them to real world situations. His desire to learn is matched only by his drive to succeed. He was truly one of the most gifted science students I have had the privilege of teaching. Andy also has a kind heart and is very active in his community. His humor and personality are not only entertaining but endearing as well. No matter what he chooses to do in the future, I know Andy will be successful. I was lucky to have taught him.

A.R. Rucker Middle teacher Blanche Bruce

- A Honor RollGrades 4-6
- Academic AchievementGrades 6-8
- History AwardGrades 6-7
- Science Award.....Grades 6-7
- Science Fair AwardGrade 6
- Class Spelling Bee Winner.....Grades 4-6
- Social Studies AwardGrades 6-7
- Gifted and Talented ProgramGrades 3-8
- Accelerated Reader Award.....Grades 5-7
- Student of the Month AwardGrades 6-7
- Soil Conservation Essay AwardGrade 7
- Duke University Talent Identification Program
..... Grade 7
- Junior ScholarGrade 8
- Trustees Award.....Grade 8
- Middle School Academic Challenge.....Grades 7-8
- National Junior Beta Club.....Grades 7-8
- Student Council.....Grades 4-6
- Boy ScoutsGrade 4
- Cub ScoutsGrades 1-3

Averi Lyles

Indian Land Elementary School, Grade 5

Averi Lyles is a smart, loving and amazing young girl. She has a beautiful smile and a fantastic personality. On any given day, you can find Averi sharing a smile and making those around her feel important and needed. She always made each day with her special and made it known how much she truly loved being with me in our classroom. I am so very proud of her and all that she has accomplished. Averi is a leader who always strives to do her best and constantly participates in class. She deeply cares for her classmates and consistently helps anyone in need without ever being asked. She is a true friend. She is a polite, respectful student who works hard to attain and maintain an excellent grade point average. Averi has a wonderful attitude at school. She begins each new activity with an excitement and enthusiasm that spreads to all of those around her. She is constantly focused and reaches the goals that she sets for herself. Averi will always be an asset to any classroom, an amazing student, and an absolute pleasure to teach. I feel so fortunate to have had the honor and privilege of being her teacher. I truly adore Averi, her love for school, and the footprints that she has left behind. She will forever be a student that I will always love, hold close to my heart and remember.

Indian Land Elementary teacher Michelle Anderson

- A Honor Roll Grades 3-5
- Language Award Grade 4
- Reading Award Grade 4
- Class Spelling Bee Winner Grade 3
- Perfect Attendance Grade 5
- 97th Percentile Club Grade 5
- Student of the Month Award Grade 4
- Citizenship Award Grade 4
- Duke University Talent Identification Program
- Peer Leader - *iLead* Grade 5
- Lancaster Youth Art Show Grade 3
- Golf Grades 3-5
- Swim Team Grade 3
- Piano Grade 3

Ja'Niya L. Mackey

Heath Springs Elementary School, Grade 5

Ja'Niya Mackey is a motivated and hardworking student. She strives to be the best that she can be. She works hard to meet goals she sets for herself. She puts forth much effort to keep an A average in all subjects. She always participates in class and completes assignments. She is creative and thinks outside of the box. She is eager to learn new things and always asks questions to extend her knowledge. I am honored to be her teacher and proud to say she is my student.

Heath Springs Elementary teacher Brandon Craig

- Math Award Grades 2-3
- Reading Award Grades 2-3
- Science Award Grade 2
- Social Studies Award Grades 2-3
- Perfect Attendance Grades K, 3-4
- Safety Patrol Grade 5
- Girl Scouts Grades 3-5
- 100 Book Challenge Award Grades 2-4
- Published Author Award Grades 2-4
- Clemson University Award Grade 2
- Reading Counts Grades 3-4
- Computer Lab Award Grade 4

Kendall Nicole Mallekoote

Harrisburg Elementary School, Grade 5

I have had the absolute pleasure of teaching Kendall Mallekoote. Kendall displays enthusiasm as well as compassion for both her studies and peers. She strives for excellence in academics and talents. Kendall accomplishes tasks in an excellent fashion. She has great pride and self-esteem. The quality of her work is the measure of the quality of herself. I am so very happy to have been a part of her education.

Harrisburg Elementary teacher Brody Disbennett

- A Honor Grades 3-5
- Reading Award Grade 1
- Science Fair Award Grade 4
- Perfect Attendance Grades 2-4
- Gifted and Talented Program Grades 4-5
- Citizenship Award Grades 2-5
- P.E. Award Grade 2
- Art Award Grade 3
- Duke University Talent Identification Program
- Grade 5
- Drama Club Grade 5
- Basketball Grades 2-5
- Cheerleader Grade 1
- Dancing Grades K-2

- SoftballGrades 2-5
- Brownie Scouts - DaisyGrades K-2
- Girl ScoutsGrades 3-4
- Girls on the RunGrades 3-4
- Nominated for the Principal Choice AwardGrade 5
- iLeadGrade 5
- Outstanding ReadingGrade 1
- Highest Classroom Average for the Year in
 - Language Arts Grade 4
 - Social Studies Grade 4
- Computer AwardGrade 4

Kaitlyn Mangum

Buford Elementary School, Grade 5

Kaitlyn is the kind of student that every teacher wants to have in his or her class ... kind, eager to learn and dedicated. Having her in my class made my year better, because she always had a big smile on her face and never complained. Instead, she sought to enhance her academic excellence by asking insightful questions and completing assignments neatly and accurately. Kaitlyn showed resilience. In times where others would give up easily, she pressed on, determined to do her best. Congratulations, Kaitlyn. I am sure success will follow you throughout the rest of your life.

Buford Elementary teacher Mary Wilkes

- A Honor RollGrades 3-5
- Perfect AttendanceGrades K-2
- Trustees Award
 - Perfect Score on Math PASS Test Grade 5
- Gifted and Talented ProgramGrade 5
- Citizenship AwardGrade 5
- Principal's PalGrade 2
- Art AwardGrade 3
- Youth Art MonthGrade 3
- Duke University Talent Identification Program
 - Grade 5
- CheerleaderGrades 3-4
- SoftballGrade 3
- Swim TeamGrade 4
- VolleyballGrade 5
- ChorusGrade 5
- Church Youth GroupGrades 2-5
- Achievement Certificate
- Terrific Kid Award.....Grade K

Victoria Joan Marscovetere

Indian Land Middle School, Grade 8

// *Productivity is never an accident. It is always the result of a commitment to excellence, intelligent planning and focused effort.* — Paul J. Meyer

This quote by Mr. Meyer is Victoria. She has the ability to plan and execute the plan with excellence. Victoria always wants to do well and works hard at achieving her goals. Victoria is focused on her future and will do wonderful things with her life.

Indian Land Middle teacher Emily Dunning

- A Honor RollGrades 3-8
- Junior ScholarGrade 8
- Trustees AwardGrade 8
- Academic AchievementGrade 7
- English AwardGrades 6-7
- Math AwardGrades 6-7
- Social Studies AwardGrade 6
- Perfect AttendanceGrade 6
- Gifted and Talented ProgramGrades K-8
- Student of the Month AwardGrades K-5
- Citizenship AwardGrade 7
- Coaches AwardGrade 7
- Presidential Academic Fitness AwardGrades 4-5
- Duke University Talent Identification Program
 - Grades 6-7
- BasketballGrade 7
- CheerleaderGrades 7-8
- SoccerGrade 7-8
- BandGrades 6-7
- ChorusGrade 8
- PianoGrade 7
- Church Youth GroupGrades 6-8

Olivia Caroline Mason

Indian Land Middle School, Grade 8

Olivia started middle school with a maturity beyond her years. Over the last few years, she has blossomed even more into an outgoing, creative, intelligent young lady. She always has a smile on her face, and the cheer she emits is contagious. Her classmates adore her, the dance team is thrilled to participate with her, and her teachers are so impressed by her diligence and work ethic. Olivia is a member of many clubs and teams, but hasn't let her schoolwork suffer. She has excellent time management skills and is aware of how much work she must do to succeed. I am so proud of her and the young adult she is becoming! There is no limit to what Olivia is capable of achieving!

Indian Land Middle teacher Cheryl Fleischman

- A Honor RollGrade 3-8
- English AwardGrades 6-7
- Reading AwardGrade 2
- Science AwardGrade 5
- Science Fair AwardGrade 6
- Gifted and Talented ProgramGrade 3
- Coaches AwardGrade 8
- Safety PatrolGrade 5
- Youth Art MonthGrade 6
- Middle School Academic Challenge TeamGrade 7
- Peer Tutoring - Homework CenterGrade 5
- ST-ARTS ProgramGrade 7
- National Junior Honor SocietyGrades 6-8
- Yearbook StaffGrade 8
- Dancing Grades K-1, 7-8
- Tae Kwon DoGrades 2-4
- Jump Rope for LifeGrade 5
- Science Fair - First PlaceGrade 6
- District - First PlaceGrade 6
- StateGrade 6
- Computer Lab TutorGrade 5
- Read InGrade 6
- ILMS Dance TeamGrades 7-8
- ILMS Dance CaptainGrade 8
- Sweat It OutGrade 6
- Debate TeamGrade 7
- Language Arts Academic Excellence Award
..... Grades 6-7
- Math Academic Excellence AwardGrades 6-7
- Science Academic Excellence AwardGrades 6-7
- Social Studies Academic Excellence Award
..... Grades 6-7
- Academic Challenge AwardGrade 7
- Warriorette Excellence AwardGrade 8
- Warriorette Leader AwardGrade 8

Carter Mathis

Heath Springs Elementary School, Grade 5

Carter is a conscientious student who has the unique ability to excel in all areas of his choice. He strives to become outstanding in whatever he is doing. He always has a friendly smile on his face and a positive attitude. Carter is an inquisitive student who is always eager to learn. He is a pleasure to teach. I look forward to hearing about his great accomplishments.

Heath Springs Elementary teacher Darryl Pierce

- History AwardGrades 2-5
- Math AwardGrades 2-5
- Reading AwardGrades 2-5
- Science AwardGrades 2-5
- Social Studies AwardGrades 2-5
- Duke University Talent Identification Program
..... Grade 5

Luis Santiago Matute

Indian Land Middle School, Grade 8

Luis both astounds and exasperates me, but I mean that in a good way. He is the type of student who quickly absorbs information, but can then ask a question that even I, as a teacher, have to think about before answering. He asks questions before others; he is always a step ahead, thinking about the next concept or topic for the next paragraph of his essay. He is self-directed, and that is a beautiful thing. He keeps his teachers on their toes and that, too, is a beautiful thing.

Indian Land Middle teacher Christa Sullivan

- A Honor RollGrades 3-8
- History AwardGrade 7
- Math AwardGrade 4
- Science AwardGrade 6
- Social Studies AwardGrade 7
- Perfect AttendanceGrade 4
- Music AwardGrade 4
- Citizenship AwardGrade 4
- Art AwardGrade 4
- Duke University Talent Identification Program
..... Grade 5
- National Junior Honor SocietyGrades 6-8
- BandGrades 6-8
- Jazz BandGrade 8
- PianoGrades 6-8
- National Piano AuditionsGrades 6-7
- N.C. Federation of Music ClubsGrades 6-8
- Charlotte Piano Teacher's ForumGrades 6-8

Bobby McCree III

Indian Land High School, Grade 12

Bobby is a distinguished student in our school. A young gentleman, he personifies the student athlete, the spirit of the Indian Land Warrior. Bobby, while quiet and unassuming, has an interesting personality and drive. He came here just three years ago and has made his mark upon his peers and community. Well rounded, he seeks to fulfill his need to contribute to something larger than himself through an array of exposures, ranging from his church membership and volunteerism to being active in Beta Club to being on the baseball team. He is generous and kind, a responsible young man, committed to anything he attempts. I am happy to have known Bobby and his family. As great as he endeavors, so will be his success.

Indian Land High administrative assistant Jonetta English

- Highest HonorsGrade 12

- A Honor RollGrades 5-12
- Academic AchievementGrades 5-12
- Science Fair AwardGrade 3
- Class Spelling Bee Winner.....Grade 3
- School Spelling Bee WinnerGrade 3
- Perfect AttendanceGrade 7
- Student of the Month AwardGrade 3
- Coaches Award.....Grades 9-11
- National Beta Club.....Grades 10-12
- National Honor Society.....Grades 10-12
- Baseball.....Grades 9-11

LaDarian McCree

Erwin Elementary School, Grade 5

I enjoyed teaching LaDarian in the second grade. He is a very focused and positive young man. Under his quiet exterior, he really enjoys making other students laugh and have fun. LaDarian is a very hard worker and never backs down from a task. Throughout his time in my class, I watched him persevere when things were tough. The effort that LaDarian put forth has shone brightly throughout his academic successes. He is a very caring individual who would always help other students when needed. I know that LaDarian will continue to possess all of these wonderful qualities and go far in life.

Erwin Elementary teacher Courtney Brooks

- A Honor RollGrades 2-5
- Science Fair AwardGrade 4
- Gifted and Talented ProgramGrades 4-5
- P.E. AwardGrade 4

Maggie Grace McDow

Andrew Jackson Middle School, Grade 8

Maggie is a type of student who you will always remember. She shows great leadership in the classroom and on the court in sports. I have enjoyed coaching her in volleyball and basketball. She is very respectful and works hard at everything she does. I am so proud of her and I am so excited about her future. Maggie is a great representative of Andrew Jackson Middle School and a great role model for middle school girls.

Andrew Jackson Middle coach Sheila South

- A Honor RollGrades 3-8
- Academic AchievementGrades 6-8
- English AwardGrade 6
- History AwardGrades 6-7
- Math Award.....Grades 6-7
- Science Award.....Grades 3, 6-7

- Science Fair AwardGrade 3
- Perfect AttendanceGrade 4
- Social Studies AwardGrades 6-7
- President's Award for Educational ExcellenceGrade 5
- Gifted and Talented ProgramGrades 3-5
- Office Aide Award.....Grades 6-7
- P.E. AwardGrade 6
- Music AwardGrade 5
- Art AwardGrade 7
- Duke University Talent Identification ProgramGrade 7
- Service LearningGrade 5
- Student Council.....Grade 5
- Art ClubGrade 5
- G/T/ CampGrade 3
- Basketball.....Grades 1-8
- DancingGrades 7-8
- Soccer.....Grades 2-3
- SoftballGrades 1-5
- PianoGrades 4-6
- Church Youth GroupGrades 6-8
- Citizenship AwardGrade K
- Terrific Kid.....Grades 2-5
- Pride of PrincipalGrades K-5
- Special TMD HelperGrade 5
- Best Small Forward - BasketballGrade 8
- VolleyballGrades 7-8
- Sportsmanship AwardGrades 7-8
- Most Improved Player.....Grade 7
- Best Defensive PlayerGrade 8
- Best Outside HitterGrades 7-8
- Most Valuable PlayerGrade 8
- Best Student AthleteGrades 7-8
- Coaches AwardGrade 8
- Captain AwardGrade 8

Shamorrow McFadden

Erwin Elementary School, Grade 5

I had the pleasure of teaching Shamorrow in third grade. In the beginning, she came across as the strong, silent type. She did not talk much in class and focused on her work. As the weeks went by, it didn't take long for Shamorrow's wonderful personality to shine! She is a very determined young lady. Giving up is never an option for her. She was always a hard worker with a kind heart! She wanted everyone to succeed and believed in helping others. I watched Shamorrow grow a lot in third grade. She went from the shy, soft spoken girl that hardly shared her thoughts to a vibrant, self-motivated young lady that loved to share her knowledge with others! With her strong personality, love of learning and drive to encourage and help others, I know the

world has big plans for Shomorrow...and she has big plans for the world!

Erwin Elementary teacher Brandi Plyler

- A Honor RollGrades 2-5
- Perfect AttendanceGrades 4-5
- Founders FellowGrade 4
- CheerleaderGrades 3-5
- ChorusGrades 4-5

Dylan McNaughton

Kershaw Elementary School, Grade 5

I taught Dylan in third grade. Dylan was a joy to teach. He is self-motivated, trustworthy and always wants to be successful. He strives to do his very best. Dylan possesses true problem solving abilities and is a rare gem that teachers love. In third grade, he was great at sharing his gift with others. He helped fellow students to become problem solvers also. Dylan is a solid citizen of Kershaw Elementary. He is polite, respectful, and well-behaved. Dylan takes the opportunity to go the extra mile to please his teachers and is respected by his classmates. He is the kind of student teachers will try to move mountains for.

Kershaw Elementary teacher Eleanor Young

- A Honor RollGrades 3-5
- Perfect AttendanceGrade 4
- Gifted and Talented ProgramGrades 3-5
- Safety PatrolGrade 5
- Art AwardGrade 3
- National Junior Beta ClubGrade 5
- BaseballGrade K
- AWANAGrade 4
- Puppeteer with Sandhill Baptist ChurchGrades 2-5
- Math Bee ParticipantGrade 4
- Science Fair - ParticipantGrade 5

Kyle Meadows

Indian Land Elementary School, Grade 5

I have had the most fun teaching Kyle Meadows this year! Kyle has the rare mix of intelligence, wit and common sense. Kyle listened intently to every lesson and he participated with enthusiasm. Kyle's bright eyes and infectious smile are comforting and encouraging at the same time. With his winsome good looks, he is the epitome of the All-American boy next door. Even so, there is much more to Kyle than what is seen on the surface. Kyle is patient and polite with friends who don't learn as fast as he does. He is kind, sharing

with friends who don't have much as he does, and he is genuinely happy for friends who achieve more than he does...and everyone is Kyle's friend. Kyle is a self-starter and his energy is contagious. I believe that we have not heard the last of this humble, hard-working young man; Kyle's strongest traits are yet to be discovered.

Indian Land Elementary teacher Teresa Watkins

- A Honor RollGrades 3-5
- Perfect Attendance
- Gifted and Talented ProgramGrades 4-5
- Citizenship AwardGrade 5
- P.E. AwardGrade 4
- Drama ClubGrade 5
- BaseballGrades 3-4
- BasketballGrades 1-2
- GymnasticsGrade 4
- SoccerGrades 3-5
- Swim TeamGrade 3
- Cub ScoutsGrades 2-5
- Church Youth GroupGrades 2-5

Mackenzie Meadows

Indian Land Middle School, Grade 8

Mackenzie is the total package. She is outgoing and social, yet original and dedicated at the same time. She has many friends and is well-liked by others. She can become so absorbed in her work, that she loses track of time. She writes with ease, picks up on inferences and can tell a classmate to settle down all at the same time. She sings, cheers, writes, draws ... all with passion and zeal while rising to her own high expectations. This kid will make a difference in our ever-changing world.

Indian Land Middle teacher Christa Sullivan

- A Honor RollGrades 3-5
- Scholastic Achievement Award
- Science Fair AwardGrade 3
- Class Spelling Bee WinnerGrade 3
- Gifted and Talented ProgramGrades 4-8
- Citizenship Award
- Duke University Talent Identification ProgramGrades 5-8
- Junior ScholarGrade 8
- Trustees AwardGrade 8
- ST-ARTS ProgramGrade 6
- National Junior Honor SocietyGrades 6-8
- Student CouncilGrade 6
- Yearbook StaffGrade 8
- Art ClubGrades 3-4
- Drama ClubGrade 5
- CheerleaderGrades 7-8

- Gymnastics.....Grade 7
- Soccer.....Grade 8
- Chorus.....Grades 7-8
- Piano.....Grade 8
- Drama.....Grade 5
- Brownie Scouts.....Grade 2
- Girl Scouts.....Grade 3
- Church Youth Group.....Grades 4-8

Alexandrea Marie Meier

Harrisburg Elementary School, Grade 5

Alexandrea is hard-working, intelligent and talented. She is always attentive in class and can usually be found with a book in her hand. Alexandria is honest and truly takes pride in her work. She has a contagious smile and is highly motivated and determined to succeed. She has a positive attitude and is well liked by other students. I am looking forward to seeing what wonderful things that Alexandria's future holds for her.

Harrisburg Elementary teacher Kathy Gerdes

- A Honor Roll.....Grades 3-5
- Math Award - Highest MAP Score in Class.....Grades 3-4
- Science Award.....Grade 2
- Gifted and Talented Program.....Grades 4-5
- Kiwanis - Terrific Kid Award.....Grade K
- Duke University Talent Identification Program.....Grade 5
- Art Club.....Grade 4
- Cheerleader.....Grades 3-5
- Dancing.....Grades PreK - 2, 4
- Soccer.....Grade 2
- Volleyball.....Grades 3-5
- Baton.....Grade 2
- Chorus - Honor Choir.....Grade 5
- Step Team.....Grade 3
- Step Team Captain.....Grade 4

Kaylee Miller

South Middle School, Grade 8

The pleasure was all mine when I had the opportunity to teach Kaylee in the sixth grade. She is a beautiful young lady on the inside and out. Her writing skills were always extraordinary, and she has a love for reading that helps her excel in all subject areas. Her incredible smile and kindness make her a teacher's dream. I'm sure she will continue to be a successful life-long learner!

South Middle teacher Jean Neal

- A Honor Roll.....Grades 3-8

- Junior Marshal.....Grade 7
- Academic Achievement.....Grades 3-5, 7
- English Award.....Grades 3,5
- Keyboard Award.....Grade 7
- Language Award.....Grades 3, 5
- Math Award.....Grades 3-4
- Class Spelling Bee Winner.....Grades 3, 5
- School Spelling Bee Winner.....Grade 5
- Social Studies Award.....Grades 3-4
- Gifted and Talented Program.....Grade 5
- Study Island Award.....Grade 5
- Duke University Talent Identification Program.....Grade 5
- Founders Fellow.....Grades 1-2
- National Junior Beta Club.....Grade 5
- National Junior Honor Society.....Grades 6-8
- Cheerleader.....Grade 8

Kenniyah Jamaya Miller

Brooklyn Springs Elementary School, Grade 5

Jamaya is an outstanding student. She puts forth great effort in all that she does in and out of the classroom. She brightens every room she walks in with her unique personality. She always has a smile on her face, and she is ready to take on whatever is put in front of her. No matter how big or small the challenge. Jamaya is always the student that pushes others to be successful. I have enjoyed teaching Jamaya in 5th grade, and I look forward to seeing the things she accomplishes in the future because I know there is no task too great for her. Good luck in all that you do!

Brooklyn Springs Elementary teacher Jenna Neal

- A Honor Roll.....Grades 3-5
- Founders Fellow
- National Junior Honor Society
- Student Council
- Art Club
- Basketball
- Softball
- Chorus

Gregory Millett

Indian Land High School, Grade 12

- Highest Honors.....Grade 12

Jay Minors

Heath Springs Elementary School, Grade 5

Jay Minors exhibits an enormous amount of drive and determination to be the best that he can be in every situation. He strives for perfection. He enlightens the lives of all those whom he comes in contact. He is never without a smile, a compliment, or a kind word. He assists others when he notices they are in need of help. He is one of the most caring students I have ever taught. He brings sunshine into all of his endeavors. He is a perfect example of Heath Springs mission statement. He will continue to be a responsible, hardworking, lifelong learner. I am so grateful to have had the opportunity to teach him.

Heath Springs Elementary teacher Brandon Craig

- A-B Honor Roll.....Grade 2
- Math Award.....Grade 3
- Reading Award.....Grades 1-5
- Science Award.....Grades 3-5
- Social Studies Award.....Grades 3-5
- P.E. Award.....Grade 3
- Safety Patrol.....Grades 4-5
- Art Award.....Grade 4
- Baseball.....Grades K-5
- Basketball.....Grades 2-5
- Soccer.....Grades K-4
- Royal Ambassadors (RAs).....Grades 1-5
- Good Manners Award.....Grade 2
- Sportsmanship Award.....Grade 3
- Reading Counts Award.....Grades 2-4

Landry Alan Mize

Buford Elementary School, Grade 5

Landry is an exceptional student whom I had the privilege of teaching in fourth grade and again in a math enrichment class in fifth grade. Landry comes to school prepared and ready to learn. He always strives to do his best work and excels in all academic areas. Landry sets high standards for himself. He has a wonderful personality that makes him a joy to teach. He is quick to joke and always lets me know about our favorite football teams. I know Landry will be successful in life, and I look forward to learning about his future accomplishments. I am very proud of Landry!

Buford Elementary teacher Betsy Vick

- A Honor Roll.....Grades 3-5
- Gifted and Talented Program.....Grades 3-5
- Principal's Pal.....Grades 2-3
- Chorus.....Grade 5

- Youth Art Month.....Grades 2-4
- Duke University Talent Identification Program.....Grade 4
- Baseball.....Grade 1
- Basketball.....Grades 3-5
- Karate - Brown Belt.....Grades 2-4
- Soccer.....Grades K-1
- Football.....Grades 3-5

Kaley Malevia Morris

Buford Middle School, Grade 8

Kaley is truly "one of a kind." She is one of those students you will always remember. She is a very well-rounded person. Kaley is involved in numerous extra-curricular activities, including Beta Club, cheerleading, marching band and Buford Buddies. Kaley has a desire to be kind and generous to those around her. KALEY IS SMART. She sets goals. She puts forth an effort in all she does. She succeeds! Kaley has a gentle spirit, and she is an example of Excellence! I have been honored to be part of Kaley's life the past two years. She is the definition of a teacher's dream. She is also a key to a coach's heart. Kaley is a precious gift to the world.

Buford Middle teacher Donna Moree

- A Honor Roll.....Grades 3-8
- Junior Scholar.....Grade 8
- Trustees Award.....Grade 8
- Academic Achievement
- English Award.....Grades 3-7
- Math Award.....Grades 3-7
- Reading Award.....Grades K-7
- Science Award.....Grades 3-7
- Class Spelling Bee Winner.....Grades 5, 8
- School Spelling Bee Winner.....Grades 5, 8
- Social Studies Award.....Grades 6-7
- Gifted and Talented Program.....Grades 3-5
- Book It Award.....Grades K-5
- Student of the Month Award.....Elementary
- Principal's Pal.....Elementary
- Chorus Award.....Grades 6-7
- Music Award.....Grades 6-7
- Duke University Talent Identification Program.....Grade 7
- Service Learning.....Grades 6-7
- National Junior Beta Club.....Grades 6-7
- Cheerleader.....Grades 7-8
- Dancing.....Grades 5-6
- Band.....Grades 6-8
- Chorus.....Grades 5-8
- Girl Scouts.....Elementary

Christian J. Moss

North Elementary School, Grade 5

Occasionally a student will come along who immediately pushes to learn everything put before them. Christian Moss is that student. I met him during the summer before school started, and I knew right away that Christian was going to be an excellent addition to my classroom. He excels at any task put before him. He is dedicated to giving superior work and strives for excellence in all that he does. Christian is a great problem solver who wants to help, share and teach his peers. None of them could ask for a better friend, student, or person than Christian Moss.

North Elementary teacher Kevin Price

- A Honor RollGrades 3-5
- History AwardGrade 4
- Reading AwardGrades 3-4
- Trustees AwardGrade 4
- Gifted and Talented ProgramGrades 3-5
- Accelerated Reader AwardGrades 3-4
- First and Second Place
- Service Learning - FlagGrade 5
- G.T CampGrade 3
- BaseballGrades K-5
- BasketballGrade 1
- GolfGrades K-5
- SoccerGrade 5
- Church Childrens Group2 Year Old - Grade 5
- Flag PatrolGrade 5
- Bethelwoods CampGrades 3-4

Christopher Matthew Mullis

Harrisburg Elementary School, Grade 4

When I first met Matthew, I immediately knew his heart was passionate about school, football and helping others. Matthew thrives in a learning environment that is active and where he feels like he is a part of the learning taking place. Matthew strives to always do his best, doesn't give up and wants to complete tasks to prove that he can be successful. Other than his hard work academically, Matthew contributes to the school-wide community through his willingness to help others. He is quick to hold a door for someone, he smiles and speaks to everyone, and he is most helpful when he is tutoring a first-grade student who has difficulty with letter names/sounds. Matthew has helped this student become a successful learner by mentoring him throughout this school year. He has

also taken another fourth-grade student under his wing and has partnered with him in school by being a peer buddy to encourage the student to stay on task. Matthew strives to do the right thing daily. While there are many professionals at Harrisburg Elementary School teaching Matthew academics and encouraging his positive attitude, he has actually taught the staff more than he knows. His positivity rubs off on us and gives us energy to carry out our day.

Harrisburg Elementary teacher Krystal Mainous

- A Honor RollGrade 3
- A/B Honor RollGrades 2-4
- Reading Award - Most Improved ReaderGrade 3
- Citizenship AwardGrade 4
- Music AwardGrade 1
- Social ButterflyGrade 1
- Following the Warrior Way - 2 TimesGrade 4

Chloe Elizabeth-Leigh Mungo

Andrew Jackson Middle School, Grade 8

When Chloe Mungo walks into a room, it is hard not to smile because you know your day is going to be just a little bit brighter. She radiates happiness and joy even on the gloomiest of days. As a student, she is not afraid to ask questions and is an active participant in class discussions. In an age where teenagers often speak to and of their elders with disrespect, Chloe makes no secret of the fact that she loves and respects her parents and other significant adults in her life. With peers, Chloe seeks to express kindness, compassion, and loyalty. She is a friend to many. She is a gift to the world. I am blessed to have been a part of her life and am honored to have been her teacher.

Andrew Jackson Middle teacher Deborah Griffin

- A Honor RollGrades 3-8
- Scholastic Achievement AwardGrades 1-5
- English AwardGrades 6-7
- History AwardGrades 3-6
- Math AwardGrades 2-7
- Reading AwardGrades 1-7
- Science AwardGrades 3-7
- Class Spelling Bee WinnerGrades 5-6
- Social Studies AwardGrades 3-6
- FocusGrades 6-8
- Book-It AwardGrades 1-2
- Citizenship AwardGrades 3-5
- P.E. AwardGrade 3
- Safety PatrolGrade 5
- Music AwardGrade 1
- Ensemble AwardGrade 7
- Art AwardGrade 1

- Duke University Talent Identification Program Grades 4-8
- Middle School Academic Challenge Team Grades 7-8
- Lancaster Community PlayhouseGrade 1
- Lancaster Youth Art ShowGrades 5-6
- ST-ARTS ProgramGrades 6-8
- Student Council.....Grade 8
- Drama ClubGrade 5
- G/T Camp.....Grades 4-5
- CheerleaderGrades 7-8
- Dancing.....Grades 1-4
- Gymnastics..... Grades Pre-K
- Soccer.....Grades 7-8
- PianoGrades 1-7
- Drama.....Grades 6-8
- Post Office & Tutoring CommitteeGrade 4
- Church Youth GroupGrades 6-8
- Girls in Action (GAs).....Grades K-5
- First PriorityGrade 7
- GuitarGrades 4-6
- Young Musicians CampGrades 1-2

Alex Murphy

Indian Land Middle School, Grade 8

I would like to take a moment to talk about a wonderful young man. When I first met Alex he was quiet, shy and still a little untapped. He was full of talent and needed to find a way to get it out. During the course of two years of coaching him in football, I've seen him grow into a confident, disciplined and strong young man who helped lead his team to a district championship. Not only is he a great athlete, he is a tremendous academic leader in the classroom. It has been a privilege to get to know him, to coach him and to watch him grow into one of our future leaders.

Indian Land Middle athletic director Gary Fago

- A Honor RollGrades 3-8
- Academic AchievementGrade 5
- Math AwardGrade 7
- Science Fair AwardGrade 4
- Class Spelling Bee Winner.....Grade 7
- Citizenship AwardGrades 3-5, 7
- National Junior Honor Society.....Grades 6-8
- Student Council.....Grades 7-8
- WrestlingGrades 1-5
- BandGrades 6-7
- FootballGrades 7-8
- FLL Team.....Grades 7-8
- Student Council.....Grades 7-8
- Civil Air PatrolGrades 5-7

Zachary Daniel Murphy

Buford High School, Grade 12

Zach is a very conscientious, well-mannered, self-motivated young man whom I have had the pleasure of teaching the past two years in Honors Pre-Calculus, Honors Calculus and Advanced Placement Calculus. Zach is the type of student that every teacher looks forward to having in class. He is eager to learn, actively involved in class discussions, a good problem solver and an excellent mentor to other students. I feel that Zach has all of the necessary tools to be successful at the next level of his education.

Buford High teacher Margaret Page

- Highest HonorsGrade 12
- A Honor RollGrades 3-12
- Gifted and Talented ProgramGrades 3-12
- Envirothon.....Grades 11-12
- National Beta Club.....Grades 9-12
- National Honor Society.....Grades 9-11
- Soccer.....Grade 1
- TrackGrades 8-10
- WrestlingGrades 9-10
- BandGrades 6-9
- Church Youth GroupGrades 6-12
- FFA.....Grades 9-12

Christopher Nahum

Indian Land High School, Grade 12

- Highest HonorsGrade 12

Jordyn P. Nahum

Indian Land Elementary School, Grade 5

Jordyn is an intelligent, witty and entertaining girl. I enjoy having her in my class. She always brings personality to my lessons and puts forth substantial effort in all her work. Jordyn has a strong demeanor that makes her a natural-born leader. She offers to help any student who needs help. She never makes anyone feel left out. Jordyn comes to class ready to learn every day. Her work shows how much she cares about accomplishing each and every goal set before her. She always has a smile on her face and the ability to brighten your day. Jordyn is an asset to any class. I am hopeful she will keep me informed about all the things she accomplishes in life. She has been a joy to teach, and I know

all teachers to come will feel the same way. I wish her the best in the bright future she has ahead of her and hope she always remembers how amazing she is.

Indian Land Elementary teacher Kristen White

- A Honor Roll
- Academic Achievement
- Scholastic Achievement Award
- Math Award
- Reading Award
- Gifted and Talented Program
- 97th Percentile Club
- P.E. Award
- Duke University MAP Program
- Duke University Talent Identification Program
- Drama Club
- Dancing
- Volleyball
- JAZZY BRAVE

Emma Neal

North Elementary School, Grade 5

Emma Neal is such a special young lady in every way. She loves learning and has a contagious desire to do her best. She models her desire to learn for her peers without even realizing it. When I taught Emmy in the second grade, she always smiled and presented herself in a most positive light each and every day. She is extremely bright with a precious personality. Emma is so respectful and helpful to everyone around her. I truly expect Emmy to make an outstanding positive impact on our world when she grows into a young woman someday, just as she does now.

Indian Land Elementary teacher Judy Mountain

- A Honor RollGrades 3-5
- Math AwardGrades 3-4
- Reading AwardGrades 2-4
- Class Spelling Bee Winner.....Grade 3
- Social Studies AwardGrades 2-4
- Perfect AttendanceGrades 3-4
- Gifted and Talented ProgramGrades 3-5
- Accelerated Reader Award.....Grades 2-4
- Student of the Month AwardGrades 2-5
- P.E. AwardGrade 4
- Art AwardGrade 3
- Duke University Talent Identification ProgramGrades 4-5
- Newspaper StaffGrade 5
- Art ClubGrade 2
- DancingGrade 5
- Girls on the RunGrade 4
- NYLF - Pathways to STEM-EnvisionGrade 5

Jessica Nin

Indian Land Middle School, Grade 8

Jessica is a very hard-working individual who cares deeply about all she is involved in. She is always kind and sweet, no matter the situation. She carries herself with great character and respect for others. Her work ethic, determination and awesome personality will take her far in life! It was such a pleasure to teach her!

Indian Land Middle teacher Brittney Mager

- A Honor RollGrades 3-8
- Class Spelling Bee Winner.....Grade 8
- Duke University Talent Identification ProgramGrades 4-6
- National Junior Honor SocietyGrades 7-8
- Tae Kwon DoGrades K-4
- ChorusGrade 7
- Honor ChoirGrade 5

Kyle Norcia

Buford High School, Grade 12

It is my pleasure to congratulate Kyle as a student well-deserving of recognition in the Celebration of Excellence. I had the privilege of teaching Kyle a few years ago, and I have proudly witnessed his growth academically, athletically and personally. He has an internal desire for success, which is evident in his achievements. I know Kyle will continue to achieve the goals he has set for himself. I am very proud of Kyle for maintaining academic excellence while participating in many activities, including athletic programs at school and working part-time outside of school. Congratulations, Kyle! I am very proud of you!

Buford Middle teacher Sherry Faulkenberry

- Highest HonorsGrade 12
- Junior MarshalGrade 11
- Gifted and Talented ProgramGrade 7
- Duke University Talent Identification ProgramGrade 7
- Boys StateGrade 11
- Junior ScholarGrade 8
- Trustees AwardGrade 8
- Middle School Academic Challenge TeamGrade 7
- 1000 Plus SAT ClubGrade 11
- National Beta Club.....Grades 10-12
- National Honor Society.....Grades 10-12
- Track -7th Place State Qualifier.....Grades 7-12
- WrestlingGrades 9-10
- Fellowship of Christian Athletes.....Grades 10-12
- Football All-Region PlayerGrades 11-12

Lainey Nowicki

Erwin Elementary School, Grade 5

Alaina “Lainey” is the sweetest child I’ve ever had the privilege of teaching. I have never seen her in a bad mood, nor have I ever heard her say anything negative about anyone. She sets a wonderful example in the classroom, both socially and academically. Lainey works extremely hard and is determined to do her very best. It doesn’t matter if it is routine homework or if it is a unit test, she is going to give it her all. Lainey has such a sweet spirit, and I know that God has wonderful plans for her life.

Erwin Elementary teacher Jon Bradley

- A Honor RollGrades 2-5
- Science Fair Award - Class Winner.....Grade 4
- Student of the Week AwardGrades 3-5
- Citizenship AwardGrade 3
- Art AwardGrade 3
- Founders FellowGrades K, 3, 5
- Lancaster Youth Art ShowGrade 4
- Art Club - Advanced ArtGrades 4-5
- ChorusGrade 4
- Girls on the RunGrades 3-5

Sadie Noyes

Indian Land High School, Grade 12

Though Sadie was new here at the beginning of the 2014/15 school year, it didn’t take her long at all to find her place. She was a great student to have in class. Even though she was new, she participated in our discussions and activities as much, or more than any other student in my Gov’t/Econ class. Not only does she work very hard and excel in her academics, she is involved in extracurricular activities as well. I have been nothing but impressed by the level of respect, integrity and leadership she has shown since she first arrived.

Indian Land High teacher Jared Funderburk

- Highest HonorsGrade 12
- A Honor RollGrades 9-10
- Gifted and Talented ProgramGrades 3-5
- Accelerated Reader AwardGrade 8
- Student of the Month AwardGrade 12
- Safety PatrolGrade 5
- Ensemble AwardGrades 10-11
- Peer TutoringGrade 12
- National Honor SocietyGrades 11-12
- Student Class PresidentGrades 9-10
- BasketballGrades 9-10
- GolfGrades 11-12

- TrackGrade 9
- VolleyballGrades 9-10
- ChorusGrades 9-12
- Church Youth GroupGrades 9-12
- Fellowship of Christian AthletesGrade 12
- Club 121Grades 9-11
- Student AmbassadorGrades 10-11
- Student Leadership TeamGrades 9-11
- Freshmen MentorGrade 11
- Speaker for Incoming Freshman/Parent NightGrade 11
- Mission Trip to NicaraguaGrades 10-12

Joshua Old

Indian Land Middle School, Grade 8

Excellence can mean a lot of things to different people. To Josh Old, it means never settling for being average. I see this every single day in his demeanor and attitude toward school. I had the pleasure of getting to know Josh as his Academic Challenge coach in seventh grade. I was able to watch this loud, confident and sometimes obnoxious student grow into a slightly less loud and obnoxious eighth-grade student. In all seriousness, Josh is a pleasure to see in class every day. He constantly pushes me to do my best and knows I expect his best every day, and he brings it. Josh has both the intelligence and drive to do whatever he chooses in the future, so don’t be surprised when you see him on the cover of Forbes.

Indian Land Middle teacher Brad Johnson

- A Honor RollGrades 6-7
- Science Fair AwardGrade 6
- Class Spelling Bee WinnerGrade 6
- Duke University Talent Identification ProgramGrades 7-8
- Junior ScholarGrade 8
- Trustees AwardGrade 8
- Middle School Academic Challenge TeamGrades 7-8
- National Junior Honor SocietyGrades 6-8
- ChorusGrades 6-8

Collin Mathews Otte

Indian Land Elementary School, Grade 5

Collin is such a charismatic, intelligent and witty student. He can always make me laugh and has an insane amount of sports knowledge. Collin always does his best in and out of the classroom. He is always willing to help those in need. He lifts people up and

makes them feel good about themselves. He has such confidence and is so smart, that I know he will do wonderful things. Collin's potential is indefinable. He has the personality and intelligence of a natural-born leader. I have enjoyed teaching him, and I am sure all teachers to come will, too. Collin can be anything he wants in life, and I hope he always remembers that. I know I will hear great things about him and can't wait to learn of all he accomplishes. I wish him the best in life and hope he keeps me informed.

Indian Land Elementary teacher Kristen White

- A Honor RollGrades 3-5
- Math AwardGrade 4
- Science AwardGrades 3-4
- Perfect AttendanceGrade 3
- Gifted and Talented Program - EaglesGrades 3-4
- Citizenship AwardGrades 3-4
- P.E. AwardGrade 3
- Music AwardGrade 3
- BaseballGrades K-5
- Cub ScoutsGrades 1-3

Lawson Michael Otte

Indian Land Middle School, Grade 8

Lawson is everything you could want in a student. He is curious, thorough and determined to succeed. Always the gentleman, Lawson is willing to lend a hand to fellow students as well as his teachers. Lawson is attentive in class and makes sure he gives his best for any task at hand. Lawson will continue to be successful on whatever path he chooses because of these traits. These past two years, having Lawson as a student has been an absolute pleasure. I hope he continues to positively influence others as he has me and his peers in my classes. I am confident success will follow Lawson wherever his path takes him.

Indian Land Middle teacher Brian McDonald

- A Honor RollGrades 6-8
- Language ArtsGrades 6-8
- Math AwardGrades 6-8
- Science AwardGrades 6-8
- Social Studies AwardGrades 6-8
- Perfect AttendanceGrade 6
- Gifted and Talented ProgramGrades 6-8
- Student of the Month AwardGrades 6-8
- Citizenship AwardGrades 6-8
- Coaches Award - ILMS BaseballGrade 7
- Duke University Talent Identification ProgramGrades 6-8
- National Junior Honor SocietyGrades 6-8

- Baseball - Indian Land Middle SchoolGrades 7-8
- BandGrades 6-8
- Lancaster County Honor BandGrade 8

Jose Pac Reyes

Indian Land Middle School, Grade 8

Jose's work ethic and drive to succeed sets him apart from his peers. He brings a positive attitude to class and takes advantage of all opportunities given to him. Jose's desire to continue to learn is inspiring. He is constantly volunteering to help his teachers and classmates with any task. His positivity and smile is contagious to those around him. I have no doubt his success will only continue in whatever path he chooses.

Indian Land Middle teacher Rebecca Tibbs

- A Honor RollGrade 4
- Junior ScholarGrade 8
- Trustees AwardGrade 8
- Math AwardGrade 1
- Class Spelling Bee WinnerGrade 3
- Perfect AttendanceGrades 2, 5
- Accelerated Reader AwardGrade 3
- Study Island AwardGrade 3
- Student of the Month AwardGrade 4
- Music AwardGrade 6
- Ensemble AwardGrade 6
- Newspaper StaffGrades 4-5
- Art ClubGrades 4-5
- KarateGrade 3
- BandGrades 6-8
- Church Youth GroupGrade 7-8

Southerlyn Parker

North Elementary School, Grade 5

Southerlyn is an extraordinary young lady. As her former teacher, I have seen many examples of her talent. I have always been impressed by her diligence and work ethic. She is an accomplished musician and student, both of which she does with a passion rare in many elementary students. She ensures success by demonstrating leadership abilities that her classmates both admire and respect. Southerlyn's exceptional academic performance is a direct result of her hard work and strong focus. She has consistently demonstrated an ability to rise to any challenge that she must face.

Erwin Elementary teacher Kristal Bailey

- A Honor RollGrades 3-5
- Reading Award - 100 Book ChallengeGrades 2-5
- Gifted and Talented ProgramGrades 3-5

- Student of the Month Award
Terrific Kid Grades K-5
- Safety Patrol Grade 4
- Service Learning - Nature Steward's Club
..... Grade 4
- Soccer - Rec. Department Grade 1
- Chorus - Honor Chorus Grade 5
- Piano Grades 1-5
- News Crew Grade 5
- Nominated for Youth Leadership Grade 5
- STEM Pathways Program

Nisha Y Patel

Indian Land Middle School, Grade 8

Nisha is indeed an outstanding student who strives to give 110%. She has a positive attitude and is well- liked by her peers and teachers. During her two years as a member of the Academic Challenge team, Nisha was always reliable and respectful. Nisha's innate ability to write poetry makes me smile! It was my pleasure to teach you, Nisha, and I wish you continued success in the future.

Indian Land Middle teacher Kay Sehorn

- A Honor Roll Grades 3-8
- English Award Grades 5-6
- Geography Bee - State Participant Grades 5-6
- History Award Grades 5-6
- Math Award Grades 5-6
- Science Award Grades 5-6
- Social Studies Award Grades 5-6
- Perfect Attendance
- Gifted and Talented Program Grade 5
- Accelerated Reader Award Grade 4
- Student of the Month Award Grades 4-5
- Principal's Pal Grade 5
- Safety Patrol Grade 5
- Middle School Academic Challenge Team
..... Grades 7-8
- National Junior Honor Society Grades 6-8
- Student Council
- Yearbook Staff Grade 8
- Art Club Grade 5
- Drama Club Grade 7
- Leo Club Grades 7-8
- Karate Grade 4
- Band Grades 6-8
- Chorus Grade 8
- Drama Grade 7

Richa Patel

A.R. Rucker Middle School, Grade 8

I have had the honor and blessing of being put in the path of Richa Patel this school year. She is truly a force to be reckoned with! Richa takes with both hands what she is given and embraces it. She winnows the negatives and uses the positives to make herself a better person. Richa's parents are from India and embrace the traditional Indian culture. Richa takes the best of both cultures and offers the world Richa. She is a compassionate young lady who always sees the best in others. She is always the one with a hand and heart out trying to help those in need in whatever way she can. She takes the issues of others straight to heart as is shown through the tears she sheds on sad stories. Richa strives to excel in her studies by giving academics her all. She is not only a team player in volleyball, but also in the classroom. It is a great honor to congratulate Richa on her success. She is truly a remarkable young lady and a friend to all!

A.R. Rucker Middle teacher Cindi Wallace

- A Honor Roll Grades 6-8
- Academic Achievement Grades 3-4
- English Award Grades 6-8
- Math Award Grades 6-8
- Reading Award
- Science Award Grades 6-8
- Science Fair Award Grade 6
- Social Studies Award Grades 6-8
- Perfect Attendance Grade 2
- Book-It Award Grade 4
- Accelerated Reader Award Grades 1-4
- Student of the Month Award Grades 1-4
- P.E. Award Grades 3-4
- Art Award Grades 5-6
- Duke University Talent Identification Program
..... Grade 7
- Junior Scholar Grade 8
- Trustees Award Grade 8
- Middle School Academic Challenge Team
..... Grades 7-8
- Who's Who Among American High School Students
..... Grade 7
- Lancaster Youth Art Show Grade 6
- National Junior Beta Club Grades 7-8
- Volleyball Grade 8

Kyle Scott Percival

North Elementary School, Grade 5

Kyle Percival is an astonishing student full of compassion, dedication and determination. He demonstrates compassion towards others by always being there to lend a helping hand, sharing a friendly smile, or greeting you with an enormous bear hug. Kyle is also an inquisitive, creative learner who excelled in all subject areas. He is not only dedicated to his academic responsibilities, but to extracurricular sports as well. In the classroom and on the field, Kyle has been dependable, responsible and a role model for others. His determination to do his best has excelled him as a student, friend and person of great dignity and character.

North Elementary teacher Michelle Griffin

- A Honor RollGrades 3-5
- Gifted and Talented ProgramGrades 3-5
- Odyssey of the MindGrade 4
- Accelerated Reader AwardGrade 3
- Study Island AwardGrade 3
- News CrewGrade 5
- Terrific Kid AwardGrades K-3
- BaseballGrades K-5
- Baseball Team LeaderGrade 5
- AJ Baseball CampGrades 3-4
- SoccerGrades K-1
- BasketballGrades 2-3

Owen Phillips

Heath Springs Elementary School, Grade 4

Owen is a self-disciplined, devoted student who has the determination to accomplish anything he sets his mind to. His calm nature allows for sharing with and assisting others. He makes the most out of every moment of every day. His enthusiasm for learning and compassionate attitude provides encouragement for his peers, as well as his teachers. I look forward to hearing about his great accomplishments. He is a pleasure to teach.

Heath Springs Elementary teacher Darryl Pierce

- A Honor RollGrades 3-5
- Academic AchievementGrades 1-5
- English AwardGrades 3-4
- Language AwardGrades 3-4
- Math AwardGrades 3-4
- Reading AwardGrades 2-4
- Science AwardGrades 2-4
- Science Fair Award - First and Third PlaceGrades 4-5

- Social Studies AwardGrades 3-4
- Perfect AttendanceGrade 2
- Gifted and Talented ProgramGrades 3-5
- Citizenship AwardGrade 1
- P.E. AwardGrade 1
- Safety PatrolGrade 5
- Music AwardGrades 1, 3
- Art AwardGrade K
- Youth Art MonthGrade 5
- Duke University Talent Identification ProgramGrade 4
- BaseballGrades K-3
- BasketballGrades 3-5
- SoccerGrades K-5
- AWANAGrades 4-5
- Published AuthorGrades 1-4
- Most Scholastic Reading Counts Points
 - First PlaceGrade 2
 - Second PlaceGrades 1, 3
- 100 Book Challenge Reading AchievementGrades 3-4
- Computer Lab AwardGrades K, 2
- Writing Award - Creative IllustrationsGrade 3
- Music Achievement AwardGrades K, 3
- Achievement in Handwriting AwardGrade 3
- Highest Average in Language Arts, Math, Science and Social StudiesGrades 3-4
- Governor's Reading Honor RollGrade K
- Spelling AwardGrade 1
- The Most Helpful AwardGrade 1
- Library Achievement AwardGrade 1

Christa Player

McDonald Green Elementary School, Grade 5

Mariah's "matter of fact" persona makes it very easy to benefit from her company. She is always straight to the point. What you see is what you get with Mariah, and this is what I enjoy about her. I watched Mariah come into McDonald Green as a timid, quiet kindergartener, but now I am watching her leave as a quiet, yet very intelligent, well-rounded fifth grader. Her comprehension of life in general surpasses most fifth graders. Mariah is a very clever and passionate learner. She excels in the classroom, and I know she will excel in all future endeavors. I hope Mariah never forgets who she really is and where she comes from, because Mariah's potential to be whatever she sets her heart to be is unbounded. Mariah will do great things and will enhance the lives of all she interacts with. Mariah's life thus far is a Celebration of Excellence.

McDonald Green Elementary teacher Robert Owens

- A Honor RollGrades 3-5
- Class Spelling Bee WinnerGrade 4

- School Spelling Bee WinnerGrade 4
- Gifted and Talented ProgramGrades 3-5
- National Junior Beta Club.....Grade 5
- ChorusGrade 5
- Brownie ScoutsGrades K-5

Avery Plyler

Buford Elementary School, Grade 5

I had the privilege of teaching Avery in fourth grade and again in a math enrichment class in fifth grade. She is an awesome student I will never forget. Avery intelligent and very entertaining. She always has something to add to our class discussions. Avery's quick wit and unique personality make her a joy to be around. She makes me laugh on a daily basis. Avery excels in all subjects and takes great pride in her work. I know Avery has a bright future ahead of her. I have no doubt she will be successful in whatever she chooses to do in life. I am very proud of my Awesome Avery!

Buford Elementary teacher Betsy Vick

- A Honor RollGrades 3-5
- Gifted and Talented ProgramGrades 3-5
- Study Island AwardGrade 4
- S.W.A.T. TeamGrade 4
- Basketball.....Grades 1-5
- Soccer.....Grades 1-4
- PianoGrade 5

Claire Plyler

Buford Elementary School, Grade 5

Claire is the kind of student every teacher dreams of having in class. She is an avid reader and writer. She quickly finished assignments so she could spend that extra time in a book. The bright and vivid words she chose made her stories come to life. Claire also amazed me with her knowledge of history. She knew more about history than an encyclopedia. Her fellow students enjoy her company and think of her as a loyal friend. It was an honor to teach Claire in the fourth grade. She has the drive and determination that will take her far in life.

Buford Elementary teacher Allison Horton

- A Honor RollGrades 3-5
- Perfect AttendanceGrade 3
- Gifted and Talented programGrades 3-5
- Principal's Pal
- ChorusGrade 5
- Chorus Award - Honor Chorus.....Grade 5
- Terrific Kid Award.....Grade K
- PianoGrade 5

- Duke University Talent Identification Program Grades 4-5
- Basketball - Rec LeagueGrade 5
- Cheerleader - Rec LeagueGrades 3-4
- Volleyball - Rec LeagueGrade 5

Sarah Jane Poovey

Lancaster High School Grade 12

When I think of an extraordinary student, I think of Sarah Jane. I taught Sarah Jane in 11th grade, and from the instant she came into class, I could see her yearning for learning through her actions. She is very passionate about learning and helping others. Sarah Jane is well respected by her classmates, teachers and administrators because of her character and work ethics. She always has a positive attitude and a smile. She is an integral part of our National Honor Society. She is one of the most brilliant students I have had the privilege of teaching. Keep up the excellent work, Sarah Jane. Congratulations on this honor.

Lancaster High teacher Sandra Ovalles

- Highest HonorsGrade 12
- A Honor Roll Grades 3-5, 7-8
- Junior MarshalGrade 11
- Science Fair AwardGrade 4
- President's Award for Educational Excellence Grade 5
- Student of the Month AwardGrades 3-4
- Citizenship AwardGrade 2
- P.E. AwardGrades K-1
- Art AwardGrade 4
- Founders FellowGrades 1, 3-4
- Lancaster Youth Art ShowGrade 3
- National Beta Club.....Grades 11-12
- National Honor Society.....Grades 11-12
- National Junior Honor Society.....Grades 6-8
- Student Council.....Grade 2
- CivinettesGrades 9-12
- Art ClubGrades 4-5
- Teacher Cadet.....Grades 11-12
- DancingGrades 2-4
- TumblingGrades 1-5
- ChorusGrades K-5
- Cheer and Dance TeamGrades 2-5
- Academics Citizenship ExcellenceGrade 5
- Reading Counts Award.....Grade 2
- Writing Award.....Grade 2
- Kids are AuthorsGrade 4
- Kiwanis KidGrade 5
- ACE Club.....Grade 5
- Babbling Bears Morning Show.....Grade 5
- Advanced ArtGrades 4-5
- Future Educator's AssociationGrade 11

Brenden Potter

Indian Land Middle School, Grade 8

Brenden is a diligent student. He works hard and never gives up. He has high expectations not only for himself but also for others. He does what is right and expects others to do the same. He has a strong conscience that makes him stand out. Brenden will be an adult who stands up for people in need because it's the right thing to do, even when others are afraid to do so. Our world needs others like Brenden to make it a better place.

Indian Land Middle teacher Christa Sullivan

- A Honor RollGrades 6-7
- English AwardGrades 6-7
- Math AwardGrades 6-7
- Science AwardGrades 6-7
- Social Studies AwardGrades 6-7
- Trustees AwardGrades 7-8
- Gifted and Talented ProgramGrades 6-8
- Citizenship AwardGrade 6
- Duke University Talent Identification Program
- Junior ScholarGrade 8
- National Junior Honor SocietyGrades 6-8
- Student CouncilGrade 6
- Drama ClubGrade 5
- Swim TeamGrades 6-8
- BandGrades 6-8
- Jazz BandGrade 8
- Church Youth GroupGrades 6-8

Jennifer Quevedo

Lancaster High School, Grade 12

It has been my pleasure to teach Jennifer Quevedo in both Honors Precalculus and Honors Calculus. During this time, she has grown mathematically and as a life-long learner. This is important because Jennifer plans to be a teacher. I love to hear her talk about the children she worked with in Teacher Cadet. I am counting on her to teach children in elementary school to love mathematics. As a student, Jennifer is the best. She is always prepared and organized. She is engaged, internally motivated and continually striving for excellence. Her amazing work ethic is complemented by her positive attitude. Most importantly, Jennifer is a wonderful person. She has a bright future ahead of her. I look forward to following her success.

Lancaster High teacher Janice Gardner

- Highest HonorsGrade 12
- Junior MarshalGrade 11
- History AwardGrade 6

- Keyboard AwardGrades 6-7
- Perfect AttendanceGrades 6-8
- National Beta ClubGrades 11-12
- National Honor SocietyGrades 11-12
- Spanish 3 HonorsGrade 11

Kaitlyn Jade Rabon

Buford Middle School, Grade 8

I am honored to recognize Kaitlyn Rabon for the Celebration of Excellence. Kaitlyn has volunteered in the media center for 3 years. It was evident from the beginning that she would be an asset to our library. She has a good rapport with both students and teachers. Kaitlyn produces, records and publishes daily news for Buford Middle School. This requires excellent computer skills to record through the Green Screen App, download to the Google Drive and convert the file so it is ready to post to our website. Kaitlyn can work independently and is able to follow through to ensure that the job gets done. She is very dedicated and takes her responsibilities very serious. Kaitlyn pays close attention to details and follows through with commitments. Her ability to multi-task proved that she would be a good candidate for our yearbook staff. She accomplishes all tasks with great initiative and a positive attitude.

Buford Middle media specialist Lisa Hallman

- A Honor RollGrades 3-7
- English AwardGrades 5-7
- History AwardGrades 6-7
- Math AwardGrades 5-7
- Reading AwardGrades K-7
- Science AwardGrades 6-7
- Social Studies AwardGrades 6-7
- Perfect AttendanceGrade 5
- Trustees AwardGrade 8
- S.C. History AwardGrade 7
- Gifted and Talented ProgramGrades 3-5
- Accelerated Reader AwardGrades 6-7
- Citizenship AwardGrades 5-7
- Principal's PalGrades K-5
- Art AwardGrades 6-7
- Duke University Talent Identification Program
- Junior ScholarGrade 7
- Middle School Academic Challenge Team
- ST-ARTS ProgramGrade 6
- National Junior Beta ClubGrades 6-8
- Yearbook StaffGrade 8
- Art ClubGrades 7-8
- CheerleaderGrades 5-6
- SoftballGrades 3-5
- Tae Kwon DoGrades 2-4

- ChorusGrades 5-6
- PianoGrades 3-4
- News CrewGrades 7-8
- Girl ScoutsGrade 4
- Church Youth GroupGrades 5-8
- First PriorityGrades 6-8

Ruby Malone Raffaldt

Discovery School, Grade 5

Ruby is absolutely wonderful. It was a true pleasure to teach her for two years in both fourth and fifth grade. She is sincere and kind, always helping her classmates. Ruby is always sure to complete all of her work to the best of her abilities. She never gives less than 110%. She is an incredible role model for other children.

Discovery School teacher Brittany McManus

- A Honor RollGrades 3-5
- Junior MarshalGrade 4
- Gifted and Talented ProgramGrades 4-5
- Duke University Talent Identification ProgramGrades 4-5
- Principal's Choice AwardGrade 3
- Read-InGrade 5
- Cheer and Dance - School TeamGrades 2-5
- Lancaster Community PlayhouseGrade 1
- DancingGrade 1
- Girl ScoutsGrades 2-5

Nia Brianna-Lee Rhoney

Lancaster High School, Grade 12

Intellectual, unassuming and poised are three descriptors which surface when the name Nia Rhoney crosses my mind. As an Advanced Composition student, she never neglected her responsibilities, and she never longed for an easier load. Nia was always able to balance her academic demands in a very profound and remarkable way. Her responses were always reflective, and her classroom connections were always exceptionally detailed and candid. Beyond her academics, however, is a lovely young lady with a beautiful spirit. She is always warm and prepared to meet the day with a smile and an optimistic attitude. Within Nia rests a firm foundation. She has been entrusted with academic prowess, along with the understanding that she is to use her competence to better the lives of those she will one day meet. Nia is an exceptional young woman who has a host of outstanding opportunities awaiting her.

Lancaster High teacher Marie Johnson

- Highest HonorsGrade 12

- A Honor RollGrades 3-5
- Junior MarshalGrades 7, 11
- Academic AchievementGrades 10-12
- History AwardGrade 8
- Science Fair AwardGrade 4
- Class Spelling Bee WinnerGrades 4-5
- Social Studies AwardGrade 8
- Perfect AttendanceGrades K-2
- Lt. Governor's Writing Award WinnerGrade 3
- Gifted and Talented ProgramGrades 5-6
- Accelerated Reader AwardGrade 2
- Study Island AwardGrade 4
- Student Of the Month AwardGrade 2
- Citizenship AwardGrade 2
- Principal's PalGrade 2
- P.E. AwardGrade 8
- Coaches AwardGrades 7, 9
- Physical Fitness AwardGrade 8
- Art AwardGrade 5
- Duke University MAP ProgramGrade 4
- Elementary School Academic Challenge TeamGrade 5
- HorizonsGrade 3
- National Beta ClubGrades 11-12
- National Honor SocietyGrades 11-12
- National Junior Honor SocietyGrades 6-8
- Student CouncilGrades 2-5, 8
- Art ClubGrades 4-5
- Drama ClubGrades 3-5
- CheerleaderGrades 8-11
- DancingGrade 3
- Swim TeamGrades K-2
- ChorusGrades 3-5, 8
- DramaGrades 3-5, 9-10
- All-Region CheerleaderGrade 11
- Miss Senior Rambler WinnerGrade 12
- Celebration of ExcellenceGrade 5
- ACE ClubGrade 5

Harper Adele Richards

Indian Land High School, Grade 12

Harper has been a joy to know over the past four years while serving on the ILHS Teen Library Advisory Board. Currently co-chairing, she lends creativity to literacy promotions and programs creating scenery, skits, book talks, displays and party decorations for ILHS and for use at our area schools and public library during National Library Week. I believe Harper will be successful professionally because of her inquisitiveness, ability to collaborate and determination.

Indian Land High media specialist Elizabeth Bryant

- Highest HonorsGrade 12
- A Honor RollGrades 3-12
- Junior MarshalGrade 11

- SalutatorianGrade 12
- English AwardGrades 6-8
- History AwardGrades 6-8
- Math AwardGrades 6-8
- Science Award Grades 6-8, 10-11
- Trustees AwardGrade 8
- S.C. History Day Award - National History Day
..... Grades 9-11
- Gifted and Talented ProgramGrades 4-8
- Junior ScholarGrade 8
- National Beta Club.....Grades 10-12
- National Honor Society.....Grades 10-12
- National Junior Honor Society.....Grades 8-10
- Yearbook StaffGrade 8
- G/T. CampGrade 5
- DancingGrades 3-12
- BatonGrades 8-12
- ChorusGrades 4-5
- Teen LabGrades 9-12
- Indian Land Equality Club (GSA)Grade 11

Hannah Caroline Robbins

Harrisburg Elementary School, Grade 5

Hannah is one of the most kind-hearted young ladies I have had the pleasure of teaching. She is always putting others before herself. She is a true definition of southern hospitality. Her generosity and spirit make her a beacon of light in the classroom and with her classmates. She always carries a smile on her face and has a positive attitude in the face of academics and athletics. I have had the opportunity to watch her grow over her fifth-grade year and am excited for what she has in store for her future!

Harrisburg Elementary teacher Chris Davis

- A Honor RollGrades 3-5
- Gifted and Talented ProgramGrades 3-5
- Citizenship AwardGrades 3-4
- Principal's PalGrades 3-4
- Art ClubGrade 5
- Competition CheerGrades K-5
- Travel Softball.....Grades 2-3
- Acting.....Grades 3-5
- Gymnastics and DanceGrades K-2

Alexis Jade Roberson

Heath Springs Elementary School, Grade 5

Alexis is a motivated, inquisitive and vibrant student. She excels in higher order thinking skills and loves challenges. She is careful with her work and strives to do her best in all topics. She makes strong connections

across themes and correlates her classroom learning with her learning in society. She is a leader and loves responsibility. Alexis will continue to impress our community and county with her accomplishments.

Heath Springs Elementary teacher Brandon Craig

- A Honor RollGrades 3-4
- Language AwardGrades 1-4
- Math AwardGrades 1-4
- History AwardGrades 1-4
- Reading AwardGrades 1-4
- Science AwardGrades 1-4
- Social Studies AwardGrades 1-4
- Gifted and Talented ProgramGrades 3-4
- Accelerated Reader Award.....Grades 1-4
- P.E. AwardGrades 2-4
- Duke University MAP ProgramGrade 4
- Basketball.....Grades 3-5
- Softball
- VolleyballGrade 5

Hunter Michael Roberts

Buford Middle School, Grade 8

Three years ago, a young man walked into my class. He was curious, attentive and eager to learn. When learning new topics, he would always ask questions the other students couldn't even imagine. The questions would go beyond the level of information taught in class. The questions and comments would let me know instantly he had already absorbed the material and was looking to see how he could apply it in other situations. Hunter was thinking beyond his age. Three years later, the questions are still coming and this wide-eyed young man is stepping closer to being a mature man. In the future, Hunter will realize his potential, and he will work harder, as well as smarter, to reach goals and to make a great life for himself.

Buford Middle teacher Bronson Martin

- Trustees AwardGrade 8
- Junior ScholarGrade 8
- ST-ARTS Program
- Boy ScoutsGrades 6-8
- Cub ScoutsGrades 2-5

Ina Roberts

Andrew Jackson High School, Grade 12

Ina is the definition of an excellent student. Not only is she a highly talented and conscientious student with superb communication and time management skills, but she also is a leader among her peers who uses

sound judgment and initiative in everything she does. Academically, Ina is a teacher's dream student. She is always attentive in class and participates in class discussions by asking and answering questions. Ina takes pride in her work, as she is extremely determined and motivated to succeed in everything she does. Ina Roberts is a true joy to teach and work with every day.

Andrew Jackson High teacher Lana Broughton

- Highest HonorsGrade 12
- Class Spelling BeeGrades 7-8
- FocusGrades 6-12
- Daughters of the American Revolution Award
.....Grade 10
- Art AwardGrades 10-11
- Lancaster Youth Art ShowGrade 9, 10
- Youth Art MonthGrade 9
- National Art Honor SocietyGrades 10-12
- Coker ScholarGrade 11
- Columbia College ScholarGrade 11
- Erskine ScholarGrade 11
- Furman ScholarGrade 11
- Presbyterian ScholarGrade 11
- Wofford ScholarGrade 11
- USC-Aiken ScholarGrade 11
- Converse Junior ScholarGrade 11
- Lander Junior ScholarGrade 11
- SAT Score 1390Grades 9-10
- High School Academic Challenge TeamGrade 12
- JROTCGrade 10
 - Superior Cadet of the YearGrade 10
 - Scottish Rite AwardGrade 10
 - Honor GuardGrades 9-10
 - Academic ExcellenceGrades 9-10
 - Physical Fitness AwardGrades 9-10
 - Cadet Challenge AwardGrades 9-10
 - Supernumerary of the YearGrades 9-10
- National Beta ClubGrades 10-12
- National Honor SocietyGrades 11-12
- Yearbook StaffGrade 8
- GolfGrade 9
- SoccerGrades 9-12
- Church Youth GroupGrades 9-11
- Girls In Action (GA's)Grades 6-7
- Athletic TrainerGrade 12

Luke William Roberts

Indian Land Middle School, Grade 8

Luke has truly been a pleasure to teach. His pleasant attitude and humor are characteristics that any teacher would appreciate. Luke is a dedicated student, athlete and citizen of the Indian Land community. He completes all tasks with an outstanding effort and exceeds all expectations set upon him. I look forward to watch-

ing Luke succeed in his studies as he pursues his high school and collegiate careers.

Indian Land Middle teacher Jessica VanValkenburgh

- A Honor RollGrades 3, 5, 7
- Science AwardGrades 3-7
- Science Fair AwardGrade 3
- Social Studies AwardGrade 7
- Gifted and Talented ProgramGrades 4-8
- Student of the Month AwardGrade 6
- Citizenship AwardGrades 2, 5
- Safety PatrolGrade 5
- Art AwardGrade 5
- Duke University Talent Identification Program
.....Grade 5
- National Junior Honor SocietyGrades 6-8
- Student CouncilGrade 5
- SoccerGrades K-8
- PianoGrades K-8
- Church Youth GroupGrade 8
- Fellowship of Christian AthletesGrade 8
- Lego/Robotics ClubGrade 8
- Governor's Reading Honor RollGrades 1-2
- Kiwanis Terrific Kid AwardGrade 2

Samantha Nicole Roberts

South Middle School, Grade 8

I have had the honor of teaching Samantha for two years. She has grown into a wonderful young lady. She is definitely a person that I think of when "excellence" comes to mind. She always strives for the top and guides others to do the same. Leadership has become one of her finest qualities that will allow her to go far. Samantha has great aspirations in life, and there is no doubt that she will achieve all that she desires. I am honored to be able to say that I have had the pleasure of watching Samantha become a student of excellence.

South Middle teacher Jenny McPhaul

- A Honor RollGrades 3-8
- Junior MarshalGrade 7
- Academic AchievementGrades 4-8
- Social Studies AwardGrades 6-7
- Perfect AttendanceGrades 4, 7
- Study Island AwardGrades 3-5
- Great Attitude AwardGrade 2
- Coaches AwardGrades 4, 7
- P.E. AwardGrade 7
- Physical Fitness AwardGrades 4, 7
- Chorus AwardGrades 3, 7
- Duke University Talent Identification Program
- Founders FellowGrades 3, 5
- Peer LeaderGrades 7-8
- National Honor SocietyGrades 6-8
- National Junior Honor SocietyGrades 7-8

- Student Council.....Grades 1-5
- CheerleaderGrades 1-8
- Dancing.....Grades 3-4
- Gymnastics.....Grades 4-5
- Chorus.....Grades 7-8
- News Crew.....Grade 5
- Church Youth Group.....Grades 6-7
- First Priority.....Grades 7-8

Jessica Faith Robertson

Buford High School, Grade 12

Jessica has been a student of mine during the past two years in Pre-Calculus and Calculus. She is a very quiet, reserved, unassuming young lady who is very diligent in her work and, as a result, made straight A's in my classes. She is always very pleasant and never complains. She is self-directed and stays on task whether working independently or in a group. I have really enjoyed having Jessica as a student and wish her well in her future endeavors.

Buford High teacher Margaret Page

- Highest HonorsGrade 12
- Junior ScholarGrade 8
- Trustees Award.....Grade 8
- A Honor Roll
- Academic Achievement
- English Award
- Math Award
- Reading Award
- Science Award
- Perfect Attendance
- President's Award for Educational Excellence
- Gifted and Talented Program
- Accelerated Reader Award
- Office Aide Award
- Citizenship Award
- Principal's Pal
- P.E. Award
- Physical Fitness Award
- Presidential Academic Fitness Award
- High School Academic Challenge Team
- Envirothon
- National Beta Club
- National Junior Beta Club
- National Honor Society
- Volleyball
- Church Youth Group

Amber Alexander Robinson

Indian Land High School, Grade 12

I had the pleasure of teaching Amber Robinson twice during her years at Indian Land High School. Amber is the kind of student that teachers love to have, because she is always engaged and focused on her work. Amber is an exceptionally responsible young lady who is always willing to jump in and help out with any task from the mundane to the challenging. Amber is not only an excellent student, but she is also personally delightful. She is as comfortable with herself as she is engaging, pleasant and humorous. As I got to know Amber over the years, I became only more impressed by the wide range of her abilities—and by her modesty about them. Though Amber is only in high school, I can already see the kind of young woman she will become, and I know I will be proud to say that I had just a tiny part in shaping that person. It was truly a joy and a pleasure to teach and get to know Amber.

Indian Land High teacher Daphne Lathan

- A Honor Roll
- Academic AchievementGrades 9-12
- History AwardGrades 9-11
- Gifted and Talented ProgramGrades 6-12
- Art Award.....Grades 8-10
- Duke University Talent Identification Program
..... Grades 7-8
- Who's Who Among American High School Students
..... Grade 9
- Lancaster Youth Art ShowGrades 9-10
- National Beta Club.....Grades 9-12
- National Honor Society
- National Junior Honor Society.....Grades 9-12
- Junior CivitansGrade 12
- Art ClubGrade 12
- Cross CountryGrade 11
- Tae Kwon DoGrades 7-8
- PianoGrades 9-11
- Creative Ministry at Higher Ground Church
..... Grades 9-12
- Volunteer at Lancaster County Council of the Arts
..... Grade 11

Gabe Robinson

Buford Elementary School, Grade 5

Gabe is a charismatic, witty young man who I thoroughly enjoyed teaching in both first and fifth grade. His love of sports and the Clemson Tigers only falls slightly second to the love he has for his family! Gabe's respectful behavior, diligence, perseverance and leadership skills make him an excellent role model for others. His pleasant personality, humorous banter, and charming smile have brought much joy to me, and I will miss him greatly! Gabe has so much to offer this world, and I know he has a very bright future ahead of him!

Buford Elementary teacher Sharon V. Stacks

- A Honor RollGrades 3-5
- Gifted and Talented ProgramGrades 3-5
- Book-It Award
- Accelerated Reader Award
- Principal's PalGrades 3-4
- Duke University Talent Identification Program
..... Grades 4-5
- Basketball.....Grades 4-5
- WBES News TV ProgramGrade 5
- Church Youth Group
- News Crew

Ronald Robinson

McDonald Green Elementary School, Grade 5

Ron, also known as "Ron-Ron," is one of the most energetic, zealous and athletic students I have ever had the opportunity to teach. Since the first day he came to me as a kindergartner, we built an instant bond. He always aimed to please, and I could always count on Ron to be a leader for his peers in all activities. During Ron's elementary career, I have watched him mature into the outstanding young boy he is now. Ron has the demeanor and head knowledge to achieve any goal he sets forth to accomplish. I hope he continues to aspire for greatness. With his charismatic attitude and infectious smile, I expect wonderful things for Ron. It's my hope for Ron to continue to grow in knowledge and make his impact upon society in the positive way he has impacted all who have come in contact with him at McDonald Green Elementary. What an honor it has been these past six years! Ron is most deserving of this recognition for Celebration of Excellence.

McDonald Green Elementary teacher Robert Owens

- A Honor RollGrades 3-4
- English AwardGrade 3

- Math AwardGrades 3-4
- Science AwardGrades 3-4
- Social Studies AwardGrade 4
- Student of the Month AwardGrade K
- P.E. AwardGrades 3-4
- Safety PatrolGrade 5
- National Junior Beta Club.....Grade 5
- Student Council.....Grade 5
- Baseball.....Grades 1-5
- Soccer.....Grade 5
- Steel Drum EnsembleGrade 5
- Recycling Mini-SocietyGrade 4
- Reading CountsGrades 3-4
- P.E. Clean-Up CrewGrade 5
- Football Grades 1-2, 4-5

Tristan Robinson

Erwin Elementary School, Grade 5

Tristan is very mature, fun-loving and intelligent. He excels in everything he does. He never meets a stranger or a task too large for him to tackle. Tristan is kind and giving and volunteers his time unselfishly. It is a pleasure to teach someone so eager to learn and help others. I am sure he will continue to impact the lives of others in very positive ways. Congratulations, Tristan, I am extremely proud of you and your accomplishments!

Erwin Elementary teacher Mandy McGee

- A Honor RollGrades 2-5
- Class Spelling Bee Winner.....Grade 4
- Gifted and Talented ProgramGrades 4-5
- Book-It Award.....Grade 5
- Accelerated Reader Award - Reading Counts
..... Grades 1-4
- Citizenship Award Grades K, 2
- P.E. AwardGrade 1
- Safety PatrolGrade 5
- Music AwardGrade 4
- Founders Fellow Grades K, 2, 4
- Student Council.....Grades K-1, 3
- G/T Camp.....Grade 4
- ChorusGrades 4-5
- Royal Ambassadors (RAs)Grades K-5
- Temple Baptist Church
Children's ChoirGrades Pre-School-5
- Team Kid Grades K-5
- Computer Award Grades K, 2
- Student of the WeekGrades 3-4
- Red Carpet AwardGrade 3
- A.C.E. ClubGrade 5
- BEARSGrade 3
- ChorusGrades K-1
- Breakfast Club - Morning Announcements
..... Grade 5
- Honor ChoirGrade 5

Matthew Simon Rogers

Brooklyn Springs Elementary, Grade 5

Matthew is a fantastic student. He is always trying his best and working hard. He is always ready to learn and often times ready to teach. He always adds something interesting to a class discussion and teaches me a few random facts almost every day. He is an avid reader and always has a book handy for when he finishes his work. I have loved getting to know Matthew this year in class and could not be more proud of the things he has accomplished. I know he is going to continue working hard and accomplishing everything he sets out to do.

Brooklyn Springs Elementary teacher Rebecca Double

- A Honor RollGrades 3-5
- Academic AchievementGrades 1-5
- Scholastic Achievement AwardGrade 2
- Class Spelling Bee WinnerGrade 3
- Trustees AwardGrade 5
- Gifted and Talented ProgramGrade 3
- Tutor AwardGrade 2
- Duke University Talent Identification ProgramGrade 4
- Founders FellowGrade 3
- National Junior Beta ClubGrade 5
- Student CouncilGrades 3-4
- Art ClubGrades 4-5
- Cub ScoutsGrade 3

Joel Rollins

Lancaster High School, Grade 12

Joel Rollins is a special young man. He came into our AP U.S. History class and struggled with how to study. He applied himself and tried some new ideas and techniques and became one of the best students in the class. His self-determination and never-quit attitude developed him into a wonderful student. He was a joy to have in class. This drive for success will help him in the college of his choice. I want to thank Joel for not giving up and continuing through the difficult beginning to a wonderful finish. Good Luck!

Lancaster High teacher Ed Humphrey

- Highest HonorsGrade 12
- A Honor RollGrades 3, 6-10, 12
- Junior MarshalGrade 11
- Academic Achievement
- Scholastic Achievement AwardGrades 4-5
- Math AwardGrade 4
- Perfect AttendanceGrades 1, 3-4

- Gifted and Talented ProgramGrades 4-5
- Student of the Month AwardGrade 3
- Duke University Talent Identification ProgramGrades 4-12
- Coker ScholarGrade 11
- Erskine ScholarGrade 11
- Presbyterian ScholarGrade 11
- Lander Junior ScholarGrade 11
- Junior ScholarGrade 8
- Elementary School Academic Challenge TeamGrades 4-5
- Middle School Academic Challenge TeamGrade 7
- National Beta ClubGrades 11-12
- National Junior Beta ClubGrades 4-5
- National Honor SocietyGrades 10-12
- National Junior Honor SocietyGrades 6-8
- SoccerGrades 1-8
- BandGrades 6-12
- Marching BandGrades 9-12
- Jazz BandGrades 9-11
- Pep BandGrades 9-12
- PianoGrades 6-8
- Solo and Ensemble Competition -SuperiorGrades 6-7
- SC Region 3 Honor BandGrade 7
- Lancaster All-County Honor BandGrades 7-11
- Chess ClubGrades 11-12

Jimmy Rozier

Indian Land Elementary School, Grade 5

Jimmy Rozier is not only a great student, but a great person as well. Jimmy consistently gives 100% in all of his class work. He is a pleasure to have in class and always sets a good example for his peers. Jimmy is very enthusiastic in class and loves to participate and share his knowledge with other students. Jimmy gets along with everyone and is well liked by his classmates and teachers. I know that Jimmy will continue to excel in his educational career and will be a success in whatever he decides to do. It was a great pleasure to have Jimmy as a student this year!

Indian Land Elementary teacher Lara Duernberger

- A Honor RollGrades 3-5
- Perfect AttendanceGrades 1-5
- Gifted and Talented ProgramGrades 3-5
- Citizenship AwardGrade 2
- Duke University Talent Identification ProgramGrade 5
- G/T CampGrades 3-4
- SoccerGrade 2
- Tae Kwon DoGrades 1-2
- PianoGrade 5
- FootballGrade 5
- ClarinetGrade 5

Brayden Scott Russell

North Elementary School, Grade 5

It has been an honor to have Brayden in my class this year!

He is not only an outstanding student, but also a kind and respectful young man. During class, Brayden is an active learner and extends his learning by asking questions and applying concepts to new ideas. What impresses me most about Brayden is how articulate he is in sharing his ideas. He is kind and caring to other students. If another student needs assistance, he is quick to lend a non-judgmental hand. I enjoy having Brayden in my class! I look forward to seeing him continue his education and can't wait to see what amazing things his future has in store for him!

North Elementary teacher Stacey Dixon

- A Honor RollGrades 3-5
- Gifted and Talented ProgramGrades 3-5
- Safety PatrolGrade 4
- Art ClubGrade 5
- Baseball
- Swim Team
- News Crew
- AWANA

Haley Russell

Discovery School, Grade 5

Haley is a sweet and talented young lady. She is a very hard worker and brings her own spark to her class-work. She has a beautiful gift for singing and creates wonderful songs and poems for her classmates.

Discovery School teacher Brittany McManus

- A Honor RollGrades 3-5
- Junior MarshalGrade 4
- Gifted and Talented ProgramGrades 3-5
- Duke University MAP ProgramGrade 3
- Service LearningGrade 5
- CheerleaderGrades 3-5
- ChorusGrade 5
- Girl ScoutsGrade K-5
- Church Youth GroupGrade 5
- Girls in Action (GAs)Grade 3

Christina Salvi Sadak

Indian Land High School, Grade 12

It's been a joy to teach Christina in various courses from engineering to AP Calculus over the last 4 years. She is an outstanding student who strives for perfection on every assignment. In addition to her excellence in academics, Christina is an exceptional musician and has been recognized with numerous musical honors throughout her high school career. Her dedication and hard work have paid off, and I am confident that along with her kind, gentle spirit, Christina has a bright future ahead. Best of luck, Christina!

Indian Land High teacher Paula Adams

- Highest HonorsGrade 12
- A Honor RollGrades 3-8, 11
- Junior MarshalGrade 11
- English AwardGrades 6-7
- History AwardGrades 6-7
- Math AwardGrades 6-7
- Science AwardGrades 6-7
- Science Fair AwardGrade 7
- Social Studies AwardGrades 6-7
- Trustees AwardGrade 8
- Gifted and Talented ProgramGrades 6-8
- Student of the Month AwardGrades 7, 10-12
- Citizenship AwardGrade 12
- Safety PatrolGrade 5
- Chorus AwardGrade 4
- Music AwardGrades 4, 9-12
- Ensemble AwardGrades 9-11
- Daughters of the American Revolution Award
.....Grade 12
- Duke University Talent Identification Program
.....Grade 7
- Junior ScholarGrade 8
- Middle School Academic Challenge TeamGrade 7
- National Beta ClubGrades 10-12
- National Junior Beta ClubGrades 7-8
- National Honor SocietyGrades 10-12
- Student CouncilGrade 7
- SoftballGrade 7
- BandGrades 6-12
- Marching BandGrades 8-12
- Pep BandGrades 7-12
- Girl ScoutsGrade 3
- Church Youth GroupGrades 6-8
- Fellowship of Christian AthletesGrades 11-12
- S.C. All-State BandGrades 10-12
- All-State Wind SymphonyGrade 12
- John Phillips Sousa AwardGrade 11
- Winthrop Honor BandGrade 10
- USC Honor BandGrade 10
- Coastal Carolina Honor BandGrade 11
- Robotics Club PresidentGrade 11

- Friends of Rachel ClubGrades 11-12
- Clarinet InstructorGrades 11-12
- National History Day - Regional QualifierGrade 9
- Community School of the Arts Band
and Orchestra Camp Grades 7-10
- Battery/Front Ensemble Captain for the
Marching Band Grades 9-12
- Vacation Bible School - Student and Leader
..... Grade 10
- The Derik Miller AwardGrade 9
- AB Honor RollGrades 9-10
- Honor ChoirGrades 4-5
- Altar Server at St. Phillip Neri

Rachel Sadak

Indian Land Middle School, Grade 8

Rachel is a perfect example of what a young person should strive to be. I have had the pleasure to teach this young lady for the past three years, and I have encountered none like her. The ability to continuously make responsible choices, matched with an outgoing and confident personality, not only make her a leader amongst her peers, but enhances the quality of the people she shares experiences with. I am confident that the phrase “you can do whatever you put your mind to,” is truly accurate with Rachel. I will miss Rachel very much, yet I am very excited to see how she will change this world for the better.

Indian Land Middle band director Scott Fleischman

- A Honor RollGrades 3-8
- English AwardGrades 4-5
- History AwardGrades 3-5
- Science AwardGrade 3
- Class Spelling Bee Winner..... Grades 3
- Social Studies AwardGrades 3-5
- Gifted and Talented ProgramGrades 3-8
- Citizenship AwardGrades 4-5
- Coaches AwardGrade 7
- Safety PatrolGrade 5
- Art AwardGrade 5
- Duke University Talent Identification Program
..... Grades 4-5
- Junior ScholarGrade 8
- Trustees AwardGrade 8
- National Junior Honor SocietyGrades 7-8
- Student CouncilGrade 5
- Yearbook StaffGrades 7-8
- Drama ClubGrade 5
- BasketballGrade 7
- SoftballGrades 3-8
- VolleyballGrades 7-8
- BandGrades 6-8
- Jazz BaneGrade 8

- First-Chair All-County Honor BandGrade 8
- Sixth-Chair Region BandGrade 8
- JV and Varsity SoftballGrades 7-8

Tiffani Morgan Sarver

Buford High School, Grade 12

As a teacher at Buford High School, I have had the pleasure of teaching Tiffani for the last three years. Based on her attendance and class participation, I'd say she is superior in her academic performance. She always goes above and beyond my expectations which will help explain her current 4.529 SC UGP GPA. Tiffani has earned membership in the National Beta Club and National Honor Society through her academic achievement. She is also very active in the Junior Civitans Chapter. Tiffani leads by example; she is always positive in her actions and attitude.

Buford High teacher Pam Langley

- Highest HonorsGrade 12
- Junior MarshalGrade 11
- Math AwardGrade 9
- National Beta ClubGrades 10-12
- National Honor SocietyGrades 10-12
- Junior CivitansGrades 11-12
- Yearbook StaffGrades 10-12
- Drama
- Church Youth Group
- Fellowship of Christian Athletes
- First Priority
- Digital Desktop PublishingGrade 9
- Foods & NutritionGrade 10
- SAT Prep Verbal/MathGrade 11

Hannah Schick

Indian Land Middle School, Grade 8

Hannah is a very unique and confident young lady. She never meets a stranger and goes out of her way to make sure that everyone around her feels comfortable and accepted. Hannah's ability to make others smile is quite extraordinary. She often spreads her sunshine daily in the library. Nothing makes an educator more excited than to see her students thrive! Having known Hannah since she was in the sixth grade, I have seen her blossom into an intelligent, friendly young lady who will one day conquer the world.

Indian Land Middle media specialist Sherri Alston

- Junior ScholarGrade 8
- Trustees AwardGrade 8
- Science Fair Award

- Citizenship AwardGrade 5
- National Junior Honor SocietyGrades 7-8
- Ice SkatingGrades 6-8
- BandGrades 6-8
- Color GuardGrade 8

John Patrick Shaheen

Indian Land Middle School, Grade 8

Patrick goes above and beyond expectations in all subjects. He works hard and makes the most of any opportunity that he sees. Patrick is a great role model for other students. He is always respectful, responsible and shows self-discipline both inside and outside of the classroom. I have no doubt that Patrick will accomplish great things in high school, college and beyond.

Indian Land Middle teacher Jessica VanValkenburgh

- A Honor RollGrades 3-8
- Academic AchievementGrades 2-7
- English AwardGrades 6-7
- Language AwardGrade 2
- Math AwardGrades 6-7
- Reading AwardGrades 2-3
- Science AwardGrades 3-7
- Science Fair AwardGrade 4
- Social Studies AwardGrades 3-4, 6-7
- Trustees AwardGrades 7-8
- Gifted and Talented ProgramGrades 4-8
- Citizenship AwardGrades 2-3, 5
- Music AwardGrades 4-5
- Duke University Talent Identification ProgramGrades 5-8
- Junior ScholarGrade 8
- Middle School Academic Challenge TeamGrade 8
- National Junior Honor SocietyGrades 7-8
- Drama ClubGrade 5
- BaseballGrades 2-5
- GolfGrades 7-8
- SoccerGrades K-2
- Swim TeamGrades K, 2
- WrestlingGrades 1-4
- PianoGrade 6
- Boy ScoutsGrade 6
- Cub ScoutsGrades 1-5
- Church Youth GroupGrades 6-8
- Principal's Choice Award - Classroom WinnerGrade 5
- S.T.E.M. AwardGrades 6-7
- RoboticsGrade 8

Elizabeth Shattles

Indian Land High School, Grade 12

Elizabeth is a hard-working student who is not afraid of challenges. She puts forth her best effort even when she has a setback. Elizabeth is engaging and friendly in class but knows when it is time to concentrate and get to work. She is a pleasure to teach and a great person to know. I am confident that she will achieve great things in her life.

Indian Land High teacher Kathleen Berlin

- Highest HonorsGrade 12
- A Honor RollGrades 5-8
- Honor RollGrades 10-11
- Perfect AttendanceGrades 6-8
- Daughters of the American Revolution AwardGrade 8
- SC Honor DiplomaGrade 5
- National Beta Club
- National Honor SocietyGrades 10-12
- National Junior Honor SocietyGrades 7-8
- BasketballGrade 4
- SoccerGrades 8-HSJV
- SoftballGrades 4-5
- VolleyballGrades 7-12
- BatonGrades 4-5
- Desktop Publishing AwardGrade 10
- National Junior Classical League Latin Honor SocietyGrade 10
- Pre-Honors Science AwardGrade 9
- Pre-Honors Social Studies AwardGrade 9
- Math Award - Top 5Grade 8
- Social Studies - Outstanding AchievementGrade 8
- Youth Art Month AwardGrade 8
- Academic Excellence in Language Arts AwardGrade 8

Bella Elizabeth Cope Sikorski

Indian Land Elementary School, Grade 5

Bella is a student who will always be welcomed in a classroom. She possesses all the qualities that make up a fantastic student. Bella comes into class in the morning with that amazing smile, and it stays all day. She always gives you her best effort and is a pleasure to teach. Bella is one of the students that really makes teaching fun, because you can see in her facial expressions if she understands something, or if she is having difficulty. I have never heard her complain about the amount or intensity of assignments. Her intrinsic motivation constantly pushes her, even when she does not succeed at first. She has always offered to assist

students or teachers when they need any kind of assistance. Bella has maintained a grade point average of straight A's throughout her public education so far, and I can expect that this will continue throughout her educational and professional career.

Indian Land Elementary teacher Jason Weiss

- A Honor RollGrades 3-5
- Math AwardGrade 5
- Science AwardGrade 4
- Social Studies AwardGrade 4
- Citizenship AwardGrade 3
- Art AwardGrade 4
- Duke University Talent Identification Program
..... Grade 5
- SoccerGrades K-5
- Girl ScoutsGrades K-1
- Girls on the RunGrade 5
- Club Soccer - with Wesley Chapel Weddington
Athletic Association Grades 3-5
- *iLead*Grade 5

Kaelie Rane Cope Sikorski

Indian Land Elementary School, Grade 5

Kaelie Sikorski is an exceptional student who always gives her best. She is a pleasure to have in class and a great role model for her classmates. Kaelie always participates in class and constantly performs to the best of her ability. She is always eager to help, whether it's her teacher who needs help or her peers. Kaelie is well liked by her classmates and teachers. I know Kaelie will continue to excel in her educational endeavors and will be a success in whatever avenue she decides to travel. It was a great pleasure and honor to have Kaelie as a student this year!

Indian Land Elementary teacher Risa Lail

- A Honor RollGrades 3-5
- Math AwardGrade 4
- Science AwardGrade 4
- Social Studies AwardGrades 3-4
- S.C. History AwardGrade 3
- Citizenship AwardGrades 3-4
- SoccerGrades K-5
- ChorusGrade 5
- Girl ScoutsGrades K -1
- Club Soccer - with Wesley Chapel Weddington
Athletic Association Grades 3-5
- *iLead*Grade 5
- Honor ChoirGrade 5

Evelyn Itzayana Simental

Lancaster High School, Grade 12

Evelyn is an exceptional student! She is a natural-born leader, and in all honesty, holds every single characteristic you look for in a perfect student. She was one of the Civinettes Club presidents this year and has been an active club member for her entire high school career. She is one of a handful of girls who helped the club succeed in our school and community. She exemplifies the expectations I have for each girl in this club. She willingly puts others' needs before her own. Evelyn is always eager to learn new skills and very smart in any class she has taken in high school. Her attitude is always positive and infectious to others. She is an encourager and sets an example for all students. She strives to become better than she was yesterday. She seeks to be challenged in her academics and will not settle for mediocre in any task. Anyone who reads this may think my description of her is a little over the top, but there are literally no words to truly describe her as a person or her abilities because she is the total package of an exceptional student. I have no doubt she will be successful in her future and she will do great things as well as help many others along the way!

Lancaster High teacher Stacey Kirkley

- Highest HonorsGrade 12
- A Honor RollGrades 5, 8, 12
- Junior MarshalGrade 11
- Academic AchievementGrades 9-11
- English AwardGrade 11
- Language AwardGrade 10
- President's Award for Educational Excellence
..... Grade 5
- Gifted and Talented ProgramGrades 3-6
- Citizenship AwardGrade 8
- Chorus AwardGrade 8
- Art AwardGrade 5
- Columbia College ScholarGrade 11
- Elementary School Academic Challenge Team
..... Grade 5
- Lancaster Youth Art ShowGrade 9
- National Beta ClubGrades 11-12
- National Junior Beta ClubGrade 5
- National Honor SocietyGrades 11-12
Secretary Grade 12
- CivinettesGrades 9-12
President Grade 12
Secretary Grade 11
- Most Service Hours for Civinettes AwardGrade 11
- ChorusGrades 6-8
- People to People AmbassadorGrade 11

Ja'Naysha Simmons

Erwin Elementary School, Grade 5

Ja'Naysha is a vibrant and enthusiastic young lady who exemplifies academic excellence with confidence and self-motivation. She has a passion for learning and helping other students. She sets high standards for herself and follows through with them each and every day. I am confident that her competitive drive to always succeed and her sharp sense of humor will serve her well in all future endeavors. Congratulations, Ja'Naysha, I am so very proud of you!

Erwin Elementary teacher Mandy McGee

- A Honor RollGrades 2-5
- Keyboard AwardGrade K
- Math AwardGrade 4
- Reading AwardGrades 1-2, 4
- Class Spelling Bee Winner.....Grade 5
- School Spelling Bee WinnerGrade 5
- Perfect AttendanceGrade 4
- Gifted and Talented ProgramGrades 3-5
- Book-It Award.....Grade 5
- Odyssey of the MindGrade 4
- Duke University Talent Identification Program
..... Grades 4-5
- Student Council.....Grade 4
- CheerleaderGrades 1, 3
- Gymnastics.....Grade 5
- ChorusGrades 4-5
- Girl ScoutsGrade 3
- Girls on the RunGrades 3-4
- ACE Club.....Grade 5
- Hour of Code.....Grade 5
- Terrific KidsGrade K

Angela Sims

Andrew Jackson High School, Grade 12

Angela is a very dedicated, talented student. I have had the pleasure of teaching Angela for four years in Career and Technology. She has always been very attentive in class and participates in class and activities. Angela does her work diligently and with understanding. She is very mature and works hard to manage family, friends, church, athletics and school successfully. Academically, Angela is an excellent student who takes pride in her work. Angela has shown remarkable determination and enthusiasm to succeed in everything she does. She is a leader and is not afraid to take the initiative to start a project and is successful in gaining support from her classmates. These characteristics, along with

her personality and leadership abilities, will insure success in college and throughout her career.

Andrew Jackson High teacher Nikkina M. McKnight

- Highest HonorsGrade 12
- A Honor RollGrades 3-7
- Junior MarshalGrades 5, 11
- Language AwardGrades 3-4, 6
- Math AwardGrades 6-7
- Science AwardGrade 6
- Science Fair AwardGrade 6
- Social Studies AwardGrades 6-7
- Trustees AwardGrades 8, 12
- Gifted and Talented ProgramGrades 5-6
- FocusGrades 9-11
- Odyssey of the MindGrade 5
- Good Sport Award.....Grade 5
- P.E. AwardGrade 5
- Columbia College ScholarGrades 11-12
- Erskine ScholarGrades 11-12
- Presbyterian ScholarGrades 11-12
- Junior ScholarGrade 8
- National Beta Club.....Grades 10-12
- National Honor Society.....Grades 11-12
- National Junior Honor Society.....Grades 7-8
- Teacher Cadet.....Grade 12
- CheerleaderGrades 7-8
- Academic Award - CheerleadingGrade 8
- SoftballGrades 7-12
- Best Defense AwardGrade 9
- Best Offense AwardGrade 11
- All-RegionGrade 11
- AJMS VolunteerGrade 12

Hailey Sims

North Elementary School, Grade 5

Hailey is an outstanding student. She is motivated, intentional and driven to succeed and to meet high expectations. She also has many other stand-out qualities. Hailey is a leader—respectful, well-mannered, creative, a problem-solver and obedient. I can always count on her to think “outside the box,” and I truly enjoy having her in my class. Hailey, I will miss you next year, but I know I am sending you out well-prepared and ready to conquer. It has been a privilege teaching you, and I am so proud of the young woman I have seen you grow into over this past year. I can't wait to see all you accomplish. Don't let anything stand in your way!

North Elementary teacher Melanie Helm

- A Honor RollGrades 3-5
- Art AwardGrade 3
- Art ClubGrade 5
- ChorusGrade 5
- Terrific KidGrade 4

Jessica Elizabeth Sims

Andrew Jackson Middle School, Grade 8

Jessica walks through the halls of the school with a twinkle in her eyes and a smile on her face. It only takes a moment to know you are in the presence of a person who knows who she is and what she wants. When given assignments and projects that might seem difficult to some, Jessica displays a deep level of intelligence and a strong work ethic that enable her to overcome obstacles with ease. She is a conscientious young lady who will go on to do great things in the years ahead. I am honored to have been her teacher and look forward to the day when I can say, "I knew her when."

Andrew Jackson Middle teacher Deborah Griffin

- A Honor RollGrades 3-8
- English AwardGrades 5-7
- History AwardGrades 5-7
- Keyboard AwardGrade 7
- Math AwardGrades 5-7
- Science AwardGrades 5-7
- Science Fair AwardGrade 4
- Class Spelling Bee Winner.....Grade 4
- Perfect AttendanceGrades 1, 3
- President's Award for Educational Excellence
.....Grades 4-7
- FocusGrades 6-8
- Accelerated Reader Award.....Grades 1-7
- Student of the Month AwardGrades 6-8
- Office Aide Award.....Grade 7
- Principal's PalGrade 1
- Safety Patrol.....Grade 4
- Art AwardGrade 7
- Duke University Talent Identification Program
.....Grade 7
- ChorusGrades 5-8
- PianoGrades 1-8
- Girl ScoutsGrades 1-8
- Terrific Kid Award.....Grade K-5

Henlee Sistare

Buford Elementary School, Grade 5

Henlee is determined and self-motivated and her quiet confidence does not go unnoticed. She has many successes in classes due to her effort, positive outlook and perseverance. Her classmates notice her kindness and caring toward others. Henlee exemplifies leadership qualities, and her determination will lead her to wonderful opportunities. It has been my pleasure to teach you, Henlee. I am proud of your accomplishments.

Buford Elementary teacher Jill Nelson

- A Honor RollGrades 3-5
- Trustees AwardGrade 5
- Duke University Talent Identification Program
.....Grade 5
- PianoGrades 3-5

Baileigh Grace Sizemore

Indian Land Middle School, Grade 8

Baileigh is respectful, hardworking and a true example of leadership. She is well-liked by her teachers and her peers. She consistently represents herself, her family and her school in the very best way. Indian Land Middle is full of outstanding students, and Baileigh is one of our best. I have been overwhelmed with positive feedback from her teachers. I look forward to the great things that are bound to happen in the future for Baileigh!

Indian Land Middle principal Chris Thorpe

- A Honor RollGrades 3-8
- English AwardGrades K-7
- History AwardGrades K-7
- Math AwardGrades K-7
- Reading AwardGrades K-7
- Science AwardGrades K-7
- Science Fair AwardGrades 6-8
- Perfect AttendanceGrades 1-7
- Gifted and Talented ProgramGrades 3-8
- Citizenship AwardGrades K-5
- Duke University Talent Identification Program
.....Grades 4-8
- Girls State - Swimming.....Grades 7-8
- National Junior Honor Society.....Grade 6-8
- Student Council.....Grade 7
- Swim TeamGrades 7-8
- TrackGrade 8
- News CrewGrade 7
- Church Youth GroupGrades K-8
- Fellowship of Christian Athletes.....Grade 8
- Lettered for High School Swimming.....Grades 7-8
- USC-L Science AwardGrades 7-8

Caroline Grace Sizemore

A.R. Rucker Middle School, Grade 8

Caroline is truly an asset to the classroom. She is intrinsically motivated to achieve and be the best that she can in whatever task or experience she takes on. She has the drive and determination to maintain academic excellence while participating in volleyball and soccer. She does not let go of a concept until she understands it in its entirety. She expects the best of herself and gives that to others as well. She generally goes above

and beyond of what is asked of her. Caroline is not afraid to challenge others to give their best.

A.R. Rucker Middle teacher Cindi Wallace

- A Honor RollGrades 3-8
- Academic AchievementGrades 5-8
- English AwardGrades 5-7
- Language Award - FrenchGrade 7
- Math AwardGrades 5-7
- Reading AwardGrade 1
- Science AwardGrades 5-7
- Class Spelling Bee Winner.....Grades 6-7
- School Spelling Bee WinnerGrades 6-7
- District Spelling Bee WinnerGrades 6-7
- Social Studies AwardGrades 5-7
- Perfect AttendanceGrade 2
- Trustees AwardGrades 7-8
- President's Award for Educational Excellence
..... Grade 4
- Gifted and Talented ProgramGrades 3-8
- Student of the Month AwardGrades K-5
- Office Aide Award.....Grade 6
- Coaches Award
 Highest Average on Volleyball TeamGrade 7
- P.E. AwardGrades 6-7
- Safety Patrol.....Grade 4
- Art AwardGrades 5, 7
- Youth Art Award.....Grades 7-8
- Duke University Talent Identification Program
..... Grades 4-8
- Junior ScholarGrade 8
- Perfect Score on PASS MathGrade 7
- Middle School Academic Challenge.....Grade 7
- Lancaster Youth Art ShowGrades 5, 7-8
- National Junior Beta Club.....Grades 7-8
- Student Council.....Grades 5-8
- Art ClubGrade 5
- Basketball - Church.....Grades 2-7
- Soccer - JVGrades 7-8
 Captain Grade 8
- Swim Team - Rec DepartmentGrades 2-5
- VolleyballGrades 7-8
- PianoGrade 6
- Church Youth GroupGrades 7-8
- Girls in Action (GAs).....Grades 4-6
- First PriorityGrades 6-8
- Woodmen of the WorldGrade 7
- Great Character AwardGrade 1
- Science Lab HelperGrade 4
- TMD HelperGrade 5
- District Read-InGrade 5
- Winner of Soil and Water Conservation Contest
..... Grade 7
- Selected for Lancaster County Art Cube Display
..... Grades 7-8
- Technology AwardGrade 7

Amelia Slater

Indian Land Elementary, Grade 5

When I first met Amelia she made me think of a delicate flower whose stem will break when strong winds blow. As I have gotten to know her better over the course of this school year, I have come to realize that though she is pretty and sweet and petite like a flower, there is no weakness within her. Amelia has a strong mind that does not bow to the gusts of indifference, apathy, or lethargy that too often plagues the students of today. Instead, Amelia devotes herself to excellence in conduct, scholarship and service. Amelia goes above and beyond what is asked by adding little notes to her tests papers with extra information or even asking for a more difficult test in the future. Amelia is delicate, but only in the way that she treats others with kindness and respect. Amelia has never uttered a harsh word or criticism, instead she looks for the best in her peers and would seemingly rather remain quiet than speak disparagingly. Having Amelia in my homeroom this year has been quite refreshing. I have enjoyed teaching Amelia this year and will be intently watching her blossom into something remarkable in the years to come.

Indian Land Elementary teacher Teresa Watkins

- A Honor RollGrades 3-5
- Class Spelling Bee Winner.....Grade 3
- Gifted and Talented ProgramGrades 3-5
- Citizenship AwardGrade 5
- Lancaster Youth Art ShowGrade 4
- Art ClubGrades 3-4
- Drama ClubGrade 5
- Science ClubGrade 2
- Girl ScoutsGrades K-2
- Church Youth GroupGrades 4-5
- Girls on the RunGrade 3

Caroline Slater

Indian Land Middle School, Grade 8

Caroline always puts her best foot forward when working at school. I appreciate her hard work and dedication in class the past three years. It is so refreshing to teach students who are compassionate, God-fearing and focused on getting the job done right. I will miss having Caroline in class in the years to come, but I know she will continue to prosper in all she does.

Indian Land Middle choral director Shonda Bradshaw

- A Honor RollGrades 3-8

- English AwardGrade 7
- Science AwardGrade 7
- Social Studies AwardGrade 7
- Gifted and Talented ProgramGrades 3-5
- Citizenship AwardGrade 3
- Art AwardGrade 4
- Duke University Talent Identification Program
..... Grades 3-5
- ST-ARTS ProgramGrade 7
- National Junior Honor SocietyGrades 6-8
- Art ClubGrades 3-5
- Drama ClubGrade 5
- ChorusGrades 6-8
- Girl ScoutsGrades K-3
- Church Youth GroupGrades 4-8

Braden Small

Harrisburg Elementary School, Grade 5

Braden is a wonderful young man who strives for excellence in all areas. He works hard to be at the top and be successful in all he attempts. Braden shows a willingness to share knowledge and serve as a role model for other students. He has a unique personality which adds to the classroom. I was blessed to have the opportunity to work with him last year. I am sure I will continue to hear of his many accomplishments.

Indian Land Elementary teacher Gayle S. Lee

- A Honor RollGrades 3-5
- P.E. AwardGrade 4
- Duke University Talent Identification Program
..... Grade 5
- Baseball
- Basketball- All-Star Team - 2015Grade 5
- Golf - Matt Blackwell Foundation
Tournament Winner Grade 2
- SoccerGrade 1

Jayne Evelyn Small

Buford High School, Grade 12

Jayne is a bright, beautiful young woman who excels in so many areas. I had the pleasure of having Jayne in my Art 2 class, and watching her grow and learn as an artist was amazing. She is always willing to learn and goes above and beyond to better herself and her work. It is hard to take credit for teaching her because she is so self-sufficient and self-taught in so many ways due to her ambitious and creative personality. Jayne is well-mannered, responsible, respectful and kind to everyone around her, helpful to her peers, proactive and an all-around great student and person. Her bright

personality and warm smile bring joy and positive energy to class and everyone around her. There is not a doubt in my mind Jayne will succeed in all she does and make a difference in whatever she pursues.

Buford High teacher Sydney Hinson

- Highest HonorsGrade 12
- A Honor RollGrades 3-12
- Junior Marshal - #1 TopGrade 11
- English AwardGrades 5, 8-9
- Geography AwardGrades 5-8
- History AwardGrades 5-8
- Keyboard AwardGrade 10
- Speech AwardGrade 10
- Math AwardGrades 5, 8
- Reading AwardGrades 3-5, 8
- Science AwardGrade 5
- Social Studies AwardGrade 5
- Trustees AwardGrades 7-8
- Lt. Governor's Writing Award WinnerGrade 5
- Gifted and Talented ProgramGrades 3-8
- School Incentive Award - Jacket PrideGrades 6-8
- Accelerated Reader awardGrade 6
- Student of the Month AwardGrade 5
- Great Attitude AwardGrades 5, 8
- Citizenship Award - State FarmGrade 4
- P.E. AwardGrade 5
- Music Award - High School BandGrade 7
- Art AwardGrade 11
- Duke University Talent Identification Program
..... Grade 7
- Trustees Award Grade 7-8
- Columbia College ScholarGrade 11
- Erskine ScholarGrade 11
- Converse College Junior ScholarGrade 11
- USC Aiken ScholarGrade 11
- Presbyterian ScholarGrade 11
- High School Academic Challenge Team Grades 10-11
- Lancaster Youth Art Show
..... Grade 12
- EnvirothonGrades 10-12
- National Beta ClubGrades 10-12
- National Honor SocietyGrades 10-12
- BandGrades 6-7
- Marching BandGrade 7
- DramaGrades 9-10
- Brownie ScoutsGrades 1-2
- Church Youth GroupGrades 6-12
- SC State and Regional Esquire Competitor
..... Grades 6-8
- American Quarter Horse CompetitorGrades 9-10
- High Point English RiderGrade 10
- High Point Western RiderGrade 9
- All-Around English ChampionGrades 6-7
- Western Pleasure Pony ChampionGrade 7
- Miss Buford FFA - Buford High SchoolGrade 12
- New Cut Presbyterian Church - Senior Acolyte
..... Grades 10-12

Ella Rose Smith

Indian Land Elementary School, Grade 5

Ella is a true chameleon who easily adapts to her environment. She is as equally talented in history and language as she is in math and science. Ella seems to be driven by an inner force that pushes her to be methodical and judicious with her work. Though she is most often one of the first to finish her work, she consistently earns high marks as her answers are correct and comprehensive. Many words can be used to describe Ella's character; she is mature and thorough, industrious and inventive, witty, steadfast, and dependable. I have absolutely enjoyed getting to know Ella this year. As I watched her interact with her classmates, she learned lessons not taught through curriculum. Ella has learned how to make new friends while maintaining her longtime friendships and how to achieve her personal goals while simultaneously achieving the goals other people have set for her. I expect Ella will one day enjoy an exciting career that won't have her tied to a desk or repeating the same mundane activities day after day, year after year. Ella's ambition and optimistic outlook will make any chosen aspiration attainable.

Indian Land Elementary teacher Teresa Watkins

- A Honor RollGrades 3-5
- Math AwardGrade 3
- Class Spelling Bee Winner.....Grade 5
- Perfect AttendanceGrades 2-5
- Principal's PalGrade 3
- DancingGrade 3
- iLeadGrade 5

Meredith Smith

Buford Elementary School, Grade 5

Meredith was a joy to teach. She always tried her hardest and excelled in many areas, both inside and outside of the classroom. Meredith was always willing to help others and was never seen without a smile on her face. She never met a challenge she couldn't face and was always willing to work her hardest to excel even at the hardest task. She was not only academically gifted, but she was also gifted with the ability to make everyone feel special and appreciated. It was my pleasure and joy to teach Meredith.

Great Falls Elementary teacher Rachel McAbee

- A Honor RollGrades 3-5
- Perfect AttendanceGrade 2
- All E Honor RollGrades K-2

- Student of the Month AwardGrade 5
- Character Student of the Month - Gratitude
- Gifted and Talent Art ProgramGrades 3-4
- District Art ShowGrades 3-4
- Good Citizenship AwardGrades 4K-4
- 100 Book ClubGrades K5-1
- SC PASS Award for ExemplaryGrades 3-4
- Mable Barnes AwardGrades K-5
- Soccer - LCPRGrade 5

Matthew Snipes

Buford Middle School, Grade 8

Matthew is a quiet force in the classroom, a young man whose solid grades speak to the effort he puts into his work. I taught Matthew for two years, and in that time, he demonstrated conscientiousness in everything he tackled, whether it was a simple homework assignment or a more elaborate project. Congenial and easy-going, Matthew's voice, although soft in the classroom, came through loud and clear in his work. Too, his polite manner and respect for his teachers indicate his strength of character and the fact that he takes his education seriously. In addition to maintaining top grades, Matthew is actively involved in sports and also has completed numerous community service hours as a three-year member of our National Junior Beta Club at BMS. I hope that Matthew will continue to carry this integrity and involvement on into high school and throughout his life. It has been a joy to know and to teach such a fine, young man.

Buford Middle School teacher Paige Johnson

- A Honor RollGrades 3-8
- Gifted and Talented ProgramGrades 3-5
- Junior ScholarGrade 8
- Trustees AwardGrade 8
- National Junior Beta Club.....Grades 6-8

Farrah Speaks

Discovery School, Grade 5

Farrah is an incredible young lady. She is a hard working student in and out of the classroom. She has always been a great help in our school and is always willing to lend her time. She is a fantastic artist and wonderful mathematician. She certainly is a leader. It has been a pleasure getting to know and teach such a sweet girl.

Discovery School teacher Brittany McManus

- A Honor RollGrades 3-5
- Junior MarshalGrade 4
- Science Fair AwardGrade 3

- Class Spelling Bee Winner.....Grades 3, 5
- School Spelling Bee WinnerGrade 5
- Perfect AttendanceGrade 3
- Gifted and Talented ProgramGrades 3-5
- Youth Art MonthGrade 5
- Service LearningGrade 5
- ChorusGrade 5
- Honors Choir.....Grade 5

Avery Spinks

Kershaw Elementary School, Grade 5

It has been a blessing to teach Avery this year. He is an amazing young man who always strives to put his best effort toward any task he faces. He is a hard worker who always completes his work on time and goes above and beyond to show his understanding of the material. From the basketball court to the classroom, his positive attitude is an asset. Avery is an outstanding student who aims high and always meets his goals. I personally cannot wait to see what the future holds for him. I know he will continue to strive for excellence throughout his educational career.

Kershaw Elementary teacher Courtney Hoots

- A Honor RollGrades 3-5
- Reading AwardGrades 1-2
- Science Fair AwardGrade 4
- Class Spelling Bee Winner.....Grade 4
- Gifted and Talented ProgramGrades 3-5
- P.E. AwardGrades 1-2
- Safety Patrol.....Grade 5
- National Junior Beta Club.....Grade 5
- Student Council.....Grades 3-4
- Baseball.....Grades 1-4
- Cub ScoutsGrades 1-2

T.J. Steele

Buford High School, Grade 12

TJ has been in my Pre-Calculus and AP Calculus classes for the past two years. TJ is the type of student that adds a little “spark” to the classroom and keeps it from becoming boring or dull. Even though math might not have been his strongest suit, he has persevered and has stayed with the rigor of the AP classes. To that I salute him. I am so excited that TJ has been accepted to Clemson where he will pursue a degree in agricultural engineering and become a fellow “TIGER.”

Buford High teacher Margaret Page

- Highest HonorsGrade 12
- A Honor Roll.....Grades 6-10

- Science Fair AwardGrade 8
- Gifted and Talented ProgramGrades 4-8
- P.E. AwardGrade 9
- Duke University Talent Identification ProgramGrades 6-8
- Elementary School Academic Challenge TeamGrades 4-5
- 1000 Plus SAT Club.....Grades 11-12
- National Beta Club.....Grades 10-12
- National Honor Society.....Grades 10-12
- Church Youth GroupGrades 9-12
- Varsity Football.....Grades 9-12
- Auto Mechanic AwardGrade 10
- Building Construction Award.....Grade 11

Nyquarius Kion Stevenson

Lancaster High School, Grade 9

Nyquarius is such a precious spirit. He is the only ambulatory student in the class. Nyquarius does so much for us. He helps us get everyone to the work table; wipes another student's chin with a bib and watches others (he alerts us to student's wrong doings). He helps by going to the cafeteria to get lunch, swiping lunch cards with verbal prompting, and he helps clean the room by putting away items, sweeping and wiping tables. He enjoys socializing with students in another class and goes to community activities with them. Nyquarius is nonverbal, but greets everyone with a smile and a grunted, “Hey.” He is always a pleasure to be around.

Lancaster High teacher Fran Alford

- Student of the Month AwardGrade 9
- Terrific Team Work AwardGrade 9
- Great Attitude AwardGrade 9
- Citizenship AwardGrade 9

Raney Stogner

Buford High School, Grade 12

Raney, as long as I have known her, has been an exceptional student. Always wanting to learn more, Raney is very inquisitive. She regularly puts her best foot forward and is willing to help others in her classes. Raney, when she needs extra assistance, is not afraid to make time and work with her teachers to understand and comprehend difficult material. Miss Stogner also has learned the art of balancing academics with extracurricular activities effectively, as she is a varsity cheerleader. These skills will benefit Raney as she continues her education beyond Buford High.

Buford High teacher Howard Waugaman

- Highest HonorsGrade 12
- A Honor RollGrades 8-12
- Keyboard AwardGrade 6
- Math AwardGrade 5
- Social Studies AwardGrade 7
- Perfect AttendanceGrades 7-8, 10
- Gifted and Talented ProgramGrades 3-7
- Chorus Award.....Grade 5
- National Beta Club.....Grades 10-12
- National Honor Society.....Grades 9-10
- Junior CivitansGrades 10-12
- Yearbook StaffGrade 12
- Drama.....Grades 9-10
- Jacket Pride
- Cheerleader
- Church Youth Group
- Fellowship of Christian Athletes

David Stone

Indian Land Elementary School, Grade 5

In the classroom David is a very discriminating young man. He is an austere rule follower, never speaking out of turn and taking his work very seriously. David gives the impression that he is all business and will not tolerate any disruptions to his learning process and the achievement of the goals he has set for himself. He does well in history because he loves it. He is able to assist his classmates when they struggle without drawing attention or causing a distraction. However, I have recently come to realize that there is more to David than what first meets the eye. While David is a serious student, he is also an entertainer. David's dry humor is quite amusing and given the opportunity, his contagious laughter will soon have the students seated closest to him gripping their sides or covering their mouths to hide their own laughter. David is a remarkable young man, I am sure that his future will be as interesting and inspiring as he is.

Indian Land Elementary teacher Teresa Watkins

- A Honor RollGrades 3-5
- P.E. AwardGrade 3
- Duke University Talent Identification Program
..... Grades 4-5
- Spanish Award.....Grade 2
- EaglesGrades 3-5
- Soccer ClubGrade 3

Grant Daniel Strader

Indian Land Elementary School, Grade 5

Since I began teaching him in 1st grade, Grant has been a major asset to my classroom. We have developed a life-long relationship, as he very quickly became a student that I grew to love and deeply care about. Grant has grown and matured tremendously over the years and has defied so many odds. Even with an autism diagnosis, Grant is the student that makes me question what many of the researchers write about students with autism. Each day, I experienced a victory with him. He has always had a knack for academics, and because of this, he has challenged me as his teacher to always provide authentic and rigorous instruction. He is always attempting to find new ways to encourage and help his classmates and teachers. Grant is the student that you can't help but love and think about. It was difficult losing him from my self-contained classroom after 4th grade (and 4 years), but he proved to his family, himself and me, that he was ready for the rigor of the general education classroom. For that, I am extremely proud and believe that he is definitely the most deserving student of this honor.

Harrisburg Elementary teacher Standrick J. Rhodes

- A Honor RollGrades 3-5
- English AwardGrades 2-4
- Math AwardGrades 2-3
- Reading AwardGrade 3
- Science AwardGrade 3
- Class Spelling Bee Winner.....Grades 3-4
- Social Studies AwardGrades 2-4
- Citizenship AwardGrades 2-4
- Church Youth GroupGrades K-5

Sydney Strader

Indian Land Middle School, Grade 8

I first met Sydney at the start of her fifth-grade year. She was a smart, shy and dependable young girl who was good at many things, but kept her gifts and talents to herself. Quiet confidence suited her then, but kept hidden they couldn't expand and grow. In the course of the last three years, I have watched Sydney blossom into a young lady who is finding her voice and her niche. As she faces new opportunities in high school, I believe God will continue to lead her down new and exciting paths that will challenge her, enrich her and ultimately shape her. If Sydney's past behaviors have

established a pattern, I believe she will accept and embrace these challenges and the precious soul that emerges from high school will be amazing. I believe as does Sydney, that every one of her steps is ordained and established and her greatest achievement will be finding God's will and fulfilling His desires in her life. I am so proud of you, Sydney. You deserve to be recognized for all of your hard work.

Indian Land Elementary teacher Teresa Watkins

- A Honor RollGrades 3-7
- Junior ScholarGrade 8
- Trustees AwardGrade 8
- Language AwardGrades 6-7
- Science AwardGrade 6
- Science Fair AwardGrade 6
- Class Spelling Bee winnerGrades 3-4, 8
- School Spelling Bee WinnerGrade 4
- Social Studies AwardGrade 6
- Citizenship AwardGrade 5
- Chorus AwardGrade 7
- Art AwardGrade 6
- Duke University Talent Identification Program
..... Grades 4-8
- Middle School Academic Challenge Team .Grades 7-8
- Lancaster Community PlayhouseGrade 6
- ST-ARTS ProgramGrades 6-8
- National Junior Honor SocietyGrades 6-8
- Student CouncilGrades 5-8
- Yearbook StaffGrade 8
- Drama ClubGrade 5
- VolleyballGrades 5-8
- BandGrades 6-8
- Jazz BandGrade 8
- Pep BandGrade 8
- ChorusGrades 5, 7-8
- PianoGrades 3-8
- DramaGrades 5-6
- Church Youth GroupGrades 6-8
- Fellowship of Christian AthletesGrade 8
- Church Praise TeamGrades 6-8

Jacob Alexander Stroud

Buford Middle School, Grade 8

Just like a super hero is around to come to the rescue of those in need, whenever a teacher, administrator or student asks for help, Jacob Stroud is the first person to volunteer. Even with limited use of his body due to Cerebral Palsy, he will stack more chairs, carry more equipment and work harder to assist others than students without disabilities. When Jacob first came to Buford Middle two years ago, he was very shy just like any student would be in a new school surrounded

by new students. An older student in Jacob's class took Jacob under his wing and befriended him. He assisted Jacob in class, included Jacob during group activities, and modeled for Jacob proper behaviors expected of middle-school students. Now that he is in the 8th grade, Jacob is the student who is the leader to others, not only in his classroom, but also to other students throughout the school. It is Jacob who is now modeling what it means to be a good citizen to others. Jacob's witty attitude and loving and affectionate personality are contagious. He longs to please his teachers and will go out of his way to make others happy. These qualities make him a positive citizen and a great leader. Jacob's helpful and advantageous attitude has spread throughout the school. Teachers request his assistance in their classrooms. From helping the art teacher with cleaning supplies and assisting the guidance counselor by welcoming others to our school to helping the media specialist with technology and assisting the PE teacher by running the scoreboard during games, Jacob is always the first to notice when there is a need and volunteer to help no matter how big or small the task. Even though he has physical limitations, it does not even occur to him that a task might be too difficult. He has not allowed this to limit how he serves others. He sees himself as not having a disability, but rather the ability to serve others. Teachers and students alike are amazed with how a student can overcome these obstacles to willingly serve others. The joy he receives from helping those in need radiates from his sweet smile. His delightful, upbeat attitude, as well as the example he sets by selflessly serving others in his school community, make Jacob a wonderful recipient for the Good Citizenship Award.

Buford Middle teacher Mary Beth Mize

- A Honor RollGrades 6-8
- Citizenship AwardGrade 8
- Science AwardGrades 6-7
- Social Studies AwardGrades 6-7
- Student of the Month AwardGrades 7-8
- Art AwardGrade 6
- National Junior Art Honor SocietyGrade 8
- Dream Team Baseball
- Special OlympicsGrades K-8
- 100 Book ChallengeGrades 3-5
- 800 Steps with Book Challenge
- Guidance AwardGrades 6-7
- Karate - Blue Belt

Heather Stroup

Indian Land Middle School, Grade 8

Heather is one of those students that every teacher wishes they could have a room full of. She displays intelligence, compassion for peers, curiosity and respect, which helped her to be the outstanding student and person that she is. Heather displayed her charismatic personality on a daily basis but also showed off her studious side when needed. Heather was consistently at the top of her class while still making time to help others if they needed help. Heather impressed me with her diverse abilities, both academically and socially. There is no doubt she will have much success wherever her future takes her.

Indian Land Middle teacher Brian McDonald

- A Honor RollGrades 3-8
- Junior ScholarGrade 8
- Trustees AwardGrade 8
- English Award
- Math Award
- Science Award
- Class Spelling Bee Winner
- Social Studies Award
- Perfect Attendance
- Gifted and Talented Program
- 97th Percentile Club
- Accelerated Reader Award
- Music Award
- Duke University MAP Program
- Duke University Talent Identification Program
- National Junior Honor Society
- Student Council
- Soccer
- Band
- Chorus
- Church Youth Group
- Fellowship of Christian Athletes

Emily Taylor

Buford Middle School, Grade 8

When I think about best all-around students, I think of Emily. She possesses so many of the traits I would choose for a teenage-girl to have: strong work ethic, concern for her fellow classmates, great manners, solid sense of self. The beauty of Emily is that she doesn't even realize how special she is; there is a true humbleness of spirit in her. To have a student who is as involved as Emily is with sports and church and school, who is gifted academically, who is incredibly

dependable, and who would do anything asked of her by a teacher without question is a gift. I was blessed to teach Emily for two years. The second year I really got to see the core of who Emily is. Funny enough, I discovered we were actually related, and I joked to Emily that all of her fabulous traits must certainly have come from my side of the family. Of course I know that her entire family has had a hand in raising such a completely wonderful and grounded young lady. There is no doubt in my mind that Emily's traits are inherent and that she will continue to be the fun-loving yet hard-working girl in the future as the one I know now. She will continue to be a guiding light to her peers.

Buford Middle teacher Paige Johnson

- A Honor RollGrades 3-8
- Gifted and Talented ProgramGrades 3-5
- Principal's PalGrade 5
- Soil Conservation Essay AwardGrade 5
- Junior ScholarGrade 8
- Trustees AwardGrade 8
- National Junior Beta ClubGrades 6-8
- Yearbook StaffGrade 8
- SoftballGrades 7-8
- VolleyballGrades 7-8
- Church Youth GroupGrades 6-8
- First PriorityGrades 7-8
- National Junior Art Honor SocietyGrade 8

Megan Taylor

Kershaw Elementary School, Grade 5

When I think of students I have taught who have blessed my heart, Megan immediately comes to mind. She is a special young lady who is beautiful on the inside and outside. When given an assignment or task, Megan sets high standards for herself and always gives 100%. Even though her schedule is quite busy, Megan is more than willing to help teachers and peers. She is a very positive role model for students in her class. I know Megan will accomplish great things in life, and I look forward to hearing about her many achievements.

Kershaw Elementary teacher Debbie Anglin

- A Honor RollGrades 3-5
- Reading AwardGrade 2
- Class Spelling Bee WinnerGrades 3-5
- Perfect AttendanceGrades K-5
- Gifted and Talented ProgramGrades 3-5
- P.E. AwardGrade K
- Safety PatrolGrade 5
- Art AwardGrade 2
- National Junior Beta ClubGrade 5
- Student CouncilGrades 3-5

- DancingGrades 2-3
- PianoGrades 1-5
- Girl ScoutsGrades 1-3
- Girls in Action (GAs)Grade 5
- Science Fair ParticipationGrade 4
- SpellingGrade 2
- Principal's AwardGrade 3
- Math BeeGrade 4

Haylee Thomas

Erwin Elementary School, Grade 5

Haylee is a wonderful student, and I was so lucky to have her in my 4th-grade class. She made me laugh so much. She is a hard worker and a pleasure to be around. I enjoyed teaching Haylee. She seemed to have fun with learning. Haylee always has a smile and a positive attitude. She will be a successful and high-achieving student throughout her educational journey. I will always have a special place in my heart for Haylee.

Erwin Elementary teacher Donna Wilder

- A Honor RollGrades 2-5
- Reading AwardGrade 1
- Class Spelling Bee WinnerGrades 4-5
- P.E. AwardGrade 1
- Founders FellowGrade 4
- DancingGrades K-5
- SoccerGrades K-1
- SoftballGrades K-5
- ChorusGrades K-5
- Advanced ArtGrades 4-5
- ACE ClubGrade 5
- Most Improved Dancer AwardGrade 4

Avery Throckmorton

Harrisburg Elementary School, Grade 5

I have had the pleasure of teaching Avery math and science this year. Avery has a smile that lights up a room when she enters it. Her positive attitude is contagious to those around her. She is enthusiastic about learning, and it is evident in her daily work in the classroom. Avery is a dedicated student who gives her all to each task. She is a friend to her classmates and always lends a helping hand to others. I have enjoyed watching Avery grow and challenge herself this year. She is a smart, talented girl, who I know will do such wonderful things in the years to come.

Harrisburg Elementary teacher Kimberly Dow

- A Honor RollGrades 3-5
- Perfect AttendanceGrade 4

- Gifted and Talented ProgramGrade 5
- Highest Classroom Average in
Social Studies, Language Arts, ScienceGrade 4
- SoccerGrade 3

Tiffini Tilson

Buford Elementary School, Grade 5

Tiffini Tilson is a quiet, well-mannered, responsible young lady who, from day one, has been a positive role model for her classmates and friends. She always listens carefully, participates in class discussions, and works diligently to complete all assignments. Tiffini is not only hard-working but also has a friendly and caring personality. She is always willing to help others in any way that she can. As a result of Tiffini's wonderful character, she is very well-liked and respected by her peers. Tiffini Tilson is an exceptional student and I have no doubt she will be successful in life!

Buford Elementary teacher Sharon Stacks

- A Honor RollGrades 3-5
- Reading AwardGrade 3
- Class Spelling Bee WinnerGrade 5
- Perfect AttendanceGrades K-2
- Gifted and Talented ProgramGrade 5
- Student of the Month AwardGrades 1, 3-5
- Citizenship AwardGrades 1, 5
- Extreme Reader

Elise Claire Tindal

Discovery School, Grade 5

Elise is a true gem. Although she is a quiet young lady, she has very large thoughts and a vivid imagination. She is a very hard worker, and a great role model for her peers. Her creativity and spark have been a bright light in my classroom for the years I have taught her.

Discovery School teacher Brittany McManus

- A Honor RollGrades 3-5
- Junior MarshalGrade 4
- Science Fair AwardGrades 4-5
- Gifted and Talented ProgramGrades 3-5
- Student of the Month AwardGrade 3
- Duke University Talent Identification Program
.....Grades 4-5
- G/T CampGrades 2-5
- GymnasticsGrades K, 3-4
- P.E. AwardGrades 2-3
- Karate
- PianoGrades 2-5
- Brownie ScoutsGrades 2-3
- Girl ScoutsGrades K-5

Tyler O'Neal Trimnal

North Elementary School, Grade 5

Tyler is a phenomenal student. He is highly intelligent, eager to take on new task and truly enjoys learning. Tyler not only has incredible ability, but also strives to be the best he can possible be in every situation. His energetic and persistent desire is manifested in all of his endeavors. I had the great pleasure of teaching Tyler and quickly learned he is one of the most well-rounded students I had ever taught. He is always willing to help his peers better understand a subject. Teaching a student like Tyler made teaching fun!

North Elementary teacher Kevin Price

- A Honor RollGrades 3-5
- Class Spelling Bee Winner.....Grade 5
- Perfect AttendanceGrade 1
- Gifted and Talented ProgramGrades 3-5
- Accelerated Reader Award - Top 5Grades 1-2
- Terrific Kid Award.....Grades 2, 4
- Baseball.....Grades K-3
- Basketball.....Grades K-5
- Soccer.....Grades K-5
- News CrewGrade 5
- Royal Ambassadors (RAs)Grades 3-5
- Olympic Development Program - Soccer
- All-Star Basketball Team - Lancaster

Najla Trotter

Lancaster High School, Grade 12

I have known Najla since she was in my 10th grade World Geography class. Najla has a self-motivation and determination that makes her stand out from her peers. She strives for excellence and always sets a positive example for others in class. Najla is a stellar student. As a teacher, I enjoyed hearing Najla lead discussions because she is very articulate. Most recently, I have enjoyed working with Najla in student council. She has proven to be a leader, not only in her class, but for the entire school as Student Body President. Najla is friendly and takes others feelings into consideration when making decisions. She leads the monthly meetings for student council and is a vital part of organizing events. Without a doubt, Najla will be very successful in her future endeavors!

Lancaster High teacher Kristie Davis

- Highest HonorsGrade 12
- A Honor RollGrades 9-10
- Student Body President.....Grade 12
- English AwardGrade 10

- Reading AwardGrade 10
- Perfect AttendanceGrades 10-11
- CallistoGrades 11-12
- Peer TutoringGrades 10-11
- Student Council.....Grades 10-12
- Yearbook StaffGrades 11-12
- French Club.....Grade 12
- Fellowship of Christian Athletes.....Grades 9-12

Aidan Urquhart

Indian Land Elementary School, Grade 5

Aidan is an enthusiastic learner who exhibits a positive attitude in and out of class. He is self-motivated and shows initiative. Aidan looks for ways to be involved at school and in his community. He consistently seeks new challenges. His unique perspective and fascinating problem-solving abilities lead to original ideas and solutions. Aidan is well-mannered, respectful, honest, hard-working, thoughtful and self-aware. I have enjoyed learning with Aidan for the last few years. Aidan is truly one-of-a-kind.

Indian Land Elementary teacher Marni Peavy

- A Honor RollGrades 3-5
- Highest Class MAP ScoreGrades 2, 4
- Highest Class GPA in Language ArtsGrades 3-4
- Highest Class GPA in ScienceGrades 3-4
- Highest Class GPA Social StudiesGrade 4
- Reading AwardGrade 2
- Science Fair AwardGrades 3, 5
- Perfect AttendanceGrade 4
- Trustees Award - Perfect PASS ScoreGrade 5
- iLeadGrade 5
- Gifted and Talented ProgramGrades 3-5
- P.E. AwardGrade 2
- Duke University Talent Identification Program
.....Grade 5
- Drama ClubGrade 5
- Soccer.....Grades 1-2
- Tae Kwon DoGrades 1-4
- Track - Let Me Run ClubGrades 4-5
- WrestlingGrades 1-2
- Cub ScoutsGrades 1-5
- My Favorite Teacher Essay Award - Second Place
.....Grade 3

Luz Adriana Vasquez Rico

Lancaster High School, Grade 12

Adriana is a great young lady. She is very studious and gives effort in all of her classes. She has a desire to give her best in all she does. I saw great growth in her academic ability during our AP U.S. History Class. She is a joy to teach and has a wonderful smile and attitude all of the time. She has found out how to study and learn information that will definitely help her as she goes off to college. I want to thank Adriana for being a bright spot in the day, no matter how tough the life lesson. Good luck!

Lancaster High teacher Ed Humphrey

- Highest HonorsGrade 12
- A Honor RollGrades 3-8
- Accelerated Reader AwardGrades 4-5
- Citizenship AwardGrades 4-5, 8
- Founders FellowGrade 5
- National Beta ClubGrades 11-12
- National Honor SocietyGrades 11-12
- CivinettesGrades 9-12
- Principal's Choice AwardGrade 5
- Governor's Citizenship AwardGrade 5
- Superintendent Writing AwardGrade 8

Annsley Vick

Heath Springs Elementary School, Grade 5

Annsley is an excellent student and a pleasure to have in class. She constantly strives to be the best student that she can be. She always works above expectations and has a positive attitude toward school and learning. She has set many goals for herself at school and in life. She is dedicated, motivated, hardworking and compassionate. She is a model student both academically and behaviorally. I look forward to seeing her continue to succeed in and outside of school.

Heath Springs Elementary teacher Brandon Craig

- A Honor RollGrades 3-5
- Math AwardGrades 1-5
- Reading awardGrades 1-5
- Science AwardGrades 1-5
- Science Fair AwardGrade 5
- Social Studies AwardGrades 1-5
- Book-It-AwardGrade 1
- Accelerated Reader AwardGrades 1-5
- Great Attitude AwardGrade 1
- P.E. AwardGrade 4
- Physical Fitness awardGrade 4
- Safety PatrolGrade 4
- Girls on the RunGrade 4

- Duke University Talent Identification ProgramGrade 5
- Yearbook StaffGrade 5
- BasketballGrades 1-5
- All-Star for Lancaster CountyGrades 3-5
- Girls in Action (GAs)Grades 1-5
- Closet Ministry at Second Baptist Church
- Young Miss Lancaster
- Junior Miss Watermelon of Pageland
- Young Miss Springathon
- Competing for Young Miss South Carolina in July

Aliyah Megan Vincent

Buford Elementary School, Grade 5

Aliyah truly deserves this award. She sets high goals and works with great determination to achieve them. She goes over and beyond what is expected of her. Aliyah eagerly encourages others to strive for excellence as well. She was liked by all of her classmates. Her attitude and friendliness are admired by all. She was an outstanding student.

Buford Elementary teacher Julia Craig

- A Honor RollGrades 3-5
- Gifted and Talented ProgramGrades 3-5
- Accelerated Reader AwardGrade 5
- Duke University Talent Identification ProgramGrades 4-5
- Terrific Kid AwardGrade K
- Super Reader Awards
- Most Books ReadGrade 2
- Achievement CertificateGrades K-4
- Girls on the RunGrade 5
- BasketballGrades 3-5
-All-Stars
- Grades 3-5 CheerleaderGrade 2
- GymnasticsGrades K-2
- SoftballGrade 5

Angela Renee' Vincent

Erwin Elementary School, Grade 5

Angela is a wonderful student who I have truly enjoyed getting to know this year. She is dedicated and always strives for perfection in everything she does. Angela is very kind, considerate, has a great personality and is mature beyond her years. She is always willing to help a classmate, a teacher or staff member. Angela is extremely bright and motivated to do her best. I look forward to seeing what Angela chooses to do in life-whatever it may be; I know she will be great at it!

Erwin Elementary teacher Kathryn Jacobs

- A Honor RollGrades 2-5
- Reading AwardGrade 1
- Science AwardGrade 4
- Perfect AttendanceGrades K-5
- Gifted and Talented ProgramGrade 5
- Student of the Month AwardGrade 3
- Citizenship AwardGrade 1
- Duke University Talent Identification Program
..... Grade 4
- Founders FellowGrade K
- CheerleaderGrades 2-5
- KarateGrades 4-5
- Girl ScoutsGrade 4

Olivia Vincent

Buford Elementary School, Grade 5

Olivia Vincent is an intelligent, self-driven, well-rounded young lady who I had the privilege of teaching in both first and fifth grade. Her maturity level and leadership skills far surpass many children her age. She is meticulous and strives for excellence in all aspects of her life. Whether it is dance, piano, softball or academics, Olivia strives to be her best at everything and expects others to do the same. Olivia enjoys being my assistant and has unknowingly challenged me to be a better teacher! Many successes await Olivia Vincent and I know she is destined for great things!

Buford Elementary teacher Sharon V. Stacks

- A Honor RollGrades 3-5
- Perfect AttendanceGrades 1-5
- Gifted and Talented ProgramGrades 3-5
- Book-It AwardGrades 1-5
- Duke University Talent Identification Program
..... Grades 4-5
- Super ReaderGrades K-4
- Super Reader Award - Most Books ReadGrade 1
- Principal's PalGrades 2-4
- Eagles - Gifted and Talented ProgramGrades 3-5
- ACT/Explore Test ParticipantGrade 5
- ChorusGrade 5
- Lancaster County Honors ChoirGrade 5
- LCPR CheerleaderGrade 2
- SoftballGrades 2-5
- Dixie Softball 8U Darlings All-Star
S.C. Championship Winners2012
- Dixie Softball 10U Angels XPlay All-Star
S.C. State Championship Runner-Up2014
- Encore Studios - DancerGrades K-5
- PianoGrades 1-5
- Children's Church -Tabernacle UMC
- CheerleaderGrade 2

Luke David Voshell

Indian Land Middle School, Grade 8

Luke is new to our school and in the 8th grade. I've had the pleasure of teaching him this year and have enjoyed his desire to learn. Luke is always eager to apply his knowledge and is very confident in his abilities. I expect nothing but success for this young man and look forward to all of his accomplishments.

Indian Land Middle teacher John Hyde-Volpe

- A Honor RollGrades 3-7
- Gifted and Talented ProgramGrades 1-5
- Safety PatrolGrade 5
- Duke University Talent Identification Program
..... Grades 4-8
- Junior ScholarGrade 8
- Trustees AwardGrade 8
- Mock Trial TeamGrade 7
- BasketballGrades K-8
- KarateGrades 6-8
- Church Youth GroupGrades 6-8

Garrin Waiksnis

Indian Land Elementary School, Grade 5

Garrin is an ideal student, both academically and personally. He is always striving to do his best and enjoys learning new information. He uses his academic strengths to help others in class and is always engaged in academic discussions. Garrin is always kind and friendly to all that he meets. He comes to school with a smile and is enthusiastic with his work and his peers. He is meticulous with his work and strives for perfection, as shown through his perfect score in mathematics on the PASS testing in fourth grade. Garrin was a pleasure to teach in fourth grade, and I wish him luck in all his future endeavors.

Indian Land Elementary teacher Adam Cole

- A Honor RollGrades 3-5
- Language AwardGrades 1-4
- Perfect Score on PASS TestGrade 4
- Science AwardGrades 2-4
- Social Studies AwardGrade 2-4
- Perfect AttendanceGrades 1-5
- Trustees AwardGrade 5
- Gifted and Talented ProgramGrades 3-5
- Citizenship AwardGrades 2, 4
- P.E. AwardGrade 1
- Music AwardGrades 2-3
- Duke University Talent Identification Program
..... Grades 4-5
- G/T CampGrades 3, 5

- Baseball.....Grades 1-5
- Soccer.....Grades K, 2
- Wrestling.....Grade 1
- Cub Scouts.....Grades 1-4
- Let Me Run.....Grade 5
- Terrific Kid Award.....Grade K

Jenson Wallace

Buford High School, Grade 12

Jenson is an outstanding young woman who I have had the pleasure of working with in so many different aspects of the Buford life. She has been in my chorus class for four years, in my advanced math classes for two years, in the student council for four years and in the Buford Pageant for four years. She currently holds the position of Student Body President as well as the title “Miss Buford.” Needless to say, I know her well and can attest to not only her academic success but her success as a leader as well. She has certainly served Buford well, and I am confident she will be a leader at USCL as she pursues a degree in criminal justice.

Buford High teacher Margaret Page

- Highest Honors.....Grade 12
- A Honor Roll.....Grades 6-12
- Student Body President.....Grade 12
- Chorus Award.....Grades 8, 11
- National Beta Club.....Grades 10-12
- National Honor Society.....Grades 10-12
- Student Council.....Grades 9-12
- Junior Civitans.....Grade 10
- Track.....Grades 10-11
- Chorus.....Grades 6-12
- Piano.....Grade 7
- Drama.....Grades 9-10
- Brownie Scouts.....Grade 4
- Girls Scouts.....Grades 2-3
- Church Youth Group.....Grades 7-12
- Girls in Action (GAs).....Grades 2-6

Camden Matthew Walrath

Indian Land Middle School, Grade 8

Camden habitually demonstrates excellence both morally and academically. His amicable personality sets a positive example for his classmates. He is an exceptional listener and communicator by effectively conveying information on many different levels to various audiences. Camden is a productive worker with solid work ethic who exerts optimal effort in successfully completing tasks. He is an innovative problem-solver who can generate workable solutions and resolve

design challenges. As a well-rounded, respectful and conscientious student, Camden will have a positive impact on those around him.

Indian Land Middle teacher Lisa Bachini

- A Honor Roll.....Grades 3-8
- Academic Achievement.....Grades 3-8
- Math Award.....Grades 3-8
- Science Award.....Grades 3-8
- Science Fair Award
- Social Studies Award.....Grades 3-8
- Gifted and Talented Program.....Grades 4-5
- Student of the Month Award
- Duke University Talent Identification Program.....Grades 4-8
- Middle School Academic Challenge Team.....Grades 7-8
- National Junior Honor Society.....Grades 7-8
- Student Council.....Grade 7
- Baseball.....Grade 8
- Church Youth Group.....Grades K-7
- Football - Offensive Player of the Year.....Grade 8
- Robotics

Aaron James Warren

Erwin Elementary School, Grade 5

Aaron is a wonderful young man. He is kind to his classmates and is always willing to give me a helping hand. It seems like yesterday when I watched a pre-school Aaron read “Green Eggs and Ham” in the class across the hall. I knew then he was very special. He is a great role-model. He is always prepared for class and walks into the room ready to learn. Without a doubt, Aaron is destined to accomplish great things in life.

Erwin Elementary teacher Jon Bradley

- A Honor Roll.....Grades 2-5
- Science Fair Award.....Grade 4
- Class Spelling Bee Winner.....Grade 5
- Gifted and Talented Program.....Grades 4-5
- Safety Patrol.....Grade 5
- Duke University Talent Identification Program.....Grades 4-5
- Founders Fellows.....Grades K-1, 4
- Student Council.....Grade 4
- G/T. Camp.....Grade 4
- Chorus.....Grades 1, 3-5
- Advanced Art.....Grade 4
- Elementary Honors Choir.....Grade 5
- Arts and Science Camp.....Grades 2-4
- SC State Park’s Junior Ranger Program.....Grade 4
- Student of the Week.....Grades 4K, 4
- Read-In Day Participant.....Grade 4
- BEARS Fitness Group.....Grades 4-5
- Lancaster County Library Summer Reading Program.....Grades K-5

- Kindergarten/First Grade Chorus
- Breakfast Bunch Morning Announcements
- Red Carpet AwardGrades 3-4
- A.C.E. ClubGrade 5

Chloe West

North Elementary School, Grade 5

Chloe is a precious student who touches the hearts of everyone around her. She has so much compassion for people and life. I was blessed to be given a hug by her every day of the school year. She strives to do her best in every task she is given. Her excellent academic record is evidence of her work ethic. Her positive attitude will allow her to accomplish all of her dreams. I am honored that I had the opportunity to teach such an extraordinary young lady.

North Elementary teacher Casey Burgess

- A Honor RollGrades 3-5
- Perfect AttendanceGrades 3-5
- Accelerated Reader AwardGrades K-5
- Student of the Month Award - Terrific Kid
..... Grades K-5
- Art ClubGrade 5
- ChorusGrade 5
- Brownie ScoutsGrades 2-3
- Girls in Action (GAs)Grades 3-5
- Lancaster County Elementary Honor Choir
..... Grade 5

Jakob Whitfield

North Elementary School, Grade 5

Jakob is a wonderful student and leader in the classroom community. It has been a joy watching his eagerness and love for learning. Jakob's hard work and dedication has contributed to his very successful academic career. He not only pushes himself, but encourages others to be the best they can be. His curiosity and self-motivation will continue to bring Jakob success. I know that he will have a very bright future!

North Elementary teacher Jordan Pope

- A Honor RollGrades 3-5
- Safety PatrolGrade 4
- Soccer - LCPRGrades K-5
- Cub ScoutsGrade 1
- Football - LCPRGrades 2-5

Kolby L. Whitley

Andrew Jackson High School, Grade 12

Kolby is the student teachers dream of teaching. He always comes to school ready to work with a positive attitude that motivates his classmates. He is not only highly talented and conscientious, but also personable, compassionate and humorous. Kolby is always eager to help classmates who are struggling with difficult material. Kolby is also a great asset in class as he is always attentive and participates in discussions by asking and answering questions. Kolby is not only a joy to teach daily, but also a true asset to the classroom.

Andrew Jackson High teacher Lana Broughton

- Highest HonorsGrade 12
- Junior MarshalGrade 11
- Junior ScholarGrade 8
- Trustees AwardGrade 8
- 1000 Plus SAT ClubGrades 11-12
- National Beta ClubGrade 10
- National Junior Beta ClubGrade 5
- National Honor SocietyGrades 11-12
- Teacher CadetGrade 12
- BaseballGrades 9-12
- BasketballGrades 9-10
- Football - VarsityGrades 9-12
- Fellowship of Christian AthletesGrade 12
- SALT (Student Athlete Leadership Team)Grade 10
- Tri-County Player of the YearGrade 11
- Lancaster News
County Offensive Player of the Year Grade 11
- All-Region FootballGrades 9-12
- Wendy's High School HeismanGrade 12

Brian Williams

Lancaster High School, Grade 12

Brian is an extraordinary young man with the intellectual skills to succeed in any profession he chooses. Brian is ambitious and aspires to be the best at anything he attempts. Brian possesses what every teacher desires in a student: drive, ambition, intelligence and the ability to apply those traits to problems. Brian will persevere and overcome any obstacle in his path. He always goes the extra mile to aid to his peers. Brian will pursue a problem until it is solved, no matter how long it takes or how hard the problem. Brian is hard working, and he always comes through when you need him. Brian is an excellent student and more importantly, an excellent person.

Lancaster High teacher Bobby Bullard

- Highest HonorsGrade 12

- A Honor RollGrades 6-10
- Junior MarshalGrade 11
- Gifted and Talented Program
- Duke University Talent Identification Program
- Erskine ScholarGrade 11
- Presbyterian ScholarGrade 11
- Wofford ScholarGrade 11
- Junior ScholarGrade 8
- Trustees AwardGrade 8
- Middle School Academic Challenge Team
..... Grades 7-8
- National Beta Club.....Grades 11-12
- National Junior Beta Club
- National Honor Society
- Junior CivitansGrade 12
- Soccer.....Grades 7-8
- BandGrades 9-10
- Boy ScoutsGrades 7-11
- Church Youth GroupGrades 7-12
- TennisGrades 11-12

Toby Ned Willis

North Elementary School, Grade 5

Toby is a wonderful young man who exemplifies all the characteristics of a great student. He gives 100 percent to every activity. He is a good role model for other students both inside the classroom and outside the classroom. Toby's great attitude about learning makes him a joy to teach. When you are around Toby, you just want to smile. It has been a pleasure to teach Toby the last two years, and I look forward to seeing all the great things he will accomplish in the future.

North Elementary teacher Melanie Hollis

- A Honor RollGrades 2-5
- Class Spelling Bee Winner.....Grade 4
- Gifted and Talented ProgramGrades 3-5
- Accelerated Reader Award.....Grade 3
- Art ClubGrade 5
- GolfGrades 1-5
- KarateGrades K-5
- ChorusGrade 5
- Team Kid.....Grades K-3
- AWANAGrades 4-5
- Music & MissionsGrades K-5
- Honor ChoirGrade 5
- P.E. HelperGrade 5
- Terrific Kid.....Grades K-3, 5
- Pride of the PrincipalGrades K-3

Andrea Grace Wilson

Buford Elementary School, Grade 5

Andrea is a self-motivated, creative and intelligent young lady. She constantly strives to be the best student that she can be to achieve her goals. She has a positive attitude toward school, her teachers and her peers. She is willing to help others and encourages them to do their best. I am honored to have had the pleasure to teach Andrea.

Buford Elementary teacher Julia Craig

- A Honor RollGrades 3-5
- Gifted and Talented ProgramGrade 5
- Book-It Award
- Youth Art MonthGrade 2
- Duke University Talent Identification Program
..... Grade 5
- SoftballGrades 1-5
- All-Stars Grades 3-4
- VolleyballGrade 5

Daniella Wilson

Indian Land Middle School Grade 8

Daniella is a bright young lady, who I had the pleasure of teaching in third grade. She is the type of student who makes my job so rewarding and fulfilling. She works hard at all tasks given to her. She is not happy with just getting by, she pushes herself in all academic areas. She is helpful and kind to others. I can't wait to see what her future holds for such a wonderful girl! I am so proud to have had you in my class, Daniella! Way to go!

Harrisburg Elementary teacher Jessalyn Massie

- A Honor RollGrades 3-8
- English AwardGrade 7
- Reading AwardGrade 4
- Science AwardGrades 6-7
- Social Studies AwardGrade 6
- Perfect AttendanceGrades 2-5
- Gifted and Talented ProgramGrades 3-5
- Citizenship AwardGrades K-7
- Coaches Award.....Grades 7-8
- Safety Patrol.....Grade 5
- National Junior Honor Society.....Grades 7-8
- Student Council.....Grade 7
- Yearbook StaffGrade 7
- Science ClubGrade 3
- Spanish ClubGrade 4
- ChorusGrade 6
- Drama.....Grade 5
- SCHSL All-Region Softball TeamGrade 7

- Girls on the RunGrade 3
- CheerleaderGrade K
- Soccer.....Grades 2-4
- SoftballGrades 7-8
- Basketball.....Grades 7-8
 - MVP Award Grades 7-8
- VolleyballGrades 7-8
 - MVP Award Grade 8
 - Coaches Award Grade 7

Gabriella Wilson

Indian Land Elementary School, Grade 5

Gabriella has a great heart and a warm smile that is infectious. She has been a pleasure to teach in the classroom as well as on the stage. Gabby always puts a hundred percent effort into everything she does. She asks questions in class that not only strengthen her own knowledge, but help to clarify for all of her fellow students as well. Gabby always offers help to any teacher or student that needs it. Gabriella has intrinsic motivation to do well that cannot be taught in the classroom. She has maintained a grade point average of straight A's throughout her elementary school years. I can expect that this will continue throughout her educational career with the effort that she puts forth.

Indian Land Elementary teacher Jason Weiss

- A Honor RollGrades 3-5
- Science Award.....Grades 1, 4
- Citizenship AwardGrades K-5
- Art Award.....Grade K
- Drama ClubGrade 5
- Basketball.....Grades K-5
- SoftballGrades K-5
- Drama.....Grade 5
- Girls on the RunGrades 2-4
- Library AwardGrade 3

Jalen Woodard

South Middle School, Grade 8

Jalen is a self-driven and conscientious young man who truly deserves this Celebration of Excellence recognition. He exhibits a quiet and pensive demeanor that consistently leads to extraordinary work. He is truly a leader among his peers in both academics and the arts. It has been an honor and a pleasure to further support his growth as a student.

South Middle teacher Rhine Kirkland

- A Honor RollGrades 6-8
- Academic AchievementGrades 1-8

- English AwardGrade 6
- History AwardGrade 7
- Math AwardGrade 6
- Reading AwardGrade 3
- Science AwardGrade 7
- Class Spelling Bee Winner.....Grade 5
- Social Studies AwardGrade 7
- Perfect AttendanceGrades 6-8
- Gifted and Talented ProgramGrade 5
- Overall Academic AchieverGrade 6
- Citizenship AwardGrade 6
- Good Sport Award.....Grades 1-5
- Principal's PalGrade 4
- P.E. AwardGrade 5
- Chorus Award.....Grade 6
- Music AwardGrades 4-5
- Art Award.....Grade 5
- Duke University Talent Identification Program
 - Grade 5
- Founders FellowGrades 4-5
- Middle School Academic Challenge Team
 - Grades 7-8
- Peer Tutoring.....Grades 4-5
- National Junior Beta Club.....Grades 4-5
- National Junior Honor Society.....Grades 6-8
- Student Council.....Grade 6
- Art ClubGrade 5
- 21st CenturyGrades 3-5
- GolfGrade 8
- Soccer.....Grades 3-7
- ChorusGrades 6-8
- PianoGrade 6
- Boy ScoutsGrades 2-3

Austin Wrape

Andrew Jackson High School, Grade 12

I have known Austin since I first taught him in the 7th grade. Austin is an intelligent, hard working and a great young man. He is highly respected by his teachers and fellow classmates. Austin has tremendous natural ability in the classroom and is always well prepared. I always expect and can count on "A" quality work from Austin. He also is a hard worker away from school. For several years, I've seen him work in the weight room and on the field to make himself a better baseball player. He sacrificed many hours and worked hard year-round to improve himself as a baseball player. However, when a serious shoulder injury halted his baseball career, he didn't give up. There were many difficult days associated with his injury and rehabilitation, but he has returned to the diamond to help his teammates achieve their goals in his senior year. I was truly inspired to see a young man overcome such adversity. I have no

doubt that Austin will go on and do great things at Clemson and beyond. He is a well-rounded young man with tremendous potential. It has been a joy knowing him and working with him over the last five years. I wish him the best for a bright future.

Andrew Jackson High teacher Marc Truesdale

- A Honor RollGrades 3-12
- Junior MarshalGrade 11
- English AwardGrades 4, 6, 10
- Geography AwardGrade 7
- Geography Bee School Winner.....Grade 8
- History AwardGrades 9-11
- Math AwardGrades 4-7, 10
- Science AwardGrades 4-8
- Social Studies AwardGrades 3-8
- Class Spelling Bee Winner.....Grades 3, 5
- Perfect AttendanceGrade 3
- President's Award for Educational Excellence
..... Grade 5
- S.C. Scrapbook.....Grade 3
- Gifted and Talented ProgramGrades 3-8
- Focus - Art.....Grades 6-8
- Book-It Award.....Grades 2-3
- Safety Patrol.....Grade 5
- Art Award.....Grades 1-2
- Duke University Talent Identification Program
..... Grades 4-5
- Boys StateGrade 11
- Presbyterian ScholarGrade 11
- Palmetto FellowGrade 12
- Elementary School Academic Challenge Team
..... Grade 5
- Lancaster Youth Art ShowGrade 6
- National Beta Club.....Grades 10-12
- National Honor Society.....Grades 11-12
- Baseball - VarsityGrades 10-12
- Basketball - Church League.....Grade 12
- Soccer.....Grade 6
- Church Youth GroupGrades 6-12
- Royal Ambassadors (RAs)Grades 1-5
- Dixie Youth BaseballGrades 1-5
- JV BaseballGrades 7-8
- Reading Counts Medal.....Grades 1-5
- Read-In ParticipantGrades 5, 8
- Governor's Reading Honor RollGrades 1-5
- Mechanical Design 1 AwardGrade 9
- Architectural Design 1 Award.....Grade 10

Le 'Onna Wright

A.R. Rucker Middle School, Grade 8

I was honored to be asked to write about Le 'Onna Wright for the Celebration of Excellence. She is an outstanding individual who is involved in many aspects of student life at A. R. Rucker Middle School. Le 'Onna was a member of the 2014-15 girls basketball team. She is an extremely bright young lady and is one of the most well-rounded students that I have had the pleasure to teach. Le 'Onna sets an example for her peers as she approaches every challenge she faces with diligence and perseverance to reach the goal of success. She never complains and is always willing to help. Le 'Onna has many wonderful opportunities awaiting, and I am proud to have been a part of her path.

A.R. Rucker Middle teacher Amy Reynolds

- A Honor RollGrades 3-7
- ValedictorianGrade 5
- English AwardGrades 6-7
- History AwardGrade 6
- Language AwardGrades 6-7
- Math AwardGrades 6-7
- Science AwardGrade 6
- Class Spelling Bee Winner.....Grade 6
- Social Studies AwardGrade 6
- Perfect AttendanceGrades K-7
- Gifted and Talented ProgramGrades 3-5
- Duke University Talent Identification Program
- Founders Fellow
- Student of the Month AwardGrade 7
- Coaches Award.....Grade 6
- P.E. AwardGrades K-7
- Junior ScholarGrade 8
- Trustees Award.....Grade 8
- National Junior Beta Club.....Grades 6-8
- Student Council.....Grades 6-7
- 21st CenturyGrades 3-5
- Basketball.....Grade 8
- CheerleaderGrades 2-4
- VolleyballGrades 8
- BandGrades 6-7
- StepGrade 6

Lindsay Wright

Buford High School, Grade 12

As the yearbook advisor at Buford High School, I can say that I have been blessed to have Lindsay work with me in producing yearbooks for two years. She does amazing work and I have watched her love for desktop publishing grow as she matures and produces great things. I believe that her growth in the computer area of design was made possible because of her love for photography. Lindsay leads, she is not a follower, and I truly am inspired by her creativity and love for “all things artsy.”

Buford High teacher Pam Langley

- Highest HonorsGrade 12
- A Honor RollGrade 12
- Math AwardGrade 9
- Music AwardGrade 10
- Art Award Grades 7-8, 10-11
- High School Academic Challenge Team
..... Grades 10-12
- National Beta Club.....Grades 10-12
- National Honor Society.....Grades 10-12
- Yearbook StaffGrades 11-12
- Art ClubGrade 11
- DancingGrades 3-6
- Roller SkatingGrade 12
- BandGrades 6-12
- Marching Band.....Grades 7-12
- Woodmen of the WorldGrade 12
- Art Show - First Place.....Grade 10

Max Yegge

Indian Land Elementary School, Grade 5

Max is a very intelligent, caring and unique student. He emits such confidence, and knows his strengths and skills. Max doesn't hesitate to ask a question, and always wants to learn more about a given topic. He is an entertaining and witty boy, and has the ability to make me think on a daily basis. Max is kind and considerate of the other students, and he offers help whenever it is needed. He is a natural leader, and his charismatic personality will take him very far. Max puts forth one hundred percent in all he does, and expects the best from himself and those he associates with. I have enjoyed teaching Max, and getting to know him as a person. I know he will bring joy to his future teachers. Max has such amazing potential, and I have no doubt he will achieve great things in life. He can accomplish anything he puts his mind to, and I hope he always remembers that. I look forward to hearing about all of the wonderful things he achieves in the future. I wish him the best, and will truly miss his contagious smile.

Indian Land Elementary teacher Kristen White

- A Honor RollGrades 3-5
- English AwardGrade 2
- Math AwardGrade 2
- Science AwardGrade 2
- Science Fair AwardGrade 4
- Social Studies AwardGrade 2
- Gifted and Talented ProgramGrades 3-5
- *iLead*Grade 5
- Book-It AwardGrades 2-5
- Citizenship AwardGrades 2-4
- Duke University Talent Identification Program
..... Grades 3-5
- Art ClubGrade 3
- Drama ClubGrade 5
- G/T Camp.....Grades 3, 5
- Wrestling ClubGrades K-5

Retirees

Elizabeth L. Baker

South Middle Teacher

"The best teachers teach from the heart, not from the book." This quote from an unknown author could have been written especially for Liz Baker. She has touched the hearts and lives of countless Lancaster County children throughout her teaching career. My first encounter with Mrs. Baker was actually as a parent. I saw first-hand the major impact she had on my daughter. She took a shy and reserved fifth-grader and molded her into a passionate and caring student. The impact she had on Brittany was such that it instilled in her the passion and drive to become a teacher just like Mrs. Baker – someone who doesn't shy away from outwardly showing students just how much she cares and loves them while teaching them the content. Liz Baker's classroom has always been one filled with laughter, patience and tons of teacher praise. Not a day went by that I didn't hear "I love that answer!" coming from her classroom. If I was ever feeling low, I just walked into her math classroom and watched her positive interaction with her students. We love you, Mrs. Baker! We will cherish your dedication to education and the impact you made on so many lives.

South Middle principal Joyce Crimminger

- Heath Springs Elementary
Music Teacher 1 Year
- Brooklyn Springs Elementary
Fifth-Grade Teacher 13 Years
- South Middle
Math Teacher..... 14 Years
Middle Level Teacher of the Year2000-2001
Winthrop University Teacher Quality Partnership
Liaison.....2013-2015
- St. Luke Methodist Church25 Years

Van Netta Boone

Clinton Elementary Teacher Assistant

Special education assistant, she has shared her love of learning and her passion of caring for all for 16 unforgettable years. Over the years, she served, with dedication, the children, families and facilities of Barr Street, A. R. Rucker and Clinton. Van Netta gave

tirelessly of herself everyday. She was committed and passionate about teaching, guiding and inspiring all children to be the best they can be and encouraging her colleagues to always give 110%. Van Netta has touched the lives of so many of our students as a mother or grandmother. She has served as a teacher, mentor and friend to her colleagues. Thank you, Van Netta, for teaching, guiding and inspiring the staff of Clinton Elementary School.

Clinton Elementary principal Rachel Ray

- Barr Street/A.R. Rucker Middle School
Substitute Teacher 7 Years
- Brooklyn Springs Elementary
Teacher's Aide..... 1 Year
- Clinton Elementary
Teacher's Aide..... 8 Years
Teacher of the Month
- Back Yard Summer School - Reading and Arts Class
at Pardue Apartments 1 Year
- Adopt-A-Leader 6 Years
- Catering for Autism..... 6 Years
- House to House 100 Book Reading Program 1 Year

Janice Bradley

Heath Springs Elementary Teacher

It has been my honor and pleasure to work with my friend and my co-worker, Janice Bradley, for the past 36 years. Her warm, caring and loving personality has been a blessing for the children, families and staff at Heath Springs Elementary School. Janice came to school every day prepared to make a difference in the lives of the children in her care. She loved them as her own and the families whose lives she touched will always cherish her influence. We will miss Janice as she retires to spend more time with her family. She deserves this honor tonight. We will covet her continued friendship and prayers. I wish her the best in her retirement and send love and thanks for a job well done!!

Heath Springs Elementary principal Sheri Watson

- Heath Springs Elementary Teacher 36 Years
- District Elementary Teacher of the Year
Heath Springs Elementary 1987-1988
- Celebrate Great Elementary Teacher of the Year
Heath Springs Elementary 2005
- Recipient of EIA and PET Grants for Reading
Materials and Technology for Classroom

- Teacher Evaluator - ADEPT, SAFE-T
- School Leadership Team - Reading First
- Teacher Training Team Leader
- Bangladesh Summer Missions Trip .. Summer 2014
- Kershaw Second Baptist Church
- Clerk and Assistant Clerk.....2010-2014
- VBS - Steering Committee 2000-Present
- Member of Summer Missions Teams 2000-Present

Henry Brown Jr., Retired Master Sergeant

Indian Land High JROTC Army Instructor

When I came to Indian Land High, I had no idea I would meet the most generous and absolute kindest person on the planet. MSG Henry Brown is a one-of-a-kind human being who has the spirit of a warrior and the heart of a saint. To name the countless contributions he has made and is still making at Indian Land High would be never-ending. Students, parents, his colleagues and the community were all saddened to hear of his retirement, but could wish him only the best, knowing he (and Mrs. Brown) deserved the respite. Thank you, MSG Brown, for being you. You are truly irreplaceable.

Indian Land High administrative assistant Jonetta English

The first day I met MSG Brown, I thought he was a recruiter, but soon found out he was applying to replace the assistant instructor. As they say, the rest is history. He brought a level of energy, excitement and motivation that I rarely see in people. He always tried to have the best interest of the cadet and the program in mind. If asked to help on anything, he would. He is a man who is missed by students, faculty, support staff and administrators.

Indian Land High JROTC instructor Sam Wood Jr.

- Indian Land High JROTC Army Instructor12 Years
- Substitute Bus Driver10 Years
- Teacher of the Year 2010
- U.S. Army Veteran26 Years
- Raider Team Competition
- Drill Team Competitions, Parades/Color Guards 12 Years
- Carolina Panthers Volunteers/Substitute School Bus Driver12 Years
- National Drill Meet-Daytona Beach, Fl..... May 2008

Sandra S. Cauthen

North Elementary Teacher

I can truly say that Sandra Cauthen has put her heart and soul into teaching first grade. I am honored to speak on her behalf as a former first-grade team member, her current administrator and from that of a parent who is currently watching my own first grader develop and thrive in her classroom. Few teachers actually master the art of teaching, but Mrs. Cauthen is one of them. She is an effective teacher because she sets high standards for all students in her classroom and equips them with the character, work ethic and academic skills to meet those standards. She is patient, firm, conscientious, imaginative and possesses the innate ability to make six and seven year olds think for themselves and become independent learners.

Mrs. Cauthen demands excellence from her students ... everyday! If you could take a trip to North Elementary, you would find Sandra Cauthen working closely with students before the first bell even rings. She is truly a teacher who knows the academic ability of each child in her classroom and prescribes a personal plan of instruction as she monitors student growth.

She is always one of the last teachers to leave the building for the day and does so with a bag in tow, because, like her students, she also has homework. For many students, Mrs. Cauthen was that teacher who helped them recognize their "something special" they would one day share with the world. It will be hard to replace Mrs. Cauthen at North Elementary because of her no-nonsense approach to teaching and her endless dedication to challenge students to trust the process and marvel in the joy of learning. Congratulations on your well-deserved retirement!

North Elementary principal Keishea Mickles

- North Elementary
- First-Grade Teacher..... 30 Years
- Palmetto State Teachers Assoc. Member 30 years
- EIA Grants
- PET Grants
- Marion Sims Grants
- Trustees Awards

Wanda H. Ewing

Buford Middle Teacher

Wanda is a wonderful educator who is talented in many areas. She has taught middle school math and language arts with a passion that has been passed down to her students. She has taken on many leadership roles including that of academic coach, department chair, and team chair. She has helped her students raise money for charitable causes such as St. Jude's Children's Hospital and Relay for Life. She truly cares about her students and her peers, and it shows in all that she does. Buford Middle School will miss her.

Buford Middle principal Sheri Wells

- Buford Middle School
 - Seventh-Grade Teacher 7 Years
 - National Board Certification 2008
 - St. Jude Children's Hospital Mathathon Coordinator 7 Years
- South Middle School
 - Seventh-Grade Teacher 17 years
 - Math Instructional Coach 7 years
 - Academic Challenge Coach 15 Years
 - LCSD Recognition Awards Recipient 3 Years
- Central Elementary School
 - Third-Grade Teacher 10 Years
- Workshop Session Presenter at the SC Middle School Convention 1 Year
- Awana International Children's Ministry
 - S.C. Missionary Ministry Team 11 Years
- Calvary Baptist Church 9 Years
 - Worship Leader, Sunday School Teacher, VBS Director

Julius L. Faile

Andrew Jackson High Teacher Assistant

Julius, better known as Buddy, was a valued employee at Andrew Jackson School for almost 11 years. Buddy served as the ISS monitor the entire time and was always willing to help in any capacity. His service to Andrew Jackson High was greatly appreciated, and he will be truly missed.

Andrew Jackson High principal Alex Dabney

- Andrew Jackson High
 - ISS Teachers Aide 10+ Years
- Mt. Pisgah Buffalo Rescue Squad - CPR 25 Years
- Buffalo Baptist Church - Deacon 6 Years

Ann Marie Green

Heath Springs Elementary Teacher Assistant

I have had the wonderful pleasure of working with a compassionate and spiritually grounded lady for 18 years. She has nurtured numerous kindergartners during her tenure at Heath Springs Elementary. She's always speaking with a soft voice and greeting children, coworkers and parents with a warm smile and hello. You can bet when you see Mrs. Green, she will always speak and if time allows, engage you in a friendly conversation. Mrs. Green is dedicated to her family, church and friends. She enjoys serving others through volunteering in her community. She has the patience of Job and is willing to serve in any capacity. She loves children and encourages them to do their best. She provides the necessary time to listen and assist any child who may need extra help. During adversity, Mrs. Green has exemplified a humble spirit and a most gracious attitude. It has truly been an honor to work along with her as my kindergarten assistant for 18 years. We love you, Mrs. Green, and appreciate you and your inspiration. Thank you for always being our sunshine! You will always have a special place in our hearts.

Heath Springs Elementary teacher Lori Hinson

- Kindergarten Teacher Assistant 18 Years
- Kershaw Community Park Council
 - Corresponding Secretary 4 Years
- Youth Serve Planning Team 20 Years
- Sunday School Teacher and Choir Member
 - Kershaw Presbyterian Church 30 Years

Rosalind Grier

South Middle RN Nurse

The role of the school nurse is an ever-changing process. It is a unique nursing specialty practiced in a non-medical setting. School nurses lead the way to advance health and support education by ensuring that students are safe, healthy and ready to learn. Rosalind is a role model for all school nurses. She has been a registered nurse for 34 years, and I have known her for 34 years! We have worked together at Springs Memorial Hospital, the Lancaster County Health Department and our district. She served the school district as nurse at both Buford Elementary and South Middle. Her main focus has always been the health and well-being of her students, their families, and the faculties of her schools.

She is quiet, calm, compassionate, creative – a must for a school nurse – and is a strong and independent person that bases her decisions on best-evidence nursing practice. Rosalind is truly a dear friend and a professional colleague that I will miss. She has been an asset and a critical part of the Lancaster County School District nursing staff. We will miss you but wish the very best for your retirement!

District lead nurse Graceann Jones, RN

- School Nurse
 - South Middle.....2 Years
 - Buford Elementary 7 Years
- DHEC - RN in Child Health
 - Lancaster Health Department 6 Years
- Springs Memorial Hospital RN
 - Charge Nurse.....23 Years
- Buford High -School Physicals for Sports
- Medical Clinic at Second Baptist Church
- Eastside Baptist Church - Children's Church, Christmas Programs and Preschool Church

Jeffrey R. Hinson

Buford Elementary Teacher

Jeff loved teaching physical education and definitely found his niche with the primary children. He encouraged them to excel in all areas of their education and wanted them to do their personal best. Jeff's dedication to his students led him to follow them throughout their formal education and beyond. He could definitely predict an outstanding athlete even at an early age. Jeff was a strict, organized educator, and he has touched many lives. Students love and will miss Coach Hinson.

Buford Elementary teacher Laura Grimm

- Chesterfield County - Ruby Elementary, Edwards Elementary and Chesterfield Middle -Grades K-6
 - Physical Education Teacher1 Year
- South Junior High - Grades 7-9
 - Physical Education and Health Teacher3 years
- Dobson/Brooklyn Springs - Grades K-6
 - Physical Education Teacher 10 Years
- Buford Elementary
 - Physical Education Teacher 14 Years

Susan Hinson

Student Services Teacher

I have known Susan for at least 30 years. Our children are in the same age group. She has four grandchildren of which she is very proud. We shared an office at AJ High for a few years and were in that office when

the World Trade Center Towers were attacked. She was a great co-worker, just the type that was easy to get along with. Her job, as an itinerant teacher, was filled with travel and holding class sessions in many different places. Sometimes, she worked from the stage in the auditorium, anyone's available office, the gym and sometimes in the hall. One thing I know for sure, wherever she held class, quality instruction was in progress. I have always considered her to be the best of the best. She loved her students and wanted the best for each of them. She is of the highest integrity and always performed her job in a very professional manner. I am sure Susan has made a difference in her students' lives as she went above and beyond to make sure everything she did was to the best of her ability.

Special Education teacher Beverly R. Wilson

- Florence School District - Teacher 1 Year
- Lancaster - Southside Teacher4 Years
 - Itinerant - OI Teacher28 Years
 - Discovery School - Resource Teacher1 Year
- Currently working part-time at Adult Education
- First Baptist Church - Kershaw
 - Served on committees, worked with children, youth and participated in mission trips

Brenda Mills Jackson

Clinton Elementary Teacher

"A key to growing as a teacher is to keep company mainly with teachers who uplift you, whose presence inspires you, and whose dedication drives you."

Robert J. Meehan

I have had the honor of working beside a teacher who uplifts, inspires and drives other teachers to become better educators and all students to be the best they can be. This teacher is Brenda Jackson. Until I taught with Brenda, I had never met a teacher whose motto, day in and day out, is "It's all about the kids." She doesn't just say it, but she truly shows it in and out of the classroom every single day. Whether it's using her planning period to help a student complete a piece of art or getting to school early to put up children's artwork or listening to students read, she is always there for the kids. Brenda has put her students at Clinton Elementary first for 30 years! So you do the math . . . 400 plus students a year for 30 years equals an incredible legacy for her colleagues and the students at Clinton Elementary School.

Clinton Elementary teacher Rosemary Young

- Clinton Elementary School
Art Teacher 30 Years
Youth Art Month Participant 30 Years
- SC Olde English Consortium Participant 2 Years
- Co-President of PTO with Husband 1995
- Trustees Awards (for Grants) 20 Years

Pam Jones

Buford High Teacher

Pam Jones has been a part of the Buford High School family for 36 years! Many of you have her to thank for being able to make an omelet, sew on a button or lots of other important life skills. She was first a “home economics” teacher, and now a Family and Consumer Science teacher. Pam has also served on numerous committees. She is kind and conscientious. She is considerate of others and always willing to help. She has many talents and can build, fix, sew or do just about anything around the house! Buford won’t be the same without her.

Buford High teacher Beth McDonald

- Buford High School
Home Economics Teacher 36 Years
- South Junior High Teacher 1 Year
- Berkeley County Teacher 1 Year
- Lancaster High Graduate 1972
- Master’s Degree in Home Economics Education from Winthrop University

John Mahaffey

Buford High Teacher

First of all, I am honored to write something about John Mahaffey. As we get older in life, it seems that making new friends doesn’t come your way as often as they did in the past. Retiring from the military and starting a new career in the education field not only brought me a new career, it brought me a new friend in John. I like and admire John because he is a down-to-earth type of person. Listening to and observing John over the years, I have learned that he was raised in the “old school” way: having respect for others, dedication for what you do, displaying a positive attitude and being accountable for your actions. He not only taught or instilled automotive skills into the students, he instilled the old school way into their lives, hoping they, too, would understand that it’s your actions and attitude toward life and the way you live that makes you successful. No one owes you anything but

respect as a human being. If you want something in life, you must earn it, it’s not given to you. These are the things I admired about John and how steadfast he was throughout his career in touching/shaping the lives of so many students. As time marches on, and John feels it is his time to move on. We, as educators, should be thankful for the time he gave and what he tried to accomplish in the lives of his students. For me personally, I am thankful that he stood fast in his beliefs throughout his career, and more importantly, that I had the opportunity to get to know him and to be able to call him my friend. Best wishes to you and hope your retirement brings you joy and peace, because we know it was not something given to you, it was certainly earned. Take care, my friend.

Buford High JROTC instructor Scott Cato

- Buford High School
Automotive Teacher 30 Years
Wrestling Coach 19 Years

Sharon Marshall

A.R. Rucker Middle Cafeteria Manager

It has been a pleasure and a privilege to work with Sharon for the past 16 years. She has been a very dedicated, dependable, and hardworking individual as well as a great asset to Lancaster County School District. Sharon has been committed to serving the students of Lancaster during her many years with the district. She has worked tirelessly and diligently as cafeteria manager at A. R. Rucker, Barr Street, Dobson, Clinton and Southside. She is a very caring and compassionate person and I am proud to say that she is not only my co-worker but also my friend. She is also a devoted wife, mother, and grandmother and a dedicated member of her church. I am truly blessed to have had the opportunity to work with and get to know Sharon and I wish her all the best as she begins this new chapter in her life.

Food Services Administrative Assistant Johnna Smith

- Cafeteria Operator and Manager Total 37 Years
Southside 2 Years
Clinton 6 Years
Dobson 8 Years
Barr Street 8 Years
A.R. Rucker Middle 12 Years
- DHEC Inspections 100% - Multiple Times
- SNA - Certification 100% in Kitchen Barr Street
- Immanuel Baptist Church 65 Years
- SNA - Member and Certification 34 years

Donna Rowell Middleton

Andrew Jackson High Teacher

In my 20+ years of education, I have not had the opportunity to work with many teachers that have or could outwork Donna Middleton. She loves to teach math! Mrs. Middleton has worked tirelessly at making sure she is doing the best job possible to present the material to her students. She has always bounced new ideas off of me, and has never been afraid to take a risk. With all the material she has generated throughout the years, she could easily have and probably should have written her own textbook. You can bet that each year she would be one of the first ones in the building getting her room ready for the start of a new school year. Mrs. Middleton has been a leader in her department and throughout the building. She is the epitome of an Andrew Jackson Volunteer, and she will be truly missed. As my grandfather used to say, "If you are going to put your name to it, do it and do it right." Donna Middleton has truly done that, and she has done it well.

Andrew Jackson principal Alex Dabney

- Math Teacher
 - Andrew Jackson High School 14 Years
 - Central High School..... 11 Years
 - McBee High School 3 Years

Gary Moore

Indian Land High Teacher

I met Gary Moore for the first time in 2000 at Indian Land High School. We immediately hit it off. He had retired from the National Guard in 1995, and I from the regular Army in 1994. We both liked to hunt, fish, garden, study history and cook. He has a gift of being a mechanic and fixing things. I have learned a lot from him. And he has fixed a lot of my things. It seemed that Gary did not find computers "user" friendly. Navigating the internet and finding out "stuff" was a strength I was acquiring. For the last 20 years, we have developed a friendship based on our strengths. I group Gary's personality, qualities and professionalism into three groups. Group 1: He is loyal, trustworthy, wise and considerate. Group 2: He is resourceful, inventive and realistic. And the final group: He is candid, prudent and above all, a true friend.

Indian Land High JROTC instructor Lt. Sam Wood Jr.

- Indian Land High School

- Teacher/Football & Track Coach 39 Years
- Freedom High School, Morganton, SC
 - Teacher/Coach - Football 3 Years
- Kings Mountain High School
 - Teacher 1 Year
- SGM. Retired. US Army Active & S.C.
 - National Guard 29 Years
- Tri-County Coach of the Year (ILH) 1976, 1977
- Region Coach of the Year (ILHS) ... 1976, 1977, 1983
- Indian Land Masonic Lodge 414 Past Master ... 1 Year
- Pleasant Valley Baptist Church
 - Sunday School Teacher & Deacon

Harriett Neal

Andrew Jackson Middle Attendance Clerk

Where do I begin? Harriett was truly a joy to work with while here at Andrew Jackson Middle. Her professionalism in performing her job was always evident as she dealt with students, teachers, parents and administration. She, through her actions, was always teaching us not to take life so seriously. She dedicated more than 39 years of her life to education, and she will be remembered by many. Harriett had a way of taking folks under her wing, and I was fortunate enough to be one of those persons. She was truly dedicated to her immediate family and her school family.

Andrew Jackson Middle principal Daryl Hinson

- Andrew Jackson Middle School
 - Administrative Assistant 27 Years
- Kershaw Elementary School
 - Classroom Aide 3 Years
- Andrew Jackson High School
 - Study Hall Monitor 9 Years
- Center Grove Baptist Church 49 Years
 - Served in varied capacities over the years - teacher, building and grounds, social, trustees, etc.

Debbie Rivers

A.R. Rucker Middle Teacher

Debbie Rivers is a very dedicated and loving mother and teacher who truly puts her family and students first. She is supportive, eager to share knowledge and often goes above what is required to ensure student success. Having taught side by side with Debbie on a team, I found that she has a wonderful sense of humor, is patient and treats children as if they are her own. Debbie genuinely cares about people and their needs. She is a true team player and always willing to lend a helping hand whether it is before, during or after

school hours. She is punctual and trustworthy. She is truly going to be missed at A.R. Rucker Middle. I'm glad to have had the opportunity to work with Debbie. I wish her the best in her retirement. She deserves to have time to focus on her family and to travel.

A.R. Rucker Middle assistant principal Anita Watts

- A.R. Rucker Middle Teacher25 Years
- Lancaster Police Dept. Lieutenant10 Years
- Lancaster County Teacher of the Year 1990-1991
- Palmetto State Teachers Association Member
.....25 Years
- Member of the Women of the Moose29 Years

Kathy Sullivan

Buford Middle Teacher

K*athy Sullivan is a true educator in every sense of the word. She was one of the first teachers in the Lancaster County School District to become National Board Certified. From that point, she began helping other educators reach this level of distinction. She belongs to numerous groups and committees dedicated to making personal fitness a lifelong goal. She has presented at many conferences and was named Physical Education Teacher of the Year for the State of South Carolina. She is loved by her students and her peers. The Buford schools will surely miss her laughter and kindness.*

Buford Middle principal Sheri Wells

- Buford High/Middle
Physical Education Teacher 32 Years
- South Middle
Physical Education Teacher 2 Years
- Coker College
Instructor/Coach1 Year
- SCAHPERD - President Elect 2015
- SC State Middle PE Teacher of Year 2014
- Lancaster Middle School Teacher of Year 2004
- Health & Wellness Commission
School District Health Representative 11 Years
- S.C. Coaches Assoc. for Women's Sports
State President2000
- Eat Smart Move More Coalition - Co-Chair..... 1 Year
- South Middle - Basketball 1981-1983
- Buford High - Volleyball..... 1983-2002
- Buford Boys - Golf 1998-2000
- Buford Middle - Volleyball2007-2012
- Coached Girls' Volleyball in three separate state championships
- Coached in the North-South All-Star Game two times
- Officiated in the North-South Game

Peggy Brown Tyre

A.R. Rucker Middle Teacher

P*eggy was one of the most dedicated educators I have ever known. Her students were her children in every way, and she worried about each and every one of them long after the dismissal bell. She always taught with compassion, understanding and determination. She was loved by her students and respected by her peers. The field of education was made richer because of her presence.*

A.R. Rucker Middle teacher Debbie Rivers

- A.R. Rucker Middle10 Years
- Seventh-Grade ELA Teacher 5 Years
- Sixth-Grade ELA Teacher 3 Years
- Sixth-Grade Social Studies Teacher 2 Years
- Leadership Committee Member 3 Years
- ADEPT Trainer1 Year
- Celebrate Great Teacher Nominee 8 Years
- Currently grade level chairperson and overseeing the makings of our Historical Museum
- Jenkins Middle - Haines City Fla.
Sixth-Grade Social Studies Teacher 3 Years
- Bethune Elementary - Haines City, Fla.
Fifth-Grade Social Studies Teacher1 Year
- Rock Hill Christian Academy
Combination First-Third Grades Teacher1 Year
- Orangeburg Christian Academy
Fourth-Grade Teacher 2 Years
- Faith Christian, St. Joe, Fla.
First-Grade Teacher.....1 Year
- Brown's Elementary School - Eastpoint, Fla.
Second-Sixth Grades Teacher 2 Years
- Belleview Elementary School, Belleview, Fla.
Second-Fouth Grades Teacher 15 Years
- Teacher of the Year1996-1997
- Harold Johnson Middle School, York, S.C.
Fourth-Grade Teacher1 Year
- Florida Springs Chapter, Belleview, Fla.
Phi Delta Kappa 7 Years
- Peer Teacher - St. Leo College Junior Intern 1992
- School Text Book Evaluation Team 1989-1993
Evaluated Reading and Math Series
- Faculty Member of S.A.C Team 1995-1996
Served as Recording Secretary
- School Text Book Evaluation Team 1996-1997
Evaluated Reading Series
- Member of School Improvement Team 1996-1997
- Marion County Writing Trainer 1996-1997
- Grade Level Chairperson1993-1994, 1996-1997
- Sunshine Committee 1992-2004
Chairperson1993-1994
- Participated in school carnivals as fund-raisers
- Nominated by a former student as Outstanding Teacher -
7th Annual Golden Apple Teacher Recognition Program

- Hi-Tech Macintosh In-service in Marion County - Selected, along with other teachers, to be trained on the Macintosh Computer, then train other teachers at our schools. Also served as a Hi-Tech Instructor for Marion County Tech Day in 1992

Kay M. Watson

Erwin Elementary Librarian/Media Specialist

Kay has worn many “hats” at Erwin as our media specialist. Not only is she a wonderful media specialist, but she also serves as the team captain for Erwin’s Relay for Life team; she helps with school activities such as fall festival, field day, and wet and wild; and she helps with Erwin’s student performances. As a media specialist, Kay works tirelessly to assist teachers with technology in their classrooms. She works hard to foster a love of reading among our students. Kay is truly a devoted educator, and it has been my pleasure to call her my colleague and friend.

Erwin Elementary teacher Meredith Ribelin

- Erwin Elementary School
Librarian/Media Specialist..... 30 Years
- Buford Elementary School
Third-Fourth Grades Teacher 6 Years
- St. Luke United Methodist Church
Choir, Handbells, Bereavement Committee,
Children’s Church
- Erwin’s Relay for Life Team-American Cancer
Society Co-Captain
- South Carolina Association of School Librarians
..... 28 Years
- Lancaster County Librarians Association
Read-In Day Event..... 30 Years

Peggy White

Brooklyn Springs Elementary Cafeteria Operator

Peggy is an awesome lady, and what a fun person to work with. I had the pleasure of working with her for only two years, but learned a lot about her, working with, and beside her in the kitchen. Not only is she beautiful to look at, she has a great sense of humor and loves people. Oh, and how she loves her family, talks about her children and grandchildren all the time. They are her pride. And let me tell you, she could really cook that chicken. She was the best at making our chicken so delicious. I still brag about her to the rest of the kitchen when it comes to chicken day. (I tell my crew, “I sure miss Peggy . . . she could work that chicken like nobody else.”) And we just laugh and agree. I wish she

didn’t have to retire when she did. I miss her laughter and smile. She was so easy to connect with. Sometimes we could just look at each other and know what the other was thinking and just start laughing. I hope and pray her retirement is so happy. And I know she is spending a lot of time with her family and especially the grandchildren now. And I know that they are so happy to have her around more often. I will always be grateful for God putting her in my life. And I will never forget our time together. Be blessed, Peggy. Love you!!

Cafeteria manager Deani Marshall

- Brooklyn Springs Elementary
Cafeteria Operator 17 Years

Michael David Anvil Allen Williams

Andrew Jackson Middle Teacher

Mike has served Andrew Jackson area schools in many capacities throughout his 30-plus-year career in the education field. Certified in several areas, he has taught math and social studies, and has shared his expertise as a department chair, committee member, and team leader across grade levels. He has also coached soccer at the high-school level while encouraging many youth to continue their academic and athletic endeavors. A stickler for detail, Mike expects only the best from his students, and cheers their accomplishments as they progress through the curriculum. Students are encouraged to ask questions and share ideas as they navigate the rigorous standards that he expects from them. A student knows immediately when they have done something correctly by the big smile and hearty laugh of pleasure that “Mr. Williams” rewards to them. Never wanting to be in the spotlight, Mike has performed many duties behind the scenes. He tirelessly offers assistance to those in need, whether it is a student struggling with a family need, or a fellow teacher needing a nudge of encouragement. His love for his students, present and past, is most evident in the way that he keeps up with their achievements, both in and out of school. Always aware of the feelings of others, he can bring a smile to a dreary day with his hearty laugh and mischievous nature. A mathematical whiz, he can recall dates and times with amazing accuracy, and delights in trying to stump others with his grasp of historical facts and trivia. Many mornings (and faculty meetings!) have been brightened by his hilarious renderings of his experiences throughout his career. Mike Williams has positively touched the lives of so

many throughout his educational career. His legacy will continue to be one of devotion, high expectation, and reinforcement of his belief that each individual, no matter their circumstances, can achieve greatness.

Andrew Jackson Middle teacher Beth Reeves

- Andrew Jackson Middle Teacher28 Years
- Kershaw Middle Teacher/Coach.....2 Years
- Andrew Jackson High Teacher/Coach 1 Year
- Heath Springs Elementary, Kershaw Primary,
Kershaw Elementary, Flat Creek Elem 2 Years
- Manning Academy - Teacher/Coach 2 Years
- 1994-95 S.C. Middle School Magic Award Winner -
Seventh-Grade Social Studies
- Trustees Award – Middle School Magic Award Winner
..... 1995
- 2003-04 S.C. Middle School Magic Award Winner -
Eighth-Grade Math
- Trustees Award – Middle School Magic Award Winner
..... 2004
- S.C. Council of Teacher of Mathematics Assoc10 Years
- National Council of Teachers of Mathematics Assoc.
..... 12 Years
- S.C. Council of Social Studies Teachers Assoc. .5 Years
- S.C. Middle School Association.....25 Years
- S.C. Coaches Association20 Years
- S.C. Education Association33 Years
- National Education Association33 Years

Hall of Fame

William "Billy" Boan

Community Leader

I am nominating Billy Boan because he is a lifelong native of Lancaster County, a product of Lancaster County schools, having attended the Kershaw area schools. He was employed by Lancaster County School District as a teacher at Heath Springs Elementary and as a teacher/coach at Andrew Jackson High. He served on the Andrew Jackson Area Board of Trustees, and also served as a State Representative for District 44. He is a business owner in Heath Springs and has been an ambassador of good will for Lancaster County his entire life. His work ethic and character have been above reproach. He is an excellent candidate for induction into the Lancaster County Education Hall of Fame.



Retired Administrator Atlee Brown

- Heath Springs Middle & Andrew Jackson High Teacher/Coach 5 Years
- S.C. State Representative 16 Years
House Education Committee
Ways and Means Committee/Chair 1986/1990
State Budget and Control Board
Public Education Subcommittee Chair 3 Years
- S.C. Governor Jim Hodges's Deputy Chief of Staff 4 Years
- During legislative years, Boan was instrumental in legislation to reorganize and modernize our district into a single Board of Trustees with an appointed superintendent and fiscal taxing autonomy.
- Heath Springs Insurance Agency Owner
- Lancaster County Economic Development Corporation Executive Director 1994-97
- Andrew Jackson Area Board of Trustees 1978
Chair 1980
- Established Hodges Consulting Group with Jim Hodges 2003
- McGuire Woods Consulting (formerly HCG)
Senior Vice-President of State Government Relations
- Legislative career honored by State Chamber of Com-

merce, S.C. School Boards Association, the S.C. School Administrators Association, the S.C. Education Association, the Vocational School Administrators and USCL's Friends of the Medford Library

- University of South Carolina
Bachelor's Degree in Education
Honorary Doctorate Degree
- Medical University of South Carolina
Honorary Degree
- Salem United Methodist Church
Administrative Board Chair
Sunday School Teacher

Anne Springs Close

Community Leader

Anne Springs Close is a loyal taxpayer who loves people, especially students and teachers. It would be impossible to list everything she has done to help students, teacher and administrators, not only in Lancaster County, but all schools and students who might have been in the Springs textiles area. Many educators will always be thankful for the financial assistance Mrs. Close helped make available through the Springs Foundation to further our education.



Retired Educator Wofford Bennett Gunter Jr.

- Springs Close Foundation Chair – She has led the efforts begun by her father, Col. Elliott White Springs, to provide recreation, education and community service opportunities to all citizens of Chester, Lancaster and York counties.
- A commitment to lifelong education is the cornerstone of the Foundation which has invested more than \$23 million in grants and programs that help educate and support preschoolers to college students.
- In the early 60's, the Foundation made a commitment to education by supporting early childhood development through adult education. Numerous grants made to: Lancaster County Public Library; Reading Labs for Grades 3-5 in our schools; Computers in the classrooms, and many more grants.
- Leroy Springs Student Loan Program has made 8,788

interest free student loans for a total of \$10.7 million as of the end of 2014.

- School Assistance Program began in 1974 in Lancaster County. In 2003, it evolved into the Quality Schools Initiative Program, which enables teachers to take accredited college courses for recertification or to obtain a master's degree. Another part of this program reimbursed teachers for exam fees paid for National Board Certification. It also encompassed financial support for teachers and teachers' assistants who participated in workshops, special training sessions, conventions and in-service training. \$1.9 million for area teachers who, in turn, continued to improve our children's education in the public school system.
- SC First Steps to School Readiness, (\$1 million, 2002) a statewide initiative to prepare financial and technical resources working with the local partnership boards such as Lancaster County First Steps that identified gaps in service delivery, designed and implemented programs serving preschoolers and their families.
- Major commitments to USC Lancaster – Total \$3.36 million:
 - Initial commitment of \$8,564 in 1960 for the creation of Lancaster campus and to cover the tentative budget which grew to \$300,000 by the end of 1966.
 - An additional \$1.3 million was committed for the library, classroom building and Physical Education complex by the end of 1991.
 - \$1.25 million for Arts & Science Building 1995
 - \$500,000 for the new classroom building, Founders Hall 2008
- Weekend Backpack Program to LCSD (\$190,000, 2010-14) and Lancaster County First Steps (\$115,000 2011-14)
- National Philanthropy Day
Outstanding Philanthropist Award 2014
- S.C. Wildlife Federation
Legend of Conservation Award 2011
- Humanities Council of South Carolina
Governor's Award in the Humanities 2004
- Cornelius Amory Pugsley Local Level Award 2001
- Palmetto Conservation Fund
Land & Water Award 2000
- The Conservation Fund & National Geographic Society
American Greenways DuPont Award 1995
- Palmetto Trust for Historic Preservation
Historic Preservation Award 1996
- Palmetto Trails Chairman - a plan to connect trails from update S.C. mountains to the coast shores
- Trust for Public Land & the Foundation for the Carolinas Honoree for extensive environmental leadership, including Anne Springs Close Greenway and 400-mile walking trail February 2001
- S.C. Commission on Women
Woman of Achievement Award 1991
- York Technical College Foundation
Charter Member 1991
- York County Forever Commission
District 1 Commissioner Second Term

- National Recreation & Parks Association
President 1992
- Wofford College Board of Trustees 1974-76
First Woman to serve on the board 1974-76
Chair 1984-86
- Winthrop University Honorary Doctor of Humanities
Degree 2003
- Wofford College Honorary Doctorate Degree 1986
- Fort Mill Citizen of the Year 1979
- Vocational Rehabilitation Training Center &
Rock Hill Mayor's Committee on Employment
of People with Disabilities – George Bean Award
- Wilderness Society Trustee
- American Farm Trust Director
- Olympic Torch Runner June 1996

Mabel H. Mickle

Kershaw Elementary Fourth-Grade Teacher

Mable H. Mickle, a life-long resident of the Kershaw area, had a career in education which spanned over 38 years. Her teaching career began in a one-room school in Kershaw County, where she served as the administrator, teacher and custodian.



Through school relocations and advancements in public education systems, she was later able to focus her skills and attention on classroom teaching. She completed her career in a modern multi-classroom facility in Lancaster County as a well-respected math teacher. When asked, Ms. Mickle stated that a good teacher has to love teaching, love children and make sure each student knows it. Throughout her long teaching career, she has followed that ideal and has had an impact on thousands of students and their parents. One of her greatest assets was her ability to treat each student equally without preconceived bias or prejudice, thereby, allowing each to flourish and perform at his/her best. Mrs. Mickle was instrumental in affecting a smooth transition in the early phases of integration of schools in Kershaw. She was selected as the first black to teach at Kershaw Elementary. She has been honored by civic and community organizations for her dedication to students and her commitment to education. In 2013, she was named by the town council as the Grand Marshal of the Kershaw Christmas Parade, the first black given the ceremonial title. She will also be honored by the alumni of Hillside High School at

its all-classes reunion in Washington, D.C. in July 2015. She has often been called on for advice and support by town and county leaders, educators and former students. In retirement, Mrs. Mickle continues her commitment to education, serving on committees on education policies and teacher evaluations. She served on the Lancaster County Council on Aging and assisted educational researchers from Tennessee State and South Carolina State in researching and gathering data from rural families. She participates each year in the National Role Models Conference, which assembles representatives from diverse colleges and universities committed to improving access to higher educational and professional employment for under-represented populations. Mrs. Mickle has been a lifelong member of Mt. Zion Baptist Church, and she organized the first Junior Missionary Society at the church. Her supportive nature and compassion are validated by the number of former students who continue to greet her as their favorite teacher. Mrs. Mickle was married for 62 years to the late John T. Mickle and has three daughters and a grandson.

Deborah Mickle Griffin

- Kershaw Elementary (previously called Northside Elementary) Teacher33 Years
- Heath Springs Colored School Teacher2 Years
- Ebenezer Elementary Teacher..... 1 Year
- Red Hill Elementary Teacher 1 Year
- Flat Rock Elementary Teacher 1 Year
- Lancaster County Council on Aging Board Member
- LCSD Teacher Observer/Evaluator3 Years
- Minority Access Inc.
National Role Models Volunteer 1 Year
- Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Lancaster Chapter
Charter Member 40+ Years
Chapter President3 Years
- National Education AssociationMember
- American Legion AuxiliaryMember
- National Council of Negro WomenMember
- National Association for the Advancement
of Colored People.....Member
- Mt. Zion Baptist Church, Heath Springs
Member/Deaconess
Organized first Junior Missionary Society
Operated & furnished first church nursery10 Years
- Mt. Moriah Baptist Association
Honored as Woman of the Year 1 Year
- Hillside Alumni Organization
Outstanding Educator 1 Year
- Town of Kershaw
Grand Marshall 2013 Christmas Parade
- Lancaster County Council on Aging Board Member

Lindsay Pettus

Community Member



Lindsay Pettus is a lifetime member of the Indian Land community. He graduated from Indian Land High School and attended the University of South Carolina. As an adult, Lindsay became very interested in the Lancaster County Historical Commission. His love for history created tremendous interest in the history of Lancaster County, which continued to include surrounding counties and the state of South Carolina. Lindsay prepared a pictorial presentation of people and places that he gave many times. He became interested in preserving our natural resources. Lindsay developed a love for all that nature has to offer and most especially the Catawba River. Out of this came the transformation of the Katawba Valley Land Trust, which protects more than 7,500 acres of land in the Catawba River Valley. Lindsay has long been a strong supporter of the Catawba Indian Tribe. He purchased many pieces of pottery and has since donated them to the Native Indian Room, to be used by USC Lancaster for Indian studies. It would be impossible for me to name all the awards and certificates of achievement Lindsay has received. Because of his love for Lancaster County, along with his efforts to preserve its natural resources for centuries to come, David Lindsay Pettus belongs right beside the other great pioneers who came before him.

Retired educator Bennett Gunter

- Pettus Gin Company Co-Owner
- Pettus Store Co-Owner
- Pettus Real Estate Owner
- Indian Land PTA Life Member
- Educational Foundation of USC Lancaster
- S.C. Libraries Association Friends Award 1996
- Lancaster Co. Society for Historical Preservation
..... President
- Lancaster Educational Assistance Program Chair
- Lancaster County Council of Government
- Nature Conservancy of S.C. Board of Directors
- National Park Service Advisory Board
- Katawba Valley Land Trust Founder

The Steering Committee

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