

A *Celebration of Excellence*

Saluting Great Teaching & Learning

May 9 & 10, 2016

A Special Thanks

- ◆ To Margaret Gamble for providing the beautiful floral arrangements and corsages in memory of her parents, Joseph and Mary Gamble.
- ◆ To Retired Clinton Elementary Art Teacher Brenda Jackson and Indian Land High Art Teacher Brian Schauer, and their art classes for making the table decorations.

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Saluting Great Learning

Monday's Night Celebration

Prelude

Alan Bishop, Buford High School Band Director ♦ David Platts, Instructional Specialist ♦ Keith Sellers, Buford Middle School Chorus Teacher

Welcome

Gene Moore, Superintendent

Presentation of Colors

Lancaster High JROTC

Pledge of Allegiance

Jack Beachum, Carrigan McCloud & Julianna Weiss - Indian Land Elementary

National Anthem

Elementary Ensemble

Invocation

Keishea Mickles, North Elementary Principal

Dinner

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

Keynote Address

Lisa Hallman, 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's Luncheon Celebration

Prelude

David Platts, Instructional Specialist

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Lancaster High ROTC

Pledge of Allegiance

Emily Outen, Lancaster High JROTC

National Anthem

Chiffon Davis, LCSD Human Resources

Invocation

Angela McCrorey, LCSD Food Services Director

Dinner

As you dine, we hope you'll enjoy the music of David Platts, Piano

Keynote Address

Lisa Hallman, Celebrate Great Teaching District Award Recipient

Recognition of Retirees

Bobby Parker, Board of Trustees Chair

Gene Moore, Superintendent

Lydia Quinn, Planning & Accountability Executive Director

Special Recognitions – Education Hall of Fame

Bobby Parker, Board of Trustees Chair

Gene Moore, Superintendent

Closing Remarks

Bobby Parker, Board of Trustees Chair

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Tuesday's Evening Celebration

Prelude

Alan Bishop, Buford High School Band Director ♦ David Platts, Instructional Specialist ♦ Keith Sellers, Buford Middle Chorus Teacher

Welcome

Gene Moore, Superintendent

Presentation of Colors

Buford High JROTC

Pledge of Allegiance

Ashlee Brooke Addison, Caroline Knight, Alexis Nicole Martin, Anthony Dakota Meade, Jennifer Terry & Kimberly Votee - South Middle

National Anthem

Middle/High Choral Ensemble

Invocation

Joyce Crimminger, South Middle Principal

Dinner

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

Keynote Address

Coulter Jackson, Lancaster High Student With Highest GPA

Recognition of Students

Bobby Parker, Board of Trustees Chair
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Closing Remarks

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Student Honorees

Catherine Grace Abbott

Lancaster High School, Grade 12

When beauty radiates from within there is rarely anything found to be more influential. It has the power to inspire and the power to impact in ways unforeseen. Catherine Abbott is a picture of inherent beauty. She is intelligent, but she is also kind and witty. She is loyal and inquisitive, but she is also a leader and an encourager. Catherine often recognizes the splendor and the complexity of life that is sometimes overlooked. She thinks pensively about her work and its connections to life. She strives to see the bigger picture, even when it is not immediately obvious.

Lancaster High teacher Marie Johnson

- Highest HonorsGrade 12
- A Honor RollGrades K-12
- Junior MarshalGrade 11
- Science Fair AwardGrade 4
- Trustees AwardGrades 7-12
- Gifted and Talented Program
- Duke University Talent Identification Program
.....Grade 4
- Erskine ScholarGrade 11
- Furman ScholarGrade 11
- Junior ScholarGrade 7
- Wofford ScholarGrade 11
- Elementary School Academic Challenge Team
.....Grade 5
- Middle School Academic Challenge TeamGrade 8
- 1000 Plus SAT ClubGrade 11
- National Beta ClubGrades 11-12
- National Junior Beta ClubGrades 7-8
- National Honor SocietyGrades 11-12
- Junior CivinettesGrades 9-12
- Platinum Roster Work Keys ScoreGrade 11
- Palmetto FellowsGrade 12
- Swim TeamGrades 8-11
- Church Youth GroupGrades 7-12
- Fellowship of Christian AthletesGrades 9-12
- First PriorityGrades 9-12

Ashlyn Brooke Addison

South Middle School, Grade 8

As a teacher, I see all different types of students. They are all great students in one way or another. However, when I think back on my years as a teacher, Brooke Addison rises to the top, when I think of one of my best students. Brooke is an exceptional student and an extremely well-rounded person. She is a voracious learner and dedicates herself to any task assigned with the determination of an important examination. She is also unfailingly kind-hearted and willing to help any fellow student with assignments or other problems.

South Middle teacher Erin Wall

- A Honor RollGrades 3-8
- Junior MarshalGrade 7
- English AwardGrades 3-5
- History AwardGrades 6-7
- Language AwardGrades 6-7
- Math AwardGrades 3-7
- Science AwardGrades 3-7
- Social Studies AwardGrades 3-7
- Gifted and Talented ProgramGrades 3-5
- Mini Society AwardGrades 3-5
- Office Aide AwardGrades 4-5
- Study Island AwardGrades 3-5
- Citizenship AwardGrades 7-8
- Youth Art MonthGrades 4-5
- Duke University Talent Identification Program
.....Grades 4-6
- Junior ScholarGrade 8
- Trustees AwardGrade 8
- National Junior Beta ClubGrade 5
- National Junior Honor SocietyGrades 6-8
- ChorusGrades 6-8
- Brownie ScoutsGrades 2-3
- Girl ScoutsGrades 2-6
- Bronze Award in Girl ScoutsGrade 5
- Lancaster County Honor ChoirGrades 7-8
- District Science Fair - Second PlaceGrade 6

Jesse Brayden Allen

Buford Elementary School, Grade 5

Brayden exemplifies a model student. He takes responsibility for his learning and is committed to doing his best in each area. Brayden's behavior is outstanding. He is kind and helpful to everyone in the classroom. I can always depend on him to do what he is asked when he is asked to do it. He displays good citizenship by assisting others. Brayden has a well-developed sense of humor and is well-liked by his classmates. Congratulations, Brayden, on this great honor! Stay focused as you continue the remainder of your school years.

Buford Elementary teacher Trena Thompson

- A Honor RollGrades 2-5
- Student of the Month AwardGrade 4
- Art Award - First Place.....Grade 1
- Duke University Talent Identification Program
.....Grade 4
- Baseball.....Grades K-5
- Basketball.....Grades 2-5
- Soccer.....Grades K-3
- Wrestling.....Grades 1-2
- Union Baptist Church Youth Group & Active Member
- First Priority.....Grades 4-5
- Classroom Leadership AwardGrade 5
- Basketball All-starsGrades 4-5
- Baseball All-starsGrades 3-5
- 2015 Dixie Baseball All-stars Team
Region Champions
State Playoffs - Fourth Place
Team Sportsmanship Award
- 2013 Soccer All-star NomineeGrade 3
- Football QuarterbackGrades 3-4
- 2013 Football Quarterback - Season Champions
.....Grade 4

Gavin T. Anderson

A.R. Rucker Middle School, Grade 8

Gavin is an extremely bright young man. I have enjoyed watching him develop into a valuable member of the robotics team over the last three years. I've also had the privilege of teaching Gavin science and social studies this year. I love that Gavin is so involved in extra-curricular activities and yet maintains high academic marks. He is truly involved in life. I hope he continues to be the carefree, funny guy I've come to know these past few years. I'll miss his neat hobbies. Great things will happen to Gavin because he just has what it takes. Congratulations on this accomplishment and wishes for more to come your way!

A.R. Rucker Middle teacher Jennifer Jaillette

- A Honor RollGrades 3-8
- English AwardGrades 5-7
- Math AwardGrades 5-7
- Science AwardGrades 5-7
- Social Studies AwardGrades 5-7
- President's Award for Educational Excellence
.....Grade 5
- Gifted and Talented ProgramGrades 3-5
- Citizenship AwardGrade 5
- Principal's PalGrade 3
- Duke University Talent Identification Program
.....Grades 4-7
- Middle School Academic Challenge Team
.....Grades 7-8
- Peer MediationGrade 8
- National Junior Beta Club.....Grades 7-8
- BandGrades 6-8
- ChorusGrade 5
- PianoGrade 8
- Boy ScoutsGrades 5-8
- Cub ScoutsGrades 1-5
- 100 Book Challenge.....Grade 5
- Terrific Kid.....Grade K
- Platinum ClubGrades 6-8
- Honor ChoirGrade 5
- All-County BandGrades 7-8
- Outstanding Band StudentGrade 6
- Arrow of Light Award.....Grade 5
- Robotics Team.....Grades 6-8
- Robotics Regional - Best Overall Winner
.....Grades 7-8

Bethlehem Anteneh

Discovery School, Grade 5

Bethlehem is a truly incredible young lady. I have had the pleasure of teaching her for two years which have been an absolute joy. She is a hardworking, dedicated member of my classroom. There is nothing that Bethlehem ever does that she gives less than 110% of her effort into completing. I cannot wait to see the wonderful things she will do in the future.

Discovery School teacher Brittany McManus

- Junior MarshalGrade 4
- Gifted and Talented ProgramGrades 3-5
- G/T Camp.....Grades K, 2
- DancingAges 2-7
- ChorusGrade 5
- PianoGrades K-3
- Awana.....Ages 2-7
- RoboticsGrade 5

Shaden Asha

Indian Land High School, Grade 12

Having come to a school as a senior, it would have been easy to simply be someone who is just “passing through.” Luckily, for ILHS, Shaden is all together different. She lights up every room she walks into and always has something insightful to say. She has embraced Indian Land High School and made it her own. Her nickname in the Indian Land Color Guard is “Mom.” She is called this because she shows genuine care and empathy for each member of the group. I can only imagine how she would have impacted our school had she been a student here for four years.

Indian Land High teacher Matt Willis

- A Honor RollGrades 10-11
- Academic AchievementGrades 10-12
- English AwardGrade 11
- Language Award - ArabicGrade 10
- Reading AwardGrade 9
- Perfect AttendanceGrade 11
- Student of the Month AwardGrades 10-12
- Student Council.....Grades 9-10
- DancingGrades 10-11
- Swim TeamGrade 10
- Color GuardGrade 12
- Flag CorpsGrade 12
- General Info AwardGrade 10
- Best Science ExperimentGrade 11
- Teacher HelperGrades 9-10
- Student of the YearGrade 11

Brooke G. Bachini

Harrisburg Elementary School, Grade 5

Brooke is one of the sweetest girls I have ever met. She truly is “excellent,” not just an excellent student, but an excellent friend to her peers, and an excellent citizen. She is an all-around amazing person. I admire her perseverance in everything she does and ability to show humility as well. Thank you for being you, Brooke!

Harrisburg Elementary teacher Denise Partlow

- A Honor RollGrades 2-5
- Science Award - Highest Classroom AverageGrade 3
- Science Fair Award - Class WinnerGrade 4
- Perfect AttendanceGrades 2-5
- Gifted and Talented ProgramGrades 3-5
- Duke University Talent Identification Program
MathGrade 4
- National Junior Beta ClubGrade 5
- CheerleaderGrade K
- DancingGrades K-1, 4-5

- GymnasticsGrade 4
- KarateGrade 3
- ChorusGrade 5
- PianoGrades K, 4
- Girl ScoutsGrade 2

Adam Bailey

Lancaster High School, Grade 12

I’ve known Adam for several years and have had the pleasure of teaching him in Advanced Placement Calculus. In class, he is sincere in his desire to learn and shares my love for problem solving and nerdy humor. I’ve come to know him as an outstanding student, gifted writer and talented musician who is dedicated to excellence in everything he pursues. It is a rare occasion to have the opportunity to teach such a talented and dedicated individual, and it has been my pleasure. I know Adam will be a tremendous success in whatever field he chooses to pursue.

Lancaster High teacher Nancy Marshall

- Highest HonorsGrade 12
- A Honor RollGrades 3-12
- Junior MarshalGrade 11
- English AwardGrades 10-11
- Language AwardGrade 10
- Math AwardGrade 10
- Class Spelling Bee WinnerGrades 4-8
- School Spelling Bee WinnerGrades 6-8
- District Spelling Bee WinnerGrade 7
- Junior ScholarGrade 8
- Trustees AwardGrades 8, 10
- Gifted and Talented ProgramGrades 3-5
- Accelerated Reader AwardGrade 2
- Duke University Talent Identification Program
.....Grade 7
- Boys StateGrade 11
- Accepted to S.C. Honors CollegeGrade 12
- Erskine ScholarGrade 11
- Gardner-Webb ScholarGrade 11
- Wofford ScholarGrade 12
- Outstanding FreshmanGrade 9
- SC Honors DiplomaGrade 12
- National Beta ClubGrade 11
- National Honor SocietyGrade 11
- Student CouncilGrades 9-10
- Junior CivitansGrades 9-10
- Teacher CadetGrade 11
- Cross CountyGrades 7, 11
- Boy ScoutsGrades 5-7
- Cub ScoutsGrades 1-5
- Eagle ScoutGrades 9-12
- Church Youth GroupGrades 7-12
- Fellowship of Christian AthletesGrade 12
- First PriorityGrades 9-12

Lucas Keith Baker

Discovery School, Grade 5

Lucas is a wonderful young man. He always works hard in the classroom and challenges himself to go above and beyond. Lucas is an ultimate goal-setter, always trying to perform at his very best. Teaching Lucas has been such an enjoyable experience. I know he will be successful in everything he tries in the future.

Discovery School teacher Brittany McManus

- A Honor RollGrades 2-5
- Class Spelling Bee Winner.....Grade 3
- Gifted and Talented ProgramGrades 4-5
- Study Island AwardGrade 5
- Safety PatrolGrade 5
- KarateGrade 2
- Cub ScoutsGrades 1-5
- Royal Ambassadors (RAs)Grades 1-5

Peyton Alexander Baker

Discovery School, Grade 5

Peyton is a hard worker who perseveres in his learning. He is a gifted writer and musician. Peyton is willing to do whatever it takes to get a job done well. He is a joy to know and teach. Peyton has the heart of a leader.

Discovery School teacher Billie Morrison

- A Honor RollGrades 2-5
- Science Fair AwardGrades 3-4
- Gifted and Talented ProgramGrades 3-5
- Safety PatrolGrade 5
- Duke University Talent Identification Program
..... Grade 4
- Chorus - Elementary Honors ChorusGrade 5
- District Read-InGrades 4-5
- Piano
- Boy Scouts - Trail LifeGrades 2-5
- Royal Ambassadors (RAs)
- Church Basketball

Joseph Thomas Ballard

McDonald Green Elementary School, Grade 5

Joseph is an excellent student. He is hard-working, responsible and respectful. I can always count on him to have his assignments completed on time and with accuracy. He is very conscientious, quiet and sometimes shy. I'm always amazed when the music comes on – his face lights up and he's ready to dance. I know

Joseph will continue to be successful throughout his academic career. I'm so proud to have had him as a student for the last three years.

McDonald Green Elementary teacher Sheritha Whitener

- A Honor RollGrades 2-5
- Language AwardGrade 4
- Science AwardGrades 3-4
- Gifted and Talented ProgramGrades 3-5
- Book-It AwardGrades 1-5
- National Junior Beta ClubGrade 5
- Cub ScoutsGrades 1-4
- Hall of FameGrade 3
- Reading CountsGrades 2-5

Jackson B. Beachum

Indian Land Elementary School, Grade 5

Jack Beachum is an exceptional student who always goes above and beyond in everything he does. He is a pleasure to have in class and is a great role model for his classmates. Jack always has a smile on his face and is so full of love for everyone. He is always willing to participate in class and does so with enthusiasm. Jack is always eager to help in any way possible, no matter who needs his assistance. Jack is well-liked by his classmates, as well as by his teachers. I know that Jack will continue to excel in his educational endeavors and will be a success in whatever he decides to do. It has been a great pleasure and honor to have Jack as a student this year!

Indian Land Elementary teacher Lara Duernberger

- A Honor Roll Grades 2-5-5
- Academic AchievementGrades K-5
- Keyboard AwardGrades 1-5
- Language AwardGrades 1-5
- Math AwardGrades 1-5
- Reading AwardGrades 1-5
- Science AwardGrades 1-5
- Social Studies AwardGrades 1-5
- Gifted and Talented ProgramGrades 3-5
- Student of the Month AwardGrades 2-5
- Great Attitude AwardGrade 4
- Citizenship AwardGrades 2-5
- Principal's PalGrades 3-5
- Duke University Talent Identification Program
..... Grade 5
- iLeadGrade 5
- WrestlingGrade 1
- Church Youth GroupGrade 5
- Football (Rec)Grades 1-3
- Baseball (Rec)Grades 1-5
- Church ChoirGrade 5

Katherine Grace Beachum

Indian Land Middle School, Grade 8

It has been a pleasure being Katherine Beachum's teacher. I'm so proud of all she has accomplished since being at Indian Land Middle. She has always been a responsible student and continues to let God be her guide in life. I am so thankful to cross paths with students like Katie Beachum. I am certain she will continue to be successful as she transitions into high school and womanhood.

Indian Land Middle teacher Shonda Bradshaw

- A Honor RollGrades 3-8
- Academic AchievementGrade 5
- History AwardGrades 2-5
- Math AwardGrades 2-5
- Reading AwardGrades 1-5
- Science AwardGrades 1-5
- Social Studies AwardGrades 2-5
- Gifted and Talented ProgramGrades 3-8
- Student of the Month AwardGrades 3, 5
- Citizenship AwardGrades 4-5
- P.E. AwardGrades K-5
- Chorus AwardGrades 1-5
- Music AwardGrades 1-5
- Duke University Talent Identification ProgramGrades 5-7
- National Junior Honor SocietyGrades 6-8
- Student CouncilGrades 7-8
- SoftballGrades 7-8
- VolleyballGrades 7-8
- ChorusGrades 6-8
- Girl ScoutsGrades K-1
- Church Youth GroupGrades 6-8
- Church ChoirGrade 8
- Fellowship of Christian AthletesGrades 7-8
- JV SoftballGrade 7
- Varsity SoftballGrade 8

Daniel Harrison Beamer

Indian Land High School, Grade 12

Daniel has been a pleasure to teach over the last four years. He is eager to learn new topics. He faces new information with a lot of interest and enthusiasm. He is always engaged in the classroom. He works very hard to complete his assignments to a very high level. Daniel has a bright future ahead of him, and he will be successful with any path he chooses to take.

Indian Land High teacher John Marlette

- Highest HonorsGrade 12
- A Honor RollGrades 9-11

- Junior MarshalGrade 11
- Trustees AwardGrade 12
- Student of the Month AwardGrade 12
- Boys StateGrade 11
- High School Academic Challenge TeamGrades 10-12
- Middle School Academic Challenge TeamGrades 6-8
- Math CountsGrade 7
- National Beta ClubGrades 10-12
- National Honor SocietyGrades 10-12
- Tae Kwon DoGrades 9-12
- Marching BandGrade 12
- PianoGrade 12
- Boy ScoutsGrades 6-12
- Cub ScoutsGrades K-5
- Platinum Work Keys Roster ScoreGrade 11

David Belk

Erwin Elementary School, Grade 5

When first asked about writing to honor David Belk, I couldn't help but to think to myself – it's more of an honor for me to write about him, than for him to ask me. I had the privilege of teaching David in kindergarten and have been able to watch him grow and flourish from a little, shy boy entering school to a distinguished young man with a heart of gold. David has always been quiet and shy, yet always knows the exact thing to say when needed. He is well-rounded both at home and at school. I have also had the privilege of watching him outside of school on the ballfield, where coaches continue to comment on how well he listens and is very self-disciplined. David always wears a smile on his face. In my five years of knowing him, I have never seen David display anything but a positive attitude. David is, was, and will always be the true meaning of a student with heart and integrity. It has been my pleasure to know David and his family. I wish him nothing but the best in his future and I know he will do well.

Erwin Elementary teacher Jill Laney

- A Honor RollGrades 3-5
- Perfect Attendance
- Gifted and Talented ProgramGrade 5
- Duke University Talent Identification ProgramGrade 5
- Founders FellowGrade 4
- BaseballGrades 1-5
- FootballGrade 5
- Student of the WeekGrades PreK, 5
- BearsGrade 4

Talia Benjamin

Harrisburg Elementary School, Grade 5

Talia Benjamin has been an absolute joy to teach this year. She is a friend to everyone she meets, always offering a smile and kind words. Talia might first appear to be quiet and shy, but she is truly taking everything in, making sure she doesn't miss any opportunity for learning. She brings enthusiasm and laughter to our classroom on a daily basis. I am so thankful for her positive impact on our classroom community.

Harrisburg Elementary teacher Kimberly Dow

- A Honor RollGrades 2-5
- Perfect AttendanceGrade 5
- Gifted and Talented ProgramGrades 3-5
- Duke University Talent Identification Program
..... Grades 4-5
- National Junior Beta Club.....Grade 5
- Soccer.....Grades 2-5

Cy Blackmon

Heath Springs Elementary School, Grade 5

I had the privilege of teaching Cy in the second and third grade. He is an outstanding young man with a caring heart. He is always willing to help others. His patience and understanding demeanor allow him to be a mentor for other students who need help. Cy also has a wonderful imagination and enjoys building and creating things. His creativity gives him a different perspective on many things, and I love the way he thinks outside the box. He has a delightful sense of humor and constantly had me laughing in class. He takes his academics very seriously and works to please his teachers. Cy truly is an amazing young man with a well-rounded personality.

Heath Springs Elementary teacher Marie Hightower

- A Honor RollGrades 3-5
- Math AwardGrades 1-3
- Reading AwardGrades 1-4
- Science AwardGrades 2, 4
- Science Fair AwardGrade 4
- Social Studies AwardGrades 1-4
- Gifted and Talented ProgramGrades 3-5
- Citizenship AwardGrade 1
- Art AwardGrade 3
- Duke University Talent Identification Program
..... Grade 4
- BaseballGrade 4
- BasketballGrades 2-5
- KarateGrades K-1, 4
- ChorusGrade 5

- DramaGrade K
- PianoGrades 2-3
- Cub ScoutsGrades K-1
- Church Youth Group
- Hornets of DistinctionGrade 5
- Lego RoboticsGrades 3-5
- District Honors ChorusGrade 5

Stephanie Leann Blackmon

Andrew Jackson High School, Grade 12

Stephanie Blackmon is a very dedicated and talented student. I have had the pleasure of teaching Stephanie for two years in the CATE department. She is very attentive in class and participates in class discussions and activities. Stephanie's work is done diligently and with understanding.

She is very mature with wonderful communication and time-management skills. She works hard to manage family, friends, church, athletics, work and school successfully. Her love for mission trips is what sets her apart from students her age.

Academically, Stephanie is an excellent student who takes pride in her work. She is very attentive in class and participates in class discussions by asking and answering questions. Stephanie is a positive independent thinker, but if there ever lies a time where she does not know the answer, she does not hesitate to ask questions and for individual help.

Stephanie 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 fellow classmates. These characteristics, along with her personality and leadership abilities, insure that she will be successful in college and throughout her career.

Andrew Jackson High teacher Nikkina McKnight

- Highest HonorsGrade 12
- A Honor RollGrades 3-11
- Math AwardGrades 3-5
- Reading AwardGrades 2-5
- Perfect AttendanceGrades 1, 3
- Gifted and Talented ProgramGrades 4-5
- FocusGrades 6-12
- Ensemble AwardGrade 5
- National Beta ClubGrades 10-12
- National Honor SocietyGrades 11-12
- Student CouncilGrades 10-12
- Teacher CadetGrade 12
- SoftballGrades 7-9
- ChorusGrades 6-12
- Church Youth GroupGrades 7-12
- Girls in Action (GAs)Grades 1-6

- Youth ServeGrades 10-11
- Show ChoirGrades 10-12
- Women’s EnsembleGrades 10-12
- Lancaster County Youth LeadershipGrade 11

Sydney Blackmon

A.R. Rucker Middle School, Grade 8

Sydney is a wonderful representative of the student body at A.R. Rucker Middle School. She is the type of student that most teachers dream of having in their class. Sydney is hard working and has great work ethics. She works hard to achieve the goals that she sets for herself and encourages others to do the same. Sydney is kind to others, is respected among her peers, and is seen as a leader within the school. She is a mentor to other students and has a great sense of humor. Sydney enjoys laughing and making others smile. There is never a dull moment around her because she enjoys life to its fullest. Teaching Sydney was a joy, and she is truly a student that I will never forget.

A.R. Rucker Middle teacher Tisha Simmons

- A Honor RollGrades 6-8
- English AwardGrade 6
- Math AwardGrade 6
- Science AwardGrade 6
- Social Studies AwardGrade 6
- Gifted and Talented ProgramGrades 3-8
- P.E. AwardGrades 6-7
- Presidential Academic Fitness AwardGrade 5
- Peer MediationGrade 8
- National Junior Beta ClubGrades 7-8
- Student CouncilGrades 6-7
- BasketballGrades 7-8
- SoccerGrades 7-8
- VolleyballGrades 7-8
- BandGrade 6
- PianoGrades 6-8
- Second Baptist Church Youth GroupGrades 7-8
- First PriorityGrades 6-8
- Basketball - Principal’s AwardGrade 7
Highest Average
- LHS Girls JV SoccerGrade 7
Rookie Award

Jordan Blades

Harrisburg Elementary School, Grade 5

From the first day this young man walked into my class, I knew he was something special. He is the kind of student a teacher will always remember. He is witty, charming, respectful and kind to others. His leadership and trend-setting abilities will get him far in his

school career. His infectious positive attitude makes him a great addition to any class. I will, no doubt, miss his smiling face in the halls next year!

Harrisburg Elementary teacher Angie Evatt

- A Honor RollGrades 2-5
- Perfect AttendanceGrade 4
- Safety PatrolGrade 5
- Music AwardGrade 2
- iLeadGrade 5
- National Junior Beta ClubGrade 5
- Drama ClubGrade 5
- Honor ChoirGrade 5
- BaseballGrades 2-4
- BasketballGrades 2-4
- SoccerGrades 2-5
- Swim TeamGrades 2-5
- Church Youth GroupGrades 3-5
- Junior AchievementGrades 2-5
- Talent ShowGrades 2-5

Alex Boggess

Indian Land High School, Grade 12

What a pleasure it has been to have a student who enjoys challenging problems and critical examination like Alex does! I appreciate his commitment to learning and the excitement that I see and hear when he is faced with a thought provoking problem.

Thank you, Alex, for your hard work, positive attitude, kind spirit, and determination! I wish you the best of luck in all that you pursue. I know that you’re going to do great things!

Indian Land High teacher Paula Adams

- Highest HonorsGrade 12
- A Honor RollGrades 6-7
- Keyboard AwardGrade 8
- Student of the Month AwardGrade 12
- National Beta ClubGrades 11-12
- National Honor SocietyGrades 11-12
- National Junior Honor SocietyGrades 6-8
- Junior CivitansGrades 11-12
- BaseballGrades 1-9
- SoccerGrades 1-7
- PianoGrades 6-8
- Cub ScoutsGrades 2-5
- RoboticsGrades 10-12
- Engineer ClubGrades 10-12

Jazmyne Boozer

Indian Land High School, Grade 12

Jazmyne was in my English 3 Pre-AP and English 3 AP class last year. Usually, there is just one student who really studies the comments I make on the many essays they produce in preparation for the AP exam. Last year, it was Jazmyne. She started as an excellent student who struggled with writing at a high level, and developed into a good student who, through hard work and commitment, became an excellent writer capable of college-level work. It is students like Jazmyne who make me glad to come to work each day. When we celebrate excellence, we need to reward those who understand that being smart alone is not enough, but excellence also requires effort and dedication – these Jazmyne has in abundance.

Indian Land High teacher David Dudley

- Highest HonorsGrade 12
- A Honor RollGrade 8
- Class Spelling Bee Winner.....Grade 7
- Citizenship AwardGrades 7-9
- Outstanding FreshmanGrade 9
- Outstanding Sophomore.....Grade 10
- Outstanding JuniorGrade 11
- Outstanding Senior.....Grade 12
- National Honor Society.....Grades 9-12
- Jazz BandGrade 10

Katherine Rose Bowling

Indian Land Middle School, Grade 8

Katie Bowling is the perfect example of a student who strives to be excellent in all she does. I appreciate her always coming to class with a smile and a positive attitude. She is always kind and respectful to her teachers and peers. It has been a pleasure having Katie in my life, and I can't wait to hear of her success in the future.

Indian Land Middle teacher Shonda Bradshaw

- A Honor RollGrades 3-8
- English AwardGrade 6
- History AwardGrades 6-7
- Math AwardGrades 6-7
- Science AwardGrades 6-7
- Gifted and Talented ProgramGrades 3-5
- Citizenship AwardGrade 5
- P.E. AwardGrades K-4
- Music AwardGrade 7
- Duke University Talent Identification Program
..... Grades 4-8
- ST-ARTS ProgramGrades 6-7
- National Junior Honor Society.....Grades 6-8

- Student Council.....Grades 6-8
- DancingGrades 3-6
- TrackGrade 8
- VolleyballGrades 6-8
- ChorusGrades 5-8
- PianoGrade 7

Angel Nicole Brace

A.R. Rucker Middle School, Grade 8

With her sweet personality and infectious smile, Angel Brace is a delight to have in the classroom. It is hard to be around Angel and not be drawn in to her delightful disposition. She automatically makes the room a better place to be. This is just as true in the classroom, where I have watched Angel for the past three years rise to the top of her academic classes. Angel is truly an inspiration to her peers and makes that significant mark on the classroom experience that renders her a special and memorable student.

A.R. Rucker Middle teacher Adrian Deese

- A Honor RollGrades 6-8
- Keyboard AwardGrade 7
- Science Fair AwardGrade 4
- Perfect AttendanceGrades K-7
- Student of the Month AwardGrades K-5
- Terrific Team Work AwardGrade 3
- Great Attitude AwardGrade 2
- Citizenship AwardGrade 5
- Good Sport Award.....Grade 4
- Principal's PalGrades 3, 8
- P.E. AwardGrade 7
- Safety Patrol.....Grade 4
- National Junior Beta Club.....Grades 7-8
- CheerleaderGrades 2-7
- Helped with TMD ClassGrade 4
- Second Calvary Baptist Church
Praise Dancing
Junior Missionary

Avery Ryan Bradley

Erwin Elementary School, Grade 5

Avery has been an outstanding student since kindergarten. When I taught him, he was always such a good friend to others. He sought out those who needed friends and made sure to include them. Avery always had exemplary behavior in the classroom. He worked hard and always did his best work. Avery showed respect for both his teachers and classmates. Avery has always been a leader whom all his classmates admired. Avery has continued to exhibit these characteristics

throughout his elementary school years. I consider it a blessing to have been Avery's teacher. He will always hold a special place in my heart!

Erwin Elementary teacher Greta Beaver

- A Honor RollGrades 2-5
- Science Fair AwardGrade 5
- Student of the Week AwardGrades 3-5
- Citizenship AwardGrade 3
- Duke University Talent Identification Program
..... Grade 5
- Founders FellowGrades 3-5
- Student CouncilGrades 3-5
- Jiu JitsuGrades 4-5
- ChorusGrades K-5
- ACE Club (Academics, Citizenship, Excellence)
..... Grade 5
- Babbling Bears Morning AnnouncementsGrades 5

Parker Brewer

Andrew Jackson High School, Grade 12

Parker Brewer is a remarkable young man. He is both courageous and hard-working: he is my first French 4 student, and he chose to do this as an independent study. I have thoroughly enjoyed watching him learn so much these past years, and I am thrilled that he will major in French at the College of Charleston. I wish him the very best!

Andrew Jackson High teacher Pam Neal

- Highest HonorsGrade 12
- A Honor RollGrades 9-12
- Student Body PresidentGrade 12
- History AwardGrade 11
- Boys StateGrade 11
- National Beta ClubGrades 10-12
President Grade 12
- National Junior Beta ClubGrade 5
- National Honor SocietyGrades 11-12
- Highest Average in US History and Constitution
..... Grade 11
- Student CouncilGrades 9-12
- PianoGrades 8-12
- Church Decorating CommitteeGrades 10-12
- King Alfred Garden Club
First Place in Overall Decorating Grade 11
- AJHS Winter Formal DecoratorGrade 12

AJ Brock

Indian Land Elementary School, Grade 5

AJ is a very intelligent, caring and unique student. He emits such confidence, and knows his strengths and skills. He is an entertaining and witty boy, and has

the ability to make me think on a daily basis. AJ is kind and considerate of the other students. He offers help whenever it is needed. He is a natural leader, and his charismatic personality will take him very far. AJ puts forth 100 percent in all he does, and expects the best from himself and those he associates with. I have enjoyed teaching AJ, and getting to know him as a person. He has such amazing potential. 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 2-5
- Language AwardGrade 4
- Science AwardGrade 4
- Class Spelling Bee WinnerGrade 3
- Social Studies AwardGrade 4
- Student of the Month AwardGrades 2-4
- iLeadGrade 5
- BaseballGrades K-2
- BasketballGrades 1-5
- SoccerGrade 4
- Tae Kwon DoGrade 3

Brenna Katherine Broughton

Andrew Jackson Middle School, Grade 8

Many words come to mind when thinking of Brenna. Perfectionist is one of them. Brenna is very talented in math, and she excelled from the very beginning. Brenna loves challenges and always meets them head on. Being #1 on the top 10 list was her goal, and she consistently did the work to get there. Brenna is very passionate in her academics and driven to succeed. Teaching her was easy because her love of math was so evident in all she did. It was a pleasure to teach Brenna.

Andrew Jackson Middle teacher Hope Rollings

- A Honor RollGrades 3-8
- English AwardGrades 6-7
- History AwardGrades 6-7
- Keyboard AwardGrades 6-7
- Language AwardGrades 3-7
- Math AwardGrades 3-7
- Reading AwardGrades 3-7
- Science AwardGrades 3-7
- Science Fair AwardGrade 8
- Class Spelling Bee WinnerGrades 6-7
- Social Studies AwardGrades 3-7
- Gifted and Talented ProgramGrades 3-5

- Accelerated Reader AwardGrades 3-5
- Office Aide Award.....Grade 8
- Student of the Month AwardGrade 2
- P.E. AwardGrades 3-6
- Safety PatrolGrade 5
- Chorus Award.....Grade 7
- Music AwardGrades 3-5
- Ensemble AwardGrade 4
- Art AwardGrades 6-7
- Duke University Talent Identification Program
..... Grade 5
- Middle School Academic Challenge TeamGrade 8
- Student Council.....Grade 7
- Yearbook StaffGrade 4
- DancingGrades 3-7
- SoftballGrades 2-4
- VolleyballGrades 5-6
- Drama.....Grades 6-8
- PianoGrades 7-8
- Church Youth GroupGrades 6-8
- Girls in Action (GAs).....Grades 3-5

Mary Kelsie Broughton

Andrew Jackson High School, Grade 12

Mary Kelsie is the student that teachers dream of teaching. She always comes to school ready to work with a positive attitude that motivates her classmates. She is not only highly talented and conscientious, but also personable, compassionate and humorous. Mary Kelsie is always eager to help classmates who are struggling with difficult material. She is also a great asset to the classroom as she is always attentive in class and participates in class discussions by asking and answering questions. Mary Kelsie 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
- A Honor Roll.....Grades 6-9
- English AwardGrade 10
- Reading AwardGrades 4-5
- Perfect AttendanceGrades 4-5
- Safety PatrolGrade 5
- 1000 Plus SAT ClubGrade 11
- National Junior Beta Club.....Grades 10-12
- National Honor Society.....Grades 11-12
- Basketball.....Grades 7-12
- SoftballGrades 7-9
- VolleyballGrades 7-10
- Church Youth GroupGrades 6-12
- Girls in Action (GAs).....Grades 3-5
- First PriorityGrades 7-8

Kendijah Malcyia Brown

Andrew Jackson High School, Grade 12

I have been fortunate to have Kendijah in my classroom over the course of her high school years. She has been a valuable part of the choral department and it has been my pleasure to watch her mature into the wonderful young lady that she is now. I know that Kendijah thinks that I have made a difference in her life, but she has changed my life as well. I will forever be grateful for her dedication to the program and for her willingness to go above and beyond what is expected of her. Whether it was leading her section during rehearsal, or helping with choreography at the last minute, I always knew she would handle it for me. I wish her the best with all of her college endeavors. I know that she has a very bright future ahead of her!

Andrew Jackson High teacher Lizzi Elliott

- Highest HonorsGrade 12
- A Honor Roll.....Grades 3-12
- Math Award.....Grades K-5
- Reading AwardGrades K-5
- Science Award.....Grades K-5
- Perfect AttendanceGrades K-12
- President’s Award for Educational Excellence
..... Grade 5
- Gifted and Talented ProgramGrades 6-12
- FocusGrades 6-12
- Citizenship AwardGrade K
- P.E. AwardGrades K-5
- Chorus Award.....Grades K-5, 11
- Music AwardGrades K-5
- Founders Fellow.....Grades K-5
- ST-ARTS ProgramGrades 7-8
- National Beta Club.....Grades 10-12
- National Honor Society.....Grades 11-12
- Student Council.....Grades K-5
- Teacher Cadet.....Grade 12
- Baseball.....Grades K-8
- Basketball.....Grades K-8
- CheerleaderGrades K-12
- KarateGrades 4-7
- SoftballGrades K-9
- ChorusGrades K-12
- Drama.....Grades 6-8
- Church Youth GroupGrades K-12
- Fellowship of Christian Athletes.....Grade 11
- Upward Bound USCL.....Grades 9-12
- A.K.A. A.S.C.D.N.D.....Grade 12
- Tri-MGrades 9-12
- Future Farmers of AmericaGrades 10-12
- SCACDA.....Grade 12
- OMEGA Phi PsiGrades 11-12
- Academic Achievement Award

Maranda Caroline Buchanan

Harrisburg Elementary School, Grade 5

Maranda Buchanan is a true ray of sunshine. Her positivity and bright smile can really make an impact on your day. Maranda is always looking for ways to help others in any way that she can. She does things without having to be asked to do them. Whether it is helping organize the classroom, or offering to help a struggling classmate, you can always count on Maranda to assist in any way possible. She has been an absolute pleasure to have in class. Her natural charisma and leadership skills are going to take her to so many wonderful places!

Harrisburg Elementary teacher Kimberly Dow

- A Honor RollGrades 4-5
- Academic AchievementGrades 3-4
- Math AwardGrade 3
- Reading AwardGrade 3
- Gifted and Talented ProgramGrade 5
- Great Attitude Award - MVP.....Grade 5
- iLeadGrade 5
- National Junior Beta Club.....Grade 5
- Art ClubGrade 4
- Gymnastics.....Grades K-5
- Drama.....Grade 5
- Girls ScoutsGrades 1-2

Kayla Buerger

Indian Land Middle School, Grade 8

I have had the pleasure of teaching Kayla in English during eighth grade. Kayla has a unique personality. At first, one might think she is a shy, timid girl. But really, Kayla is a spitfire who constantly strives to do her best in every situation. Her quick wit, artistic ability and desire for perfection make her an absolute joy to have in the classroom. I have been honored to watch her grow this year, not only in her academics, but to get to know her on a personal level. She brings laughter and hard work into the classroom. She is a true role model for her peers. She knows how to be serious, but also how to have fun. I have thoroughly enjoyed having fun with her in English I.

Indian Land Middle teacher Stephanie Secker

- A Honor RollGrades 6-8
- English AwardGrades 6-7

- History AwardGrade 7
- Math AwardGrades 6-7
- Reading AwardGrades 6-7
- Science AwardGrades 6-7
- Gifted and Talented ProgramGrades 4-5
- 97th Percentile ClubGrade 7
- Art AwardGrade 7
- Duke University MAP ProgramGrade 7
- Duke University Talent Identification Program Grades 4-8
- Junior ScholarGrade 8
- Trustees AwardGrade 8
- National Junior Honor Society.....Grades 6-8
- Art ClubGrade 7
- Drama ClubGrade 5
- BandGrades 6-8
- Jazz BandGrade 8
- DramaGrade 5
- PianoGrade 8
- Girl ScoutsGrades 3-4
- Church Youth GroupGrade 8

Sh'Mareona Bufford

Erwin Elementary School, Grade 5

Sh'Mareona Bufford is an enthusiastic learner who takes challenges with a positive attitude. She is always willing to help a teacher or a classmate in need. Whenever I see Sh'Mareona in passing, she greets me with her sweet smile and a kind hello. She is a responsible student who makes sure she is prepared for class. I am so proud of Sh'Mareona's accomplishments. She is an amazing student and will truly shine as she begins this next chapter in her life.

Erwin Elementary teacher Alison Doster

- A Honor RollGrades 2-5
- Reading AwardGrades 2-3
- Perfect Attendance
- Founders FellowGrade 3
- Student Council.....Grade 3
- SoftballGrades K-5
- ChorusGrades 4-5
- Girl ScoutsGrades 2-3

McKenzie Rayne Bundy

Buford Elementary School, Grade 5

Mckenzie is a phenomenal leader inside and outside of the classroom. Her calm demeanor and outgoing personality allow her to get along with all students. Academically, she is always ready to take on any challenge with a smile on her face and is always determined to succeed. I know she will have many outstanding accomplishments throughout her school career and life. Congratulations on this excellent accomplishment! I am proud of this prestigious accomplishment!

Buford Elementary teacher Jill Nelson

- A Honor Roll.....Grades 3-5
- Perfect AttendanceGrades 1-5
- Student of the Month AwardGrade 4
- Principal's PalGrade 1
- Music AwardGrades 3-5
- Basketball.....Grades 3-5
- Soccer.....Grades 1-5
- SoftballGrade 4
- ChorusGrade 5
- PianoGrades 3-5
- News CrewGrades 1-3
- Super Reader.....Grades 1-3
- FLIGHT - Tabernacle United Methodist Church
.....Grades 2-5

Jua'Onna Ny'Keirra Caldwell

Clinton Elementary School, Grade 5

JuáOnna is an outstanding student at our school. She is currently Clinton's School Body President and does a fantastic job with leading her fellow peers. She excels academically and serves as a positive role model for her peers. She always has a smile on her face and encouraging words to say. I am proud of her accomplishments thus far and so excited to see where life takes her. Keep up the good work, JuáOnna!

Clinton Elementary teacher Jamilia Brevard

- A Honor Roll.....Grades 2-5
- English AwardGrades 3-4
- History AwardGrades 3-4
- Social Studies AwardGrades 3-4
- Perfect AttendanceGrades 3-4
- Gifted and Talented ProgramGrade 5
- Student of the MonthGrades 2-4
- P.E. AwardGrade 3
- Safety PatrolGrades 4-5
- Music AwardGrade 3
- Art AwardGrade 2
- Founders Fellow.....Grade 5
- 21st CenturyGrades 3-5

- ChorusGrade 3
- Step Team – CaptainGrade 5

Cameron L. Campbell

Heath Springs Elementary School, Grade 5

Cameron is an intellectually gifted student who is intrigued by challenges and overcomes them with success. He has a strong, positive self-value that enables him to be a risk-taker without the fear of failing. Cameron is an organized, independent learner who has matured into a strong leader among his peers in the classroom and has been a joy to teach. The future is bright for this young man!

Heath Springs Elementary teacher Kendall Blackmon

- A Honor Roll.....Grades 3-5
- Math Award.....Grades 1-3
- Reading Award.....Grades 1-4
- Science Award.....Grades 1-2
- Social Studies AwardGrades 1-2
- Gifted and Talented ProgramGrades 3-5
- Citizenship AwardGrade 1
- P.E. AwardGrade 1
- Safety Patrol.....Grade 5
- Art Award.....Grade 5
- Duke University Talent Identification Program
.....Grade 4
- Art Club
- Baseball.....Grades K-5
All-StarsGrade 3
- ChorusGrade 5
- Church Youth Group
- Writing AwardGrades 1
- Spelling AwardGrades 1-2
- Handwriting AwardGrade 2

Taylor Canty

Lancaster High School, Grade 12

Taylor Canty is an exceptional young woman who appreciates and understands the value of hard work. She is acutely aware of what awaits her within the collegiate classroom, and she willingly accepts the challenges placed before her. Taylor desires success in all aspects of life, and she never allows the weight of balancing academics, her commitments to her church and involvement in school organizations to define her progress. I believe Taylor will exceed all expectations placed before her because of her willingness to work conscientiously and meticulously. She is an outstanding young woman with a brilliant future ahead of her.

Lancaster High teacher Marie Johnson

- Highest HonorsGrade 12
- A Honor Roll.....Grades 11-12
- Junior MarshalGrade 11
- Science Award.....Grade 11
- Accelerated Reader Award.....Grades K-2
- Duke University Talent Identification Program
..... Grades 3-6
- Middle School Academic Challenge Team
..... Grades 6-8
- National Beta Club.....Grades 11-12
- National Junior Beta Club.....Grades 5-7
- National Honor Society.....Grades 11-12
- Student Council.....Grades 11-12
- Junior CivinettesGrades 9-12
- Drama Club.....Grades 10-12
- CheerleaderGrades 9-10
- Karate.....Grade 6
- Soccer.....Grade 4
- TrackGrades 10-12
- Chorus.....Grade 9
- Drama.....Grades 9-12
- News Crew.....Grade 11
- Brownie ScoutsGrades K-1
- Girl ScoutsGrades 2-12
- Church Youth Group.....Grades 7-12

Nicholas Carnes

Buford Middle School, Grade 8

I have had the privilege to work with Nick this year in my English 1 Honors course. He is a very conscientious student who strives for excellence. He is not afraid to ask questions when he is unsure or to strengthen his grasp of the material. Nick is a student who will put forth the extra effort in order to succeed. I congratulate Nick on this achievement and look forward to hearing about his continuing successes.

Buford Middle teacher Denay Gossman

- A Honor Roll.....Grade 7
- Class Spelling Bee Winner.....Grades 6-7
- Junior ScholarGrade 8
- Trustees Award.....Grade 8
- National Junior Beta Club.....Grades 6-8

Kendall En'Chun-tai Letrice Caskey

A R. Rucker Middle School, Grade 8

It has been a pleasure to watch Kendall Caskey rise to the top of her class over the past three years. Excelling in the classroom and on the basketball court, Kendall knows what it takes to maintain a superior level of success, and she does so with ease. Her lively and fun-loving personality easily shows why Kendall

is well-loved by both her peers and teachers alike. A true student-athlete, Kendall sets herself apart with her drive for success. I know Kendall will continue to be successful in any path she chooses in life.

A.R. Rucker Middle teacher Adrian Deese

- A Honor Roll.....Grades 6-8
- Perfect AttendanceGrades 7-8
- Accelerated Reader Award.....Grades 1-5
- P.E. AwardGrade 6
- Safety Patrol.....Grade 4
- National Beta Club.....Grades 6-8
- Basketball.....Grades 7-8
- VolleyballGrades 7-8
- BandGrade 6
- Girls ScoutsGrades 4-6
- Church Basketball.....Grade 5
- AAU BasketballGrade 8
- Library AideGrade 6

Natalie Naomi Castillo

Indian Land High School, Grade 12

I have had the joy of teaching Natalie for the last two years, and I'm certainly going to miss her sweet smile and kind spirit next year! Although she is often busy with an after school job or volunteering with the worship team at her church, her academic work remains outstanding. She is an exceptional student and is sure to excel in college. I look forward to hearing all about the new opportunities, musically and academically, that await you, Natalie! Congratulations and God bless!

Indian Land High teacher Paula Adams

- A Honor Roll
- Academic Achievement
- Music Award
- Music Proficiency
- National Beta Club
- National Honor Society
- Band
- Marching Band
- Elevation Worship Academy
- Friends of Rachel Club
- Fellowship of Christian Athletes

Katie Brooks Catledge

A.R. Rucker Middle School, Grade 8

Katie is the kind of student every teacher wants in the classroom. With her respectful demeanor, helpful nature, and strong character, Katie is well-liked by teachers and peers alike. She is a dedicated student, making the classroom a better place to be. Katie's positive energy and fun disposition leave a lasting

positive impression. Her presence makes a difference. I am forever thankful to have taught Katie Catledge.

A.R. Rucker Middle teacher Adrian Deese

- A Honor RollGrades 4-8
- Science Fair AwardGrade 5
- Perfect AttendanceGrade 5
- Terrific Team Work AwardGrades K-5
- P.E. AwardGrade 6
- Middle School Academic Challenge Team
..... Grades 6-8
- Peer MediationGrade 8
- Lancaster Youth Art ShowGrade 8
- National Junior Beta Club.....Grades 7-8
- Student Council.....Grade 7
- Basketball – ChurchGrades 5-8
- CheerleaderGrade 5
- DancingGrades 3-6
- Soccer.....Grades 7-8
- Swim TeamGrades 2-8
- VolleyballGrade 8
- ChorusGrade 6
- PianoGrade 5
- Brownie ScoutsGrades 2-3
- Girl ScoutsGrade 4
- Church Youth GroupGrades 6-8
- Girls in Action GAsGrades K-5
- First PriorityGrades 6-8
- Girls on TrackGrade 6
- Women in Science and Engineering Camp
Clemson University..... Grade 6
- Mission Fuge.....Grades 6-7
- Baltimore Mission TripGrade 6
- Pittsburg Mission Trip.....Grade 7
- Vacation Bible School VolunteerGrades 6-7

Marley Elizabeth Catledge

A.R. Rucker Middle School, Grade 8

Marley puts a smile on my face. Marley can be telling you about a serious situation and still have this great big smile on her face. She's always optimistic and it's contagious. She is a very smart girl who has worked hard to earn this recognition. Marley juggles many extra-curricular activities quite well. She seems to like being on the go all the time. I am impressed that she is able to keep focused on her grades and participate in so many clubs, athletic teams, etc. I've enjoyed teaching Marley and I'm proud of her hard work. I hope that she will continue to excel in all of her future endeavors. Congratulations and keep working hard to achieve your goals.

A.R. Rucker Middle teacher Jennifer Jaillette

- A Honor RollGrades K-8
- Academic Achievement

- Science Fair AwardGrade 3
- Perfect AttendanceGrade 5
- Gifted and Talented ProgramGrade 5
- Accelerated Reader AwardGrade 5
- Student of the Month AwardGrades K-5
- Art AwardGrade 6
- Middle School Academic Challenge Team
..... Grades 7-8
- Peer MediationGrade 8
- Lancaster Youth Art ShowGrade 5
- National Junior Honor Society.....Grades 7-8
- Student Council.....Grade 8
- Basketball - Church.....Grades 6-8
- CheerleaderGrades 5, 7-8
- DancingAges 3-6
- Soccer.....Grades 7-8
- Swim TeamGrades 2-7
- ChorusGrade 6
- PianoGrade 5
- Brownie ScoutsGrades 2-3
- Girl ScoutsGrade 4
- Church Youth GroupGrades 6-8
- Girls in Action (GAs).....Grades K-5
- First PriorityGrades 6-8
- Girls on TrackGrade 6
- Women in Science and Engineering Camp
Clemson University..... Grade 6
- Mission Fuge.....Grades 6-7
- Baltimore Mission TripGrade 6
- Pittsburg Mission Trip.....Grade 7
- Vacation Bible School VolunteerGrades 6-7

Mallory Marie Cauthen

Lancaster High School, Grade 12

Mallory is a student who is outside the parameters of traditional high school life. Her ability to balance athletics, academics, and memberships of school related organizations is most impressive. She never shirks her responsibilities on any end of her academic life, and she is always prepared to contribute to class in a deep and meaningful way. Mallory does not see life through the customary scope. Her depth of understanding and ability to move beyond traditional constraints are exceptional. Mallory desires an opportunity to make her life matter to the lives of others both in her school and in her community.

Lancaster High School teacher Marie Johnson

- Highest HonorsGrade 12
- A Honor RollGrades 9-12
- Junior MarshalGrade 11
- History AwardGrade 8
- Math AwardGrade 8
- Class Spelling Bee Winner.....Grade 8
- National Beta Club.....Grades 11-12

- National Junior Beta Club.....Grades 6-8
- National Honor Society.....Grades 11-12
- CheerleaderGrades 7-12
- Soccer.....Grades 9-10
- Church Youth GroupGrades 6-12

Emma Chamberlain

Indian Land High School, Grade 12

Emma came to me in the spring of 2015 to take Biology 2. I then had the privilege of teaching her in AP Biology. Emma’s work ethic and determination is a standard, an example to be held up for others to follow. She worked each day and made adjustments and course corrections demonstrating her ability to be flexible when necessary. Emma has a caring and thoughtful demeanor apart from her academics, and respectfully thankful for each day’s class. Her uniqueness and drive, simultaneously separates her apart while creating a cohesive atmosphere of joy and learning. It is an honor to teach her and comforting to know that in the times ahead we will all benefit with the addition of Emma’s light to a bright future!

Indian Land High teacher Chris Kendrick

- Highest HonorsGrade 12
- A Honor Roll..... Grades 3-8, 11-12
- Citizenship AwardGrade 5
- Safety Patrol.....Grades 4-5
- National Beta Club.....Grades 10-12
- National Honor Society.....Grades 10-12
- National Junior Honor Society.....Grades 7-8
- Student Council.....Grades 9-12
- Junior CivitansGrade 10
- Yearbook StaffGrades 7-8
- Swim TeamGrade 10
- BandGrade 6
- ChorusGrades 4-5
- Drama.....Grade 9
- PianoGrades 7-8
- Church Youth GroupGrades 10-12
- Model United Nations.....Grades 9-12
- Elevation Church Children’s MinistryGrades 10-12

Claire Chapman

Indian Land High School, Grade 12

Building Construction is a career-based learning experience with many demands. Skilled craftsmen and women must hold excellent attention to detail, time management and problem-solving abilities. Claire holds all of the above traits and more. Claire is first to class, and dives right into the project on hand with little to no directions. Her ability to assess a situation

and tackle the solution is very unlike students her age. In addition to a being a great leader, Claire is a true craftswoman. Most stereotypes label women as unable to perform the tasks needed in craft trades. Claire does not let stereotypes hold her back from producing quality trade-demanding results. Her work exceeds her fellow peers abilities and is a model product. I feel confident Claire will be successful in which ever career path she chooses. She has character, work ethic and drive - all of which are a combination for success.

Indian Land High teacher Mark Bonda

- A Honor Roll.....Grades 9-12
- Great Attitude AwardGrades 10-11
- Coaches Award.....Grade 11
- P.E. AwardGrade 9
- National Beta Club.....Grades 10-11
- National Honor Society.....Grades 10-12
- National Junior Honor Society.....Grades 6-8
- CheerleaderGrades 8-12
- News CrewGrade 12
- Girl ScoutsGrade 6
- Church Youth GroupGrades 7-10
- Fellowship of Christian Athletes.....Grade 9

Macy Chassereau

Indian Land High School, Grade 12

Macy Chassereau is a kind, gifted, and well-loved leader among her peers. Macy has the ability to identify the needs of others and help them to get to their goal. She has done this over and over again as the section leader in my choir. Since she was a freshman, Macy has shown drive, passion and enthusiasm for music. I knew that she was going to be an integral part in my class, and she has proven that. I know that whatever Macy decides to do in life beyond high school, she will be successful.

Indian Land High teacher Lisa Knox

- Highest HonorsGrade 12
- A Honor Roll.....Grades 9-10
- Junior MarshalGrade 11
- AP Merit ScholarGrade 11
- English AwardGrades 9-11
- History AwardGrade 9
- Student of the Month AwardGrade 9
- Coaches Award.....Grades 9-11
- Chorus Award.....Grades 9-11
- Peer LeaderGrade 10
- National Beta Club.....Grades 10-12
- National Honor Society.....Grades 10-12
- Junior CivitansGrade 11
- Newspaper Staff.....Grade 10

- CheerleaderGrades 9-12
- ChorusGrades 9-12
- Church Youth GroupGrades 9-12
- Model UNGrade 9
- Prom CommitteeGrades 11-12
- Miss SophomoreGrade 10
- Miss WarriorGrade 12

Ian M. Chavez

Indian Land Middle School, Grade 8

Coming to a new school in eighth grade can be an extremely tough experience but despite all the changes, Ian has been able to excel. Maintaining such high grades isn't easy to do, especially when you have to miss part of a class each day to attend math at the high school. Ian's ability to adapt and learn are only part of what makes him stand out. He is always positive, has a work ethic beyond his years, and is always willing to help out a classmate. Ian has the drive and the ability to go anywhere he chooses in life.

Indian Land Middle teacher Rebecca Tibbs

- A Honor RollGrades 3-8
- Junior ScholarGrade 8
- Trustees AwardGrade 8
- Nominated to attend National Youth Leadership Forum: Explore STEM Grade 8
- Gifted and Talented ProgramGrades 5-7
- Odyssey of the MindGrades 2-5
- Study Island AwardGrades 3-7
- Music AwardGrades 6-7
- Music ProficiencyGrade 7
- Art AwardGrades 3-4
- BaseballGrades 2-3
- SoccerGrades 1-8
- BandGrades 4-7
- ChorusGrades 3-5
- Ice HockeyGrades 2-7

Kourtney Chester

Andrew Jackson High School, Grade 12

Kourtney is an outstanding young lady who is quiet, strong and productive. She is very intelligent and a joy to teach. It was my great pleasure to teach her French for three semesters. I am confident that she will be successful in all her future endeavors. I wish her the very best of everything as she continues her journey.

Andrew Jackson High teacher Pam Neal

- Highest HonorsGrade 12
- A Honor Roll Grades 4-5, 11-12
- Scholastic Achievement AwardGrade 4
- English Award

- Math AwardGrades 4-5
- S.C. Project ParticipantGrade 3
- S.C. Young WriterGrade 3
- Book-It AwardGrades 1-2, 4
- Accelerated Reader AwardGrade 4
- Student of the Month AwardGrades 1-5
- 1000 Plus SAT ClubGrade 11
- National Beta ClubGrades 10-12
- CheerleaderGrades 9-10
- ChorusGrades 7-10
- Girl ScoutsGrades 4-5
- Church Youth GroupGrades 6-12
- Girls in Action (GAs) Grades 1-5
- First PriorityGrades 6-8
- Great Writing AwardGrade 4

Alyssa Clark

Indian Land High School, Grade 12

Alyssa Clark... "wow that's so cool" is her constant refrain as she leaps excitedly in her investigations from one subject to another as if involved in a salutatory conduction. Teachers are blessed with Alyssa in their classroom. She is ever so methodical, yet intricately involved and caught up in the details, reflecting the characteristics of a research scientist. It has been a pleasure to hear her explain a new found nugget of insight as she continues her inquiry in understanding the mechanisms of the complexity of the human body. To this end, Alyssa will be driven into research, academics or some undiscovered dimension but always carrying with her the desire to know and understand more.

Indian Land High teacher Thomas Townsend

- Highest HonorsGrade 12
- A Honor Roll
- Junior MarshalGrade 11
- History AwardGrade 10
- Math AwardGrade 10
- President's Award for Educational Excellence Grade 8
- High School Academic Challenge TeamGrade 10
- National Beta ClubGrades 11-12
- National Honor SocietyGrades 11-12
- National Junior Honor SocietyGrades 7-9
- Art ClubGrades 7-8
- Drama ClubGrade 10
- Science ClubGrades 9-10
- SoftballGrade 9
- Color GuardGrades 11-12
- Girls ScoutsGrades 1-7
- Speech and DebateGrades 9-11
- Tiger Spirit Award Grades 5, 8
- North East Texas Writers Association Teen Writers Contest
Second Place & Honorable Mention Grades 11-12
- Model United NationsGrades 10-12

Kaitlyn Clingenpeel

Indian Land High School, Grade 12

Kaitlyn is the epitome of lead by example. Soft spoken, yet determined, Kaitlyn has been the model of a successful student. In the four years I have known Kaitlyn, she has never shied away from a challenge. She has been a key member of the Indian Land Symphonic Band, a great volleyball player, and a stand-out student. When one thinks of a model student and a model citizen, Kaitlyn is at the top of the list.

Indian Land High teacher Matt Willis

- Highest HonorsGrade 12
- Honor RollGrades 3-8, 10
- Junior MarshalGrade 11
- Gifted and Talented ProgramGrades 3-6
- High School Academic Challenge TeamGrade 12
- National Beta Club.....Grades 10-12
- National Honor Society.....Grades 10-12
- National Junior Honor Society.....Grades 7-8
- Teacher Cadet.....Grade 12
- VolleyballGrades 7-12
- BandGrades 6-12
- Educators RisingGrade 12
- Purchase Award.....Grade 12
- Trustees Award.....Grade 12

Katie Coates

Andrew Jackson High School, Grade 12

Katie Coates is a wonderful young lady. With her shining eyes, red hair and quick smile, she brightens the room upon entering. She was a ray of sunshine in my French classes. Katie is very intelligent and has a great sense of humor. I have thoroughly enjoyed teaching her French. I know that she will enjoy continued success throughout her career. I wish her the very best!

Andrew Jackson High teacher Pam Neal

- Highest HonorsGrade 12
- Focus
- National Beta Club.....Grades 10-12
- National Junior Beta Club.....Grade 5
- National Honor Society.....Grades 11-12
- Teacher Cadet.....Grade 11
- DancingGrades 7-8, 10
- SoftballGrades 7-12
- ChorusGrades 6-9
- Drama.....Grades 7-10
- Church Youth GroupGrades 6-12
- Girls in Action (GAs) Grades 1-6
- Student Athletic Leadership Team – (SALT).Grade 11
- Highest Grade in ParentingGrade 10
- AA Upperstate SoftballGrade 11

Arianna Conti

Indian Land High School, Grade 12

Arianna Conti is one of a kind, a budding molecular biologist manifesting a curiosity that is refreshing, yet can only be quenched through continued academic pursuits. Uninhibited in lending her opinion combined with her spontaneity has, on occasion, led to a spicy classroom atmosphere. She is a pleasure to have in the classroom and always is willing to help. The quality of her work amalgamated with her excellent study skills will, no doubt, lead Arianna to a successful collegiate path as she continues to pelt her professors with questions. May you never lose your passion for further understanding. Go out and make waves in the genomic world.

Indian Land High teacher Thomas Townsend

- Highest HonorsGrade 12
- A Honor RollGrade 12
- Science AwardGrade 8
- Science Fair AwardGrade 8
- Safety PatrolGrade 5
- Math CountsGrade 8
- ST-ARTS ProgramGrade 9
- 1000 Plus SAT ClubGrade 11
- National Beta Club.....Grades 10-12
- National Honor Society.....Grades 10-12
- National Junior Honor Society
- Student Council.....Grades 9-12
- Junior CivitansGrade 10
- Dancing Grades K-12
- ChorusGrades 6-9
- Brownie ScoutsGrade 4
- Girl ScoutsGrade 5
- Model UNGrades 9-12
- Dance Team CaptainGrades 11-12
- PLTW CompleterGrade 12

Genevieve C. Cook

Indian Land Middle School, Grade 8

Rarely do you find a true mix of analytical and creative abilities in the same way that you do with my student of three years, Genevieve Cook. When it comes to excellence, Genevieve has depth of both knowledge and character, with the ability to achieve anything she puts her mind to. With a tendency to discover interesting and innovative solutions, she is always a pleasure to have in class, and always brings a thoughtful and unique perspective to her work. I can easily imagine her future self working as a writer or artist, television producer, or computer engineer someday.

Whatever profession she chooses in the future, I am sure that Genevieve will succeed in ways that others never thought of. I am proud to speak for her today, and wish her the best of luck in her future endeavors.

Indian Land Middle teacher Daniel Robinson

- Science Fair AwardGrade 3
- Class Spelling Bee Winner.....Grade 5
- Junior ScholarGrade 8
- Trustees Award.....Grade 8
- Gifted and Talented ProgramGrades 1-5
- Citizenship AwardGrade 5
- Youth Art MonthGrade 7
- Duke University Talent Identification Program
..... Grades 7-8
- Lancaster Youth Art ShowGrade 7
- ST-ARTS Grade 8
- Student Council.....Grades 6-8

Asia Crawford

Brooklyn Springs Elementary School, Grade 5

Asia always came to school eager to learn. She studied diligently and always completed her homework assignments. Asia has such a helpful attitude. She was always willing to help other students who were struggling. She also enjoyed helping me in the classroom. She still comes back to my room this year to help me in the mornings. I enjoyed teaching Asia and I know she will accomplish great things in the future.

Brooklyn Springs Elementary teacher Stacey Anderson

- A Honor RollGrades 2-5
- Gifted and Talented ProgramGrades 4-5
- Presidential Academic Fitness AwardGrade 5
- Safety Patrol.....Grade 4
- Art Award.....Grade 5
- Youth Art MonthGrade 5
- Lancaster Youth Art ShowGrade 5
- National Junior Beta Club.....Grade 5
- Art ClubGrade 5
- WalkingGrade 5
- ChorusGrade 5
- Church Youth Group
- Honor ChoirGrade 5
- Good News Club.....Grades 3-5
- Girls on the RunGrade 4

Jarod Thomas Daigle

Buford High School, Grade 12

Jarod is refreshing. He seems genuinely interested in learning for the sake of learning. Jarod doesn't mind speaking out when others won't, and he listens with careful consideration for others. Jarod frequently adds

a much needed perspective to class discussions through insightful comments. He is, by nature, a person who doesn't like to draw unnecessary attention to himself, but he interacts well with others, and he is often the center of group activities. Jarod is active in many student organizations, and he has the respect of his classmates and teachers. In addition to all of this, Jarod has a great sense of humor, and he is humble and kind.

Buford High School teacher Julie Thompson

- Highest HonorsGrade 12
- A Honor Roll.....Grades 3-12
- Junior MarshalGrade 11
- Boys StateGrade 11
- National Beta Club.....Grades 10-12
- National Junior Beta Club.....Grade 8
- National Honor Society.....Grades 10-12
- Student Council.....Grades 11-12
- Junior Civitans Grades 9-10

MacKenzie Deas

Buford High School, Grade 12

Mackenzie is a very motivated young lady and is most willing to assist in any way she possibly can, even before I ask her. Mackenzie has always given her time, freely, to help with projects, activities, etc... Many afternoons she spent preparing for the Beta Convention, creating goodies for teachers, gathering items for students in need, and decorating and planning for prom. She participates with a smile on her face and possesses a willing, working heart—a servant's heart. Inside or outside the classroom, her personality beams like a beacon in the night. Thank you for making my days brighter and best wishes in the future.

Buford High teacher Juline Weiland

- Highest HonorsGrade 12
- A Honor Roll.....Grades 9-11
- Junior MarshalGrade 11
- Trustees Award.....Grade 8
- Accelerated Reader Award.....Grade 6
- Principal's PalGrade 6
- Duke University Talent Identification Program
..... Grade 7
- Columbia College ScholarGrade 11
- Junior ScholarGrades 8
- National Beta Club.....Grades 10-12
- National Honor Society.....Grades 10-12
- Junior CivitansGrade 10
- VolleyballGrade 10
- Brownie ScoutsElementary
- Church Youth GroupGrades 6-12
- National Academy of Future Scientist &
Technologists Award of Excellence Grade 11

Charles Jacob DeBruhl

Andrew Jackson Middle School, Grade 8

Chaz DeBruhl was the last of four siblings that I taught, and he definitely ended things with a bang! We all knew when Chaz entered the room because he added life to the class. Chaz loves math and his love for numbers spilled over into his work in the classroom. Driven is a word to describe him during math because he was always driven to excel. Teaching Chaz was an absolute delight!

Andrew Jackson Middle teacher Hope Rollings

- A Honor RollGrades 3-8
- SC PASS Test Perfect Score – EnglishGrade 6
- Academic AchievementGrade 4
- English Award
- History Award
- Keyboard Award
- Language Award – Highest AverageGrades 4-5
- Math Award – Highest AverageGrades 4-5
- Reading AwardGrades 1-4
- Science Award – Highest AverageGrades 5-7
- Perfect Attendance Grades 4, 7
- Trustees AwardGrade 8
- President’s Award for Educational Excellence
..... Grade 5
- Gifted and Talented ProgramGrades 3-5
- 97th Percentile ClubGrade 8
- Accelerated Reader AwardGrades 4-5
- Reading Counts Bronze MedalGrade 4
- Reading Counts Silver MedalGrade 5
- P.E. AwardGrade 4
- Safety PatrolGrade 5
- Music AwardGrade 5
- Art Award
- Youth Art MonthGrade 5
- Duke University Talent Identification Program
.....Grades 5, 7
- Junior ScholarGrade 8
- Elem. School Academic Challenge TeamGrade 5
- Lancaster Community PlayhouseGrade 2
- Lancaster Youth Art ShowGrades 4-5
- Royal Ambassadors (RAs)Grades 1-3
- BaseballGrades K-8
- BasketballGrades 3-6, 8
- All-Star Rec BasketballGrade 6
- FootballGrades 3-8
- District Champs FootballGrade 8
- All-Star Football Rec. Upper State ChampsGrade 4
- KarateGrade K
- WrestlingGrade 3

Cameron C. Deese

Buford Middle School, Grade 8

I had the privilege of teaching Cameron Deese when he was in fifth grade. Cameron possesses many leadership qualities inside and outside of the classroom and is always ready to face new challenges. I am excited to see that he is still excelling in the classroom and I know that his hard work and positive attitude will take him far.

Buford Elementary School teacher Jill Nelson

- A Honor RollGrades 3-7
- Junior MarshalGrade 8
- Math AwardGrades 1, 3-5
- Reading AwardGrades 3-5
- Class Spelling Bee WinnerGrade 3
- Perfect AttendanceGrade 3
- President’s Award for Educational Excellence
..... Grade 5
- Gifted and Talented ProgramGrade 5
- Student of the Month AwardGrade 1
- Great Attitude AwardGrade 2
- Principal’s PalGrade 4
- Chorus AwardGrade 5
- Art AwardGrade 7
- Duke University Talent Identification Program
..... Grade 7
- Junior ScholarGrade 8
- Trustees AwardGrade 8
- Lancaster Youth Art ShowGrade 7
- National Junior Beta ClubGrades 6-8
- Student CouncilGrades 6-7
- First PriorityGrade 8
- National Junior Honor Arts SocietyGrades 7-8
- Scored 1050 on PSATGrade 8
- Mable Baines AwardGrade 2
- Jr. Points Championship Fifth PlaceGrade 8
- Art ClubGrades 6-8
- KarateGrade 1
- ChorusGrade 5
- Boy ScoutsGrade 6
- Enjoys hunting, racing and fishing

Miranda Paige Deese

Brooklyn Springs Elementary School, Grade 5

Miranda is very deserving of this outstanding recognition. She proves in so many ways what excellence is. Miranda is such an intelligent young lady. Many assignments prove her unique ability to think “outside the box” and share this insight with others. Her excitement about learning is contagious and a great inspiration to other students. Miranda is full of

personality and her smile makes her shine. She enjoys sharing personal stories with others and captivates her audience as she shares them. Her ability to connect with others and make them feel comfortable in her presence is so admirable. Miranda has quite a bright future in store for her and I can't wait to see what it holds. Congratulations, Miranda, for receiving this outstanding award.

Brooklyn Springs Elementary teacher Debbie Knight

- A Honor RollGrades 2-5
- Gifted and Talented ProgramGrades 3-5
- Presidential Academic Fitness AwardGrade 5
- Art Award – First PlaceGrade 1
- Founders FellowGrade 2
- Lancaster Youth Art ShowGrade 1
- National Junior Beta ClubGrade 5
- Art ClubGrade 5
- Cheerleader – Rec CenterGrade 5
- ChorusGrade 4
- Girl ScoutsGrades 1, 3
- Church Youth GroupGrades K-5
- Good News ClubGrades 4-5

Jacob Deller

Harrisburg Elementary School, Grade 5

Jacob's talents are multi-faceted—he stars on the football field, receives honors for his academic achievements and is continuously recognized for his outstanding character. He's a wonderful young man, who you can't help but notice. I love his ever-positive attitude and quirky sense of humor. We have shared many laughs; I have depended on him in too many situations to name and watched him grow this year. Jacob never fails me in his choices, his work ethic and his team spirit. He is an exceptional young man. This statement could never describe all that makes him great!

Harrisburg Elementary teacher Nicole Little

- A Honor RollGrades 2-5
- Class Spelling Bee WinnerGrade 3
- Gifted and Talented ProgramGrades 3-5
- Citizenship Award – Tomahawk MVP Award
.....Grade 4
- P.E. AwardGrades 2-3
- Duke University Talent Identification Program
.....Grade 5
- iLeadGrade 5
- BasketballGrades 3-5
- Tae Kwon Do – 1st Degree Blackbelt
- FootballGrades 1-5
- LacrosseGrades 3-5
- Lancaster County All-Star Football Team ..Grades 4-5

Madalynn Derrenberger

Indian Land Elementary School, Grade 5

Sweet Madalynn, always working hard, going the extra mile, never settling for anything less than her absolute best. Those efforts have paid off and will continue to do so. I wish I had half of her drive and determination. Not only does she excel in school, but this girl has heart! She is incredibly kind, thinks of others first and generously and genuinely cares for and helps others. I was honored and blessed to be her teacher, and I look forward to seeing what she does in the future!

Indian Land Elementary teacher Jocelyn Yasinski

- A Honor RollGrades 2-5
- Perfect AttendanceGrades K-3
- Citizenship AwardGrades K, 2, 4-5
- P.E. AwardGrade 3
- iLeadGrade 5
- Art ClubGrade 5
- SoccerGrades K-5
- Girls on the RunGrade 3
- Principal's Choice AwardGrade 2
- Transformation Church Member
- Warrior Way Awards

Jassaira Diaz-Melgar

Erwin Elementary School, Grade 5

It was my extreme pleasure to have Jassaira in our first-grade class at Erwin. I remember her being such a bright young lady. She loved learning about everything, she read all the time, and she especially loved to write. She would sit for long periods of time and come up with a five-or six-page story. She was a friend to all and such a fantastic helper! I am so proud of Jassaira. She is and has always been a model student! She'll always hold a special place in my heart. Congratulations!

Erwin Elementary teacher Jenny Nowicki

- A Honor RollGrades 3-5
- Reading AwardGrades 3-5
- Class Spelling Bee WinnerGrades 4-5
- Perfect AttendanceGrades 2-3, 5
- Gifted and Talented ProgramGrades 3-5
- Duke University Talent Identification Program
.....Grade 5
- Founders FellowGrades, 2-3
- Student CouncilGrade 5
- Art ClubGrade 4
- SoccerGrade 4
- ChorusGrades 1-2, 4-5
- Computer AwardGrade 3
- Junior AchievementGrade 3

- Classworks CertificateGrades K, 2-3
- Writing AwardGrade 2

Jack Michael Estrada

North Elementary School, Grade 5

Jack is so very deserving of the Celebration of Excellence honor. He comes to school each and every day eager to learn and conquer any task. His love of all subjects is infectious! Jack is positive, self-motivated and inspiring. He strives for excellence and also encourages his classmates to do so as well. I am sure he will continue to excel in his educational career and be successful in whatever he chooses to do in life. It has been an honor and a pleasure to be his teacher in fifth grade.

North Elementary teacher Lori Smith

- A Honor RollGrades 2-5
- Perfect AttendanceGrades 3-4
- Gifted and Talented ProgramGrade 5
- Student of the Month AwardGrades K-5
- Safety PatrolGrade 4
- Service LearningGrade 5
- National Junior Beta ClubGrade 5
- Terrific KidGrade 5

Emma Grace Estridge

Kershaw Elementary School, Grade 5

Asweet, smiling little girl walked into my room as a first grader, and today, she is still the same! As a fifth grader, Emma continues to accomplish and excel in many areas of her life! The accolades academically have come for Emma, but she is also blossoming into a beautiful person. Safety Patrol, Beta Club, FCA and Robotics Club are extracurricular activities she's in. As a safety patrol volunteer at our school, Emma's maturity has allowed her to be able to handle the kindergarten students with ease! Emma has also been involved in dance, softball, volleyball and her church. I am very proud of the young lady she is becoming!

Kershaw Elementary teacher Meg Wrenn

- A Honor RollGrades 2-5
- Science Fair AwardGrades 3, 5
- Class Spelling Bee WinnerGrades 3-5
- School Spelling Bee WinnerGrade 5
- Trustees AwardGrade 4
- Gifted and Talented ProgramGrades 3-5
- P.E. AwardGrade 3
- Safety PatrolGrades 4-5
- Duke University Talent Identification ProgramGrade 5
- National Junior Beta ClubGrade 5

- DancingGrades K-5
- SoftballGrade 2
- Swim TeamGrades 3-4
- VolleyballGrade 5
- Girl ScoutsGrade 4
- Girls in Action (GAs)Grades 1-5
- PASS Perfect Math ScoreGrade 4
- National Junior Beta Club
Kershaw Chapter PresidentGrade 5
- Junior Beta Club State ConventionGrade 5
- Science Fair District Winner 2nd PlaceGrade 4
- Science Fair District Winner 3rd PlaceGrade 3
- Soil & Water Conservation Award First PlaceGrade 4
- RoboticsGrade 5

Ali Nicole Faile

A.R. Rucker Middle School, Grade 8

Ali as a young lady with a wonderful combination of talent, drive, work ethic and a concern for others. She makes everyone around her feel important and is more than willing to help her peers. Ali has also developed the ability to be well-balanced as she juggles many extra-curricular activities and honors classes. No matter how hectic her schedule may become, she never complains or makes excuses. She just smiles and gets the work done. What a special student she is!

A.R. Rucker Middle teacher Robin Parker

- A Honor RollGrades 3-8
- Academic AchievementGrades 4-7
- Perfect AttendanceGrades 2-3
- Junior ScholarGrade 8
- Trustees AwardGrade 8
- Gifted and Talented ProgramGrades 3-5
- Accelerated Reader AwardGrade 4
- Principal's PalGrade 4
- Safety PatrolGrade 4
- Art AwardGrade 5
- Duke University Talent Identification ProgramGrade 7
- Middle School Academic Challenge TeamGrades 6-8
- Peer MediationGrade 8
- Lancaster Community PlayhouseGrades 4-5
- Lancaster Youth Art ShowGrade 6
- National Junior Beta ClubGrades 7-8
- Student CouncilGrades 6-8
- Art ClubGrade 5
- BasketballGrades 6-8
- CheerleaderGrade 8
- DancingGrades K-4
- Swim TeamGrade 4
- PianoGrade 8
- Brownie ScoutsGrade 2
- Girl ScoutsGrades 3-5
- Church Youth GroupGrades 4-8

Taylor Marie Faile

A.R. Rucker Middle School, Grade 8

Taylor is a most outstanding young lady. She manages to excel in every facet of her life, from her academic successes to the various clubs and activities in which she participates. Taylor has the wonderful ability to have a profoundly positive influence on all those with which she comes in contact. She wants to make the world a better place, and she does so one smile at a time. Taylor has proven she is an overcomer with the way she has persevered in the face of adversity and serves as an inspiration to us all. I admire Taylor and feel like I am the lucky one for having been her teacher.

A.R. Rucker Middle teacher Adrian Deese

- A Honor RollGrades 3-8
- Class Spelling Bee Winner.....Grade 4
- Gifted and Talented ProgramGrades 3-5
- Safety Patrol.....Grade 4
- Chorus Award.....Grade 5
- Duke University Talent Identification Program
..... Grade 7
- Middle School Academic Challenge Team
..... Grades 6-8
- Service LearningGrade 5
- Peer MediationGrade 8
- National Junior Beta Club.....Grades 7-8
- National Honor Society.....Grade 6
- Student Council.....Grades 6-7
- Basketball.....Grades 5-8
- Gymnastics.....Grades K-1
- Soccer.....Grade K
- ChorusGrades 5-7
- News CrewGrade 5
- Brownie ScoutsGrade 2
- Girl ScoutsGrades 3-5
- Church Youth GroupGrades 4-8

Jaden Fairfax

North Elementary School, Grade 5

Jaden Fairfax has been a blessing and a dream to our existence. The power of her academic abilities takes a back seat only to her ability to be a strong and kind leader. John C. Maxwell once said “A leader is one who knows the way, goes the way and shows the way.” I have seen this carefully unfold in Jaden as I have had the pleasure of getting to know and love her. She has a very strong sense of herself and is confident in her abilities. She always steps up to the plate, even when things get tricky and she never fails short of guiding others along their path of success. Jaden is

truly destined for a lifetime of excellence and it is with great pleasure that I celebrate her today and every day.

North Elementary teacher Noelle Dunn

- A Honor RollGrades 2-5
- Reading AwardGrade 2
- Gifted and Talented ProgramGrades 3-5
- Accelerated Reader AwardGrades 2-4
- Safety Patrol.....Grade 4
- Service LearningGrade 5
- National Junior Beta Club.....Grade 5
- Gymnastics.....Grades K-5
- Soccer.....Grades K-2
- SoftballGrades 2-4
- ChorusGrade 5
- News CrewGrade 5
- Girl ScoutsGrade K
- Church Youth GroupGrades K-5

Natolee Renay Faulkenberry

McDonald Green Elementary School, Grade 5

Natolee Faulkenberry is one of the most “original” students I have ever taught! She has the most unique sense of style and expressions. Not only is she super smart, she is very creative. Natolee is also one of the sweetest girls I’ve ever known. She truly cares about others! I remember meeting Natolee when she began kindergarten. She sat down in my room to read. She may not have been able to read every word, but she read with enthusiasm and enjoyment! I loved the expressions she made when she read, just like she was part of the book. It is an honor to know Natolee and her family, who supports her 110% in everything she does. Best wishes to a wonderful student and an exceptional young lady!!

McDonald Green Elementary teacher Midenna Anderson

- A Honor RollGrades 2-5
- Language AwardGrade 4
- Science AwardGrade 4
- Perfect AttendanceGrade 4
- Gifted and Talented ProgramGrades 3-5
- Book-It Award.....Grades 1-5
- Art Award.....Grade 4
- Duke University Talent Identification Program
..... Grade 4
- National Junior Beta Club.....Grade 5
- G/T Camp.....Grades 3-4
- DancingGrade K
- Gymnastics.....Grades 1-2
- KarateGrades 4-5
- Swim TeamGrade 3
- Girl ScoutsGrades 1-3
- GuitarGrades 4-5
- Robotics Club.....Grade 5

Sean Forbis

Harrisburg Elementary School, Grade 5

Sean is one of those students who brings a smile to your face when he walks into a classroom. He has a great personality and is a good friend to his fellow classmates. He made every day a joy to come to school. He knows exactly how to balance fun and work and he knows that hard work pays off! Sean is self-motivated and knows what is needed to get the job done. I feel blessed to have had this sweet boy in my class and wish him all the best!

Harrisburg Elementary teacher Angie Evatt

- A Honor RollGrades 4-5
- Perfect AttendanceGrade 5
- Safety PatrolGrade 5
- iLeadGrade 5
- National Junior Beta Club.....Grade 5
- Soccer.....Grade 2

Allie Fraunfelter

McDonald Green Elementary School, Grade 5

When I think about Allie, a smile immediately crosses my face. Allie was one of those students that could always make you laugh, and she always had a story to tell. I had the pleasure of teaching Allie in the fourth grade, and she was a great addition to my classroom. She strived to do her best, and would settle for nothing less. I am very proud of each and every one of Allie's accomplishments, and I know that she has a bright future ahead of her! She truly is a rising star!

McDonald Green Elementary teacher Ryan Jones

- A Honor RollGrades 2-5
- Science AwardGrade 4
- Social Studies AwardGrade 4
- Mini Society AwardGrade 4
- Safety PatrolGrade 5
- National Junior Beta Club.....Grade 5
- Student Council.....Grade 4
- CheerleaderGrade 4
- SoftballGrade 5
- ChorusGrade 4

Brynn Gallelli

Indian Land Elementary School, Grade 5

Amazing Brynn!! Goodness, this girl is one to watch. Incredibly kind with a heart for everyone; classmates and teachers alike, brilliant, hardworking, ambitious, resilient, a leader but most of all, **STRONG!!!** I have

known Brynn since she was just a little girl and watching her grow has been a blessing and getting the chance to be her teacher in fourth grade was an honor. I've watched her strength, resilience, positive attitude, hard work, determination and drive bring her to amazing places this year and I simply sit in awe!! Brynn, you amaze me and I'm so proud of you and am excited to see what the future holds for you! I know it will be full of wonderful things!

Indian Land Elementary teacher Jocelyn Yasinski

- A Honor RollGrades 2-5
- Reading AwardGrade 2
- Science Fair Award – District First PlaceGrade 3
- Gifted and Talented ProgramGrades 3-5
- Citizenship AwardGrade 4
- Art AwardGrade 4
- Art ClubGrade 4
- Duke University Talent Identification ProgramGrade 4
- Drama ClubGrade 5
- Volleyball (YMCA).....Grades 3-5
- Drama.....Grade 5

William Adam Gardner

Heath Springs Elementary School, Grade 5

Will Gardner demonstrates all the characteristics desired in the "perfect student"! He is very conscientious about his school work and strives to always put forth his best effort. His hard work and enthusiasm for learning are evident in every task that he takes on. He accepts challenges and overcomes them with great success. He demonstrates leadership in the classroom and throughout the school through his involvement in various activities not only in the classroom but in the school itself. He always has a bright smile on his face and something positive and kind to say to anyone that he comes in contact with. Will is an unforgettable student. He never hesitates to lend a helping hand to anyone in need. He is very deserving of this very special recognition.

McDonald Green Elementary teacher Rhonda Catoe

- A Honor RollGrades 3-5
- Language AwardGrades 2-4
- Math AwardGrades 3-4
- Reading AwardGrades 2-4
- Science AwardGrades 3-4
- Social Studies AwardGrade 4
- Book-It AwardGrades 1-4
- Mini Society AwardGrades 3-5
- Student of the Month AwardGrades K, 2, 4
- Citizenship AwardGrades 3-4
- P.E. AwardGrade 4

- Safety PatrolGrade 5
- Chorus Award.....Grades 3-4
- Duke University Talent Identification Program
..... Grade 5
- Peer Tutoring.....Grade 4
- Student Council.....Grade 4
- Drama Club.....Grade 5
- Baseball.....Grades 3-4
- Swim TeamGrades K-5
- Chorus.....Grades 3-5
- Drama.....Grade 5
- Steel Drum EnsembleGrade 4
- Royal Ambassadors (RAs).....Grades 2-5
- Reading Counts – School Winner..... Grade 4
- Dabo Swinney Football Camp.....Grades 2-5
- Banner Project.....Grade 5
- Arts Camp.....Grades 3-5
- Hornet of DistinctionGrade 5

Ryan Geese

Harrisburg Elementary School, Grade 5

I am not the least bit surprised that Ryan is being honored at this banquet. I, too, agree that he is “excellent”! I have never met a kinder person – one who helps anyone in need and doesn’t expect anything in return. I am so lucky to have such an outstanding student in my class. Good job, Ryan!

Harrisburg Elementary teacher Denise Partlow

- A Honor RollGrades 1-5
- Math Award.....Grade 4
- Perfect AttendanceGrade 5
- Gifted and Talented Program
- National Junior Beta Club.....Grade 5

Ellie Rose Gerdes

Harrisburg Elementary School, Grade 5

Ellie is an excellent student who takes pride in her work. She is always attentive and prepared in class. I enjoy Ellie’s creativity in her writing and artwork. Ellie is a conscientious and hardworking student. When she was in my class, she made excellent grades. Ellie is a great example for others. She is a very special young lady. I look forward to seeing all her accomplishments in middle and high school. She is truly deserving of this honor.

Harrisburg Elementary teacher Stephanie Cvitkovic

- A Honor RollGrades 2-5
- Reading AwardGrades 2-3
- Perfect AttendanceGrades 3-4
- Gifted and Talented ProgramGrades 3-5
- Citizenship AwardGrade 4

- Safety PatrolGrade 5
- Art AwardGrade 4
- Duke University Talent Identification Program
..... Grade 5
- iLead MemberGrade 5
- National Junior Beta Club.....Grade 5
- Art ClubGrades 3-5
- Soccer.....Grades 2-5
- Drama.....Grade 5

Garrett Charles Gerdes

Indian Land High School, Grade 12

Garrett has been a joy to teach for the past two years in honors mathematics. He is a quite well-mannered, hard-working young man, gifted academically and athletically. His talents and his kind, good natured personality have gained him the respect of his teachers, peers, coaches and teammates. I look forward to seeing the great things that are in store for Garrett as he begins his college career at Clemson University. Congratulations and best of luck in all that you do, Garrett!

Indian Land High teacher Paula Adams

- Highest HonorsGrade 12
- A Honor Roll
- Junior MarshalGrade 11
- Gifted and Talented Program
- Coaches Award
- Duke University Talent Identification Program
- Boys StateGrade 11
- Who’s Who Among American High School Students
- National Beta Club.....Grades 11-12
- National Honor Society.....Grades 10-12
- National Junior Honor Society.....Grades 7-9
- Junior CivitansGrade 11
- Soccer.....Grades 7-12
- Church Youth GroupGrades 9-12
- Soccer Region Player of the YearGrades 10-11
- Soccer MVPGrades 10-11
- Soccer All-StateGrades 10-11
- Lancaster County Youth LeadershipGrade 11

Jaxon Ghent

Buford Elementary School, Grade 5

I had the pleasure of teaching Jaxon in the fourth grade. He has a wealth of knowledge and strives to do his best at any task placed before him. He is a responsible, determined, and kind-hearted boy. Jaxon’s terrific attitude and work ethic help him set goals that he works hard to achieve. He is a bright student who always caught on to new concepts quickly. Jaxon has a pro-

found love for life and learning. With his drive and determination, I am sure that Jaxon will continue to be a lifelong learner. I am positive Jaxon has a bright future ahead of him.

Buford Elementary teacher Allison Horton

- A Honor RollGrades 3-5
- Soccer.....Grades K-5
- Member of Bethlehem Baptist Church
- Awana
- Carolina Motorsports Park’s
Most Improved Driver.....2015
- GoCarts – Gold Cup National Third-Place Finish

DMarcus Grier

Clinton Elementary School, Grade 5

Dmarcus is a blessing to have in our school community. He contributes not only academically but also by volunteering as a hall monitor. In the classroom, he is willing to help others and sacrifices his own assignments to assist students. Dmarcus is sincere to his classmates and treats his fellow students with kindness. Most of all, Dmarcus makes our school environment a more loving place with his stellar, winning smile which brings joy to his teachers and peers every day.

Clinton Elementary teacher Sandra Meadows

- Reading AwardGrade 4
- Student of the Month AwardGrade 4
- Citizenship AwardGrade 5
- Safety PatrolGrade 5
- 21st CenturyGrade 5

Caleb Blaze Griffin

A.R. Rucker Middle School, Grade 8

Caleb has a passion for life. It doesn’t matter what he’s doing, his heart is always in the right place. He is a natural leader and I’m sure this is just the beginning of his accomplishments. I have watched Caleb grow up at Rucker on the robotics team and as a student in my class. He is a smart guy, but he is much more than just a good student. He is a person who values his school, family and community. His level of commitment is unique for a guy his age. I have been fortunate that our paths have crossed. He has so much to offer to this world. I can’t wait to see what he will do in the future. Congratulations and keep on being who you are because it’s pretty special.

A.R. Rucker Middle teacher Jennifer Jaillette

- A Honor RollGrades 3-8
- Reading AwardGrade 2

- Science Fair Award – First PlaceGrade 5
- Class Spelling Bee Winner.....Grades 5-6
- President’s Award for Educational Excellence
..... Grade 5
- Gifted and Talented ProgramGrades 3-5
- Accelerated Reader AwardGrades 2-5
- Citizenship AwardGrade 7
- Safety PatrolGrade 4
- Middle School Academic Challenge Team
..... Grades 7-8
- Service LearningGrades 4-5
- Peer MediationGrade 8
- Lancaster Community PlayhouseGrades K-2
- National Junior Beta Club.....Grades 6-8
- Student Council.....Grades 6-7
- BaseballGrades K-2
- KarateGrades 4-6
- BandGrade 6
- Cub News TV ProgramGrade 1
- News CrewGrades 5-8
- Boy ScoutsGrades 5-8
- Cub ScoutsGrades K-5
- Church Youth GroupGrades 7-8
- First PriorityGrades 6-8
- Royal Ambassadors (RAs)Grades 2-3
- National Young Scholar ProgramGrade 5
- First Priority LeaderGrade 8

Lakin Skyler Hanna

A.R. Rucker Middle School, Grade 8

There are so many things that set Lakin apart from most students her age. Lakin has such a natural gift of service and can be seen automatically taking on tasks to make her teachers’ jobs and her classmates’ days easier. She is always willing to help other students who are struggling with a new concept without just giving answers--truly explaining and making the material more clear. She has a quick wit and a marvelous sense of humor! Lakin always says things to help build up people her around her. The world could really use more people like Lakin!

A.R. Rucker Middle teacher Robin Parker

- A Honor RollGrades 3-8
- History AwardGrades 5-7
- Language AwardGrades 6-7
- Math AwardGrade 5
- Science AwardGrade 5
- Perfect AttendanceGrade 3
- President’s Award for Educational Excellence
..... Grade 5
- Safety PatrolGrade 4
- Chorus AwardGrade 5
- Duke University Talent Identification Program
..... Grade 7

- National Junior Beta ClubGrades 7-8
- Student Council.....Grades 6-7
- ChorusGrades 5-6
- News CrewGrade 8
- Church Youth GroupGrades 5-8
- Girls in Action (GAs).....Grades 1-3
- First PriorityGrades 6-7
- School Store HelperGrade 6
- Terrific KidGrades K-5
- Citizenship AwardGrade 7
- Consumer Science AwardGrade 7
- Art ClassesGrades K-1
- Middle School Robotics TeamGrade 8
- Honor ChoirGrade 5
- Basketball.....Grade 5
- DancingGrades 2, 4
- VolleyballGrades 5-6

Ashlyn Hardin

Lancaster High School, Grade 12

I had the privilege of teaching Ashlyn in three different courses during her time at LHS, so I have been able to get to know her well. Dedicated and determined, Ashlyn is a hard worker and strives for academic excellence. She shows her creativity when working on the Rambler, our school's yearbook. Ashlyn is a quiet leader with a kind, empathetic, gentle but strong spirit who knows that "we acquire the strength we have overcome"~Ralph Waldo Emerson. Her inner beauty radiates! So will her future!

Lancaster High teacher Brandy Caroway

- Highest HonorsGrade 12
- A Honor Roll.....Grades 11-12
- Junior MarshalGrade 11
- National Honor Society.....Grades 11-12
- Lancer Scholar RecipientGrade 12
- Junior CivinettesGrades 9-12
- Yearbook StaffGrades 10-11
- Church Youth GroupGrades 9-12
- Awana Club at Second Baptist Church
Assistant LeaderGrades 11-12
- The Elyse Rebecca Hardin Foundation
Junior Board Member/VolunteerGrades 9-12
- Seth's Giving Tree VolunteerGrades 11-12
- Amitee Cotillion Club.....Grades 10-12

Blakely Hardin

Indian Land Middle School, Grade 8

When asked to write a "blurb" about this student, a teacher is truly put into a challenging situation. It is very difficult to put into words what a wonderful student Blakely really is. The thing is, when a teacher

has the opportunity to teach a student such as Blakely, then he or she is really getting an opportunity to experience greatness in the classroom. She is such an enthusiastic student about every single aspect of school, not just academics. Blakely is hardworking, conscientious, considerate, well-mannered, bright and flexible. However, these words do not seem to do justice in order to prove how much she achieves excellence every day here at ILMS. She is the epitome of the model student who makes coming to work every single day worth it for any teacher who has ever had the pleasure to work with her.

Indian Land Middle teacher Stephanie Secker

- A Honor RollGrades 3-8
- Junior ScholarGrade 8
- Trustees Award.....Grade 8
- English AwardGrades 6-7
- Class Spelling Bee Winner.....Grades 6-7
- School Spelling Bee WinnerGrade 6
- Perfect AttendanceGrades 6-8
- Gifted and Talented ProgramGrades 3-8
- Daughters of the American Revolution Award
..... Grade 8
- Youth Art MonthGrade 8
- Duke University Talent Identification Program
..... Grades 7-8
- National Junior Honor SocietyGrades 7-8
- Student Council.....Grade 8
- Art ClubGrade 7
- Yearbook StaffGrade 8
- Swim TeamGrades 3-8
- TrackGrades 7-8
- VolleyballGrade 8
- News CrewGrades 6-8
- Girls On The RunGrades 3-5
- Media AwardGrades 6-7
- Student Ambassador.....Grade 8
- Leadership.....Grade 6

Luke Harris

Indian Land High School, Grade 12

Mrs. Luke Harris is such a pleasure to work with in the education field. He is smart, kind and humble. For a whole semester, he would wake up super early to come help my students feel confident and supported, though his service wasn't required. Specifically, I've watched him give all he has to assist a student with special needs meet their full potential. This student, who struggles to find acceptance from others, has made a special bond with Mr. Harris that will leave a lifelong impact. I'm so grateful to have worked with Luke Harris and witness the passion and love he

has for this profession. He is going to be an amazing teacher; I can't wait to see him reach this goal and touch young lives forever.

Indian Land Middle teacher Sarah Faulkenberry

- Highest HonorsGrade 12
- A Honor RollGrades 9-12
- Academic AchievementGrades 9-12
- Boys StateGrade 11
- Peer TutoringGrade 12
- National Beta ClubGrades 9-12
- National Honor SocietyGrades 9-12
- National Junior Honor SocietyGrades 7-8
- Teacher CadetGrade 11
- SoccerGrades 7-12
- Church Youth GroupGrades 9-12
- Model UN

Madison Hatcher

Lancaster High School, Grade 12

As a student, Madison Hatcher persistently seeks out occasions to serve as an academic leader. She is always willing to serve in any capacity, and she is genuinely interested in actively pursuing ways to grow both academically and personally. She has an authentic thirst for knowledge that is often displayed through her classroom conversations, work ethic and academic achievements. But beyond all of those qualities and characteristics, Madison is a standout because of her heart. She has a genuine love for people, and it is evident in all aspects of her life. Madison is a well-rounded and exceptional young woman.

Lancaster High teacher Marie Johnson

- Highest HonorsGrade 12
- A Honor RollGrades 8-12
- Junior MarshalGrade 11
- Language AwardGrade 11
- Math AwardGrade 9
- Furman ScholarGrade 11
- Presbyterian ScholarGrade 11
- Wofford ScholarGrade 11
- Service LearningGrade 9
- National Beta ClubGrade 11
- National Honor SocietyGrades 11-12
- Student CouncilGrades 11-12
- Junior CivinettesGrades 9-11
- Newspaper StaffGrades 11-12
- Teacher CadetGrade 11
- Church Youth GroupGrades 6-12
- First PriorityGrade 9
- NEWS – Journalism – Two AwardsGrade 11
- Young People in ChargeGrades 10-11
- Amitie CotillionGrades 10-12

Kaila Nicole Hayden

Indian Land High School, Grade 12

It has been a pleasure both teaching and getting to know Kaila. She is a student in my AP English Literature class, and I have enjoyed having her the entire year vs. just one semester. Kaila is an excellent student and, most importantly, one of the top writers in the class. It has been a pleasure witnessing her growth as a writer and the increased confidence she has in her writing. She started the year a strong writer, but now I would venture to say she is an exemplary writer. I believe my favorite Kaila-memory will be one that occurred recently. We were writing an AP question one in-class essay, and I asked for volunteers to share introductions. Kaila volunteered and read hers aloud, and no one else wanted to follow her. It was that wonderful. Aside from her academics, Kaila is just a special student to know. Her rather acerbic wit makes her comments on our literature discussions very interesting. She is always honest – which all of us love. I will miss Kaila, and I hope she'll return to share her wisdom about college life with my seniors next year.

Indian Land High Teacher Cindy Humphrey

- Highest HonorsGrade 12
- A Honor RollGrades 3-12
- Junior MarshalGrade 11
- Class PresidentGrade 12
- English AwardGrades 6-8, 10-11
- Language AwardGrade 10
- Math AwardGrades 6-8
- Science AwardGrades 9-12
- Class Spelling Bee WinnerGrades 5, 8
- School Spelling Bee WinnerGrade 8
- District Spelling Bee WinnerGrade 8
- Trustees AwardGrades 7-8
- Gifted and Talented ProgramGrades 3-6
- Safety PatrolGrade 5
- Daughters of the American Revolution Award
.....Grade 12
- Duke University MAP ProgramGrades 7-8
- Duke University Talent Identification Program
.....Grades 7-8
- Girls StateGrade 11
- Columbia College ScholarGrade 11
- Furman ScholarGrade 11
- Presbyterian ScholarGrade 11
- Wofford ScholarGrade 11
- 1000 Plus SAT ClubGrades 11-12
- National Beta ClubGrades 10-12
- National Honor SocietyGrades 10-12
- National Honor Society PresidentGrade 12
- National Junior Honor SocietyGrades 7-8

- Student Council.....Grades 5-12
- Junior CivitansGrade 10
- Swim TeamGrades 8-11
- Varsity Letterman – Swim Team.....Grades 8-11
- Model United Nations.....Grades 9-12
- Prom CommitteeGrades 11-12
- Friends of Rachel ClubGrades 9-12
- Inheritance of HOPE VolunteerGrade 12
- The TribeGrade 12

Tara Hayes

Lancaster High School, Grade 12

Thoughtful and thought-provoking – two words that come to mind when I think of Tara. She is insightful beyond her years and makes everyone around her think on a deeper level, too. Tara definitely elevates a class discussion—challenging perceptions and questioning the status quo. Because of our common love of literature and writing, Tara is a kindred spirit. She reads Virginia Wolfe for fun! Tara is also a wonderful writer with a style all her own. Her wit, voice and flair shine through. The future is hers! “The greatest adventure is what lies ahead. Today and tomorrow are yet to be said. The chances, the changes are all yours to make. The mold of your life is in your hands to break” ~ Tolkien’s *The Hobbit*.

Lancaster High School teacher Brandy Caroway

- Highest HonorsGrade 12
- Junior MarshalGrade 11
- Trustees Award.....Grade 8
- Junior ScholarGrade 8
- National Beta Club.....Grades 11-12
- National Honor Society.....Grades 11-12
- Girl ScoutsGrades 8-12

Benjamin Heil

Buford Middle School, Grade 8

Ben is such a unique student who stands out for his quick wit and ability to be an incredibly deep thinker. He has an uncanny knack to practically absorb the lesson being taught and rarely finds the need to ask for clarification because he just gets it. Ben has been an integral member of our Academic Challenge Team for two years where he’s found his niche among peers who count on his vast knowledge during tough matches. Ben also expresses himself artistically through his dedicated participation in band, devoting many hours to practices and performances. As a gifted artist, Ben uses his art to express his thoughts about topics being discussed in class. I was always appreciative to be the recipient

of several of his drawings that typically captured the essence of our lessons. Ben is an unforgettable student with a bright future. Congratulations on this honor; I know this is just one of many to come!

Buford Middle teacher Adrienne Langley

- Junior ScholarGrade 8
- Trustees Award.....Grade 8
- Middle School Academic Challenge Team
..... Grades 7-8
- BandGrades 6-8
- Marching Band.....Grade 8

Louis Joshua Henighan, III

Harrisburg Elementary School, Grade 5

When I think of L.J., I think of compassion, determination and imagination. L.J. not only displays all of those traits, he exemplifies them! He is an outstanding role model for his peers. He truly does the right thing simply because it is the right thing to do. He offers kindness to his peers and a smile just when you need it most. He is the type of student that you wish you had more of, and the type of person that will impact your day in the most positive way. I can only imagine where L.J.’s imagination and strength of character will take him throughout his life.

Harrisburg Elementary teacher Kimberly Dow

- A Honor Roll.....Grades 2-5
- Academic AchievementGrades 2-5
- Class Spelling Bee Winner.....Grades 3-4
- School Spelling Bee Winner – Third Place.....Grade 4
- Gifted and Talented Program – EAGLES...Grades 3-5
- Battle of Books Award
SC Jr. Beta Convention Second Place..... Grade 5
- Odyssey of the MindGrade 3
- Citizenship Award Grades K, 2
- Duke University Talent Identification Program
..... Grades 4-5
- National Junior Beta Club.....Grade 5
- Basketball..... Grades K, 2, 4
- Karate Grades 1, 3
- Cub ScoutsGrades 1-5
- Harrisburg MVP AwardGrades 4-5
- Harrisburg Robotics TeamGrade 5
- Awana.....Grades K-3

Nathaniel Henighan

Harrisburg Elementary School, Grade 5

Nate has such a quiet strength about him. It has been great watching him grow personally as well as academically. He sets high goals for himself and is a very hard worker. He is supportive of his friends

and shows a willingness to learn new things. When faced with a challenge, Nate was able to show great determination to rise above. I can't wait to see what the future holds for this young man.

Harrisburg Elementary teacher Angie Evatt

- A Honor RollGrades 2-5
- Gifted and Talented Program - EaglesGrade 5
- Music AwardGrade 4
- Art AwardGrade 2
- Duke University Talent Identification Program Grades 4-5
- National Junior Beta ClubGrade 5
- National Junior Beta Club Treasurer
- AwanaGrades K-3
- BasketballGrades K-5
- KarateGrade 3
- SoccerGrades K-2
- FootballGrades 3-5

Riley Hennigan

Indian Land Middle School, Grade 8

In true Riley fashion, this will be clear and to the point.

A man of few words, but his ability to understand and reason through complex problems is outstanding. Riley is always capable of facing a challenge and dissecting it until he reaches the solution, which by the way, is always the correct one. President Obama has vowed to find a cure for cancer, but what he doesn't know is the person who could do it is an eighth grader at Indian Land Middle School named Riley Hennigan.

Indian Land Middle teacher Brad Johnson

- Trustees AwardGrade 8
- Junior ScholarGrade 8

David Hernandez-Tapia

McDonald Green Elementary School, Grade 5

David is a joy and a blessing to teach. He brings the excitement and fuel every teacher dreams of having in their classroom. He is not only a great follower of education, but he is a born leader who does not mind sharing his knowledge with his fellow classmates. David has a wonderful personality and mild-mannered demeanor that make him a great student who understands the importance of dignity and discipline. It has been an honor and privilege being David's teacher!

McDonald Green Elementary teacher Curtarus Kirk

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

- Book-It AwardGrades K-5
- Study Island AwardGrade 3
- P.E. AwardGrade 3
- Reading Counts AwardGrades 3-4
- Hall of FameGrades 3-4
- Terrific KidGrades 3-5
- Gifted and Talented – EaglesGrades 3-5

Jordyn Hess

Indian Land Elementary School, Grade 5

Jordyn Hess is an exceptional student who always gives above and beyond. She is a pleasure to have in class and is a great role model for her classmates. Jordyn always has a smile on her face and is so full of love for everyone. She is always willing to participate in class and does so with enthusiasm. She is always eager to help in any way possible, no matter who needs her assistance. Jordyn is well-liked by her classmates as well as by her teachers. I know that Jordyn will continue to excel in her educational endeavors and will be a success in whatever she decides to do. It has been a great pleasure and honor to have Jordyn as a student this year!

Indian Land Elementary teacher Risa Lail

- A Honor RollGrade 5
- Citizenship AwardGrade 5
- iLeadGrade 5
- Swim TeamGrades 3-4
- ChorusGrade 4
- DramaGrade 4

Courtney Marie Hicks

A.R. Rucker Middle School, Grade 8

Courtney is the kind of student a teacher dreams to have. Driven to be successful, Courtney stays focused to reach her academic goals at a high level of success. She manages to do all this while actively participating in extracurricular activities. Always ready with a smile and a kind word, Courtney is able to bring out the best in others just through being herself. She has made the classroom and the Rucker community a better place to be.

A.R. Rucker Middle teacher Adrian Deese

- A Honor RollGrades 3-8
- Math AwardGrade 7
- Science AwardGrade 7
- Perfect AttendanceGrade K
- President's Award for Educational Excellence Grade 5
- Gifted and Talented ProgramGrade 5

- Safety PatrolGrade 5
- Chorus Award.....Grades 5-6
- Music AwardGrades 5-6
- Middle School Academic Challenge Team
..... Grades 7-8
- National Junior Beta Club.....Grades 7-8
- Student Council.....Grade 7
- CheerleaderGrades 7-8
- DancingGrades K-5
- Swim TeamGrade 1
- BandGrade 6
- ChorusGrades 5-6
- Brownie ScoutsGrade 4
- Girl ScoutsGrade 5
- Church Youth GroupGrades 7-8
- TennisGrades K-8

Julian W. Hidell

Harrisburg Elementary School, Grade 5

Julian is a talented young man. When I think of him, I think of his wonderful work. He's an avid reader, an aspiring writer, and devours history! Julian is the type of young man you can always depend on whether you need someone to participate, lend a helping hand, or just be there for a good story or laugh. His excellence extends beyond the classroom into his ability to lead others. He has shown this not only through Beta Club, but in his daily accomplishments with friends and academics. He is on his way to great things for sure!

Harrisburg Elementary teacher Nicole Little

- A Honor RollGrades 2-5
- History Award
- Math AwardGrade 4
- Science AwardGrade 4
- Social Studies AwardGrade 4
- Perfect AttendanceGrades 2-3
- P.E. AwardGrade 4
- Music AwardGrade 2
- National Junior Beta Club.....Grade 5
- National Junior Beta Club President.....Grade 5
- Baseball Grades 2, 5
- Basketball.....Grades 1-2, 5
- GolfGrades 4-5
- Gymnastics.....Grades 4-5
- Soccer.....Grades 1-5
- TrackGrades 2-5

Laney Horton

Buford Elementary School, Grade 5

Laney has a joyful and positive attitude that goes the extra mile working in and out of the classroom. She takes pride and puts forth great effort into producing qual-

ity work at school and is always eager to learn more. Laney's peers would consider her to be a good friend who is kind, trustworthy, fun-loving and cooperative. She has always been very considerate of others' feelings and is respectful to her peers and teachers. Well done, Laney. I'm so proud of you!

Pemberton Elementary teacher Pam Fields

- A Honor RollGrades 2-5
- Gifted and Talented ProgramGrades 3-5
- Safety PatrolGrade 4
- ChorusGrade 5
- Honor ChoirGrade 5
- County Read-In Participant.....Grade 5

Lilly C. Horton

Heath Springs Elementary, Grade 5

Lilly is an independent, divergent learner with a sense of humor that I find amusing. She is a role model for others and has compassion for her peers that is heart-warming. Lilly has evolved into a leader in and out of the classroom. Honest, trustworthy and determined are key traits that describe her and have impacted others. She is one of a kind and has left a mark on me that will not be forgotten. Endless opportunities await this gal!

Heath Springs Elementary teacher Kendall Blackmon

- A Honor Roll
- Math AwardGrades 1-2
- Reading AwardGrades 2, 4
- Science AwardGrades 1-2
- Social Studies AwardGrades 1-2
- Gifted and Talented ProgramGrades 3-5
- Citizenship AwardGrades 1-2
- P.E. AwardGrades 1, 3-4
- Safety Patrol
- Music AwardGrade 2
- Duke University Talent Identification Program
..... Grade 4
- ChorusGrade 5
- Drama.....Grades 4-5

Regan House

Harrisburg Elementary School, Grade 5

Where do I even begin? Regan is a true gift. Throughout the year, she has continually let me see all she has to offer. Intuitive and self-motivated are the two adjectives that continually come to mind. I chose the word "intuitive" because, without being asked or asking, she picks up on the "little things." She is able to step in to a help a peer or complete an assignment without further directions and instructions. She stays out of the

complications of day-to-day school, just because she knows that's best. Great character is embedded deep within her! I chose "self-motivated" because she does what she needs to do all the time! Every assignment, every conversation, every curiosity is explored because she wants to know more and be her best. I can't wait to see what she accomplishes – she has everything she needs to be a great leader, friend and learner!

Harrisburg Elementary teacher Nicole Little

- A Honor RollGrades 1-5
- Academic Achievement
- Math Award
- Science Award
- Social Studies Award
- Gifted and Talented Program
- Student of the Month Award
- Duke University MAP ProgramGrade 5
- Duke University Talent Identification Program
..... Grade 5
- Service Learning
- National Junior Beta Club
- G/T Camp
- GolfGrade 5
- SoccerGrades 3-4
- Walking
- Jack and Jill of America
- Ronald McDonald House Fund Raiser
Raised Nearly \$2,500
- Chess Club

Sara Grace Hudson

Buford High School, Grade 12

When I think of Sara Grace, I think of a model student. Sara Grace is the type of student that all students should strive to be like. She goes above and beyond any expectations set by her teachers. I am not saying this just because she is smart, which she is extremely intelligent. She is where she is now because of her work ethic. I would say that if our classrooms were full of students like Sara Grace that we would have easy jobs, but if we only had students like Sara Grace we would not have jobs because she is so self-sufficient. She does not need teachers to teach her because she has the drive and determination to learn on her own.

Buford High teacher Jareth Bailey

- Highest HonorsGrade 12
- A Honor RollGrades 9-12
- Junior MarshalGrade 11
- ValedictorianGrade 12
- English Award Grades 9, 11
- Geography AwardGrade 9
- History AwardGrade 10
- Language AwardGrades 10-11

- Math AwardGrades 9-11
- Science AwardGrades 9-11
- National Junior Beta ClubGrades 10-12
- National Honor SocietyGrades 10-12
- Student CouncilGrades 9-12
- Junior CivitansGrades 9-10
- USC Aiken ScholarGrade 11
- USC Upstate ScholarGrade 11
- Cross CountryGrade 12
- TrackGrades 10-12
- Church Youth GroupGrades 9-12
- Woodmen of the WorldGrade 11
- Lancaster County Youth LeadershipGrade 11

Ryan Hunter

Andrew Jackson Middle School, Grade 8

I had the pleasure of teaching Ryan in seventh-grade honors math class last year. He is quite simply an outstanding student in all respects. He is self-motivated and unquestionably one of the hardest-working students I have ever taught. Not only does Ryan excel academically, he is giving and caring to his fellow classmates and teachers. I expect great things from Ryan as he continues through his educational career and beyond.

Andrew Jackson Middle teacher Bathsbeba Bradley

- A Honor RollGrades 3-8
- English AwardGrades 3-7
- Keyboard Award/ComputerGrades 6-7
- Language AwardGrades 3-4
- Math AwardGrades 3-7
- Reading AwardGrades 2-5
- Science AwardGrades 3-7
- Social Studies AwardGrades 3-7
- Gifted and Talented ProgramGrades 4-5
- FocusGrades 6-8
- Accelerated Reader AwardGrades 1-5
- Office Assistant AwardGrade 6
- P.E. AwardGrade 5
- Safety PatrolGrades 4-5
- Music AwardGrades 3-5
- Art AwardGrades 4-7
- Music – Piano ExcellenceGrade 7
- Duke University Talent Identification Program
..... Grades 5-7
- National Junior Beta ClubGrade 5
- BaseballGrades 1-7
- BasketballGrades 2-3
- FootballGrades 3-5
- All-Star FootballGrades 4-5
- Physical EducationGrade 5
- ChorusGrades 4-5
- DramaGrades 6-8
- PianoGrade 7
- Church Youth GroupGrades 7-8
- Royal Ambassadors (RAs)Grades 2-8

- SC Baptist Convention Bible Drill
Childhood Ministry Grades 3-5
- Awana.....Grades 3-5
- Sandhill Baptist Church Member
- Camp McCallGrades 1-7
- Youth Serve/K.A.R.E.....Grades 5-7
- Guitar - Acoustic & ElectricGrades 6-8

Samantha Ihm

Andrew Jackson High School, Grade 12

Samantha is a conscientious student who strives to be the **BEST** in her academics. I had the privilege of teaching Samantha in Advanced Placement United States History last year. Her persistence for excellence paid off in the end as she passed a very difficult AP exam and finished top in her class. Samantha is also heavily involved in our award-winning chorus. If there is anything that I can say about Samantha, persistence and perseverance are her quality traits. She will stay on a task and complete it to its finish with quality!!

Andrew Jackson High teacher Steve Knight

- Highest HonorsGrade 12
- A Honor Roll.....Grades 3-11
- Junior MarshalGrade 11
- Scholastic Achievement Award.....Grades 4-5
- English AwardGrades 6-8
- History AwardGrade 7
- Keyboard AwardGrades 6-7
- Language AwardGrade 7
- Math Award.....Grades 6-8
- Reading AwardGrades 3-8
- Science Award.....Grade 4
- Social Studies Award
- Perfect AttendanceGrades 6-8
- Trustees Award.....Grades 8, 11-12
- Lt. Governor's Writing Award Winner.....Grade 5
- President's Award for Educational Excellence
.....Grade 5
- S.C. Young WriterGrade 3
- Gifted and Talented Program
- 97th Percentile Club
- FocusGrades 6-12
- Battle of Books AwardGrade 4
- Accelerated Reader Award.....Grades 4-8
- Terrific Team Work AwardGrades 3-5
- Great Attitude AwardGrade 4
- Citizenship AwardGrade 5
- Principal's PalGrade 5
- Chorus Award.....Grade 5
- Music Award - Music Proficiency.....Grades 6-8
- Ensemble AwardGrades 9-12
- Duke University Talent Identification Program
.....Grades 4-5
- Coker Scholar.....Grade 11

- Columbia College ScholarGrade 11
- Erskine ScholarGrade 11
- Junior ScholarGrade 12
- Presidential ScholarGrade 12
- High School Academic Challenge Team
.....Grades 10-12
- Outstanding FreshmanGrade 9
- Service LearningGrade 5
- ST-ARTS ProgramGrades 6-8
- 1000 Plus SAT Club.....Grades 11-12
- National Honor Society.....Grades 11-12
- Student Council.....Grade 10
- Outdoors ClubGrade 8
- DancingGrades PreK-12
- Gymnastics.....Grade 4
- Swim TeamGrades 9-12
- TrackGrade 10
- VolleyballGrade 5
- ChorusGrades 5-12
- Drama.....Grades 6-7
- Church Youth GroupGrades 6-12
- Girls in Action (GAs).....Grades 1-5
- Fellowship of Christian Athletes.....Grades 9-10
- First PriorityGrades 9-10
- Relay for LifeGrades 9-12
- Women's Ensemble.....Grades 9-12
- Show ChoirGrades 9-12
- District ChoirGrades 8-12
- Tri-M SocietyGrades 11-12

Brady Jackson

McDonald Green Elementary School, Grade 5

Brady is a very special student that I had the pleasure to teach. He is outgoing, hardworking and energetic. In every situation, Brady always gives his very best while maintaining a positive attitude. He is the type of student that every teacher loves to teach and leaves an imprint on your heart. I'm so proud of everything Brady has accomplished! I look forward to hearing great things about him in the future.

McDonald Green Elementary teacher Sheritha I. Whitener

- A Honor Roll.....Grades 2-5
- Language AwardGrade 3
- Science Award.....Grade 4
- Class Spelling Bee Winner.....Grade 3
- Gifted and Talented ProgramGrades 3-5
- P.E. AwardGrades 3-4
- Duke University Talent Identification Program
InvitationGrades 3-4
- National Junior Beta Club.....Grade 5
- Baseball
- Basketball
- Royal Ambassadors (RAs)

Coulter Grant Jackson

Lancaster High School, Grade 12

“Integrity without knowledge is weak and useless, and knowledge without integrity is dangerous and dreadful” ~Samuel Johnson. With knowledge and integrity, Coulter is a fantastic, responsible, driven student. Always ranked at the very top of his class, Coulter thrives on challenge. He is a quiet leader full of insight. Coulter is also a leader on the LHS Swim Team, of which he has been a member since middle school. Whether it is in the pool practicing his strokes, in his yard helping his dad, or in the classroom debating an issue, Coulter is committed to the task. He strives for excellence, and he achieves it. Coulter is intelligent, diligent and articulate. His character is impeccable, and his leadership potential is great. I cannot wait to see what his future holds!

Lancaster High School teacher Brandy Caroway

- Highest HonorsGrade 12
- Highest GPA.....Grade 12
- A Honor Roll.....Grades 3-8
- Junior Marshal – Head MarshalGrade 11
- Academic AchievementGrades 3-11
- English AwardGrades 5-8
- History AwardGrades 9-11
- Keyboard AwardGrade 8
- Language AwardGrades 5-8
- Math Award.....Grades 5-8
- Science Award.....Grades 5-8
- Science Fair AwardGrade 5
- Social Studies AwardGrades 5-8
- Perfect AttendanceGrades 2-4, 8
- Trustees Award.....Grades 7-8
- S.C. History AwardGrade 8
- Gifted and Talented ProgramGrades 3-8
- Accelerated Reader Award.....Grades 1-3, 7
- Student of the Month AwardGrade 5
- Duke University Talent Identification Program
..... Grades 4-8
- Erskine ScholarGrade 11
- Furman ScholarGrade 11
- Junior ScholarGrade 8
- Presbyterian ScholarGrade 11
- Wofford ScholarGrade 11
- Elementary School Academic Challenge Team
..... Grade 5
- Middle School Academic Challenge TeamGrade 8
- National Merit Finalist.....Grade 12
- Outstanding Sophomore.....Grade 10
- Peer TutoringGrade 5
- 1000 Plus SAT Club.....Grades 9-11
- National Beta Club.....Grade 11
- National Junior Beta Club.....Grades 6-8

- National Honor Society.....Grades 11-12
- Student Council.....Grades 6-8
- Junior CivitansGrades 9-12
- National Young Scholars Program.....Grade 5
- Celebration of Excellence
Superior Academic Achievement....Grades 5, 8, 12
- People to People Student Leader Program
..... Grades 4-8
- Robotics Club.....Grades 6-8
- Duke Tip State Qualifier/Recognition.....Grade 7
- Computer AwardGrade 8
- Overall Academic Excellence Award.....Grade 8
- National Society of High School Scholars
..... Grades 9-12
- Young People in Charge.....Grades 11-12
- Top 15 in Class.....Grades 9-12
- Algebra 2 Honors Award.....Grade 9
- Biology 1 Honors Award.....Grade 9
- English 1 Honors AwardGrades 8-9
- World History Honors Award.....Grade 9
- Chemistry 1 Honors Award.....Grade 10
- Geometry Honors AwardGrade 10
- Chemistry 1 Honors Award.....Grade 10
- Advanced Placement European History Award
..... Grade 10
- Advanced Placement Psychology Award.....Grade 10
- Advanced Placement Biology 2 AwardGrade 11
- Advanced Placement Language and Composition
Award Grade 11
- Pre-Calculus Honors Award.....Grade 11
- U.S. History College Preparatory AwardGrade 11
- AP Scholar with HonorsGrade 11
- Head MarshalGrade 11
- Palmetto Fellows.....Grade 12
- National Merit Semifinalist.....Grade 12
- Clemson ScholarGrade 12
- Highest HonorsGrade 12
- Swim TeamGrades 9-11
- Cub ScoutsGrades 1-5
- Church Youth GroupGrades 6-12
- Woodmen of the WorldGrade 11

Joshua Jacobs

Indian Land High School, Grade 12

In over 20 years of teaching, I believe Joshua is one of the nicest, most genuine young men you will ever meet. He sets the gold standard for the way all people should interact and treat one another. Some prime examples of what sets JJ apart from his peers are 1. Introducing himself and a few of his friends to a new student simply because he noticed the student eating alone each day, and JJ wanted to welcome him to Indian Land, as well as give him names and faces to be familiar with. 2. Serving as a mentor to a freshman and making sure his

peers and teammates accepted the younger student as a brother. All the boys take turns walking the younger student to track practice, sitting with him in the mornings and always making a point to make conversation with him whenever they see him. Not only would they do their best to prevent any bullying from occurring, but they would abhor it. 3. (Just this morning) JJ found another student's ID and wanted to return it, although he did not know the student. He asked for help locating the student, returned the ID and introduced himself to the student, asking if he'd like to join them at lunch today. 4. Having an unblemished disciplinary record. 5. Being a student teachers can count on to help when a substitute is in the room. 6. Being involved in varsity track his entire high school career, as well as being involved in his church youth group and volunteering within the community. 7. Earning sports awards for good sportsmanship.

JJ has remained true to himself throughout his high school career. Although he has had to let a few friends go, he's always kept his focus and integrity. We cannot imagine a more worthy candidate for this award. Joshua Jacobs has earned the privilege of being recognized as one of Lancaster County's Good Citizens. He is the embodiment of what citizenship truly means, and we are honored to have had the opportunity to know and to work with JJ.

Indian Land High teachers Kim Pyles and Gina Bennett-Roche

- Highest HonorsGrade 12
- A Honor RollGrade 12
- Perfect AttendanceGrade 9
- Student of the Month AwardGrade 12
- Citizenship AwardGrade 12
- Good Sport Award.....Grade 9
- Coaches Award.....Grade 10
- Peer MediationGrades 9-12
- Peer LeaderGrades 11-12
- Church Youth GroupGrades 9-10
- KarateGrade 9
- TrackGrades 7-12
- M.V.P. AwardGrade 11
- Track State FinalistGrades 10-12

Riley Austin James

Buford High School, Grade 12

Riley is a pleasure to have in class. Riley possesses a quiet confidence in all he does and he will go the extra mile to accomplish a task. He has a very strong work ethic and the self-motivation to achieve any goal he sets. Riley's honesty and integrity, however, are his

two strongest characteristics. Riley will be successful in whatever he does in life.

Buford High teacher Troy Helms

- Highest HonorsGrade 12
- Junior MarshalGrade 11
- History AwardGrade 10
- USC Aiken ScholarGrade 11
- USC Upstate ScholarGrade 11
- National Beta Club.....Grades 10-12
- National Honor Society.....Grades 10-12
- Junior CivitansGrades 9-11
- BandGrades 6-12
- Marching Band.....Grades 7-12
- Jazz BandGrade 12
- Church Youth GroupGrades 6-12

AJ Jefferson

Indian Land Middle School, Grade 8

Excellence can be defined in many ways. One name, Amiri "AJ" Jefferson, is my definition of excellence. AJ and I started at Indian Land together. He transferred in the same time I began teaching here. Over that time, I have watched AJ grow and mature into the wonderful young man he is today. AJ is a leader amongst leaders. His excellence is always displayed in his academic and athletic prowess. I am fortunate to have had AJ in my class and on my basketball team. AJ is true MVP and I am honored to celebrate his excellence.

Indian Land Middle teacher David Dawson

- A Honor Roll Grade 3-6
- Math AwardGrades 3-5
- Class Spelling Bee winnerGrades 3-5
- Gifted and Talented ProgramGrades K-8
- 97th Percentile Club.....Grades 3-8
- Accelerated Reader Award.....Grades K-5
- Duke University MAP Program Grade 6-7
- Duke University Talent Identification Program
- Junior ScholarGrade 8
- Trustees Award.....Grade 8
- National Junior Honor Society.....Grade 8
- Science ClubGrade 5
- Basketball.....Grade 8
- FootballGrades 2-8
- Chinese.....Grades 3-4

Ava Jessup

Indian Land Middle School, Grade 8

Ava is an exceptional student in all of her classes. This school year, she has made tremendous progress in all of her classes especially math. She meets any challenge she faces and has a model example of extraordinary

work ethic. With all of these characteristics and her talents in art, she will be a successful student for whatever she chooses to do in the future.

Indian Land Middle teacher Chris CuvIELLO

- A Honor Roll
- Gifted and Talented ProgramGrades 7-8
- Youth Art MonthGrades 7-8
- Junior ScholarGrade 8
- Trustees AwardGrade 8
- National Junior Honor SocietyGrades 6-8
- PianoGrades 3-4

Torie Rebecca Johnson

North Elementary School, Grade 5

Torie is the epitome of all our minds conjure up when we ponder “excellence.” She is strong and courageous, as well as academically and intellectually gifted beyond what is even remotely normal. I could speak volumes of her academic successes and intellectual abilities, but I believe that has already been established and recognized. What I truly admire about Torie is her ability to be the blessing we all need. John O’Donohue once said, “A blessing is a circle of light drawn around a person to protect, heal and strengthen.” Torie has been precisely that for us. She is the light on our dark path, the one who actively and so intuitively reaches out just when we need her most, even when doing so places her in the position of self-sacrifice. To know Torie is to love her and once you do, you will never be quite the same again.

North Elementary teacher Noelle Dunn

- A Honor RollGrades 3-5
- Science Fair AwardGrade 4
- Class Spelling Bee WinnerGrades 4-5
- School Spelling Bee WinnerGrade 5
- Trustees AwardGrade 4
- Gifted and Talented ProgramGrades 3-5
- Accelerated Reader AwardGrade 3
- Safety PatrolGrade 4
- Service LearningGrade 5
- Lancaster Community PlayhouseGrades 3-4
- National Junior Beta ClubGrade 5
- News CrewGrade 5
- SBC Children’s ChoirGrades 4-5
- Knight’s RunGrade 5
- WNES News CrewGrade 5
- Terrific Kid

Morgan Elizabeth Johnston

Indian Land High School, Grade 12

It is an honor to be able to acknowledge Morgan for her successes, not only throughout her high-school career but also personally. I have witnessed the tremendous growth she has undergone from a timid, novice seventh-grade softball player to a confident, skilled thespian. Her academic success is noteworthy as she successfully engaged in AP courses and continually ranks in the top echelon of her class. What’s more, Morgan holds down a part-time job and volunteers her time in an effort to better others’ lives; a testament for everybody to look to as an example of how to go about life the right way. Her gentle ways, kind words and loving heart are often unparalleled in today’s youth. She deserves this celebration – she is excellence.

Indian Land High teacher Anthony Colagross

- Highest HonorsGrade 12
- A Honor RollGrades 4-8
- Junior MarshalGrade 11
- Gifted and Talented ProgramGrades 4-8
- Chorus AwardGrades 10-11
- Daughters of the American Revolution Award
..... Grade 8
- High School Academic Challenge TeamGrade 11
- ST-ARTS ProgramGrades 6-8
- National Beta ClubGrades 10-12
- National Honor SocietyGrades 10-12
- National Junior Honor SocietyGrades 7-8
- Drama ClubGrades 9-12
- Teacher CadetGrade 12
- SoftballGrades 7-11
- VolleyballGrade 10
- ChorusGrades 4-12
- DramaGrades 9-12
- Girl ScoutsGrades 1-7
- Church Youth GroupGrades 6-12
- Girls in Action (GAs)Grades 1-5
- Fellowship of Christian AthletesGrades 10-11
- First PriorityGrades 6-8
- Drama AwardGrade 11
- Warrior AwardGrade 9
- ActeensGrades 6-9

Isabella Nicole Jones

Buford Middle School, Grade 8

I have had both the pleasure and honor of teaching Isabella for not one, but two years in middle school. Izzy, as I know her, is both a talented athlete and exceptional student. She excels in volleyball, basketball and soccer, leading her teams to district championships and

undefeated seasons; however, she is always conscious of the fact that she is a student athlete and values her academics as much if not more than her beloved sports.

Izzy serves as our National Junior Beta Club president and assumes leadership responsibilities by helping prepare monthly agendas, conducting meetings and arranging service projects for members. As a sponsor of the club, I never worry about duties not being fulfilled because Izzy is such a responsible and trusted leader. We can always count on Izzy to stop by to check on the needs of the club, and she continually meets each of the duties assigned to her officer position.

With such a positive disposition and sweet, man-nerly demeanor, Izzy is respected by her peers as well as her teachers. She can always be found at the center of a group of friends drawn to her wonderful sense of humor and her good-natured spirit. She is a true friend and positive role model to so many.

Izzy, you are the student teacher's dream of teaching! You are always prepared, interested and engaged in the work at hand. Your smile is contagious, and your work ethic is impeccable. I can think of no one more deserving of this great honor than you. I know you are going to make great things happen in this world. You are the epitome of "Jacket Pride"! Thank you for being such a blessing to me, and may God continue to bless you. Congratulations, and know that I am so proud of all you have accomplished as well as all you WILL accomplish!

Buford Middle teacher Adrienne Langley

- A Honor RollGrades 6-8
- Junior MarshalGrade 7
- English AwardGrades 6-7
- Math AwardGrades 6-7
- Science AwardGrades 6-7
- Social Studies AwardGrades 6-7
- Perfect AttendanceGrade 7
- Student of The Month AwardGrades 7-8
- Music AwardGrade 6
- Art AwardGrade 7
- Lancaster Youth Art ShowGrade 7
- National Junior Beta ClubGrades 6-8
- Student CouncilGrades 6-8
- Art ClubGrades 7-8
- BasketballGrades 7-8
- SoccerGrades 7-8
- VolleyballGrades 7-8
- ChorusGrades 6-7
- PianoGrade 6
- Most Outstanding StudentGrades 6-7
- Volleyball Highest AverageGrades 7-8
- Basketball Highest AverageGrades 7-8
- Volleyball Jacket PrideGrades 7-8

Zachary Ryan Kaim

Indian Land Middle School, Grade 8

Zach contains a wealth of knowledge that extends well beyond what is expected of a middle-school student. He has excelled in all his classes, as well as Academic Challenge and the Bionic Bros Robotics team. He is never fine with average and will take any step necessary to arrive at the correct solution. On a dress-down day, you can always catch him sporting his latest Nascar sportswear. Zach is a great guy, with a great personality and attitude. Just make sure you don't insult Jeff Gordon.

Indian Land Middle teacher Brad Johnson

- A Honor RollGrade 7
- A-B Honor RollGrade 6
- Math AwardGrades 6-7
- Science AwardGrades 6-7
- Trustees AwardGrade 8
- Junior ScholarGrade 8
- Middle School Academic Challenge Team
..... Grades 7-8
- National Junior Honor SocietyGrade 6
- Pre-Honor Science QualifierGrade 7
- First Lego League ParticipantGrades 7-8
- Honorable Mention
"My Favorite Teacher Essay" Grade 6

Reid Kazmierczak

Indian Land Elementary School, Grade 5

I had the pleasure of teaching Reid in third grade at Indian Land Elementary. He was new to the school that year, but adjusted to a new place and people beautifully. He is a sincere and thoughtful student who always tries his personal best. He is the kind of student that teachers dream of having in their classroom. He is intelligent, kind-hearted, hardworking and honest. It was an honor to be your teacher, Reid. I am so proud of you for being part of this Celebration of Excellence. You deserve it!

Harrisburg Elementary teacher Jessie Massie

- A Honor RollGrades 3-5
- Citizenship AwardGrade 3
- P.E. AwardGrade 4
- iLeadGrade 5
- EAGLE GT ProgramGrade 5

Stacey Keller

Indian Land High School, Grade 12

Stacey is a gifted math student and it has been my pleasure to have her in AP Calculus this year. She is the student who is never satisfied to just hear that a concept is true or that an algorithm works, but she wants to understand how and why. The perfect student for any math teacher! Stacey, I've enjoyed teaching you this year because I could see that you love mathematics like I do! Good luck at Winthrop and in whatever career you choose to pursue! You're going to do great!

Indian Land High teacher Paula Adams

- A Honor RollGrades 11-12
- Junior MarshalGrade 11
- Academic AchievementGrades 9-12
- National Beta Club.....Grades 11-12
- National Honor Society.....Grades 10-12
- Drama Club.....Grade 10
- Teacher Cadet.....Grade 11
- Color GuardGrades 9-10
- Marching Band.....Grades 9-10
- Drama.....Grade 10
- PianoGrade 10

Keinoni Kelly

Lancaster High School, Grade 12

Keinoni Kelly has been a member of the Lancaster High School (JROTC) program for all four years of her high school education. In these four years, she has applied what has been taught to her about being a leader. Keinoni has shown that she has the ability to lead and has been one of our strongest leaders as an upper classmen in our program. Keinoni has great enthusiasm for learning as she has received an award for having the top GPA in her class year for the past three years, and is self-motivated to get the job done.

Lancaster High teacher Sgt. Elijah Brown

- Highest HonorsGrade 12
- A Honor Roll.....Grades 11-12
- Junior MarshalGrade 11
- Academic AchievementGrades 9-11

Katie Kennington

Buford High School, Grade 12

Katie has thrived in high school because of her grit. She was a student who rolled up her sleeves to get the job accomplished, no matter whether it was studying for honors level classes to keep her grades high or

performing myriad service projects through National Honor Society, Beta Club or Junior Civitans. Additionally, her unwavering determination has earned her a place among Clemson's Academically Talented Program, Lancaster County Youth Leadership teams, and her school's junior marshals. She even makes time to work as a car hop at Sonic. The Academic Award in Excellence for Health Science and her volunteer work at Springs Memorial Hospital demonstrate her true passion and choice of careers in the medical field. Katie, keep your smile optimistic and your shoulders squared—your future patients will be lucky indeed.

Buford High teacher Cynthia Outen

- Highest HonorsGrade 12
- Junior MarshalGrade 11
- English AwardGrade 9
- National Beta Club.....Grades 10-11
- National Honor Society.....Grades 10-12
- Junior CivinettesGrades 9-11
- Color GuardGrades 7-9

Dylan Kensler

Indian Land High School, Grade 12

I have known Dylan Kensler for over two years. He has been a student in both my Pre-AP and AP Chemistry courses. I have known since the first semester that I taught him that he is an extraordinary student. He has taken very challenging courses in pursuit of his future plans in the field of engineering, and has excelled in them all. Dylan has excelled both in the classroom and in other extracurricular activities such as soccer and the robotics team. Dylan is definitely in the top three percent of students that I have ever taught in my 25-year career.

Indian Land High teacher Dana Shull

- A Honor RollGrades K-8, 10, 12
- Junior MarshalGrade 11
- Science AwardGrade 11
- Class Spelling Bee Winner.....Grades 4-6
- Gifted and Talented ProgramGrades 6-8
- Duke University Talent Identification Program
..... Grades 3-5
- Middle School Academic Challenge Team..... Grade 8
- National Beta Club.....Grades 10-12
- National Honor Society.....Grades 10-12
- National Junior Honor Society.....Grade 8
- Junior CivitansGrade 11
- Soccer.....Grades 7-11

Kali Elizabeth Keyser

Discovery School, Grade 5

Kali is an energetic, hard-working student. She is an amazing critical thinker and problem-solver. She always rises to the challenges given to her in the classroom and does her best to help her classmates as well. Kali is an amazing illustrator and has wonderful artistic abilities. She has been a joy to teach and a pleasure to have in the classroom each day.

Discovery School teacher Brittany McManus

- A Honor RollGrades 2-5
- Math AwardGrade 3
- Reading AwardGrade 3
- Science AwardGrade 3
- Social StudiesGrade 3
- Gifted and Talented ProgramGrades 4-5
- Safety PatrolGrade 5
- Art AwardGrade 3
- Youth Art MonthGrade 5
- DancingGrade K
- SoftballGrades K-5
- Girl ScoutsGrades K-3

Caroline Elizabeth Knight

South Middle School, Grade 8

Caroline's talent as a musician goes without saying. But, what I will always remember about her is her laughter and joy. She is brave, she's not afraid to try new things, not afraid to work hard and not afraid just to be herself. Those qualities, more than anything else, are what make her so very special, both as a student, but even more importantly, a person. It has been my joy to get to teach her for the past three years.

South Middle teacher Pamela Sweer

- A Honor RollGrades 3-8
- Junior MarshalGrade 7
- Academic AchievementGrades 6-7
- Keyboard AwardGrade 7
- Math AwardGrade 6
- Perfect AttendanceGrades 1-3
- Gifted and Talented ProgramGrades 3-8
- Duke University Talent Identification ProgramGrades 4-8
- Middle School Academic Challenge TeamGrade 8
- Peer TutoringGrade 7
- Lancaster Youth Art ShowGrade 4
- National Junior Honor SocietyGrades 7-8
- CheerleaderGrade 7
- DancingGrades K-8
- BandGrades 6-8
- Marching BandGrade 8

- All-County BandGrades 7-8
- Brownie ScoutsGrades 1-3
- Girl ScoutsGrades 1-4

Darrin "Lane" Knight

Buford High School, Grade 12

Lane is the student every teacher wishes they had in class. He is focused and determined to do his very best. Lane is an "A" student who genuinely embraces his learning and is an active participant in it. His character as a person carries over into the classroom, always providing a helping hand whenever needed to a classmate. He strives to continuously learn more important skills as he continues his education beyond high school.

Buford High teacher Howie Waugaman

- Highest HonorsGrade 12
- A Honor RollGrades 3-7
- Junior MarshalGrade 11
- Math AwardGrade 8
- Gifted and Talented ProgramGrade 5
- Book-It AwardGrades K-5
- Odyssey of the MindGrades K-5
- Principal's PalGrades 2-3
- Presidential Academic Fitness AwardGrades K-5
- Duke University Talent Identification ProgramGrades 7-8
- National Beta ClubGrades 10-12
- National Honor SocietyGrades 10-11
- Junior CivitansGrade 9
- Yearbook StaffGrade 11
- BandGrades 6-8
- JV FootballGrade 10
- Varsity FootballGrades 11-12
 - All-RegionGrade 12
 - Best Defensive LineGrade 12
 - Co-CaptainGrade 12
- FFAGrades 9-11
- FFA Chapter FarmerGrade 11
- SC State Nominating CommitteeGrade 11
- All-County Concert BandGrade 7

Ginger Knight

Buford High School, Grade 12

When I first met Ginger, she was a quiet, shy young lady. I saw a bright future for her and pushed her to go outside her comfort zone. She trusted me enough to listen, and she has since spoken in front of nearly five thousand of her peers while running for an office in the S.C. State Beta Club. I am proud of her for facing her fears and doing something worthwhile, something frightening for her, something to help her grow as

a person. Ginger is motivated, focused and driven to pursue a career in the medical field. Her heart is big—full of patience, kindness, and empathy—three characteristics that she will need to work with her patients. Ginger is full of life and energy, and was willing to share that with those fortunate enough to come in contact with her. I wish you the best, Ginger, and I pray that you will always have a passionate heart for those for whom you care. May your eyes always see the needs of your patients, may your ears always hear the unspoken fears, and may your hands always offer a comforting strength. Best wishes in your future.

Buford High teacher Juline Wieland

- Highest HonorsGrade 12
- A Honor RollGrade 10
- National Beta Club.....Grades 9-12
- National Honor Society.....Grade 11
- Student Council.....Grade 9
- Junior CivitansGrades 9-11
- CheerleaderGrade 10

Kathryn Komorous

Indian Land High School, Grade 12

I have taught all of the Komorous' children, and, like the others, Kate is an exceptional intellect. She has a mature mind and an incredible athletic ability, but she manages not to take herself so seriously. She really seems to enjoy everything about school and her life.

Indian Land High teacher David Dudley

- Highest HonorsGrade 12
- A Honor RollGrades 3-12
- English AwardGrade 9
- History AwardGrade 4
- Math AwardGrade 11
- Coaches AwardGrade 9
- Girls State.....Grade 11
- Columbia College ScholarGrade 11
- Erskine ScholarGrade 11
- Presbyterian ScholarGrade 11
- National Beta Club.....Grades 10-12
- National Honor Society.....Grades 10-12
- Basketball.....Grades 7-12
- Soccer.....Grades 3-12

Julia Kwasny

Indian Land High School, Grade 12

It has been a pleasure both teaching and getting to know Julia. She was a student in my senior English class first semester where she distinguished herself as the top student in the class. In general, Julia is very quiet

and soft-spoken as she prefers to “fly under the radar” so to speak. But behind her quiet exterior, there is a quirky, dry wit that is fun to hear. She is unfailingly observant and rarely misses the correct interpretation of anything – whether it is specific commentary on literature or an observation on life in general. One of my favorite Julia-traits is her love of reading. She is a voracious reader – always with a book in hand. Her love of reading is responsible for her strong writing and speaking skills, and I love talking books with her. My second favorite Julia-trait is her close resemblance to “Modern Family’s” Alex. Not only does Julia resemble her in appearance, she is also the smart one, too. I love calling her “Alex.” I will miss Julia next year, and I know great experiences are to come. I wish her all the best.

Indian Land High teacher Cindy Humphrey

- Highest HonorsGrade 12
- A Honor RollGrades 9-12
- National Beta Club.....Grades 11-12
- National Honor Society.....Grades 11-12
- Teen Lab.....Grades 11-12
- Catholic Charities VolunteerGrade 10
- River Sweep Community Project.....Grade 9
- Humane Society Volunteer.....Grade 12

Mitchell Jeffrey Lamb

Indian Land High School, Grade 12

Mitchell Lamb is, without a doubt, one of the best students I have had the pleasure to teach. Mitch has been a true warrior in my AP Chemistry class. He worked through the toughest material and never lost his amazing smile! He has always been respectful, hard-working and the embodiment of a true AP student. Mitchell will have his choice in college pursuits, and I cannot wait to see what his future holds! Thanks for all of your hard work, positive attitude, and that award-winning smile! Congratulations on this recognition! You deserve it, Mitchell! I wish you the best for a bright future!

Indian Land High teacher Dana Shull

- Highest HonorsGrade 12
- A Honor RollGrades 3-12
- Gifted and Talented ProgramGrades 6-8
- Student of the Month AwardGrade 10
- Citizenship AwardGrade 9
- Presidential ScholarGrade 12
- Wofford ScholarGrade 12
- Who’s Who Among American High School StudentsGrade 12
- National Beta Club.....Grades 11-12

- National Honor Society.....Grades 9-12
- Junior CivitansGrades 9-12
- BandGrades 9-11
- Church Youth GroupGrades 6-12
- FOR (Friends of Rachel).....Grades 10-11

Wade Lambert

Buford High School, Grade 12

I have had the pleasure of teaching Wade in and out of the classroom. In the classroom, Wade has always been respectful and attentive. When new tasks are given to Wade, he accepts them with determination and challenge. He always tries his best to be the best. These attributes carry over to football where I've coached Wade for the past two years. The knowledge and abilities that Wade uses to be successful in the classroom carries over to the football field. When challenges arise on the field, the same determination he exhibits in the classroom helps him succeed on the field.

Buford High teacher James West

- Highest HonorsGrade 12
- Academic AchievementGrade 11
- Buford High Senior with Highest ACTGrade 12
- Perfect AttendanceGrades 3-11
- National Beta Club.....Grades 10-12
- Basketball.....Grades 7-12
- Soccer.....Grades 7-12
- FootballGrades 10-12
 - Wendy's Heisman High School Winner for Buford High..... Grade 12
 - All-County - Football Kicker/Punter Grades 10-12
 - All-Region - Football Kicker/Punter Grades 10-12

Ashlee Lane

Lancaster High School, Grade 12

// I know you've heard it a thousand times before. But it's true – hard work pays off. If you want to be good, you have to practice, practice, practice” ~ Ray Bradbury. Ashlee understands the importance of working hard and practicing – whether it's analyzing an essay for rhetorical devices or improving her game in soccer. Being persistent and persevering will help her achieve any goals she sets. Ashlee's sweet personality also contributes to her success. With a giving spirit and a heart for helping others, Ashlee truly lives her faith.

Lancaster High teacher Brandy Caroway

- Highest HonorsGrade 12
- A Honor Roll.....Grade 11

- Accelerated Reader AwardGrade 11
- P.E. AwardGrade 9
- National Beta Club.....Grades 11-12
- National Honor Society.....Grade 12
- Soccer.....Grades 9-12
- VolleyballGrades 9-10
- Church Youth GroupGrades 6-12
- Fellowship of Christian Athletes.....Grades 10-12

Catherine Anne Langley

Buford High School, Grade 12

This school year, I have been blessed to have Catherine Anne as a teacher assistant in my special education class. Each day, she walks into my class with a smile on her face, willing to serve. I have known Catherine Anne for six years, first as a devoted middle school student and now as a proud graduate. Being a mentor teacher to Catherine Anne has been the highlight of my year. I've watched her develop into a young lady admired by her peers for her good character and positive work ethic. She is always upbeat and enthusiastic about serving others. I have observed her as she stepped out of her comfort zone to pursue new adventures this year. Because of these experiences, I know she will inspire many to challenge themselves, to lead and serve others, and to work hard to make their dreams a reality. I am proud to have had Catherine Anne in my room this year and in my heart for years to come.

Buford Middle teacher Mary Beth Mize

- Highest HonorsGrade 12
- Junior CivitansGrades 9-12
- Future Educators Association/Educators Rising Grades 9-12
- Student Council.....Grades 9-12
- National Beta Club.....Grades 10-12
- National Honor Society.....Grades 10-12
- Fellowship of Christian Athletes.....Grade 12
- First PriorityGrades 9-10
- Prom CommitteeGrade 11
- Yearbook StaffGrade 12
- Seth's HopeGrades 8-12
- English 2 Honors
 - Highest Academic Average Award.....Grade 10
- Introduction to Teaching 1
 - Highest Academic Award.....Grade 10
- Introduction to Teaching 2
 - Highest Academic Award.....Grade 10
- CATE Completer AwardGrade 11
- Lancaster County Youth Leadership Graduate Grade 11
- Unity ARP Church
 - Youth Group..... Grades 6-12
 - Youth Choir Grades 6-12

- Appalachian Mission Team.....Grades 8-12
- Teacher Cadet.....Grade 11
- Teacher Assistant Program.....Grade 12
- Homecoming Queen - First Runner-up.....Grade 12
- Miss Buford - First Runner-Up.....Grade 12
- SC Teaching Fellows FinalistGrade 12
- SC Life Scholar.....Grade 12
- Seth Muennich Scholarship RecipientGrade 12
- Lancers Scholar.....Grade 12

Trevor Brooks Latham

Lancaster High School, Grade 12

Trevor exemplifies a hard-working, willing attitude. In my US History class last year, he was one of the top performers, with a 98% average for the year. He exhibits a quiet and firm resolve to meet the challenges put in front of him in the classroom and on the athletic field as he leads by an example of integrity and virtue.

Lancaster High teacher Josh Pauling

- Highest HonorsGrade 12
- A Honor Roll.....Grades 3-5
- Junior MarshalGrade 11
- Top 15 in Class.....Grades 9-12
- USC Upstate ScholarGrade 11
- USC Aiken ScholarGrade 11
- Accepted to Clemson UniversityGrade 12
- Geography AwardGrade 9
- Gifted and Talented ProgramGrades 3-5
- National Beta Club.....Grades 9-12
- National Honor Society.....Grades 11-12
- Junior CivitansGrade 12
- Cross CountryGrades 8-11
- Soccer.....Grades 7-12
- Church Youth GroupGrades 7-12
- Fellowship of Christian Athletes.....Grades 9-10
- First PriorityGrade 9
- Royal Ambassadors (RAs).....Grades 2-4
- FootballGrades 10-12
- Football Special Teams Player of the Week
 Grades 11-12
- C-Cats ParticipantGrade 10

Andres Lavieri

Indian Land High School, Grade 12

First of all, I'd like to tell you that Andres is one of the most excellent students I have met in my department. Impressed by his versatility, I am also especially touched by his conscientious way of study and splendid academic records. I taught him all the engineering

courses taught at our school, during which he showed himself as being active in thinking and original in viewpoint. And after class, he often came to visit me to discuss problems, some of which seemed to go beyond the teaching program though.

Indian Land High teacher John Marlette

- Highest HonorsGrade 12
- A Honor Roll.....Grades 3-12
- Junior MarshalGrade 11
- Academic AchievementGrade 9
- English AwardGrade 9
- Perfect AttendanceGrade 6
- Duke University Talent Identification Program
 Grade 7
- Boys StateGrade 11
- National Beta Club.....Grades 10-12
- National Honor Society.....Grades 10-12
- National Junior Honor Society.....Grade 8
- Model UNGrades 11-12

Abbey Rose Lechner

Indian Land Elementary School, Grade 5

Abbey Lechner has always given one hundred percent effort. She is a pleasure to teach because she always rises to meet a challenge. Abbey comes into the classroom everyday with a smile on her face, and is always kind and compassionate to her fellow students. She helps out teachers or other students whenever asked with that same smile. Abbey has always proven to be exceptionally responsible, never failing to make sure things are turned in on time. When she does not understand something she does not give up, but rather works to solve the problem, or makes sure she gets assistance with it. She has an intrinsic motivation to do well that cannot be taught. She has maintained a grade point average of straight A's throughout her public education so far. I can expect that this will continue throughout her educational career.

Indian Land Elementary teacher Jason Weiss

- A Honor Roll.....Grades 4-5
- Language Arts Award
 Highest AverageGrade 4
- Math Award.....Grade 4
- Highest Classroom MAP Score in Math.....Grade 4
- Completed Level II Lancaster County
 Swimming at USCLGrade 4
- Art Award.....Grade 4
- iLeadGrade 5
- Art ClubGrades 4-5

Lauren Leibman

Indian Land Middle School, Grade 8

L Lauren is an amazing young lady! She works hard and loves to learn. She is a star pupil. She is on the Academic Challenge Team and participates in sports. She is a beauty inside and out. Lauren loves language and, as her English 1 teacher, I cannot ask for more from a student. She jots down words she likes, is interested in learning new words, and is such a talented writer that you will be drawn into her work within the first two sentences. This talented young girl will go far in life!!

Indian Land Middle teacher Christa Sullivan

- A Honor RollGrades 6-7
- English AwardGrades 6-7
- History AwardGrades 6-7
- Math AwardGrade 7
- Science AwardGrades 6-7
- Class Spelling Bee WinnerGrade 7
- Social Studies AwardGrades 6-7
- Perfect AttendanceGrade 6
- Trustees AwardGrade 8
- Gifted and Talented ProgramGrades 6-8
- Student of the Month AwardGrade 7
- Chorus AwardGrade 7
- Daughters of the American Revolution AwardGrade 7
- Junior ScholarGrade 8
- Middle School Academic Challenge TeamGrades 7-8
- ST-ARTS ProgramGrades 6-8
- National Junior Honor SocietyGrades 6-8
- SoccerGrades 6-8
- ChorusGrades 6-8
- DramaGrade 5
- PianoGrades 6-8

Jacob Letterman

Harrisburg Elementary School, Grade 5

Jacob is one of the finest young men I have ever met. I had the pleasure of having him in my second-grade class. His loveable nature and infectious smile made a lasting impression on my life. He is a natural-born leader, wonderful friend to others and a very well rounded young man. He constantly pushes himself to be the best he can be while encouraging those around him. He lives his life in a way that inspires others. I am so proud of Jacob and all he has accomplished. I look forward to seeing all the wonderful things he does in the future.

Indian Land Elementary counselor Amanda Davis

- A Honor RollGrades 1-5
- Language AwardGrades 2-4
- Math AwardGrades 2-4
- Science AwardGrades 2-4
- Science Fair AwardGrade 3
- Social Studies AwardGrades 2-4
- Trustees Award – Perfect Score on Math PASSGrade 3
- Gifted and Talented ProgramGrades 3-5
- Citizenship AwardGrade 2
- Safety PatrolGrade 5
- Music AwardGrade 3
- Art AwardGrade 3
- iLeadGrade 5
- National Junior Beta ClubGrade 5
- State Math Competition Junior Beta Club
Second PlaceGrade 5
- BaseballGrades 2-5
- All-star BaseballGrades 2-4
- BasketballGrades 2-5
- All-Star BasketballGrade 5
- Boy ScoutsGrade 2
- Tomahawk MVPGrade 4
- Principal's AwardGrade 2

Madison Lloyd

Buford High School, Grade 12

Madison is a sweet, sincere young woman who never stops pushing to achieve her own personal goals. She has a determination that is unusual in someone her age, and it shows in all areas of her life. Madison is one of the most competitive student-athletes I have ever taught or coached. Her work ethic is admirable, and her manners are impeccable. Madison is a teacher's dream. She works diligently to add skills in the classroom and in the competitive arena. Madison knows how to be a team player, and she knows the value of individual effort. She is always cheerful and dependable; she is a problem-solver; she gets along well with others; what more could a teacher or coach ask for?

Buford High teacher Julie Thompson

- Highest HonorsGrade 12
- A Honor RollGrades 9-12
- Junior MarshalGrade 11
- Business Finance - Highest AverageGrade 10
- Geometry - Pre-AP Highest AverageGrade 10
- USC Aiken ScholarGrade 11
- USC Upstate ScholarGrade 11
- Pre-Calculus - PreAP Highest AverageGrade 11
- Entrepreneurship - Highest AverageGrade 11
- Accounting 2 - Highest AverageGrade 11
- Accounting CATE CompleterGrade 11
- Business Finance CATE CompleterGrade 11
- National Beta ClubGrades 10-12

- National Honor Society.....Grades 10-12
- Student Council.....Grade 12
- Junior CivitansGrades 9-10
- Yearbook StaffGrade 12
- CheerleaderGrades 9-12
- Church Youth GroupGrades 9-12

Serena Long

Lancaster High School, Grade 12

Words do not accurately depict how diligently Serena works within the parameters of her life. She longs for success and she never lets the weight of balancing both her academics and her workload define her ability to achieve her goals. Serena is a quiet observer of life and people, but she always has poignant responses and meaningful ideas for the task at hand. She is a kind young lady who is willing to give of herself for any task which waits for her. Serena is consistent, creative and intelligent; she is poised to have a meaningful impact on the world.

Lancaster High teacher Marie Johnson

- Highest HonorsGrade 12
- SC Honors DiplomaGrade 12
- National Beta Club.....Grade 12
- National Junior Beta Club.....Grade 11
- National Art Honor SocietyGrade 12

Karla Lopez

Lancaster High School, Grade 12

Friendly. Patient. Soft-spoken. These are words which perfectly describe Karla. She always presents herself as the consummate young lady, but inside that relaxed exterior is someone who is striving voraciously for success. She is someone who is never satisfied with being average. She longs for growth, not only for herself but for others as well. Karla always has a smile, and she has a laugh that can turn any situation from sour to sweet instantaneously. Karla has her eye on the prize, but beyond that next “mile marker” is a young lady laying the groundwork for her next incredible destination.

Lancaster High teacher Marie Johnson

- Highest HonorsGrade 12
- A Honor Roll.....Grade 5
- Academic Achievement
- Keyboard AwardGrade 7
- Math Award.....Grade 10
- Reading Award.....Grades 6-8
- President’s Award for Educational Excellence
..... Grade 5

- Gifted and Talented ProgramGrades 6-8
- Art Award.....Grade 11
- Youth Art MonthGrade 12
- Lancaster Youth Art ShowGrades 9-12
- National Beta Club.....Grades 11-12
- National Junior Beta Club.....Grades 6-8
- Junior CivinettesGrades 9-12
- Art ClubGrades 9-12

Jocelyn Janeth Lopez Perez

Erwin Elementary School, Grade 5

Jocelyn is a very smart young woman that excels at everything that she sets her mind to. Jocelyn is a very well-rounded individual; she is a wonderful writer, artist and student. I have enjoyed Jocelyn being in my class this year; she has a great personality and will light up any room that she enters with her smile. As a classmate, Jocelyn is very willing to help others. She will give extra help to students that need it in class. I have no doubt that Jocelyn will be very successful in life and I can’t wait to hear about her future successes.

Erwin Elementary teacher Kathryn Jacobs

- A Honor Roll.....Grades 2-5
- Academic AchievementGrades 1-3
- Scholastic Achievement Award.....Grade 1
- Reading AwardGrades 1-2
- Class Spelling Bee Winner.....Grade 4
- Perfect AttendanceGrades 1-2
- Gifted and Talented ProgramGrade 3
- Founders Fellow.....Grades 1-2
- Student Council.....Grade 3
- Art ClubGrade 4
- Student of the WeekGrades 2-3
- ACE Club.....Grade 5
- Morning Announcements.....Grade 5
- Reading CountsGrades 1-4
- Advanced ArtGrade 4

Roscoe Duke Lovejoy

Indian Land High School, Grade 12

Roscoe is a quiet, academically talented young man with a strong work ethic. He has impressed me in precalculus and AP calculus with his meticulous and detailed approach to problem solving. He thinks through each assignment and situation, considering every option and checking over his final decisions. His analytical attention to detail will serve him well as he pursues a career in engineering. Good luck, Roscoe!

Indian Land High teacher Paula Adams

- Highest HonorsGrade 12
- A Honor Roll.....Grades 9-11

- Junior MarshalGrade 11
- Gifted and Talented ProgramGrades 9-12
- National Beta Club.....Grades 10-12
- National Honor Society.....Grades 11-12
- National Junior Honor Society.....Grades 9-10
- Junior CivitansGrade 11
- Soccer.....Grades 9-12

Georgie Lucas

Andrew Jackson High School, Grade 12

Georgie is a mature young woman with the ability to do and be anything she chooses in life but her desire to be an educator sets her apart. I have had the pleasure of teaching her for three years throughout CATE classes and in the Teacher Cadet program. Georgie's determination to excel is a driving force for others.

Georgie will do whatever is asked of her and will do it to the best of her abilities. If a problem should arise, she is not afraid to ask for help. She strives to make others around her happy and her beautiful spirit both inside and out follow right along with her.

Georgie is positive, ambitious, determined, hard-working, intelligent, capable and personable. She is always quick on her feet, with sensible reactions in all circumstances. With Georgie, I am confident saying she can handle any situation with thoughtfulness and maturity.

Andrew Jackson High teacher Nikkina McKnight

- Highest HonorsGrade 12
- Leadership LancasterGrade 11
- Gifted and Talented ProgramGrades 3-6
- FocusGrades 6-12
- ST-ARTSGrade 7
- National Beta Club.....Grades 10-12
- National Honor Society.....Grades 11-12
- Student Council.....Grades 4-5
- Newspaper Staff.....Grades 4-5
- Teacher Cadet.....Grade 11
- CheerleaderGrades 7-9
- DancingGrades 6-11
- Drama.....Grades 6-8, 10
- Church Youth GroupGrades 7-12
- Young People in Charge (YPC)Grades 11-12
- TreasurerGrade 12
- Salkahatchie Summer Service.....Grades 9-11
- Competitive Dance.....Grades K-10
- Drama I – Highest Average Award.....Grade 10
- Dual Enrollment ProgramGrades 11-12
- AJMS Talent Show First Place Winner.....Grade 7
- Jackie's Place VolunteerGrades 4-5
- Discovery School Drama Production.....Grades 3-5
- AJMS Drama ProductionGrade 8
- AJHS Drama Production Choreographer.....Grade 11

Mica Elayna Lucas

McDonald Green Elementary School, Grade 5

I had the pleasure of having Mica in third grade. She is a very hard working, respectful, fun-loving student. She is very responsible and trustworthy. Every time I see her in the halls, she has a smile on her face – and that is contagious. She is always prepared and gives it her all to complete tasks. Her friendly personality makes her peers want to be around her. I see great things in the future for Mica. It was a joy to teach Mica!

McDonald Green Elementary teacher Sheritha I. Whitener

- A Honor RollGrades 2-5
- Academic AchievementGrades 2-4
- English AwardGrade 4
- Math AwardGrades 3-4
- Reading AwardGrade 3
- Science AwardGrades 3-4
- Book-It Award.....Grades 2-5
- Mini Society AwardGrades 3-5
- Student of the Month AwardGrades K-4
- P.E. Award
- Chorus Award.....Grade 4
- Founders Fellow.....Grade 3
- National Junior Beta Club
- CheerleaderGrades 2-3
- DancingGrades K-1, 3
- SoftballGrade 4
- ChorusGrade 4
- Woodmen of the WorldGrades 3-5
- Children's Church Group-Antioch Baptist .Grades 2-5
- Awana.....Grades 2-5

Anna Luis

Harrisburg Elementary School, Grade 5

Aнна is a one-of-a-kind student. Whether she is working on a simple or complex project, Anna gives her work 100 percent and always does her very best. It is rare to find such creativity in such a young student. When you delve into Anna's writing or comic strips, you are taken to new and exciting places where her creativity truly blooms! She is energetic and excited about learning, which is something every teacher dreams their students will be. I always look forward to her wonderful book recommendations. Her determination and desire to learn are contagious to those around her.

Harrisburg Elementary teacher Kimberly Dow

- A Honor RollGrades 2-5
- Class Spelling Bee Winner.....Grade 4
- Gifted and Talented ProgramGrades 3-5
- Art AwardGrades K, 3-4

- Duke University Talent Identification Program Grades 4-5
- Peer TutoringGrade 5
- National Junior Beta Club.....Grade 5
- Art ClubGrades 4-5
- Drama ClubGrade 5
- Honor ChoirGrade 5
- Highest Classroom MAP Score
Reading and Language Arts Grades 3-4
- Talent Show – Overall Winner.....Grade 3
- Talent Show – Hulahooping Second PlaceGrade 2

Savannah Lyles

Buford Elementary School, Grade 5

Savannah is a joy to have in class. Her quiet, unassuming manner and her wonderful work ethic contribute to her success. Savannah has a friendly nature, and is well-liked by her peers and her teachers. She is always willing to help others. Savannah will always succeed in her endeavors because she cheerfully and willingly gives the time and effort to achieve. Her quiet smile, her willingness to help and her kind spirit will always be welcome characteristics in any setting.

Buford Elementary teacher Michelle Stroud

- A Honor RollGrades 2-5
- Class Spelling Bee Winner.....Grades 4-5
- School Spelling Bee WinnerGrade 4
- Perfect AttendanceGrades K-5
- Gifted and Talented ProgramGrades 3-5
- Principal’s PalGrade 2
- Art AwardGrade 4
- Youth Art MonthGrade 4
- Duke University Talent Identification Program
..... Grades 4-5
- Basketball.....Grades 2-5
- DancingGrades 1-2
- Soccer.....Grades K-3
- VolleyballGrades 4-5
- ChorusGrade 5
- News CrewGrade 5
- Girl ScoutsGrades 3-5

Isabella Mabrito

Harrisburg Elementary School, Grade 5

We may be celebrating excellence, but I know Bella is one who would never admit her excellence. She is so modest, always looking for ways to improve. She is super talented, too. She can sing, she can draw ... I can’t wait to see what she accomplishes in the future. I just know she will achieve greatness and be an amazing adult one day! Awesome work, Bella!

Harrisburg Elementary teacher Denise Partlow

- A Honor RollGrades 3-5
- Gifted and Talented ProgramGrades 3-5
- Art AwardGrade 4
- National Junior Beta Club.....Grade 5
- Drama ClubGrade 5
- ChorusGrade 5
- PianoGrade 3
- Girls on the RunGrades 4-5

Jonathan Ryan Mackey

Andrew Jackson High School, Grade 12

I highly recommend Jon for this honor. Jon is a very hard-working individual that is driven to succeed in every activity he is involved in. Anything that I ever ask Jon to do, he is willing and able to complete the task. He is a self-motivated individual. Jon has been a great asset to every FFA team that he has been a part of. He served the office of vice-president to the fullest and has been a leader throughout his term. I believe Jon will go a long way in the career path that he has chosen.

Andrew Jackson High teacher Ashli Young

- Highest HonorsGrade 12
- A Honor RollGrades 3-5, 7
- Geography AwardGrade 1
- History AwardGrade 3
- Math AwardGrades 3-7
- Reading AwardGrades 1, 3-4
- Science AwardGrades 3-4, 6
- Social Studies AwardGrades 6-7
- Perfect AttendanceGrades 4-6
- Trustees AwardGrade 8
- President’s Award for Educational Excellence
..... Grade 5
- S.C. Scrapbook.....Grade 3
- Gifted and Talented ProgramGrade 6
- Book-It Award.....Grade 1
- Student of the Month AwardGrade K
- Citizenship AwardGrades 1, 3
- Safety PatrolGrade 5
- Art AwardGrades 1-4
- Duke University Talent Identification Program
..... Grade 8
- Junior ScholarGrade 8
- National Beta Club.....Grades 10-12
- National Honor Society.....Grades 11-12
- Baseball.....Grades 1-6
- Soccer.....Grades 1-3
- Church Youth GroupGrades 6-12
- Royal Ambassadors (RAs)Grades 2-5
- FFA.....Grades 9-12
- Archery TeamGrades 11-12
- Wildlife ID TeamGrades 10-12
- Forestry TeamGrades 11-12

Alexis Nicole Martin

South Middle School, Grade 8

I had the pleasure of teaching Alexis while she was a seventh-grade student at South. Most students have to warm up to their teachers in the beginning before they allow their personalities to emerge. This was not the case for this vibrant young lady. From the start, Alexis was very confident and did not mind sparking up a conversation with her teachers. It was both refreshing and inspiring as she maintained great relationships with us that have carried over into her eighth-grade year. I love hearing all about her days as an eighth grader now! I am very proud of her accomplishments and I wish her the best in high school and beyond.

South Middle teacher Adrienne Caldwell

- A Honor RollGrades 3-6
- English AwardGrades 3-5
- Gifted and Talented Program
- Duke University Talent Identification Program
.....Grades 5, 8
- Junior ScholarGrade 8
- Trustees AwardGrade 8
- National Junior Beta ClubGrade 5
- National Junior Honor SocietyGrades 6-8
- ChorusGrades 4-8
- Steel Drum EnsembleGrade 5

Elizabeth Martin

Erwin Elementary School, Grade 5

Elizabeth 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 Elizabeth's hand pop up when I ask a question, because I know she's got it. It is a pleasure to have Elizabeth 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
- Keyboard AwardGrade 3
- Reading AwardGrade 2
- Perfect AttendanceGrade 2
- Gifted and Talented ProgramGrade 5
- Battle of Books AwardGrades 2-4
- Citizenship AwardGrade 3
- Art AwardGrade 2
- Founders FellowGrade 1
- Student CouncilGrades 3-5
- Art ClubGrades 4-5

Suemy Maria Martinez

Clinton Elementary School, Grade 5

Suemy Martinez is a student of excellence in many ways. She is a dependable, responsible young lady who loves to read and learn. Suemy is confident and mature. All of these traits are easily recognized by her teachers, peers and family. She strives to enhance and maintain high academic standards. Her intelligence is evident in her ability to continually make grades that keep her on the honor roll. I am positive that this will be one of many accomplishments that will be acknowledged from Suemy. She is truly a celebration of excellence!

Clinton Elementary teacher Katie Williams

- A Honor RollGrades 2-5
- Academic AchievementGrade 2
- Language AwardGrades 2-4
- Math Award
- Reading Award
- Science AwardGrades 2-4
- Social Studies AwardGrade 4
- Perfect AttendanceGrades 3-4
- Accelerated Reader AwardGrade 2
- Student of the Month AwardGrade 4
- Study Island AwardGrade 5
- Great Attitude AwardGrade 2
- Citizenship Award
- Chorus AwardGrade 3
- Music AwardGrade 4
- Art AwardGrade 2
- Founders FellowGrade 5
- Peer Tutoring
- Student CouncilGrade 5
- ChorusGrade 4
- Principal's Choice AwardGrade 2
- 4-H Embryology AwardGrade 2
- PAX Good Behavior Game AwardGrade 2
- Cub Crew Job – Reading BuddiesGrade 5

Natalie Massey

Brooklyn Springs Elementary School, Grade 5

When I met Natalie at the beginning of the school year, I knew she would be successful. She has the right attitude and determination toward her lessons. If she doesn't understand what's being taught, she asks questions. She is well-thought of by her classmates and is a natural leader. It is my sincere hope that she will continue to succeed in whatever she attempts in her life.

Brooklyn Springs Elementary teacher Nancy Floyd

- A Honor RollGrades 2-5
- Language AwardGrade 4
- Math AwardGrade 4

- Science AwardGrade 4
- Social Studies AwardGrade 4
- Perfect AttendanceGrade 4
- Principal’s PalGrade 3
- Presidential Academic Fitness AwardGrade 5
- Chorus Award.....Grade 4
- Duke University Talent Identification Program
.....Grade 5
- Founders Fellow.....Grades 3-5
- National Junior Beta Club.....Grade 5
- Art ClubGrade 5
- ChorusGrades 4-5
- Girls on The Run.....Grades 3-4
- Honor Chorus.....Grade 5

Sierra Massey

Lancaster High School, Grade 12

Sierra “CC” Massey – from the minute she stepped foot onto the LHS campus and into my classroom – has been the true definition of determination. Determination is defined as firmness of purpose, and she knew she was bound to do great things. From succeeding both through academics and extra-curricular activities, CC has been a shining light for me as a teacher. CC amazed me her freshman year when I heard she had already completed volunteer hours for her next four years in Civinettes. I knew then she was one-of-a-kind and that her servant heart is to be cherished.

Lancaster High teacher Kristen Baggerly

- Highest HonorsGrade 12
- A Honor Roll.....Grades 3-5, 6, 8, 12
- Science Fair AwardGrade 6
- Perfect AttendanceGrades K-5
- Chorus Award.....Grades K-5
- Music AwardGrades K-5
- Middle School Academic Challenge Team
..... Grades 7-8
- ST-ARTS ProgramGrade 8
- National Beta Club.....Grade 12
- National Junior Beta Club.....Grade 11
- National Honor Society.....Grade 11
- National Junior Honor Society.....Grade 8
- Student Council.....Grades 6-9
- Junior CivinettesGrades 9-12
- Drama Club.....Grades 9-12
- Teacher Cadet.....Grade 12
- ChorusGrades K-12
- PianoGrade 6
- First PriorityGrades 6-9
- Thespian SocietyGrades 10-12
- Scribe SocietyGrades 9-12

Clay Bailey Mathis

North Elementary School, Grade 5

Clay is extraordinary. He is a brilliant student with an amazing personality. As his former fourth-grade teacher, I have seen many qualities of Clay that display his true talents. Clay sets a great example for other students. He sets the bar high for himself and other peers by striving to constantly be the best he can be. He is always taking initiative to face difficult tasks. His attitude is contagious, and everyone truly loves to be around him. Clay’s determination and love for learning will take him far in life. I have no doubt Clay will be successful at whatever he tries. I feel very lucky to have had the privilege to work with such a gifted student.

North Elementary teacher Haley Snipes

- A Honor RollGrades 2-5
- Math AwardGrade 3
- Gifted and Talented ProgramGrades 3-5
- Service LearningGrade 5
- Peer MediationGrade 5
- National Junior Beta Club.....Grade 5
- KarateGrade 4
- Soccer.....Grade 5
- ChorusGrade 5
- Terrific Kid.....Grade 4

Margaret Katherine McBride

Andrew Jackson Middle School, Grade 8

Katie is very diligent. She strives to succeed and do her best in everything. She successfully balances school and extra-curricular activities. Katie finds time to excel in her courses while traveling to Lancaster High to participate in tennis. She is always willing to help another student and gives 100 percent in all she does. Her up-beat personality always brightens the classroom and those around her.

Andrew Jackson Middle teacher Brittney Sims

- A Honor RollGrades 3-8
- Language Award Grades 1-4, 6-7
- Math Award..... Grades 1-4, 6-7
- Reading AwardGrades 2-3
- Reading CountsGrades 1-5
- Science Award.....Grades 3-7
- Social Studies Award Grades 3-4, 6-7
- Perfect AttendanceGrades 1, 3-8
- Gifted and Talented.....Grades 3-5
- Citizenship AwardGrades 1-2
- Safety Patrol.....Grade 5
- Ensemble AwardGrade 4
- Art Award.....Grade 1

- Youth Art MonthGrade 1
- Banner Project.....Grades 5, 7
- Honor ChoirGrade 5
- Writing AwardGrades 2-4
- P.E. AwardGrade 5
- President’s Award for Educational Excellence
..... Grade 5
- Duke University Talent Identification Program
..... Grades 5-8
- Drama.....Grades 4-5
- Drama FocusGrades 6-8
- Art FocusGrades 6-8
- Middle School Student CouncilGrade 7
- Computer AwardGrade 7
- Office Aide Award.....Grade 7
- Academic ExcellenceGrade 7
- High School Tennis TeamGrades 7-8
- Lettered Grades 7-8
- All RegionGrade 8
- Middle School Academic Challenge.....Grades 7-8
- DanceGrades K-8
- Church Youth GroupGrades 6-8

Matthew Scott McCall

Andrew Jackson Middle School, Grade 8

Without a doubt, Matthew is one of the most responsible young men I have ever met. I’ve always been able to count on him to have his work or to ask for help if he was confused. I’ve heard the old saying, “he was raised right.” Those words could have been written about Matthew. He is polite, well-mannered, gentle, considerate and caring. But he is much more than just a saying. He is a young man who strives for excellence and who wants to succeed in all he does. Some students simply want the right answer. Matthew wants to know the why behind the answer. He is the kind of young man who makes a teacher’s job easy. I know he will continue to shine in educational endeavors, and I am proud I have been able to play a part in his life. It has been my honor to be his teacher.

Andrew Jackson Middle teacher Deborah Griffin

- A Honor RollGrades 3-8
- Academic AchievementGrades 6-7
- Geography AwardGrade 6
- Keyboard AwardGrade 7
- Math AwardGrades 1-6
- Science AwardGrade 6
- Science Fair Award – School WinnerGrade 6
- School & District WinnerGrade 8
- Social Studies AwardGrade 6
- Perfect AttendanceGrades 4-5
- Accelerated Reader Award.....Grades K-2
- Office Aide Award.....Grade 6
- Study Island AwardGrade 3

- Great Attitude AwardGrades K-6
- Coaches Award.....Grades 6-7
- P.E. AwardGrade 4
- Safety PatrolGrade 5
- Music AwardGrades 4-7
- Art AwardGrades 1, 3
- Duke University Talent Identification Program
..... Grade 7
- National Junior Beta Club.....Grade 5
- Student Council.....Grades 5-7
- TreasurerGrade 7
- BaseballGrades K-8
- Basketball.....Grades 2-8
- Soccer.....Grades K, 3-8
- Church Youth GroupGrades 7-8
- Royal Ambassadors (RAs).....Grades 2-6
- Computer AwardGrades 3-4
- Character Award.....Grade K
- Academic ChallengeGrades 7-8
- Bible Drill - Local & State.....Grades 3-4
- Lancaster Dixie Youth Baseball
 All-Stars Grades 5-7
- Player of the Week Grade 5
- New York Mission Trip.....Grade 7
- Awana.....Grades K-6

Carrigan Ariana McCloud

Indian Land Elementary School, Grade 5

I think of Carrigan and remember a bright-eyed second grader walking into my class ready to embrace her new environment, friends and teacher. Carrigan has a wonderful work ethic that will take her far in life. She is self-motivated, trustworthy and always wants to be successful. Her outgoing personality makes her a natural-born leader. She sets a wonderful example in the classroom, both academically and socially. I have thoroughly enjoyed watching her grow into the beautiful young woman she is today. I have no doubt she will be able to accomplish any goal she sets with determination and grace.

Indian Land Elementary counselor Amanda Davis

- A Honor RollGrades 2-5
- Social Studies AwardGrade 4
- iLeadGrade 5
- Book-It Award.....Grade 5
- P.E. AwardGrades 2-4
- Basketball.....Grades 2-5
- Soccer.....Grades 2-5
- SoftballGrades 3-5
- VolleyballGrades 2-5
- PianoGrades 2-5
- Brownie ScoutsGrade 3
- Warrior Way WinnerGrades 2-5
- TennisGrades 4-5

Dillon McDowell

Andrew Jackson High School, Grade 12

Dillon is the student that 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. Dillon is always eager to help classmates who are struggling with difficult material. Dillon is also a great asset in class. He is always attentive and participates in class discussions, asking and answering questions. Dillon is not only a joy to teach daily, but also a true asset.

Andrew Jackson High teacher Lana Broughton

- Highest HonorsGrade 12
- Junior MarshalGrade 11
- USC Aiken ScholarGrade 11
- High School Academic Challenge TeamGrade 10
- National Beta Club.....Grades 10-12
- National Honor Society.....Grades 11-12
- Student Council.....Grades 10-12
- BandGrades 6-11
- Marching Band.....Grades 7-11

Austin Blake McIsaac

Andrew Jackson High School, Grade 12

// Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you.” Austin has asked, knocked and sought the ways of the righteous since he could walk and talk. He saw – living with and around him – models of servanthood, honest living and unrelenting work ethic. He persistently asks, “Can I help, too?” He seeks ways to be included when an older group works in missions. He beats bushes for opportunities to enrich his education. He gives all of himself to everything he’s involved with, whether taking a college-level class in high school or roofing a house in July heat or helping the varsity basketball team go to the playoffs two years in a row or leading his church in worship. Austin has “leader” written on his heart. Where he will lead next is the great adventure that lies in wait for him now.

Andrew Jackson Middle teacher Susan Hagins

- Highest HonorsGrade 12
- President’s Award for Educational ExcellenceGrade 8
- Gifted and Talented ProgramGrades 3-5
- FocusGrades 6-7
- Coaches Award.....Grade 11
- P.E. AwardGrades 6-8

- Duke University Talent Identification ProgramGrade 3
- Boys StateGrade 11
- Elementary School Academic Challenge TeamGrade 5
- Service LearningGrades 8-10
- 1000 Plus SAT ClubGrade 10
- National Beta Club.....Grades 10-12
- National Honor Society.....Grades 11-12
- Basketball.....Grades 9-12
- Church Youth GroupGrades 6-12
- First PriorityGrades 6-8
- FootballGrades 2-9
- Safety PatrolGrade 5

Jayde A. McKinney

A.R. Rucker Middle School, Grade 8

Jayde is wonderful – the perfect example of what it takes to be a well-balanced, successful student-athlete. Always ready to help others, Jayde has this uncanny ability to bring out the best in those around her. She has a terrific balance of confidence and ability that I know will ensure her lifelong success in anything she pursues. This is what marks Jayde McKinney as one of those unforgettable students.

A.R. Rucker Middle teacher Adrian Deese

- A Honor Roll.....Grades 3-8
- English Award
- Math Award.....Grades 6-5
- Reading AwardGrades 1-6
- Science AwardGrades 5-7
- Social Studies AwardGrades 5-6
- Gifted and Talented ProgramGrades 3-5
- Accelerated Reader AwardGrade 1
- National Junior Beta Club.....Grades 7-8
- Basketball.....Grade 8
- VolleyballGrades 7-8
- A.R. Rucker Step Team.....Grade 6
- Principal Academic AwardGrade 6

Anna Leigh McLemore

Andrew Jackson High School, Grade 12

Anna is exceptional. What a kind, gentle spirit she has at such a young age! She is very bright and is diligent about her studies. I had the great joy of teaching French to Anna as an independent study; I marveled at her work ethic. I know that she will be successful as she continues her education. I wish her the very best!

Andrew Jackson High teacher Pam Neal

- Highest HonorsGrade 12
- A Honor RollGrades 4-5, 11-12
- KeyboardGrade 5

- Focus
- Accelerated Reader AwardGrades 1-5
- Citizenship AwardGrade 8
- Good Sport Award.....Grade 5
- P.E. AwardGrade 2
- Safety Patrol.....Grades 4-5
- 1000 Plus SAT Club.....Grade 12
- National Beta Club.....Grades 10-12
- National Junior Beta Club.....Grade 5
- National Honor Society.....Grades 11-12
- National Technical Honor SocietyGrade 12
- National Society of High School Scholars.....Grade 12
- Student Council.....Grades 6-9, 12
- Art ClubGrade 5
- Drama Club.....Grade 9
- Yearbook StaffGrades 6-12
- Teacher Cadet.....Grade 12
- Basketball.....Grades 3-6
- CheerleaderGrades 7-9
- Dancing.....Grades K-5
- Gymnastics.....Grades 6-9
- Soccer.....Grades 5-6
- Softball.....Grades 4-5
- Swim TeamGrades 5, 10
- Drama.....Grades 6-10
- Church Youth GroupGrades 6-11
- Girls in Action (GAs).....Grades 1-5
- Girls on the RunGrade 4
- First PriorityGrades 8-9
- Lancaster County Youth LeadershipGrade 11
- Web Page Design Award.....Grade 11

- Gifted and Talented ProgramGrades 4-8
- Accelerated Reader AwardGrades 1-6
- Student of the Month AwardGrades 1-6
- Citizenship AwardGrades 1-6
- Coaches Award.....Grade 7
- Music AwardGrades 1-5
- Art Award.....Grade 6
- Duke University Talent Identification Program
.....Grades 5-8
- Middle School Academic Challenge Team
.....Grades 7-8
- National Junior Honor Society.....Grades 6-8
- KarateGrades 4-5
- BandGrades 6-8
- All-County BandGrades 7-8
- All-State Band – AuditionedGrade 8
- Church Youth GroupGrades 1-8
- FootballGrades 7-8
- Football MVP.....Grade 8

Anthony Dakota Meade

South Middle School Grade 8

Every once in a while a teacher gets a student who challenges her – challenges her in a way that makes her a better teacher. Dakota is one of those students. His ability is matched only by his desire to succeed, but even more importantly, it is overshadowed by his desire to learn. It is rare to have a student so early in his educational development realize learning is the reward, realize the journey to knowledge is the important thing, realize there is always more to know, more to gain, more to achieve. Instinctively, Dakota knows and understands this, and that is what always has and always will impress me about this fine young man.

South Middle School teacher Pamela Sweer

- A Honor RollGrades 3-8
- PSAT Test AwardGrade 8
- Highest GPA.....Grade 8
- Perfect AttendanceGrades 1-6
- Trustees Award.....Grade 8
- Lt. Governor’s Writing Award Winner.....Grade 4
- Class Spelling Bee Winner.....Grades 1-2, 7

Crystal Medellin

McDonald Green Elementary School, Grade 5

Meeting Crystal in the second grade, I knew she had the potential of greatness! As I got the chance to know her, I learned many wonderful things about her. She is very well-rounded and enjoys doing well in school. She works hard to reach her goals and is always ready to accept a challenge. Crystal makes your day start with a smile and a warm heart. Watching her growing and mature over the years, I’m extremely proud of the person she is becoming. I know her future will hold many opportunities, and in whatever she chooses.

McDonald Green Elementary teacher Sheritha I. Whitener

- A Honor RollGrades 2-5
- History AwardGrade 4
- Language AwardGrade 4
- Math Award.....Grade 4
- Class Spelling Bee Winner.....Grade 5
- Social Studies AwardGrade 4
- Gifted and Talented ProgramGrades 3-5
- Book-It Award.....Grade 4
- Mini Society AwardGrade 4
- Peer MediationGrade 5
- National Junior Beta Club.....Grade 5
- Student Council.....Grade 4
- Art ClubGrade 5
- 21st CenturyGrades 3, 5
- Cheerleader
- Basketball.....Grade 2
- SoftballGrades 3-4
- ChorusGrade 4
- News CrewGrade 4
- Girl ScoutsGrade 5

Nathan Mellichamp

Buford High School, Grade 12

Always quick to share his smile and his wit, Nathan brings exuberance to any space he enters. Throughout high school, he has excelled not only in academics, as evidenced by his honors-leveled GPA and membership in Beta Club, but also in athletics, as an enthusiastic member of the varsity football team. Perhaps the place Nathan shines the most is in his community service because that is where his heart is. Being involved in FFA, church missions, kids camp and the children's home has fueled his desire to continue a life of service through either law or youth ministry. Congratulations to a young man, from whom we can continue to expect great things.

Buford High teacher Cynthia Outen

- Highest HonorsGrade 12
- 1000 Plus SAT ClubGrade 11
- National Beta ClubGrades 10-12
- National Honor SocietyGrades 10-11
- USC Aiken ScholarGrades 11-12
- USC-Lancaster Dual Credit – 18 Hours
..... Grades 11-12
- C-CATS Youth Learning InstituteGrade 10
- Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership Ambassador
..... Grade 11
- FootballGrades 9-12

Avery Lee Milhorn

Buford Middle School, Grade 8

It is difficult to instill a desire for learning in a child and even more difficult to motivate them to work beyond the required. But for Avery, these traits are inherent. She not only desires to learn, but she also has a drive within her that propels her to work beyond what is asked for, to give the best of herself at all times. Avery is on a mission to prove herself, to demonstrate her exceptional abilities, and to stretch herself to the limit. Slightly shy by nature, Avery has grown over the past couple of years into a young lady who is willing to put herself on the line and take risks in the name of personal growth and experience. Even more importantly, she is sweet and respectful and is respected by her peers.

She is that rare student who can always be counted upon to do the right thing, to complete her homework, to study diligently for her tests, to prepare to the nth degree for even the smallest of tasks. And she does all this while playing sports and participating in extra-

curricular activities. I was blessed to teach Avery in seventh grade and to have been her Junior Beta Club sponsor as well, so I have been privy to her impeccable work ethic. I am sure that this, combined with her God-given intelligence and the support of her wonderful family, will lead her to success no matter which road she chooses to travel in her future. Best wishes in high school and beyond, Avery; you possess all you need for a bright future!

Buford Middle teacher Paige Johnson

- A Honor RollGrades 3-8
- Junior MarshalGrade 7
- Academic Achievement AwardGrades 6-8
- English AwardGrade 7
- Math AwardGrade 7
- Reading AwardGrade K
- Social Studies AwardGrade 7
- Perfect AttendanceGrade 6
- Trustees AwardGrade 7
- President's Award for Educational Excellence
..... Grade 5
- S.C. Young WriterGrade 3
- Gifted and Talented ProgramGrades 3-5
- School Incentive AwardGrade 8
- Accelerated Reader AwardGrades 6-8
- Student of the Month AwardGrade 8
- Principal's Pal
..... Grade 2
- Art AwardGrade 2
- Youth Art MonthGrade 2
- Duke University Talent Identification Program
..... Grade 7
- Peer TutoringGrade 8
- Lancaster Youth Art ShowGrade 2
- National Junior Beta ClubGrades 7-8
- Art ClubGrade 8
- BasketballGrade 8
- VolleyballGrades 7-8
- ChorusGrades 5-7
- PianoGrades 5-6
- Girl ScoutsGrades K-6
- Church Youth GroupGrades 6-8
- Girls in Action (GAs)Grades K-5
- National Junior Art Honor SocietyGrade 8

Danielle Miller

Indian Land High School, Grade 12

I have had the joy and pleasure of teaching Danielle and working with her for four years in the Junior Civitan club. Danielle is an intelligent, capable and personable young lady. She is always quick on her feet, with sensible reactions in all the circumstances I've seen her in. I feel confident saying she is capable of handling any situation with thoughtfulness and maturity.

Danielle is the kind of student teachers love to have, because she is always involved and focused on her work. She is an exceptionally responsible young lady, always willing to jump in and help out with any task from the mundane to the challenging. Danielle is not only an excellent student, but she is also personally delightful. She is as comfortable with herself as she is pleasant and humorous.

Indian Land High teacher Daphne Lathan

- Highest HonorsGrade 12
- A Honor RollGrades 5, 7
- Lancaster County Youth LeadershipGrade 11
- Business Law Highest AverageGrade 11
- Math AwardGrade 7
- Science AwardGrade 7
- Social Studies AwardGrade 7
- Perfect AttendanceGrade 6
- Citizenship AwardGrade 8
- Coaches AwardGrade 9
- Chorus AwardGrade 7
- Wingate ScholarGrade 12
- National Beta ClubGrades 10-12
- National Honor SocietyGrades 10-12
- National Junior Honor Society
- Student CouncilGrades 5, 7
- Junior CivitansGrades 10-12
- Yearbook StaffGrade 8
- BasketballGrades 7-9
- DancingGrades PreK-6

Darius D. Miller

Andrew Jackson Middle School, Grade 8

Wow! What a great smile! I met Darius in the sixth grade. He was a student who stood out to me because he was so well-behaved and always had a smile on his face. He worked hard in math class. When faced with challenges, he stepped up to conquer them. Having Darius in class was an absolute dream. He was always prepared and ready to learn. He is a rare gem and I consider myself fortunate to have taught Darius.

Andrew Jackson Middle teacher Hope Rollings

- AB Honor RollGrades 3-8
- Junior ScholarGrade 8
- Trustees AwardGrade 8
- Social Studies AwardGrade 3
- Accelerated Reader AwardGrades 3-5
- Office Aide AwardGrades 6, 8
- Safety PatrolGrade 5
- National Junior Beta ClubGrade 5
- AwanaGrade K

Destiny Maleah Mitchell

McDonald Green Elementary School, Grade 5

Destiny is an exceptional student, inside and out. She has a unique and quiet personality that lights up a room when she walks through the door. Academically, she meets every challenge head-on. She is self-motivated, and no matter what project or assignment she was given, she always gives her best effort. She challenges herself to always give more, do more, and perform to a higher level than expected. Destiny is the type of student you dream of, and you hope your own children exhibit the same work ethic and qualities she has.

McDonald Green Elementary teacher Lauren Taylor

- A Honor RollGrades 2-5
- English AwardGrades K-5
- History AwardGrades K-5
- Math AwardGrades K-5
- Reading AwardGrades K-5
- Science AwardGrades K-5
- Social Studies AwardGrades K-5
- Perfect AttendanceGrade 1
- Gifted and Talented ProgramGrades 3-5
- Mini Society AwardGrades 3-5
- Student of The Month AwardGrades 1-4
- Great Attitude AwardGrades 2-5
- Principal's Pal
- Safety PatrolGrade 5
- Art AwardGrade 4
- Duke University MAP ProgramGrades 3-5
- National Junior Beta ClubGrade 5
- Art ClubGrade 5
- DancingGrade 3
- KarateGrade K
- SoccerGrade K
- PianoGrades 4-5
- Church Youth GroupGrades K-5
- Creative Arts CraftingGrades 4-5
- SingingGrades 1-5
- VideographyGrades 3-5

Hudson Phillips Mize

Buford Elementary School, Grade 5

Hudson Mize is an outstanding student and leader in the classroom. His creative thinking skills, positive outlook and fun-loving nature will help him continue to succeed in the future. He is an outstanding friend to his peers and helps others to reach their learning potential. I am excited to see what great things Hudson does in the future. Congratulations on this wonderful accomplishment. I am proud of your achievement!

Buford Elementary teacher Jill Nelson

- A Honor RollGrades 3-5
- Perfect AttendanceGrade 5
- Gifted and Talented ProgramGrade 5
- Book-It AwardGrade 5
- Accelerated Reader AwardGrades 4-5
- Principal's PalGrade 4
- Duke University Talent Identification Program
.....Grades 4-5
- BasketballGrades 2-5
- Karate - Brown BeltGrades 2-4
- SoccerGrade 5
- ChorusGrade 5
- News CrewGrade 5
- Honor ChoirGrade 5
- Art Banner DesignGrades 1-3, 5
- FootballGrade 4
- FBC MemberGrades K-5

Matthew Arnold Moore

Erwin Elementary School, Grade 5

I had the privilege of teaching Matthew in fourth grade. He is the most polite, caring and hard-working student I have ever had the pleasure of teaching. He loves learning and has a desire to do his best. He excels at any task put before him. He loves to learn anything new, and soaks it up like a sponge. Matthew is always upbeat and smiling. He will do anything for anyone without being asked or told. He is very quiet, but when he added to my lessons, he was informative and thoughtful. Matthew has so much talent and ability. I know he will be successful on whatever path he chooses, and has a bright future ahead of him. I look forward to hearing about all the great things he accomplishes in his life.

Erwin Elementary teacher Shelia Jenkins

- A Honor RollGrades 2-5
- Reading AwardGrade 3
- Perfect AttendanceGrades 3-5
- Gifted and Talented ProgramGrade 3
- P.E. AwardGrade 4
- Duke University Talent Identification Program
.....Grades 4-5
- Founders FellowGrade 3
- Art ClubGrade 5
- SoccerGrade 4
- ChorusGrade 4
- Robotics ClubGrade 5
- Babbling BearsGrade 5

Summer Lee Morgan

Buford Elementary School, Grade 5

Summer Morgan is an intelligent, well-rounded young lady who I had the privilege of teaching in both first and fifth grade. She is extremely respectful and hard-working. Her exceptional leadership skills make her an excellent role model for her peers. Whether it is softball or academics, Summer is a perfectionist and is determined to be her best. Summer is not only hard-working, but also has a friendly and caring personality. She is always willing to help others. As a result, Summer is very well-liked and respected by her peers. Summer Morgan is an exceptional student, and I have no doubt she will be very successful in life!

Buford Elementary teacher Sharon Stacks

- Class Spelling Bee WinnerGrade 5
- Perfect AttendanceGrades K, 3
- Gifted and Talented ProgramGrades 4-5
- Student of the Month AwardGrade 4
- Principal's PalGrades 2-4
- Safety PatrolGrade 4
- Peer MediationGrade 5
- Gymnastics
- SoccerGrades K-2
- SoftballGrades 1-5
- G.I.R.L.S.Grade 5

Carrie Morrison

Andrew Jackson High School, Grade 12

Carrie 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 also she is a leader among her peers who uses sound judgment and initiative in everything she does. Academically, Carrie is a teacher's dream student who is always attentive in class and participates in class discussions by asking and answering questions. Carrie takes pride in her work as she is extremely determined and motivated to succeed in everything that she does. Carrie Morrison is a true joy to teach and work with daily not only because of her motivation to succeed, but also because of her charismatic and caring demeanor.

Andrew Jackson High teacher Lana Broughton

- Highest HonorsGrade 12
- A Honor RollGrades 3-8
- Junior MarshalGrade 11
- English AwardGrades 3-6
- Keyboard AwardGrade 8
- Language AwardGrades 3-4

- Math AwardGrade 4
- Science Award Grades 3-4, 6-7, 9
- Class Spelling Bee Winner.....Grades 3-4
- Social Studies AwardGrades 4, 6-7
- Perfect AttendanceGrade 6
- Trustees Award.....Grade 8
- Gifted and Talented ProgramGrades 3-6
- FocusGrades 6-12
- Accelerated Reader Award.....Grades 3-5
- Music AwardGrades 3-4, 7
- Art Award.....Grade 3
- Duke University Talent Identification Program
..... Grade 8
- Junior ScholarGrade 8
- USCA ScholarGrade 11
- Converse Junior ScholarGrade 11
- Tri-M Music Honor Society.....Grades 11-12
- HorizonsGrade 2
- ST-ARTSGrades 6-8
- 1000 Plus SAT Club.....Grade 10
- National Beta ClubGrades 10-12
- National Honor Society.....Grades 11-12
- Drama Club.....Grade 12
- Student Council..... Grades 4, 12
- CheerleaderGrades 1, 7-9
- Soccer.....Grades 1-2, 12
- Swim TeamGrades 3-5
- BandGrade 6
- ChorusGrades 9-12
- PianoGrades 1-10
- Church Youth GroupGrades 7-11
- Girls in Action (GAs).....Grades 1-6

- Science AwardGrades 6-8
- Perfect AttendanceGrades K-11
- Trustees AwardGrades 8, 10-11
- Gifted and Talented ProgramGrades 3-5
- FocusGrades 6-8
- Safety Patrol.....Grade 5
- Duke University Talent Identification Program
..... Grade 4
- Coker Scholar.....Grade 11
- Erskine ScholarGrade 11
- Junior ScholarGrade 8
- Presbyterian ScholarGrade 11
- Wofford ScholarGrade 11
- Elementary School Academic Challenge Team
..... Grades 4-5
- SC Honors DiplomaGrade 12
- 1000 Plus SAT Club.....Grades 11-12
- National Beta Club.....Grades 11-12
- National Honor Society.....Grades 11-12
- Student Council.....Grades 10-12
- Junior CivinettesGrades 9-11
- Teacher Cadet.....Grade 12
- SC Vocational Rehabilitation Department
Journalism Essay Contest Winner..... Grade 11
- Jairy C. Hunter, Jr. ScholarGrade 12
- Presidential Scholarship.....Grade 12
- Old Main ScholarshipGrade 12
- Griffith ScholarGrade 12
- Palmetto Fellows.....Grade 12
- Young People in Charge.....Grades 10-12
- Leadership LancasterGrade 11
- DanceGrades K-9
- Church Youth GroupGrades 7-12
- Fellowship of Christian Athletes.....Grades 9-11
- First PriorityGrades 9-12

Marci Jayne Morrow

Lancaster High School, Grade 12

Having known Marci for many years before having her in my class, I knew she was a compassionate, academically gifted young lady. It wasn't until she was my student that I realized her eagerness to learn set her apart from others. Marci took advantage of every opportunity to grow intellectually and spiritually. She is kind and considerate to all people, allowing her inner beauty to shine through. As a nurse, her sweet smile, soft personality and attention to details will help all those who are fortunate enough to meet her. I know she will continue to be a blessing to many people.

Lancaster High teacher Dena Poovey

- Highest HonorsGrade 12
- A Honor Roll.....Grades 3-12
- Junior MarshalGrade 11
- English AwardGrades 6-8
- History AwardGrades 6-8
- Language AwardGrades 6-8
- Math Award.....Grades 6-8

Abraham Hoshea Moskowitz

Indian Land High School, Grade 12

Agentleman with a kind heart, a love for Christ and an intelligent mind – that's what I think of when I think of Abe. I have been fortunate to have the opportunity to get to know Abe as a leader in our FCA for the last three years and as an honors math student for the past two years. Having seen him interact with faculty and other adults in our school and club, as well as observing him work with his peers in class, I have observed genuine concern for others and efforts to put others before himself. I am proud of the growth and hard work I have seen from you particularly this year, Abe! Keep working hard and keep your eyes on the plan God has for your life! You're going to do great things!

Indian Land High Teacher Paula Adams

- Highest HonorsGrade 12
- A Honor Roll

- Physical Fitness Award
- Presidential Academic Fitness Award
- National Beta Club.....Grades 10-12
- National Honor Society
- Junior CivitansGrades 10-12
- Fellowship of Christian Athletes.....Grades 10-12
- Lancaster Youth Leadership.....Grade 11
- Mr. Warrior.....Grade 12
- Personal Finance Award.....Grade 10
- Spanish Award.....Grades 9-10
- Cross CountryGrades 11-12
- Soccer.....Grades 9-12

Khamillah Muhammad

Indian Land Elementary School, Grade 5

Khamillah is an intelligent and determined student. I appreciate her strong sense of self and ability to bring such insightful thoughts to my lessons. Her enigmatic personality is an enjoyable additive to my classroom. She puts forth substantial effort in all of her work. Khamillah has a strong demeanor and self-confidence that makes her a natural born leader. She often offers to help me, or any student that needs it, and never makes anyone feel left out. Khamillah comes to class prepared and ready to learn every day. Her work shows how much she cares about her future, and accomplishing each and every goal set before her. Her constant smile is contagious, and she has the ability to brighten your day in moments. Khamillah is an asset to our class. I truly enjoy teaching her, and wish her the best in the bright future she has ahead of her.

Indian Land Elementary teacher Kristen White

- A Honor Roll.....Grade 5

Jordan Mungo

Andrew Jackson High School, Grade 12

Jordan is the personification, the embodiment, of “ideal high school student.” I say this with all sincerity, as she is—undoubtedly—one of the most extraordinary people I have ever had the privilege to teach. Never will one find a student displaying more grit or determination than Jordan displays day in and day out in her tireless pursuit of intellectual enormity, and it is with unwavering respect and appreciation that I take on the task of educating Jordan further, more deeply, daily. Jordan is, to put it simply, the student every educator wants in his or her classroom.

Andrew Jackson High teacher Joshua Bowers

- A Honor Roll.....Grades 3-12
- Junior MarshalGrade 11

- Academic AchievementGrade 4
- English AwardGrade 10
- Language AwardGrade 10
- Math Award.....Grades 4-5
- Reading Award.....Grade 2
- Science Award.....Grade 9
- Class Spelling Bee Winner.....Grades 3-5
- School Spelling Bee WinnerGrade 5
- Trustees Award.....Grade 8, 11
- S.C. Young WriterGrade 3
- Gifted and Talented ProgramGrade 4
- 97th Percentile Club.....Grade 5
- FocusGrades 6-12
- Book-It Award.....Grade 4
- Accelerated Reader Award.....Grade 6
- Citizenship Award.....Grade 9
- P.E. Award.....Grade 5
- Safety Patrol.....Grade 5
- Chorus Award.....Grade 5
- Music AwardGrade 8
- Music ProficiencyGrades 6-8
- Ensemble AwardGrades 9-12
- Art Award.....Grade 2
- Duke University Talent Identification Program
.....Grade 4
- Girls State.....Grade 11
- Erskine ScholarGrade 11
- Junior ScholarGrade 8
- Presbyterian ScholarGrade 11
- Presidential ScholarGrade 11
- Wofford ScholarGrade 11
- Elementary School Academic Challenge Team
.....Grade 5
- High School Academic Challenge Team
.....Grades 10-12
- HorizonsGrade 3
- Lancaster Community PlayhouseGrades 5-7
- ST-ARTS ProgramGrades 6-8
- 1000 Plus SAT Club.....Grade 10
- National Beta Club.....Grades 10-12
- National Honor Society.....Grades 11-12
- Drama Club.....Grade 12
- Basketball.....Grades 3-5
- CheerleaderGrade 8
- Dancing.....Grades K-6
- Gymnastics.....Grades 2-3
- SoftballGrade 6
- TrackGrades 7-8
- Chorus.....Grades 9-12
- Drama.....Grade 9
- PianoGrades 1-10
- Church Youth GroupGrades 6-12
- Girls in Action (GAs).....Grade 7
- Fellowship of Christian Athletes.....Grades 9-12
- First PriorityGrade 9
- OrchestraGrades 3-8
- Concert Choir.....Grades 9-12
- Women’s Ensemble.....Grades 9-12

- Relay for Life TeamGrades 10-12
- PDA.....Grade 9
- SDACDAGrade 12
- All-StateGrades 11-12
- SCTA.....Grade 9
- SCACDA.....Grades 11-12
- District ChoirGrades 8-12
- Tri-M.....Grades 11-12
- Thespian SocietyGrades 10-12

Sara Elizabeth Mungo

Andrew Jackson Middle School, Grade 8

Smart, outgoing and hard-working describe Sara Mungo. Entering the sixth grade, Sara strove to excel in math. She worked hard in and out of the classroom to be a top student. Failure was not an option for her. She always had a positive attitude in class. Having a whole class of students like Sara would be a dream. I am very fortunate to have taught Sara and to have watched her grow in her love of math.

Andrew Jackson Middle teacher Hope Rollings

- A Honor RollGrades K-8
- Math AwardGrades 1-3
- Reading AwardGrades 2-3
- Science AwardGrades 2-3
- Science Fair Award
First Place and Second Place Grade 5
- Social Studies AwardGrades 2-3
- President's Award For Educational Excellence
..... Grade 5
- Gifted and Talented ProgramGrades 3-5
- Focus – Dance and ChorusGrades 6-8
- Citizenship AwardGrade 1
- P.E. AwardGrade 1
- Safety PatrolGrade 5
- Music AwardGrades 1-5
- Art AwardGrade 1
- Duke University Talent Identification Program
..... Grades 4-8
- Junior ScholarGrade 8
- Trustees AwardGrade 8
- Elementary School Academic Challenge Team
..... Grades 3-5
- ST-ARTS ProgramGrades 7-8
- CheerleaderGrade 7
- DancingGrades 1, 5-8
- Gymnastics.....Grades K-2
- Soccer.....Grade 2
- ChorusGrades 4-8
- PianoGrades 1-7
- Girls ScoutsGrades 1-7
- Church – Children/Youth GroupGrades K-8
- Encore Dance Studios Competitive Dance Team
..... Grades 6-8
- Duke Tip State Recognition ActGrade 7

- HSE Wizard of Oz ProductionGrade 4
- Highest Math Average for YearGrade 6

Ja'Mashion Neal

Erwin Elementary School, Grade 5

Ja'Mashion Neal is a special young lady. Her concern for others and optimistic outlook on life make her a joy to be around. She has a passion for learning, singing and helping others. She works diligently to be the best she can be, no matter how small or large the task. I have no doubt that Ja'Mashion will be successful in all future endeavors. It has truly been an honor to have played a part in her education. Congratulations, I am very proud of your accomplishments.

Erwin Elementary teacher Amanda McGee

- A Honor RollGrades 2-5
- Perfect AttendanceGrades 2-4
- P.E. AwardGrade 2
- Founders FellowGrades 1-3
- CheerleaderGrade 3
- ChorusGrades 4-5
- Girls ScoutsGrades 3-4
- T-BallGrade K
- ACE ClubGrade 5
- Honor ChoirGrade 5

Myka Kei Neely

A.R. Rucker Middle School, Grade 8

Myka is as sweet as you can get. I've never seen her in a bad mood. She has the best personality, and she is the same all the time. Myka is quiet, yet funny. She is the type of student that you hate to see leave at the end of the year. She is just a special girl to me. She is also a very conscientious student and is extremely smart. She is very deserving of this award, and I'm proud of her for being in this group of exceptional students. Myka will be successful because she is willing to work hard. I know it will pay off for her in the future. I hope all her dreams come true. Congratulations and keep being the genuine person that you are.

A.R. Rucker Middle teacher Jennifer Jaillette

- A Honor RollGrades 3-8
- Language AwardGrades 1, 5
- Math AwardGrades 1, 5, 7
- Reading AwardGrade 1
- ScienceGrade 5
- Social Studies AwardGrade 5
- Perfect AttendanceGrades K-4, 7
- President's Award for Educational Excellence
.....Grades 1-5

- Gifted and Talented ProgramGrades 3-5
- Accelerated Reader AwardGrades 1-5
- Citizenship AwardGrade 1
- Principal's PalGrade 3
- Safety PatrolGrade 4
- Music AwardGrades 1-2
- Founders FellowGrades 1-2
- National Junior Beta CubGrade 8
- GymnasticsGrade 4
- KarateGrades 6-8
- ChorusGrades 6-7
- Church Youth GroupGrades 1-8
- County Fair Art Award – First PlaceGrade 2
- Certification of Excellence
 - One Hundred Book Challenge Grades 4-5
- Terrific Kid AwardGrade 2
- Service Learning ProgramGrade 5
- Middle School Academic Challenge Team
 - Grade 8

Grayson Lee Ormand

North Elementary School, Grade 5

It is with a happy heart that I join in celebrating our young friend, Grayson Ormand. His academic success, maturity and many facets of giftedness place him as a top contender in anything that he puts his mind to. His academic career speaks volumes but what makes him a true portrait of excellence is his ability to always remain the gentleman. William Byron Phillips can be quoted as saying “The final test of a gentleman is his true respect for those who can be of no possible service to him.” Grayson is that gentleman who shows respect to everyone even when they don’t appear to be deserving of it. He always chooses the high road when faced with any adversities or clashes in character and only extends kindness and compassion to others. Grayson has made our school a better place to be by being a good steward of the faith we have placed upon him in his roles of scholar, gentleman and friend. The best part is that he wouldn’t have it any other way – and even better ... he’s only just begun.

North Elementary teacher Noelle Dunn

- A Honor RollGrades 2-5
- Academic AchievementGrades 3-5
- Reading AwardGrade 3
- Science Fair AwardGrade 4
- Class Spelling Bee WinnerGrades 3-4
- School Spelling Bee WinnerGrade 4
- Gifted and Talented ProgramGrades 3-5
- Accelerated Reader AwardGrades 3-4
- Founders FellowGrades K-5
- National Junior Beta ClubGrade 5
- Art ClubGrade

- BaseballGrades 2-4
- KarateGrades 1-5
- Covenant Baptist Church Member
- Terrific Kid

Roman Pasqualone

Indian Land Elementary School, Grade 5

Roman was in my fourth-grade class and is an absolute pleasure to teach!! He is an excellent student who works very hard and always puts forth his best effort, which always pays off! I could always count on him to set an excellent example for good behavior and help others in our class. He does exceedingly well in all subjects but this child is a math whiz!! His smile and jokes always brightened up my classroom, and I am honored to write on his behalf. Roman has a very bright & promising future, and I look forward to cheering him on along the way!

Indian Land Elementary teacher Jocelyn Yasinski

- A Honor RollGrades 2-5
- Gifted and Talented ProgramGrades 3-5
- Citizenship AwardGrade 4
- Duke University Talent Identification Program
 - Grades 4-5
- SoccerGrades 2-3
- FootballGrades 4-5
- SwimmingGrades K-4
- Computer AwardGrades K-4

Dilon Patel

Lancaster High School, Grade 12

If it is true that a person is known by what he does, then Dilon Patel is definitely a dedicated and caring human being. He has given willingly of himself throughout high school, not just as a hard worker on school and community service projects, but also as a self-sacrificing friend who has made sure that others could be involved in activities and share the joys of helping others. Because he realizes the importance of making the world a better place, Dilon has come to realize that what counts most in this world is what a person does to help others.

Lancaster High teacher Richard Gay

- Highest HonorsGrade 12
- A Honor RollGrades K-12
- Junior MarshalGrade 11
- Academic AchievementGrade 11
- English AwardGrade 11
- Trustees AwardGrades 8, 10-12
- Gifted and Talented ProgramGrades 3-5

- Boys StateGrade 11
- Junior ScholarGrade 8
- Elementary School Academic Challenge Team
..... Grade 5
- High School Academic Challenge Team
..... Grades 6-8
- Middle School Academic Challenge Team
..... Grades 9-12
- Outstanding JuniorGrade 11
- National Beta Club.....Grades 11-12
- National Junior Beta Club.....Grades 6-8
- National Honor Society.....Grades 11-12
- Student Council.....Grades 9-12
- Junior CivitansGrades 9-12
- CallistoGrade 12
- Yearbook StaffGrades 11-12
- TennisGrades 9-12

Hannah Yagnesh Patel

Indian Land High School, Grade 12

Hannah has played an integral role in making our current Government/Economics class not only interesting, but insightful as the presidential election plays out. Students like Hannah allow me to get my classes engaged in real, practical discussions that apply to our everyday lives. She is always respectful, hard-working, and a pleasure to have in class. She exhibits the kind of work ethic that without a doubt leads to success, and I am excited to see what the future holds for her. Throughout the semester, as she discovered my love for Indian food and I discovered her family's love for BBQ, we were even able to make a little "cultural exchange." It's a great experience when you are able to relate to your students on another level and share these kinds of cultural traditions with each other. Thanks for the hard work and great attitude, Hannah!! Congratulations and I wish you only the best!

Indian Land High teacher Jared Funderburk

- Highest HonorsGrade 12
- A Honor Roll.....Grades 9-12
- Junior MarshalGrade 11
- Trustees AwardGrade 8
- P.E. AwardGrade 9
- Duke University Talent Identification Program
..... Grade 8
- Erskine ScholarGrade 11
- Junior ScholarGrade 8
- Peer TutoringGrades 10-12
- National Beta Club.....Grades 10-12
- National Honor Society.....Grades 10-12
- Student Council.....Grade 12
- Friends of Rachel ClubGrade 12
- Student AmbassadorsGrade 12

- AP ScholarGrades 11-12
- RYLA DelegateGrade 11
- Springs Memorial Junior VolunteerGrades 10-12
- Model United NationGrades 11-12
- PLTW Biomedical Sciences CompleterGrade 12
- AHEC.....Grades 9-10
- BNS Research Project.....Grade 12

Himanshu Patel

A.R. Rucker Middle School, Grade 8

When I think about what it takes to be successful, I think about Himanshu Patel. He is truly one of the hardest-working students I have ever encountered. His drive immediately takes him to the top of his class. Conscientious, goal-oriented and determined, Himanshu has set himself apart when it comes to being successful in school. He is also well-liked by his peers and his teachers for the humility with which he carries himself. An outstanding student, I am thankful to have had Himanshu Patel as a part of my classroom.

A.R. Rucker Middle teacher Adrian Deese

- A Honor Roll.....Grades 3-8
- Academic AchievementGrade 7
- Math Award.....Grades 2-7
- Reading AwardGrades 2-7
- Science AwardGrades 2-7
- Class Spelling Bee Winner.....Grade 4
- Social Studies AwardGrades 2-7
- Trustees AwardGrade 8
- President's Award for Educational Excellence
..... Grade 5
- Gifted and Talented ProgramGrades 3-5
- P.E. AwardGrade 3
- Music AwardGrade 3
- Art AwardGrade 2
- Duke University Talent Identification Program
..... Grade 7
- Junior ScholarGrade 8
- Middle School Academic Challenge Team
..... Grades 7-8
- BandGrades 6-8
- Marching Band.....Grade 8

Ketki Patel

A .R. Rucker Middle School, Grade 8

Ketki is a great girl who is a joy to have in class. She is always smiling and very friendly. She is respectful and very balanced. She never seems to get overwhelmed by life and pressure doesn't seem to bother Ketki. She consistently does a great job with her work, attitude and effort. Ketki is well-deserving of this award because she is a student who has all the boxes checked. I have

enjoyed getting to know Ketki and believe she has the qualities to become a remarkable young lady. Ketki is driven to succeed and I know she will do well in the future. Congratulations and keep working hard to be the best you can be.

A.R. Rucker Middle teacher Jennifer Jaillette

- A Honor RollGrades 3-8
- Academic AchievementGrade 6
- English AwardGrade 6
- History AwardGrade 6
- Language AwardGrade 7
- Math AwardGrade 5
- Science AwardGrade 5
- President's Award for Educational Excellence Grade 5
- Gifted and Talented ProgramGrades 3-5
- Citizenship AwardGrade 5
- P.E. AwardGrade 5
- Safety PatrolGrade 4
- Middle School Academic Challenge TeamGrade 8
- National Junior Beta ClubGrades 7-8

Peyton Patterson

Lancaster High School, Grade 12

I taught Peyton Spanish 3 Honors this year. During this time, she proved to be an efficient, hard-working and punctual student. Peyton is an excellent student who is committed to her studies. In class, she worked well with her peers showing a genuine, helping attitude toward others. She is active in the Beta Club and Fellowship of Christian Athletes. She has been a varsity soccer player for four years. She is well-respected by her teammates and her coaches. I cannot wait to hear the good things that await Peyton in her future, and I am confident that she will make a positive difference in the world. Congratulations on this tremendous honor.

Lancaster High teacher Sandra Ovalles

- Highest HonorsGrade 12
- A Honor Roll
- Junior MarshalGrade 11
- National Beta ClubGrades 11-12
- SoccerGrades 9-12
- Fellowship of Christian AthletesGrades 11-12

Landon Kohl Peavy

North Elementary School, Grade 5

Landon is an astonishing student full of compassion, dedication and determination. He demonstrates compassion toward others by always being there to lend a helping hand or share a friendly smile. Landon is

also an inquisitive, creative learner who excelled in all subject areas. He is not only dedicated to his academic responsibilities, but to sports as well. In the classroom and on the field, Landon 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.

Buford Elementary teacher Michelle Griffin

- A Honor RollGrades 2-5
- Perfect AttendanceGrades 4-5
- Gifted and Talented ProgramGrades 3-5
- Principal's PalGrade 4
- Safety PatrolGrade 4
- Service LearningGrade 5
- Lancaster Community PlayhouseGrade 3
- National Junior Beta ClubGrade 5
- G/T CampGrade 3
- BaseballGrades K-5
- BasketballGrades K-5
- SoccerGrades K-4
- ChorusGrade 5
- Cub ScoutsGrade 3
- Royal Ambassadors (RAs)Grades 1-5

Emilie Pedder

Indian Land Middle School, Grade 8

Emilie is exceptional. She has a maturity beyond her years and is a very hard worker. I have gotten the privilege of teaching Emilie and having her on the FCA leadership team. I have seen her work very well with her peers in both of these settings. She is always willing to go the extra mile and do what needs to be done for the sake of the leadership team or group she is working with. She is willing to put others before herself, showing great character. I am so glad to have taught Emilie and gotten to know this special girl. I'm looking forward to seeing all that she accomplishes in the future, she has a bright one!

Indian Land Middle teacher Brittany Sizemore

- A Honor RollGrades 5-8
- Academic AchievementGrade 7
- Gifted and Talented ProgramGrade 5
- Physical Fitness AwardGrade 4
- Music AwardGrade 6
- Art AwardGrade 7
- Duke University Talent Identification Program Grade 3
- Junior ScholarGrade 8
- Trustees AwardGrade 8
- National Junior Honor SocietyGrades 6-8
- Art ClubGrade 7
- Yearbook StaffGrade 8
- Cross CountryGrades 7-8

- TrackGrade 7
- BandGrades 6-8
- Jazz BandGrade 8
- Church Youth GroupGrades 6-8
- Fellowship of Christian Athletes.....Grades 7-8

Clay Harris Penegar

Indian Land Middle School, Grade 8

Clay is a most interesting and deserving student! He has a very pleasant personality and is well liked by his peers and teachers. As president of the Student Council, Clay thrived on looking out for his fellow students. He was a member of the Academic Challenge Team for two years, and he enjoyed learning unusual trivia! Clay has a very inquisitive mind and was a joy to have in the classroom. Congratulations on your achievements, Clay.

Indian Land Middle teacher Kay Sehorn

- A Honor RollGrades 3-7
- English AwardGrades 6-7
- Math AwardGrades 5-7
- Science AwardGrades 1, 3, 7
- Social Studies AwardGrades 5-7
- Perfect AttendanceGrades 1, 3, 5
- Gifted and Talented ProgramGrades 3-5
- Citizenship AwardGrade 4
- Art AwardGrades 3-5, 7
- Duke University Talent Identification ProgramGrades 4-5
- Middle School Academic Challenge TeamGrades 7-8
- National Junior Honor Society.....Grades 6-8
- Student Council.....Grade 8
- BandGrades 6-8
- Lancaster County Honors BandGrade 8
- Cub ScoutsGrades 2-3
- Outstanding CharacterGrade 7

Kaitlyn Phillips

Buford Middle School, Grade 8

Kaitlyn is a joy to teach. As trite as that may sound, it is true on so many levels. First of all, I love having her in my class because she is pleasant and sweet. As soon as she walks in the door in the mornings, she greets me with a smile and a kind word. I also love having her in my class because she is such a good student. She is always prepared. At the beginning of class, she has done her required reading, and her written homework is always neat and well organized. On test days, she exudes the quiet confidence of knowledge. She is also a very good writer. I enjoy reading her essays. Finally,

I love having Kaitlyn in my class because she loves learning. She is one of those students who hangs on your every word. Her eyes shine with possibilities when I'm teaching. Even though she has a quiet nature, she participates in class discussions and adds relevant information. I am thrilled that we are celebrating her accomplishment, and I am so proud of her!

Buford Middle teacher Karen Dingler

- A Honor RollGrades 3-8
- Math AwardGrade 5
- Reading AwardGrade 5
- President's Award for Educational ExcellenceGrade 5
- Gifted and Talented ProgramGrades 3-5
- Duke University Talent Identification ProgramGrade 7
- National Junior Beta ClubGrades 6-8
- National Junior Arts Honor SocietyGrades 7-8
- ChorusGrade 5
- Music AwardGrade 5
- Chorus AwardGrade 5

Megan Elizabeth Phillips

Andrew Jackson High School, Grade 12

Megan is one of the most exceptional students I have encountered in my seven years of teaching. It was a pleasure teaching her at Andrew Jackson Middle School. She always possessed a positive attitude and gave the best effort during class. Megan is by far one of the hardest-working individuals I know. She has excelled in her academics for as long as I have known her and I know she will continue to do so in the future. I can never forget Megan and all of the positive energy she contributes to others. Her smile and genuine spirit is unforgettable and one of a kind. Congrats, "Sweet Meg," on this wonderful accomplishment!

Andrew Jackson Middle teacher Sha'Ron Robertson

- Highest HonorsGrade 12
- A Honor RollGrade 10
- A-B Honor Roll.....Grades 9, 11, 12
- Service LearningGrades 9-10
- Peer TutoringGrade 12
- National Beta Club.....Grades 10-12
- National Junior Beta Club.....Grade 5
- National Honor Society.....Grades 11-12
- SoftballGrades 7-9
- VolleyballGrades 7-11
- ChorusGrades 6-10
- Church Youth GroupGrades 7-12
- Girls in Action (GAs)Grades 1-6
- SALT MemberGrade 11
- Mission Trip to Ecuador.....Grade 9
- Mission Trip to Fort Pierce, FL.....Grade 10

- Mission Trip to Jasper, ALGrade 11
- Operation Christmas ChildGrades 8, 10, 12
- WELL Ministry Back to School BashGrades 11-12

Abigail Plyler

Lancaster High School, Grade 12

Many folks know *Abi* to be an excellent student and she certainly is, but I know her to be an outstanding human being as well. This young woman is responsible, motivated and genuinely concerned with preparing for her future as an educator. And it is these characteristics that will certainly carry *Abi* long after her days at LHS are over. *Abigail Plyler* is a stellar young lady, and I have no doubt she will use her educational experiences thus far to further her desire to be a life-long learner and to make a difference in the lives of children.

Lancaster High teacher Marie Johnson

- Highest HonorsGrade 12
- A Honor RollGrades 6-12
- Principal’s Choice AwardGrade 8
- National Beta ClubGrades 11-12
- National Junior Beta ClubGrades 7-8
- National Honor SocietyGrades 11-12
- Yearbook StaffGrades 10-12
- Teacher CadetGrade 11
- Church Youth GroupGrades 6-12
- LHS Varsity TennisGrades 10-11
- Amitie Cotillion PresidentGrade 12
- Vice-PresidentGrade 11
- President – Hopewell UMMYFGrades 11-12
- Salkehatchie Summer Service VolunteerGrades 9-12
- Dream Team VolunteerGrades 9-11

Gabriella Plyler

Andrew Jackson High School, Grade 12

Gabby has been in my classroom throughout her four years at Andrew Jackson. She is such a talented student, and it has been a complete joy to teach her. She is very dedicated and passionate in all she does. Not only is she very involved with the choral department, but she has also been active in student government throughout high school. She is a model student who serves as an example in my classroom. She continually challenged herself to become a better musician and helped others to do the same. While I am sad to see her time in my program come to an end, I am excited about what lies ahead for her!

Andrew Jackson High teacher Lizzi Elliott

- Highest HonorsGrade 12

- Trustees AwardGrade 12
- FocusGrades 6-12
- Safety PatrolGrades 3-5
- National Beta ClubGrades 10-12
- National Honor societyGrades 11-12
- Student CouncilGrades 9-12
- TrackGrades 8, 10
- ChorusGrades 9-12
- PianoGrades 9-12
- Girls ScoutsGrades 7-9
- Church Youth GroupGrades 7-12
- Fellowship of Christian AthletesGrades 9-10
- First PriorityGrades 9-10
- All-State ChoirGrade 12
- Lancaster County Youth LeadershipGrade 11
- Tri-M Music Honor SocietyGrades 11-12
- Trustees Award for All-State ChoirGrade 12
- AJHS Show Choir MemberGrades 9-12
- AJHS Women’s Ensemble MemberGrades 9-12
- Women’s Ensemble State ChampionsGrade 10
- Girl Scouts Silver AwardGrade 9
- SCACDA ChoirGrade 12

Nolan Seth Plyler

Andrew Jackson Middle School, Grade 8

Nolan is an outstanding student! I had the pleasure of teaching him in the fourth grade. He always had so much to add to classroom discussions and was always up for a challenge. Nolan always strived to reach excellence when it came to his academics. Also, Nolan was an awesome soccer player and a great team leader on the field as well. Nolan has definitely been one of my smartest and friendliest students! He always got along with his classmates and would help anyone with anything! I look forward to hearing about Nolan’s accomplishments! Congratulations!

McDonald Green Elementary teacher Shannon Thorne

- A Honor RollGrades 3-8
- Gifted and Talented ProgramGrades 1-5
- FocusGrades 6-8
- Junior ScholarGrade 8
- Trustees AwardGrade 8
- Soccer – Goalie AJ JVGrades 7-8
- Church Youth Group – Hopewell MethodistGrades 6-8

Abby Laine Polson

Andrew Jackson Middle School, Grade 8

Not only have I had the privilege of knowing Abby Laine Polson as a third-grade student, but I’ve also been blessed to watch her grow and blossom throughout

the years. From a young age, she has always been able to light up a room with her heartwarming and contagious smile. Her smile truly reflects her pure heart and genuine spirit.

Although Abby Laine may appear to be quiet and reserved, she has a way of expressing so much without saying a word. She has a heart of gold and is a friend to all. Her compassion for others is never ending, and she's wise beyond her years. Her maturity and strong character are two of her finest qualities. She often leads quietly, behind the scenes, and always holds fast to her strong Christian values. She's not one to seek attention or the spotlight; Abby Laine is much too humble for that. She's honest, trustworthy, driven, responsible and extremely independent. There's no doubt she will accomplish all of her hopes and dreams.

Abby Laine has grown into an amazing young lady and has accomplished so very much along the way. I look forward to seeing what else God has in store for this special young lady. I know she'll continue to live by the scripture "to whom much is given, much will be required." Continue to use your unique gifts to serve Him, Abby Laine. He has big plans for you, and I can't wait to see what's in store!

Clinton Elementary teacher Staci White

- A Honor RollGrades 3-5, 7
- Scholastic Achievement AwardGrades 1-5
- Reading AwardGrades 1-3
- Class Spelling Bee WinnerGrade 5
- Gifted and Talented ProgramGrades 3-5
- Focus – Dance, DramaGrades 6-8
- Citizenship AwardGrade 3
- Safety PatrolGrade 5
- Duke University Talent Identification ProgramGrade 5
- Junior ScholarGrade 8
- Trustees AwardGrade 8
- Yearbook StaffGrades 3-5
- CheerleaderGrades 6-8
- DancingGrades K-5
- ChorusGrades 4-5
- Girls in Action (GAs)Grades 3-5

Maloree Powers

Buford Middle School, Grade 8

Maloree is a student who epitomizes the word EXCELLENCE. She is a vibrant young lady with a desire to learn. Though Maloree possesses many positive attributes, my favorite is her love of reading. She is a voracious reader for both school and pleasure. She reads on a level far beyond her eighth-grade years.

Maloree has excellent literary skills and expresses her thoughts and feelings with ease. She is able to offer insight in class discussions. I also appreciate her clever wit. Maloree also participates on the Academic Challenge Team. With her knowledge and work ethic, I know she will accomplish great things in the future.

Buford Middle teacher Denay Gossman

- A Honor RollGrades 6-8
- Reading AwardGrades 6-7
- Trustees Award – Duke TIPGrade 7
- President's Award for Educational ExcellenceGrade 6
- Gifted and Talented ProgramGrades 3-5
- Accelerated Reader AwardGrades 6-7
- Chorus AwardGrades 6-7
- Music AwardGrades 6-7
- Duke University Talent Identification ProgramGrade 7
- Middle School Academic Challenge TeamGrades 7-8
- National Junior Beta ClubGrade 8
- BasketballGrade 6
- ChorusGrade 8
- PianoGrade 7
- Church Youth GroupGrades 6-8

Emily Marie Prete

North Elementary School, Grade 5

There are so many great things I could say about Emily, but one of her most wonderful qualities is her ambition and drive to do well in school. Emily has all the qualities of an excellent student. She carries herself in a professional manner and excels in all tasks assigned. Emily has a strong work ethic and always strives to do her best work. I am certain Emily will be successful at anything she puts her mind to because of her great qualities. Emily's attitude is always positive, uplifting, and lights up a room with her smile. She is caring toward others and is always willing to help her peers. I am so proud of Emily and look forward to seeing her great accomplishments. I am honored to have had the opportunity to work with such a gifted student.

North Elementary teacher Haley Snipes

- A Honor RollGrades 2-5
- Reading AwardGrade 3
- Science Fair AwardGrades 3-5
- Class Spelling Bee WinnerGrade 4
- Perfect AttendanceGrade 3
- Gifted and Talented ProgramGrades 3-5
- Safety PatrolGrade 4
- Service LearningGrade 5
- National Junior Beta ClubGrade 5
- Art ClubGrade 5

- Basketball.....Grades 2-4
- Soccer.....Grades 1-3
- Softball.....Grades 3-5
- Swim TeamGrade 2
- Chorus.....Grade 5
- News Crew.....Grade 5
- Girls Scouts.....Grades K-5
- Church Children’s Choir.....Grades K-5
- Knights Run.....Grade 5
- Banner Project.....Grades 3, 5
- Terrific Kid.....Grades 1-4

Matthew John Prete

Discovery School, Grade 5

When I think of Matthew Prete, I think of work ethic and I think of fun. Matthew is a true lover of learning. He is funny, smart and creative. He works hard inside the classroom, and he also helps his friends. If Matt puts his mind to it, there is nothing he can't do!

Discovery School teacher Billie Morrison

- A Honor Roll.....Grades 2-5
- Junior MarshalGrade 4
- Science Award.....Grade 5
- Science Fair AwardGrade 5
- Class Spelling Bee Winner.....Grade 5
- Trustees Award.....Grade 4
- Gifted and Talented ProgramGrades 3-5
- Safety Patrol.....Grade 5
- Youth Art MonthGrade 3
- Duke University Talent Identification ProgramGrades 4-5
- Baseball.....Grades 2-5
- Basketball.....Grades 2-5
- Soccer.....Grades K-2
- Swim TeamGrades 1-5
- PianoGrade 2
- Boy ScoutsGrade 5
- Cub ScoutsGrades 1-5
- Elementary Honor Choir.....Grade 5
- RoboticsGrade 5

Judy Price

Lancaster High School, Grade 12

Judy is such an outstanding student! She has a tremendous drive to succeed, coupled with a personality that naturally draws others to her. She was a student that could always be trusted to work independently and consistently produce work of the highest quality. Judy has one of the kindest hearts toward others I have ever seen. She is willing to help someone without hesitation and be sensitive to their needs, which will benefit her well in her career. Judy has been a joy to

teach throughout her high-school career, and while I will terribly miss her, I could not be more proud of the young lady she has become. I truly expect great things from Judy in the future!

Lancaster High teacher Debbie Rowell

- Highest HonorsGrade 12
- A Honor Roll.....Grades 3-12
- Junior MarshalGrade 11
- English Award.....Grades 4, 7-8, 11
- History Award.....Grade 8
- Language AwardGrade 11
- Math Award.....Grades 4-8
- Science Award.....Grades 4-8
- Social Studies AwardGrades 4-8
- Gifted and Talented ProgramGrades 3-5
- Chorus Award.....Grades 6-7
- Music Award.....Grades 4-7
- Art Award.....Grade 4
- Duke University Talent Identification ProgramGrade 4
- Erskine ScholarGrade 11
- Elementary School Academic Challenge TeamGrade 3
- National Honor SocietyGrades 11-12
- Student Council.....Grade 5
- Chorus.....Grades 5-9

Nicholas Pylypiw

Indian Land Elementary School, Grade 5

Nicholas Pylypiw is a young man that is always pushing himself to do better and to be a great person. He is a pleasure to teach because he loves to learn. When I look at him while I'm teaching, I can tell he is giving me 100% of his attention. Nick loves to learn, and it shows in his eyes and his smile. He asks questions in class that not only strengthen his own knowledge, but help to clarify for all of his fellow students as well. Nicholas has always offered to assist students or teachers when they need any kind of assistance. He does not offer to help just because people are looking at him, or ask him to, but because he is a genuinely nice person. He has maintained a grade point average of straight A's throughout his fifth-grade year so far. I can expect that this will continue throughout his educational and professional career.

Indian Land Elementary teacher Jason Weiss

- A Honor Roll.....Grades 2-5
- Math Award.....Grades 2-3
- Science Award.....Grade 3
- Science Fair AwardGrade 5
- Perfect AttendanceGrade 1
- Gifted and Talented ProgramGrades 3-5
- Soccer.....Grades 1-2

- Tae Kwon DoGrade 5
- Church Youth GroupGrades 4-5
- Flag FootballGrades 2-4
- Medial Center AwardGrade 3
- Computer AwardGrade 4

Juliana Quay

Andrew Jackson High School, Grade 12

Juliana is definitely a student teachers love to see on their rosters. She is one of the most hard-working and dedicated students in my class. She never procrastinates and eagerly tackles any assignment given. Her amazing work ethic is only surpassed by her intelligence. Juliana has a thirst for knowledge I rarely see in my students. She truly cares about learning, not just achieving a grade. She is a good, independent thinker who enjoys the challenge of solving higher-level literature questions and scenarios. Juliana is a true joy to be around as her love for learning inspires both peers and teachers. This, along with her magnetic personality, makes her a joy to teach as her presence livens up the classroom.

Andrew Jackson teacher Lana Broughton

- A Honor RollGrades 3-5, 7-8, 10-12
- Science Fair AwardGrade 3
- Class Spelling Bee WinnerGrade 5
- School Spelling Bee WinnerGrade 5
- Gifted and Talented ProgramGrades 3-5
- 97th Percentile ClubGrades K-5
- FocusGrades 6-12
- Youth Art MonthGrades K-5
- Duke University Talent Identification ProgramGrade 5
- Erskine ScholarGrade 11
- Presbyterian ScholarGrade 11
- Elementary School Academic Challenge TeamGrade 5
- Service LearningGrades K-12
- Lancaster Community PlayhouseGrades 3-5
- Lancaster Youth Art ShowGrades K-5
- ST-ARTS ProgramGrade 7
- 1000 Plus SAT ClubGrade 11
- National Beta ClubGrades 10-12
- National Honor SocietyGrades 11-12
- Art ClubGrades 6-7
- Drama ClubGrades 9-12
- Yearbook StaffGrade 7
- ChorusGrade 5
- DramaGrades 6-12
- Girl ScoutsGrades 4-5
- Church Youth GroupGrades 6-12
- Winthrop Gold Scholarship RecipientGrade 12
- Jack Kent Cooke Scholarship SemifinalistGrade 12
- USC Aiken ScholarGrade 11

- Young People in Charge PresidentGrade 12
- Young People in Charge Vice-PresidentGrade 11
- YPC Fundraising Committee ChairGrades 10-11
- Highest Average in SpanishGrade 11
- Highest Average in Drama 4Grade 11
- District Poetry Out Loud Competition
 - Second Place Grades 11-12
 - School Representative at Regional Competition Grade 11
 - Placed as Alternate to State Grade 11
- Volunteer as Tutor for Elementary School ChildrenGrades 11-12
- Christian Services Volunteer as a ModelGrade 12
- USC-L Honors Day Chemistry Challenge
 - First-Place Winner Grade 11
 - Second-Place Winner Grade 12
- Palmetto Dramatic Association Competition
 - Stage ManagerGrade 10
 - Highest Scored Performance for AJHS. Grade 11
 - Lead Role in Two Different Performances Grade 11
- Lead Role in Five Different High School Plays/PerformancesGrades 10-12
- Stage Manager for Two School MusicalsGrades 10-11
- SC Speech and Theater Association Competition
 - Lead Role in Two Different Performances Grade 10
- Special Effects Makeup Artist for
 - Three School Performances Grades 10-11
- Volunteered at local church to help make over 800 Thanksgiving plates for the underprivileged in our community

Joshua Quevedo-Galan

North Elementary School, Grade 5

I have the pleasure of working with Joshua Quevedo Galan this year. He is not only a hard-working young man, but one who demonstrates great character. He is always willing to give a helping hand and a kind word. He has the courage to stand up for what he believes to be true and correct. I feel that this trait will have the most influence on him as he enters the middle school and beyond. Each morning I enjoy seeing his broad, welcoming smile. I look forward to following him through his school years to see his many accomplishments not only academically, but as a peer leader.

North Elementary teacher Stacey Dixon

- A Honor RollGrades 2-5
- Perfect AttendanceGrade 4
- Service LearningGrade 5
- Peer MediationGrade 5
- National Junior Beta ClubGrade 5

- Art ClubGrade 5
- 21st CenturyGrade 4
- Terrific Kid.....Grades 3-5

Autumn Rabon

Buford High School, Grade 12

When I think of Autumn, I think of determination. She is so determined in everything she does. She wants to be the best in every aspect. With that determination comes hard work and she sure is a hard worker. She will do what she needs to get to the top academically and athletically. She has worked extremely hard at being a student athlete. She is the definition of a student athlete. She puts her school work before her athletics, but she knows that athletics are vital to her success in college. She can balance academics and athletics very well on a daily basis. She has the motivation to do great in all things that she encounters.

Buford High teacher Jareth Bailey

- Highest HonorsGrade 12
- High School Honor Roll
- Junior MarshalGrade 11
- GPA 4.602
- Class Rank5th out of 140
- Columbia College Scholar
- USC Upstate Junior Scholar
- Erskine Scholar
- Presbyterian Scholar Fellow
- USC Aiken Scholar
- National Society of High School Scholars Nominee
- 1000 Plus SAT ClubGrade 11
- National Beta Club.....Grades 10-12
- National Honor Society.....Grades 10-11
- Junior CivitansGrade 10
- TrackGrades 9-12
- Varsity Track.....Grades 7-12
 - Upper State Qualifier in High Jump .. Grades 9-11
 - Upper State Qualifier in 800 Meter Grade 10
 - Upper State Qualifier in 4 x 800 Meter Grades 9-10
 - Upper State Qualifier in 4 X 400 Meter . Grade 11
 - All-Region in High Jump Grade 11
 - State Qualifier in High Jump Grades 9-11
 - Co-MVP Grades 9-11
- BasketballGrades 9-12
 - Defensive Award Grade 10
 - Captain Grades 11-12
- VolleyballGrades 9-12
 - Most Improved Grade 9
 - All-Tournament Award (Columbia Spike-o-rama) Grade 10
 - Best at Net Grade 11
 - Captain Grade 12

- All-Tournament Award (Hillcrest Invitational) Grade 12
- All-Tournament Grades 10-12
- Volleyball Best at the Net..... Grade 11
- All-Region Player..... Grade 12
- Region MVP of the Year Grade 12
- All-State Grade 12
- Defensive Player Award Grade 12
- Basketball Defensive AwardGrade 10
 - Basketball Captain Grades 11-12
- Church Youth GroupGrades 9-12
- Church Mission TripGrade 10
- Children’s Church Assistant.....Grade 12
- Lancaster County Parks and Recreation Employee Grades 11-12
- Relay for Life VolunteerGrades 10-12

Sydney Rabon

Buford Middle School, Grade 8

First, let me begin by stating that it is an honor to be asked to write on Sydney’s behalf. I have known her as a student athlete for the past three years. Teaching and coaching Sydney has been a blessing. I have enjoyed watching her succeed in the classroom, and I have loved watching her become a leader on the court. Bobby Knight said, “Most people have the will to win, few have the will to prepare to win!” No one knows this better than Sydney. It is evident in her ability to excel in the classroom, and it shows in her determination on the basketball court. Sydney has a supportive family, which has instilled in her a strong work ethic, the value of an education and the internal drive to succeed. Sydney will achieve great success in her life because of her “competitive greatness.”

Buford Middle teacher Susan Scott

- A Honor RollGrades 4-8
- Math AwardGrade 7
- Reading AwardGrades 4-5
- Science AwardGrade 5
- President’s Award for Educational Excellence Grade 5
- Gifted and Talented ProgramGrades 4-6
- Accelerated Reader AwardGrade 6
- Principal’s PalGrade 5
- Chorus AwardGrade 5
- Music AwardGrade 5
- Duke University Talent Identification Program Grade 7
- Lancaster Community PlayhouseGrade 7
- ST-ARTS ProgramGrades 6-8
- National Junior Beta Club.....Grades 6-8
- Basketball.....Grades 2-8
 - Basketball All-Stars..... Grades 5-6
- CheerleaderGrades K-4

- SoccerGrade K
- SoftballGrade 2
- Tae Kwon DoGrade 7
- TrackGrade 7
- VolleyballGrades 5-7
- ChorusGrades 5-8
- PianoGrade 6
- Brownie ScoutsGrades 2-3
- Church Youth GroupGrades 6-8

Natasha Ramesh

Indian Land Middle School, Grade 8

Natasha goes beyond the assignment; she goes beyond the grade; she goes beyond your wildest imagination. She is an amazing writer and has a vocabulary to make any adult jealous. She has a quirky personality, and I admire a teenage girl who is really comfortable in her own skin. She is a talented tennis player, an exceptional musician and a scholarly student. She can do it all without hesitation. Her work ethic will take her far in this world!

Indian Land Middle teacher Christa Sullivan

- A Honor RollGrades 5-7
- English AwardGrade 7
- History AwardGrades 6-7
- Math AwardGrade 7
- Class Spelling Bee Winner.....Grades 6-8
- Gifted and Talented ProgramGrades 6-8
- Music AwardGrade 7
- Trustee AwardsGrades 7-8
- Duke University Talent Identification ProgramGrades 7-8
- Junior ScholarGrade 8
- ST-ARTS ProgramGrades 7-8
- National Junior Honor Society.....Grades 7-8
- Drama ClubGrade 5
- BandGrade 4-8
- Jazz BandGrade 8
- ChorusGrades 4-5
- DramaGrade 5
- PianoGrades 3-8
- Girl ScoutsGrades 1-8
- Tennis – Varsity.....Grades 6-7
- Region Band.....Grades 6-8
- All-State Band.....Grade 8
- County BandGrade 8
- Girl Scout Bronze AwardGrade 6
- Girl Scout Silver AwardGrade 8

Sarina Ranjit

Indian Land Middle School, Grade 8

Sarina is well-rounded. Not only does she excel in her classes, but in all aspects of her life. It is quite impressive to see young students balance their studies and extra-curricular activities as well as Sarina does. Not once has she ever complained about the load she bears with work and sports. She is always focused in class and aces every assignment given to her. And I must say the girl can play some serious volleyball. :) I know Sarina will continue to be amazing at whatever she does because she always approaches her tasks with a positive attitude and a determination to complete them.

Indian Land Middle teacher Shonda Bradshaw

- A Honor RollGrades 3-8
- Academic AchievementGrade 7
- Language AwardGrade 7
- Math AwardGrade 7
- Science AwardGrade 7
- Science Fair AwardGrade 8
- Social Studies AwardGrade 7
- Perfect AttendanceGrades 7-8
- Gifted and Talented ProgramGrades 3-8
- Citizenship AwardGrade 7
- Daughters of the American Revolution AwardGrade 8
- Duke University Talent Identification ProgramGrades 6-8
- Peer TutoringGrades 3-5
- National Junior Honor Society.....Grades 6-8
- DanceGrades 4-6
- GolfGrades 4-8
- KarateGrade 5
- VolleyballGrades 5-8
- WalkingGrades K-5
- ChorusGrades 3-5
- PianoGrades 5-8
- Children’s Theatre Food Drive, 5-K Event for Bank of America and American Red Cross VolunteerGrades 7-8

Sonali Ranjit

Harrisburg Elementary School, Grade 5

It was an honor and pleasure to have taught Sonali in the fourth grade. Sonali’s work ethic and desire to learn has enabled her to excel in school. She is a well-rounded young lady: kind, outgoing, respectful and intelligent. Sonali is well-liked and respected by teachers and her classmates. I’m looking forward to

seeing the great accomplishments she will achieve in her future. Sonali Ranjit exhibits the meaning of excellence in education.

Harrisburg Elementary teacher Stephanie Cvitkovic

- A Honor Roll.....Grades 1-5
- Math Award.....Grade 4
- Reading Award.....Grade 4
- Science Award.....Grade 4
- Science Fair Award.....Grade 4
- Class Spelling Bee Winner.....Grades 3-5
- School Spelling Bee Winner.....Grades 4-5
- Social Studies Award.....Grade 4
- Perfect Attendance.....Grades K-2, 4-5
- Gifted and Talented Program.....Grade 5
- Great Attitude Award.....Grade 1
- Citizenship Award.....Grade 3
- Duke University Talent Identification Program.....Grade 5
- Peer Tutoring.....Grades 2-4
- National Junior Beta Club.....Grade 5
- Art Club.....Grade 4
- Dance.....Grades 2-3
- Golf.....Grades 3-5
- Karate.....Grade 2
- Volleyball.....Grades 2-5
- Walking.....Grades K-5
- Piano.....Grade 4
- Volunteering.....Grades 4-5
- Food Drive.....Grade 5
- 5-K-Event.....Grade 3
- Children’s Theatre, Charlotte NC.....Grade 5

William Michael Rape

Discovery School, Grade 5

Will perfectly exemplifies what the Celebration of Excellence strives to achieve. I have had the absolute pleasure of working with Will in a lot of different settings throughout his young life, and it became very apparent early on that he was a quality individual. Will strives for excellence in every endeavor he pursues, whether it is in the classroom, on the athletic field, or in his community. Beyond all of his early successes in life, his strong character is the key attribute that has left an indelible mark on all of those with whom he has connected.

Out of the many students I have worked with over the years, Will’s work ethic and persistence stood out among his peers. He has always been an eager and curious learner who excelled in every subject area. When faced with difficult challenges in the classroom, Will always persevered because he refused to quit and maintained a positive attitude throughout the learning process. That not only made him a positive role

model for his peers, but also won the respect of his teachers, as well.

Another remarkable trait Will possesses is his ability to connect with classmates and peers from all backgrounds. He became a leader in my classroom because he reached out to all students and always treated people with dignity and respect. It would have been easy for him to distance himself from classmates who were different from him, but that isn’t a part of Will’s character. He is admired because he embraced those relationships.

Will is a gifted athlete who has worked to be the consummate team player in every sport he plays. I have personally seen him on many occasions make sacrifices for the benefit of his team. Team success has always trumped individual glory with Will. Like in the classroom, each practice and game has given him a stage to display his passion, effort, and dedication. In my eyes, that is what has made him a champion.

I am very proud of Will for many reasons. I am also extremely excited that he gets this opportunity to be recognized for all of his great achievements thus far in his life. He has certainly earned all of the accolades he receives. Knowing Will like I do, however, I know he will humbly accept this honor in stride and continue to excel in every aspect of his life.

A.R. Rucker Middle teacher Brad McGee

- A Honor Roll.....Grades 2-5
- Science Fair Award.....Grade 4
- Student of the Month Award.....Grades 2-5
- Lancaster Youth Art Show.....Grades 3-5
- Baseball.....Grades 3-5
- Basketball.....Grades 3-5
- Soccer.....Grades 4-5
- Chorus.....Grade 5
- Boy Scouts.....Grade 3
- Sportsmanship Award Baseball.....Grade 4

Alyssa Redfern

Indian Land Middle School, Grade 8

Alyssa walks to the beat of her own drummer. She can be scatterbrained at times, but that quality keeps her and her teachers on their toes. She has a quick wit about her and isn’t afraid to stand her ground or tell you how she feels. She doesn’t draw attention to herself in class, but she will put her all in her writing. She tries her best in all she does.

Indian Land Middle teacher Christa Sullivan

- A Honor Roll.....Grades 3-8
- English Award.....Grades 5-7

- History AwardGrades 5-6
- Math AwardGrade 5
- Science AwardGrades 5-7
- P.E. AwardGrades 4-6
- National Junior Honor SocietyGrades 6-7
- VolleyballGrades 6-8

Nai'Jae Reed

Brooklyn Springs Elementary, Grade 5

Nai'Jae is a caring and intelligent young lady. She comes to school ready to learn and does so with putting 100% effort into her assignments. She is kind and loving to her friends and teachers. She likes to have many friends. She is warm and inviting to others and often enjoys helping others when they are struggling. I know Nai'Jae will accomplish many things in her future and be successful as she furthers her education.

Congratulations, Nai'Jae! I'm proud of you!

Brooklyn Springs Elementary teacher Crystal Bradley

- A Honor RollGrades 2-5
- Perfect Attendance Grades K-2, 4-5
- Gifted and Talented ProgramGrades 4-5
- Junior Beta ClubGrade 5
- Presidential Academic Fitness AwardGrade 5
- Founders FellowGrade 4

Raeli Reed

Lancaster High School, Grade 12

R*aeli Reed is a quiet, responsible young lady. In my AP European History class, she was cooperative and always went beyond what was required in an assignment. Even though Raeli has a quiet demeanor, when it came to her work she was assertive in accomplishing the task and doing it well. She has a caring spirit about her too which is shown through her sweet attitude. I am sure that Raeli will continue to achieve high marks as she enters her adult life. She a student who I will remember from my many years of teaching*

Lancaster High teacher Laura Outen

- Highest HonorsGrade 12
- A Honor Roll Grades 3-8, 11-12
- Junior Marshal Grades 8, 11
- Academic AchievementGrades 3-8
- English AwardGrades 3-8
- Math AwardGrades 3-8
- Science AwardGrades 3-8
- Social Studies AwardGrades 3-8
- Trustees AwardGrade 8
- Gifted and Talented ProgramGrades 4-5
- 97th Percentile ClubGrades 6-8
- Accelerated Reader AwardGrade 7

- Citizenship AwardGrade 7
- Coaches AwardGrade 8
- Art AwardGrades 3-7
- Youth Art MonthGrades 5-6
- Duke University MAP ProgramGrades 6-8
- Duke University Talent Identification Program
..... Grades 3-12
- Junior ScholarGrade 8
- Presbyterian ScholarGrade 11
- Wingate ScholarGrade 11
- USC-Aiken ScholarGrade 11
- Lancaster Youth Art ShowGrades 3-5
- ST-ARTS ProgramGrade 7
- National Beta ClubGrades 11-12
- National Junior Beta ClubGrades 7-8
- National Honor SocietyGrades 11-12
- Junior CivinettesGrades 9-12
- Art ClubGrade 12
- Southern SamplerGrade 3
- Teacher CadetGrade 11
- CheerleaderGrades 5, 7-8
- Dance Grades PreK-5, 8-12
- GymnasticsGrades 3-6
- SoccerGrades K-4
- SoftballGrades K-4
- Swim TeamGrade 4
- ChorusGrades 3-5
- Church Youth GroupGrades 6-12

A. Walker Reeves

Indian Land Middle School, Grade 8

P*erseverance and dedication are qualities that are difficult to find in middle school-age students. This, however, does not hold true for Walker Reeves. He not only displays both of these qualities, but he consistently strives to make the people around him better. Over the past three years, I have known Walker to be the quiet but effective band student. His talents are abundant, and he is always prepared to perform on the highest of levels. I have had the joy of witnessing him become a leader amongst his peers and look forward to all the great things he will achieve in the future.*

Indian Land Middle teacher Scott Fleischman

- A Honor RollGrades 3-8
- English AwardGrades 6-8
- Math AwardGrades 6-8
- Science AwardGrades 6-8
- Social Studies AwardGrades 6-8
- Perfect AttendanceGrades 2-8
- Gifted and Talented Program
- Citizenship AwardGrade 3
- Safety Patrol
- Music Award
- Duke University Talent Identification Program

- Fort Mill Community Playhouse
- National Junior Honor Society
- Student Council
- Track
- Band
- Jazz Band
- Boy Scouts
- Cub Scouts
- God and Me.....Grade 8
- God and Family.....Grade 5
- Boy Scout Seals Program.....Grade 8
- Church Youth Group
- FootballGrade 8

Jackson S. Reeves

Indian Land Middle School, Grade 8

During the course of getting to know Jackson, I have laughed alongside him almost every single day in the classroom. No matter what the situation, Jackson has the ability to keep a smile on his face and always look at the positive. This quality, along with his high academic achievement and his ability to strive for success in all situations, makes Jackson a true picture of the Celebration of Excellence. No matter where Jackson goes in life, I have learned one thing about him, he will always have a smile on his face and it is definitely contagious to all who are around him!

Indian Land Middle teacher Stephanie Secker

- A Honor RollGrades 3-8
- English Award.....Grades 6-8
- Math AwardGrades 6-8
- Science AwardGrades 6-8
- Social Studies AwardGrades 6-8
- Perfect AttendanceGrades 2, 4-8
- Gifted and Talented ProgramGrades 5-8
- Safety Patrol.....Grade 5
- Music AwardGrade 3
- Art Award.....Grade 2
- Duke University Talent Identification ProgramGrades 5-7
- Fort Mill Community PlayhouseGrades 2-3
- Lancaster Youth Art Show
- National Junior Honor Society.....Grades 6-8
- Student Council.....Grade 8
- Drama ClubGrade 5
- Baseball.....Grade 8
- FootballGrades 7-8
- BandGrades 6-7
- Drama.....Grade 5
- PianoGrade 8
- Boy ScoutsGrades 6-8
- Cub ScoutsGrades 2-5
- Church Youth GroupGrades 6-8
- God and Me.....Grade 3

- God and Family.....Grade 5
- Boy Scouts SEALS ProgramGrade 8

Nolan Reid

Indian Land Elementary School, Grade 5

Nolan is a brilliant young man. On any given day, you can find him sharing an exciting story that he is reading or telling you about the next great book he is planning to read. Nolan always strives to do his best and maintains an excellent grade point average. Nolan is focused and reaches the goals he sets for himself. I'm proud of him and feel so fortunate to have had the privilege of being his teacher and further promoting his constant passion for reading new and challenging literature. He will forever be a student I remember.

Indian Land Elementary teacher Michelle Anderson

- A Honor Roll.....Grades 3-5
- English AwardGrade 4
- Keyboard AwardGrade 3
- Language AwardGrade 3
- Reading AwardGrade 3
- Science Award.....Grade 3
- Class Spelling Bee Winner.....Grades 3-5
- School Spelling Bee Winner- Third PlaceGrade 4
- Citizenship AwardGrade 4
- Soccer.....Grades K-5
- Cub ScoutsGrades 2-5

Drew Reinert

Indian Land Elementary School, Grade 5

Drew is such an intelligent, funny and charismatic boy. He gives everything he does one hundred percent of his effort. Drew is unique and special in a way that teachers and students alike appreciate. Even when things get hard, Drew never gives up. 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. Drew 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 Roll.....Grade 5
- Citizenship AwardGrade 5

- iLeadGrade 5
- Drama ClubGrade 3
- KarateGrades 4-5
- Tae Kwon DoGrade 5
- Green Belt Certificate
- Cub ScoutsGrades 1-5
- Avid Video Game Player
- British International School of Charlotte Student
..... Grades 1-4
- Outstanding Achievement Award for
Health and Sports Week
- Outstanding Achievement Award for Team Player
- The Puzzler Award..... 2012
- The Enquirer Award..... 2011
- Played Lion Cub in Production of “Wicked”

Savannah Revels

Lancaster High School, Grade 12

Savannah Revels’ most notable trait is that she is almost always smiling. Her smile shows her engagement in her classes as she responds to her teachers and classmates. She also has a good understanding of people, and she uses this insight to help her work with her peers in classes and organizations. Always an enthusiastic student, Savannah participates in classes through discussions and class projects. She readily shares her ideas with others while at the same time respecting their opinions. Savannah can be counted on to work hard, not only in her classes, but also in her extracurricular activities and sports.

Lancaster High teacher Richard Gay

- Highest HonorsGrade 12
- A Honor Roll
- Academic Achievement
- Reading Counts - Elementary
- Science Fair AwardGrade 4
- Citizenship AwardGrade 5
- P.E. AwardGrades 8-9
- Peer Tutoring
- National Beta Club.....Grade 10
- National Honor Society.....Grade 9
- National Junior Honor Society.....Grade 7
- Student Council.....Grades 7-9
- SoftballGrades 9-11
- VolleyballGrades 9-11
- Church Youth GroupGrades 7-12
- Girls in Action (GAs)Grades 1-7
- Attending Clemson University
- HOSA.....Grades 11-12
- FCA.....Grades 9-12
- Presbyterian College
Highlander Scholarship Recipient Grade 12
- Offered Scholarships/Accepted to Anderson College,
USC Columbia, Presbyterian and Clemson ..Grade 12

Sophie Caroline Ribelin

Buford Middle School, Grade 8

Sophie is a bright, fun-loving student. She understands the importance of having fun all the while keeping her excellent academic record. Her cheerful attitude toward school and her peers makes her a positive role model. Sophie has the exceptional ability to make everyone around her feel good. I know with Sophie’s motivated spirit and her excellent academic abilities she will 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 3-8
- P.E. AwardGrade 6
- National Junior Beta Club.....Grades 6-8
- Basketball.....Grades 6-8
- SoftballGrades 6-8
- VolleyballGrades 6-8
- ChorusGrades 6-7
- Church Youth Group – Unity ARP.....Grades 6-8
- First PriorityGrades 6-8
- Buford BuddiesGrades 7-8
Buford Middle Basketball – Best Defense Award
..... Grade 8
- Jacket Pride AwardGrade 8

Keyonte Rivers

South Middle School, Grade 7

When students get nominated for awards like the Good Citizenship Award, the student nominated is usually the one never in trouble, has good grades and is involved in everything at the school. All teachers adore students like this and would want to have their entire classroom filled with these types of students. Keyonte Rivers, in my eyes, deserves this special award because of his “Good Citizenship” he has demonstrated over the past few months. Mr. Rivers started off the school year spending most of his time in the principal’s office. He would not do his work in the classroom, picked on other students, and just did not like school. We, as a team, held meetings with his mom and administration on what we could do to keep this student in our classes and help him pass the seventh grade. Keyonte’s passion is basketball and he could finally try out for the basketball team this year. Several teachers had a heart to heart with Mr. Rivers about how his grades and attitude had to change in order for him to make the team. Keyonte made the team this year and has been

helpful on and off the court. On the court, Mr. Rivers contributed by being at all practices and games. He did not receive a ton of playing time this year, but his attitude was great and he was a team player all year. He did what he could during practices and games to make not only him better, but the entire team better. In the classroom, Mr. Rivers has been helping his teachers hand out work and doing what is asked of him. He has shown respect to all his teachers and will sit quietly listening to the teacher even when others are talking. Keyonte can rally a group of kids to do what is asked of them by doing what he knows is right. It is my honor to nominate Keyonte Rivers for this Good Citizenship Award due to the positive relationship he has with his peers, teammates, teachers and administration.

South Middle teacher Frank Speziale

- A-B Honor Roll.....Grade 2
- Academic AchievementGrades 2-3
- Book-It Award.....Grades 3-4
- Student of the Month AwardGrade 3
- Great Attitude AwardGrade 2
- Citizenship AwardGrade 7
- Good Sport Award.....Grade 6
- 21st CenturyGrade 5
- Baseball.....Grade 6
- Basketball.....Grade 7
- Terrific Kid.....Grade 3
- Student of the MonthGrade 3

Madeline Grace Rivers

Discovery School, Grade 5

Madeline is a natural leader who captures the attention of all she meets. She knows when to take charge of a situation, but she also discerns when to delegate tasks among a group of her peers. Madeline is witty and capable of great success in the future.

Discovery School teacher Billie Morrison

- A Honor Roll.....Grades 2-5
- Junior MarshalGrade 4
- Science Fair AwardGrade 3
- Class Spelling Bee Winner.....Grade 4
- Perfect AttendanceGrade 4
- Gifted and Talented ProgramGrades 3-5
- Safety Patrol.....Grade 5
- Art Award.....Grade K
- Duke University Talent Identification ProgramGrades 4-5
- Service LearningGrades 4-5
- Peer Tutoring.....Grade 3
- Lancaster Youth Art ShowGrades K-3
- CheerleaderGrades K-4
- Dancing.....Grades K-2, 5
- Gymnastics.....Grades K, 4-5

- Soccer.....Grade 3
- Girls Scouts.....Grades K-5
- RoboticsGrade 5
- Children’s ChurchGrades K-5
- National Youth Leadership Forum.....Grade 5

Jillian Roberts

Heath Springs Elementary School, Grade 5

Jillian is an exceptional child who possesses all the traits of a great student. She is an independent learner who takes pride in reaching goals and achieving success. Jillian successfully balances classroom demands with her dedication to a competitive dance team. The level of responsibility at this age is impressive and will ensure a bright future. Jillian has been a blessing to teach.

Heath Springs Elementary teacher Kendall Blackmon

- A Honor Roll.....Grades 1-5
- Math Award.....Grade 2
- Reading Award.....Grade 2
- Science Award.....Grade 2
- Class Spelling Bee Winner.....Grades 4-5
- Social Studies AwardGrade 2
- S.C. Young WriterGrade 3
- Gifted and Talented ProgramGrades 4-5
- P.E. AwardGrade 2
- Safety Patrol.....Grade 5
- Music AwardGrade 3
- Duke University Talent Identification ProgramGrade 4
- Dancing 9 Years
- ChorusGrade 5
- Piano Kindergarten

Kiara Monêt Roberts

A.R. Rucker Middle School, Grade 8

Kiara is one of the most well-rounded students I have ever had the privilege of teaching. She balances her school, church and sports responsibilities while still maintaining excellence in the classroom. Her passion for playing sports is matched only by her outstanding athletic ability. A leader on both the volleyball and basketball courts, Kiara inspires those around her to be better, work harder, and accept responsibility. Kiara exemplifies the qualities of a model student in her actions and work ethic. I have watched Kiara grow and mature over the last 3 years and could not be more proud of the young woman that she has become!

A.R. Rucker Middle teacher Blanche Bruce

- A Honor Roll.....Grades 6-8
- Math Award.....Grade 5
- Science Fair AwardGrade 7

- Perfect AttendanceGrade 7
- Accelerated Reader AwardGrade 5
- Coaches AwardGrade 4
- P.E. AwardGrade 7
- Safety PatrolGrade 4
- Who's Who Among American High School Students
..... Grade 6
- National Junior Beta ClubGrades 7-8
- BasketballGrades 4-8
- GymnasticsGrades K-2
- VolleyballGrades 7-8
- BandGrade 6
- Church Youth GroupGrades K-7
- AAU BasketballGrades 5-8
- Church BasketballGrades 3-5

- FocusGrades 6-8
- Accelerated Reader AwardGrade 2
- Office Aide AwardGrade 7
- Terrific Team Work AwardGrade 1
- Great Attitude AwardGrade 1
- Coaches AwardGrade 4
- P.E. AwardGrade 6
- Safety PatrolGrade 5
- Music AwardGrade 2
- Middle School Academic Challenge Team
..... Grade 8
- Student CouncilGrade 8
- Yearbook StaffGrade 3
- DancingGrades K-8
- DramaGrades 6-8
- PianoGrades 2-4
- Church Youth GroupGrades 6-8
- Leadership AwardGrade 2
- Governor's Reading Honor RollGrade 2

Natalie Roberts

Andrew Jackson Middle School, Grade 8

Billie Jean King, the tennis legend, once said "Champions keep going until they get it right." Natalie Roberts is a champion in every way because she is a tenacious goal setter with a strong work ethic. I had the privilege of teaching Natalie as a third grader at Heath Springs Elementary School. At the young age of eight, it was apparent that Natalie was determined to reach her goals and do so independently. She was a focused student who was not easily swayed by the crowd. Natalie has also excelled as a dancer. She has danced competitively with her team from Dance Works Unlimited, maintaining supreme grades while committing many hours of work to her passion. Along with academics and dance, Natalie is a good friend to others and obviously cares for and respects her family. She is a role model for her younger sister, and other young girls who want to be successful, not only in school, but in life. Congratulations, Natalie, you are truly a picture of excellence, and I know you will continue to accomplish your goals.

Clinton Elementary teacher Staci White

- A Honor RollGrades 3-8
- Academic AchievementGrade 5
- Scholastic Achievement AwardGrades 3, 5
- English AwardGrade 3
- History AwardGrade 3
- Keyboard AwardGrade 7
- Math AwardGrades 2-3, 7
- Reading awardGrades 2-5
- Science AwardGrade 2
- Social Studies AwardGrade 3
- President's Award for Educational Excellence
..... Grade 5
- Gifted and Talented ProgramGrades 3-5

Aniya Robinson

Brooklyn Springs Elementary School, Grade 5

Caring, intelligent and top-notch are just a few words that describe Aniya Robinson. Each day, Aniya enters the classroom ready to take on each task with diligence and excellence. She goes above and beyond all expectations with every assignment. Aniya's work proves that she is eager to learn and is so willing to share this learning with others. Aniya is every teacher's dream for a student. Everyone wants to be Aniya's friend because she is so kind, considerate and loving. Her warm smile makes others feel so welcome in her presence. She always has a positive attitude that is so contagious. The number of friends that she has keeps growing and growing because everyone wants to hang out with her. Aniya is one amazing young lady. I am so thankful that I had the privilege of teaching her. I know that there are many great accomplishments in her future. Enjoy this honor, Aniya, for it is your special night to shine!

Brooklyn Springs Elementary teacher Debbie Knight

- A Honor RollGrades 2-5
- Gifted and Talented ProgramGrades 3-5
- Study Island AwardGrade 5
- Presidential Academic Fitness AwardGrade 5
- Duke University Talent Identification Program
..... Grade 4
- Founders FellowGrades 2-4
- Student CouncilGrade 4

Kendal Robinson

Andrew Jackson High School, Grade 12

I highly recommend Kendal for this honor. Kendal has been a very motivated student in all of the classes that she has taken under my guidance. Kendal is able to complete all of her task in a sufficient amount of time and always looks for ways that she can improve anything that she does. She accepts nothing but the very best from herself. I believe Kendal will succeed in every goal that she sets for herself in life.

Andrew Jackson High teacher Ashli Young

- Highest HonorsGrade 12
- Math AwardGrade 11
- National Beta ClubGrades 10-12
- National Junior Beta ClubGrade 8
- National Honor SocietyGrades 11-12
- Yearbook StaffGrades 7-8
- BasketballGrades 8-10
- SoftballGrades 7-9
- Church Youth GroupGrades 6-12
- Girls in Action (GAs)Grades 1-5

Nicolas Rossetti

Harrisburg Elementary School, Grade 5

I could write pages of information that describe why Nicolas is deserving of this award. Aside from being extremely intelligent and work conscientious, he is also the most compassionate student I have ever had the pleasure to teach. His kindness toward others on a daily basis warms my heart. He never misses an opportunity to help a peer when they are struggling. He seeks every opportunity to keep growing and improving. He is one amazing student! Great job, Nicolas!

Harrisburg Elementary teacher Denise Partlow

- A Honor RollGrades 1-5
- Duke University Talent Identification ProgramGrade 5
- SoccerGrade 3
- MVP AwardGrade 5

Braeden Landry Rushing

Indian Land Middle School, Grade 8

Braeden Rushing is a very talented and special student. She has a very strong work ethic and no matter the task at hand, she always strives to do her best. She is a well-rounded student, working hard on the running

course in cross country. She is also a very creative and kind young lady. Braeden was always willing to help others in class and was always patient and kind to all. I am sure that her future will involve a career in the sciences; she has a very scientific mind! I cannot wait to see what the future holds for Braeden. I am so proud to have been her teacher.

Indian Land Middle teacher Brittany Sizemore

- A Honor RollGrades 3-8
- English AwardGrades 6-7
- History AwardGrades 6-7
- Science AwardGrades 6-7
- Science Fair AwardGrade 4
- Social Studies AwardGrades 6-7
- Gifted and Talented ProgramGrades 5-8
- Citizenship AwardGrade 4
- Youth Art MonthGrade 7
- Duke University Talent Identification ProgramGrades 5-8
- ST-ARTS ProgramGrades 6-8
- National Junior Honor SocietyGrades 6-8
- Art ClubGrade 8
- Cross CountryGrades 7-8
- TrackGrades 7-8
- BandGrades 6-8
- Jazz BandGrade 8

Emmanuella Sackey

Indian Land High School, Grade 12

Emmanuella Sackey has a wonderfully dry wit, oblique sense of humor and a personality that reflects a sensitivity to others. To those that have befriended her, Emmanuella has demonstrated that she is a dedicated and committed friend, and a fortunate friend to have. She works behind the scenes and is non-ostentatious, yet she is vigilant and determined in her academic pursuits. It will be interesting to see what captures your interest in the biomedical field. It was a pleasure having you in class and regardless of the direction you take, I know you will be a blessing to those you come in contact with. I hope you will find satisfaction as you pursue your interests.

Indian Land High teacher Thomas Townsend

- Highest HonorsGrade 12
- A Honor RollGrades 3-7
- Perfect AttendanceGrades 2-11
- Daughters of the American Revolution AwardGrade 8
- Drama ClubGrade 9

Verina Salib

Indian Land Middle School, Grade 8

Verina has always striven to put 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 and focused on making beautiful music. I will miss having Verina in class in the years to come, but I know she will continue to prosper in all she does.

Indian Land Middle teacher Shonda Bradshaw

- A Honor RollGrades 3-8
- Academic AchievementGrade 6
- English AwardGrade 7
- Math AwardGrade 6
- Science AwardGrade 7
- Class Spelling Bee Winner.....Grade 8
- Social Studies AwardGrade 6
- Perfect AttendanceGrade 6
- Gifted and Talented ProgramGrades 5-8
- Citizenship AwardGrade 6
- Principal's PalGrade 3
- P.E. AwardGrade 5
- Chorus Award.....Grade 6
- Art AwardGrade 6
- Duke University Talent Identification Program
..... Grade 6
- Middle School Academic Challenge TeamGrade 8
- ST-ARTS ProgramGrades 6-8
- National Junior Honor Society.....Grades 6-7
- Student Council.....Grades 6-8
- Art ClubGrade 7
- Drama ClubGrade 5
- CheerleaderGrade 5
- SoftballGrade 5
- ChorusGrades 6-8
- Drama.....Grade 5
- PianoGrade 7
- Church Youth GroupGrades 6-8

Madeline Gray Saverance

Andrew Jackson High School, Grade 12

Madeline is an outstanding student athlete and leader at Andrew Jackson High School, who possesses both academic and social qualities. I have had the privilege of teaching Madeline in United States History this past year. She won the highest award for this course for the 2014 academic school year at Andrew Jackson High School.

Madeline is a true servant-leader who is passionate about her priorities of God, family and civic duty. Her enthusiasm for current events has proven

that she understands the need for a civic education in this global, competitive economy. She has shown her priorities through being actively involved in her church and helping teach dance in her spare time. Her honesty and integrity will continue to propel her to success in whatever she does.

Andrew Jackson High teacher Steve Knight

- Highest HonorsGrade 12
- A Honor RollGrades 3-12
- Junior MarshalGrade 11
- English Award – Highest Average.....Grade 11
- History Award – Highest Average.....Grade 11
- Language Award – Highest AverageGrade 11
- Science Fair AwardGrade 6
- Class Spelling Bee Winner.....Grades 6-7
- Social Studies AwardGrades 6-7
- Perfect AttendanceGrade 6
- Gifted and Talented ProgramGrades 4-8
- Focus – Dance and ArtGrades 6-12
- Accelerated Reader AwardGrade 4
- Citizenship AwardGrade 5
- Youth Art MonthGrades 5-8
- Duke University Talent Identification Program
..... Grade 7
- Furman ScholarGrade 11
- Wofford ScholarGrade 12
- USC Aiken ScholarGrade 11
- Converse College ScholarGrade 11
- Lancaster Youth Art ShowGrades 5-6
- 1000 Plus SAT ClubGrades 11-12
- National Junior Beta Club.....Grades 10-12
- Beta Club SecretaryGrade 10
- National Honor Society.....Grades 11-12
- National Technical Honor SocietyGrade 12
- Student Council.....Grades 5-8
- Art ClubGrades 4-5
- Yearbook StaffGrade 12
- CheerleaderGrades 7-9, 11
- Dancing Grades PreK-12
- Gymnastics.....Grades 3-6
- Church Youth GroupGrades 7-12
- Girls in Action (GAs)Grades 1-5
- Competitive Dance.....Grades K-12
- DanceWorks Unlimited Dance InstructorGrade 12
- Lancaster County Youth Leadership Program
..... Grade 11
- Student Athletic Leadership TeamGrade 11
- LifeguardGrades 10-12
- Prospect, OH, Mission TripsGrades 7, 9-10

Jackie Schellberg

Indian Land Middle School, Grade 8

Jackie is an amazing young lady; typically of few words. However, the words she shares with her teachers and fellow students are insightful and in many ways profound given her age. Jackie has a determined passion for personal excellence and an intuitive understanding of the processes and information in all scholastic disciplines. She also has a deep understanding that hard work is the universal quality to achieve any goal. Jackie has the ability to relate to and collaborate with everyone, while affording each person the highest level of respect and attention. Jackie's future is only limited by her dreams. I am confident that she will make a difference in our world, leaving her indelible mark on history. She can accomplish anything she sets her mind out to do. Success is eminent for Jackie.

Indian Land Middle teacher Lisa Bachini

- A Honor RollGrades 5-7
- Trustees AwardGrade 8
- Duke University Talent Identification Program Grade 7
- Junior ScholarGrade 8
- ST-ARTS ProgramGrade 6
- National Junior Honor SocietyGrade 7

Alisha Schmader

Indian Land High School, Grade 12

Alisha Schmader took Art 1 and rocked the class with one outstanding piece of art after another, but this was only my first opportunity to work with her. It has been my pleasure to work with her in yearbook this year. She is the most dependable student, creating procedures for the class to help keep us organized. She became a leader and helped everyone stay on track with signing up to attend events to take pictures to working on pages. Alisha will be running her own company soon enough based on the work I saw her complete and the way she worked with other students in the class. I relied on her and she was always there to help out. She truly is an example of excellence.

Indian Land High teacher Heather Althof

- Highest HonorsGrade 12
- A Honor RollGrades 9-12
- Junior MarshalGrade 11
- Gifted and Talented ProgramGrade 6
- Student of the Month AwardGrade 12

- National Beta ClubGrades 11-12
- National Honor SocietyGrades 11-12
- National Junior Honor SocietyGrade 8
- Junior CivitansGrade 11
- Yearbook StaffGrade 12
- BandGrade 6
- ChorusGrades 7-8

Katrina Schneider

Indian Land High School, Grade 12

For the past four years, I have had the pleasure and privilege to know and work with Katrina Schneider in the theatre department, as well as my Advanced Composition class. She is a bright, kind, sweet and authentic young lady who is involved in many worthwhile clubs and activities while still maintaining excellent grades. Katrina has been outgoing and friendly since I knew her as a freshman and has continued to be so as she has matured into an accomplished, talented young woman. She is a natural leader, but is also not opposed to taking a step back and being part of the team to get a job done. Katrina has surprised me many times with how talented she is in many areas; most who know her would compliment her on her work with color guard and marching band, but she is also a very imaginative writer and a lovely actress. Her work with the theatre program at ILHS has been delightful to watch as she has grown to be very comfortable on stage. Katrina is the kind of person you can depend on and you know when she gives her word, she keeps it. She has been a wonderful scholar who has and will continue to grow into an individual of talent and character. I am so proud to call her my student.

Indian Land High teacher D. Nicole Halbeisen

- Highest HonorsGrade 12
- A Honor RollGrades 9-11
- Junior MarshalGrade 11
- Academic AchievementGrade 9
- Science Fair AwardGrade 5
- Class Spelling Bee WinnerGrade 8
- Citizenship AwardGrade 7
- Daughters of the American Revolution Award Grade 9
- National Beta ClubGrades 10-12
- National Honor SocietyGrades 10-12
- National Junior Honor SocietyGrades 7-9
- Drama ClubGrades 9-12
- Color GuardGrades 9-12
- Marching BandGrades 9-12
- DramaGrades 9-12

Elizabeth Brooke Scott

Andrew Jackson High School, Grade 12

On the very first day of school this year, I was taken aback by Elizabeth's immediate kindness and positivity as she greeted me with a big smile and simple "hello." She has continued to maintain a high level of enthusiastic energy throughout the year setting an example for all her peers. Elizabeth has a magnetic personality and silly sense of humor, making even the most reluctant learners excited when they are paired up with her. She is highly skilled at seeing the fun in everything, which makes her a joy to be around to both peers and teachers. Elizabeth's leadership skills make teaching her a teacher's dream as she is easy to teach and her presence livens up the classroom.

Andrew Jackson High teacher Lana Broughton

- Highest HonorsGrade 12
- A Honor RollGrades 10-12
- Junior MarshalGrade 11
- FocusGrades 6-8
- Citizenship AwardGrade 10
- Coaches AwardGrade 9
- Girls StateGrade 11
- USC-Aiken ScholarGrade 11
- 1000 Plus SAT ClubGrades 10-12
- National Beta ClubGrades 10-12
- National Honor SocietyGrades 11-12
- National Honor Society SecretaryGrade 12
- BasketballGrades 7-12
 - All-State BasketballGrade 12
 - All-Region BasketballGrades 8-12
 - Region Player of the YearGrade 12
 - 2A State Player of the YearGrade 12
- VolleyballGrades 9-12
- Church Youth GroupGrades 9-10
- Fellowship of Christian AthletesGrades 9-11
- First PriorityGrade 9

Grace E. Scott

Lancaster High School, Grade 12

Gracie's strength of character and her determination as a leader set her apart from her peers. Although she is affable and liked by others, she knows how to be a leader and get others to step up and do their best—she has shown this in the classroom, through athletics and in extracurricular organizations. Gracie works hard in all she undertakes, and she expects no less from those around her. Her winning smile and friendly demeanor make others gravitate to her and

also make her someone who is respected and admired by her peers as well as her teachers.

Lancaster High teacher Richard Gay

- Highest HonorsGrade 12
- A Honor RollGrades K-12
- Junior MarshalGrade 11
- Trustees AwardGrades 8, 10-12
- Gifted and Talented ProgramGrades 3-5
- Coaches AwardGrades 9-10
- Girls StateGrade 11
- Erskine ScholarGrade 11
- Junior ScholarGrades 8, 11
- Middle School Academic Challenge TeamGrade 8
- National Beta Club – Vice-PresidentGrades 11-12
- CallistoGrade 12
- Yearbook Staff – Rambler EditorGrades 11-12
- SoccerGrades 9-12
- Swim Team – CaptainGrades 6-12
- Church Youth GroupGrades 6-12
- Fellowship of Christian Athletes LeaderGrades 9-12
- First PriorityGrades 9-12
- Maid of Honor – HomecomingGrade 12
- Miss Sophomore – 2014Grade 10
- Miss Junior – 2015Grade 11
- Miss Rambler – 2015Grade 11
- MVP for SwimmingGrade 12
- Six-Year Varsity Letterman – Swimming
- Two-Year Varsity Letterman – SoccerGrades 9-10
- Student TrainerGrades 11-12

Ji'ya Menyán Scott

A.R. Rucker Middle School, Grade 8

If I have ever met a natural-born leader, it is Ji'ya Scott. An outstanding student, Ji'ya knows what it takes to be successful, and she knows how to bring out the best in others. Ji'ya adds a special dimension to a class that enables everyone to be better through her example. She has a determination that sets her apart and sets her on a path to success. I admire that about Ji'ya, and I am excited to see all that she will become as she continues to grow both as a student and as a person.

A.R. Rucker Middle teacher Adrian Deese

- A Honor RollGrades 6-8
- Scholastic Achievement AwardGrade 5
- English AwardGrade 7
- History AwardGrade 5
- Language Award
- Math AwardGrade 5
- Reading AwardGrade 5
- Science AwardGrade 5
- Science Fair Award
- Class Spelling Bee WinnerGrade 4
- Social Studies AwardGrade 5
- Perfect AttendanceGrade 3

- Gifted and Talented ProgramGrades 3-5
- Book-It AwardGrades K-5
- Accelerated Reader AwardGrades 4-5
- Student of the Month AwardGrades 1-5
- Citizenship AwardGrade 5
- Good Sport AwardGrade 5
- Principal's PalGrades 1-5
- Coaches AwardGrade 6
- Safety PatrolGrade 4
- Chorus AwardGrade 5
- Music Proficiency
- Middle School Academic Challenge TeamGrade 8
- National Junior Beta ClubGrades 6-8
- KarateGrades 5
- WalkingGrades K-5
- BandGrade 6
- ChorusGrades 6
- Step TeamGrades 6-8

Andrew T. Scribner

Indian Land Elementary School, Grade 5

Andrew Scriber is an amazing student whose presence has enhanced the character of our class. He is a pleasure to have in class and is a great role model for his classmates. Andrew is always eager to help in any way possible, no matter who needs his assistance. He is always willing to participate in class and does so with enthusiasm. Andrew is well-liked by his classmates as well as by his teachers. I know Andrew will continue to excel in his educational endeavors and will be a success in whatever he decides to do. It has been a great pleasure and honor to have Andrew as a student this year!

Indian Land Elementary teacher Lara Duernberger

- A Honor RollGrades 3-5
- Academic AchievementGrades 3-5
- Reading AwardGrades 3-4
- Science Fair AwardGrades 4-5
- Class Spelling Bee WinnerGrades 3-5
- School Spelling Bee WinnerGrade 5
- Gifted and Talented ProgramGrades 3-5
- Book-It AwardGrade 4
- Student of the Month AwardGrades 4-5
- Citizenship AwardGrades 4-5
- Duke University Talent Identification ProgramGrade 5
- DramaGrades K-5
- Drama ClubGrade 5
- G/T CampGrade 4
- KarateGrade 3
- DramaGrades K-5
- PianoGrades 1-5
- Boy ScoutsGrade 5
- Cub ScoutsGrades 2-4

- Church Youth GroupGrades 2-5
- Boys on the RunGrade 4
- Arrow of LightGrade 5

Rajab Shafei

Harrisburg Elementary School, Grade 5

Excellence, in the dictionary, is defined as: the quality of being outstanding or extremely good. This definition alone does not characterize Rajab. Rajab is amazing, compassionate, humble and diligent. He puts all of his heart into everything he does and still always looks for opportunities for improvement. Furthermore, he does it all with a smile on his face! I absolutely adore having him in my class. Way to go, Rajab!

Harrisburg Elementary teacher Denise Partlow

- A Honor RollGrades 2-5
- Academic AchievementGrade 3
- History AwardGrade 3
- Math AwardGrade 4
- Reading AwardGrade 3
- Class Spelling Bee WinnerGrade 4
- Perfect Attendance
- Gifted and Talented ProgramGrades 3-4
- Art AwardGrade 5
- SoccerGrades 3-5
- Tae Kwon DoGrade 3

Mary-Grace Shaw

Buford Middle School, Grade 8

Mary-Grace Shaw is the epitome of excellence and is the type of student that teachers simply love to teach. She has a contagious love of learning that makes teaching her such a joy. She is conscientious and self-motivated. She is determined to succeed no matter the task, and never settles for mediocrity in her work. Mary-Grace can always be counted upon to give every task her all. She balances athletics and other school activities, all while maintaining high academic excellence in rigorous classes. I can think of no student more deserving of this great honor, and it has been my great pleasure to teach Mary-Grace this year. I wish her well on the brightest of futures. I expect many great things from this young lady in the future!

Buford Middle teacher Kelly Cauthen

- A Honor RollGrades 3-8
- Junior MarshalGrade 7
- Highest AverageGrades 6-7
- English AwardGrade 7
- Math AwardGrade 7
- Reading AwardGrade 6

- Class Spelling Bee Winner.....Grade 8
- Gifted and Talented ProgramGrades 3-5
- Principal's PalGrades K-5
- Music AwardGrade 6
- Duke University Talent Identification Program
..... Grade 8
- National Junior Beta Club
- VolleyballGrade 8
First Team All-Region.....Grade 7
- BandGrades 6-8
- Travel VolleyballGrades 7-8

Peyton Shaw

Heath Springs Elementary School, Grade 5

Peyton is a deep-thinking scholar that encompasses the drive and determination that are unique to this age. He is a well-rounded student that is respected by his peers, often bringing forth knowledge in the classroom that has me wowed! Peyton's continuous pursuit of information will open endless options for success. This guy promises to make a substantial impact on society, and I can't wait to see what he chooses to be in life.

Heath Springs Elementary teacher Kendall Blackmon

- A Honor Roll.....Grades 1-5
- Math Award.....Grades 1-4
- Reading Award.....Grades 1-4
- Science Award.....Grades 2-4
- Gifted and Talented ProgramGrades 3-5
- P.E. AwardGrade 4
- Duke University Talent Identification Program
..... Grades 4-5
- Basketball.....Grades 4-5
- Soccer.....Grades K-2

Jensen Shelby

Buford High School, Grade 12

Jensen Shelby is a joy to have in class. Her smile lights up the classroom when she walks in. Jensen has an amazing work ethic and a strong desire to succeed in all that she does. She possesses strong qualities of leadership and is looked up to by her fellow classmates. Jensen is a model student that makes teaching pleasant and rewarding.

Buford High teacher Troy Helms

- Highest HonorsGrade 12
- A Honor Roll.....Grades 10-11
- Junior MarshalGrade 11
- National Beta Club.....Grades 10-12
- National Honor Society.....Grade 10
- Student Council.....Grades 9-12
- Junior CivitansGrade 9

- Basketball.....Grades 7-9
- SoftballGrades 7-12
- VolleyballGrades 7-12
- Church Youth GroupGrades 6-12

Nathan Shute

Buford Elementary School, Grade 5

When I heard that Nathan was receiving this honor, I wasn't surprised. Nathan is a very special student to me. He has a determined work ethic and his attention to details is admirable. Nathan's behavior was exemplary. He consistently did well on his schoolwork but I think I was most proud of Nathan's character. Nathan is kind and considerate. He is respectful to everyone: a perfect gentleman. I am forever grateful to have had the privilege of being Nathan's teacher. Always remember what I told you at the end of each day; love you and see you tomorrow.

Yulee Primary School teacher Lynn Scott

- A Honor Roll.....Grade 3
- Gifted and Talented ProgramGrade 5
- Citizenship AwardGrades 2-3
- Presidential Academic Fitness AwardGrade 3
- Safety Patrol.....Grade 4
- Duke University Talent Identification Program
..... Grade 5
- Baseball.....Grades 2-5
- Basketball.....Grade 5

Amber Sigmon

Andrew Jackson High School, Grade 12

Amber was a student in my third-grade class at Clinton Elementary School. I knew Amber was special and would be an absolute joy to have in the classroom the night I met her. She attended Clinton's open house with her father, and she stole my heart from that moment. She was not the least bit intimidated. She chattered and giggled the entire time she was there. She was thrilled to be coming back for the school year and I was thrilled to have her in my class.

Amber was not a shy child. She was very outgoing and friendly. Amber was a leader and that was a good thing because she was a good girl. She had a great many friends and was very respectful of their feelings and well-being. Amber was the center of attention because of her happy and outgoing attitude and everyone liked her. She just loved people and life.

Amber was always prepared for class and was very conscientious about her grades. I truly believe the only

time I ever saw her down and out was when she did not live up to her own expectations. She wanted to be successful and was attentive in class. Amber would take on the challenges and roles the other students were somewhat hesitant to pursue. She was always willing to go the extra mile.

Another one of her outstanding qualities is the unconditional love Amber has for her family. She loves them with a passion. She has a very strong family support system. They support her and she whole-heartedly supports them. I contribute a great deal of Amber's success to her upbringing.

I have had the honor of not only teaching Amber in school but to also watch her blossom into a beautiful young lady; and I would like to stress the term "lady." I am in awe of the person Amber has become. She is a very Godly Christian and her faith never waivers. She is continuously posting articles on Facebook about her faith and her God; two very admirable qualities that will carry her far in life.

As I have watched Amber grow through the years, I can truly say I am so proud to have been a part of her life. I have no doubt Amber will be successful in her future endeavors as she strives for nothing less.

Clinton Elementary teacher Donna Coleman

- Highest HonorsGrade 12
- A Honor RollGrades 3, 5, 7-12
- English AwardGrade 6
- Class Spelling Bee Winner.....Grades 3, 7
- FocusGrades 7-12
- Student of the Month AwardGrade 6
- Great Attitude AwardGrade 8
- Principal's PalGrade 8
- Coaches Award.....Grades 7-8
- Outstanding JuniorGrade 11
- National Beta Club.....Grades 10-12
- National Honor Society.....Grades 11-12
- CheerleaderGrades 7-9
- DancingGrades 7-12
- Andrews Award (Dance)Grade 10

Jacob Sisler

Indian Land Elementary School, Grade 5

Jacob Sisler attacks all problems with 100% effort. He is a pleasure to teach because he always rises to meet a challenge. Jacob comes into the classroom everyday with a smile on his face, and his smile and humor help lighten the day for other students around him. He helps teachers or other students whenever asked with that same smile. Jacob is strong-willed, and is passionate

about expressing his thoughts and ideas. He possesses very strong reading skills, and his writing is extremely creative and engaging. He has an intrinsic motivation to do well that cannot be taught. He has maintained a grade point average of straight A's throughout his public education so far. I can expect that this will continue throughout his educational career.

Indian Land Elementary teacher Jason Weiss

- A Honor RollGrades 2-5
- Math AwardGrade 4
- Reading AwardGrade 4
- Science AwardGrade 4
- Perfect AttendanceGrade 1
- iLeadGrade 5

Colby Bryce Small

North Elementary School, Grade 5

Colby Small is an exceptional fifth-grade student. Colby always gives 100% in everything he does. He is a dedicated and driven student. His wonderful attitude is a reflection of his excellent work. Colby is a very hard working fifth-grade student. He always completes his assignments on time, and makes sure his work is accurate. Colby is eager to learn new things, and always participates in class. He is an excellent reader and it shows through his vocabulary. In his spare time, he is always reading a book. He is always willing to help and assist others when they need help. I can always rely on Colby's assistance. He is a wonderful class citizen. It is an honor to have such a dedicated and amazing student in my class.

North Elementary teacher Erica Cureton

- A Honor RollGrades 2-5
- Gifted and Talented ProgramGrades 3-5
- Student of the Month AwardGrades 2-3
- Safety PatrolGrade 4
- Service LearningGrade 5
- National Junior Beta Club.....Grade 5
- BaseballGrades 1-2
- Basketball.....Grades K-5
- Soccer.....Grades 2-5
- Cub ScoutsGrade 1

Samuel Simeon Smith

A.R. Rucker Middle School, Grade 8

Sam is an incredibly gifted student. With his keen writing abilities, his love of reading, and his knack to think beyond the surface, Sam enriches every classroom setting in which he participates. He has the ability to help foster an enriching learning environment for his

peers, as well, continuing to challenge himself in the process. I know that my classroom has been a more rewarding place for students thanks to the presence of Samuel Smith.

A.R. Rucker Middle teacher Adrian Deese

- A Honor RollGrades 3-8
- Perfect AttendanceGrades K-7
- Middle School Academic Challenge TeamGrade 8
- National Junior Beta ClubGrades 6-7
- Student CouncilGrade 7
- BandGrades 5-8
- Marching BandGrades 6-7
- Boy ScoutsGrades 6-8
- Cub ScoutsGrade 5

Hunter Snipes

McDonald Green Elementary School, Grade 5

I cannot say enough kind and thoughtful words about Hunter. He is a sweet intelligent child who is always looking for that next challenge. Hunter is hard-working, responsible and well-balanced. He strives to excel in academics and in sports. He is an independent thinker who is willing to explore new ideas and strategies. He is a born leader who is well-respected by both teachers and his peers. It has been my pleasure having Hunter as one of my students from second through fourth grades.

McDonald Green Elementary teacher Sheritha I. Whitener

- A Honor RollGrades 2-5
- Language AwardGrades 3-4
- Math AwardGrades 3-4
- Reading AwardGrades 3-4
- Science AwardGrades 3-4
- Class Spelling Bee WinnerGrade 5
- School Spelling Bee WinnerGrade 5
- Social Studies AwardGrades 3-4
- Trustees AwardGrade 4
- Gifted and Talented ProgramGrades 3-5
- Book-It AwardGrade 5
- Mini Society AwardGrade 4
- Study Island AwardGrades 3-4
- Safety PatrolGrade 5
- Duke University Talent Identification ProgramGrade 5
- National Junior Beta ClubGrade 5
- SoccerGrades K-5
- Church Youth Group – AwanaGrades 3-5
- Robotics ClubGrade 5
- Science Lab AwardGrade 4

Philip Alexander Snuffer

Buford High School, Grade 12

Philip is in the top 1% of students I have had the privilege of teaching. He has high standards for himself, he is smart, he employs a tough and dedicated work ethic, and he has incredible moral fiber. On several opportunities, I have had the chance to speak with him on a personal level. During this time, he has shared some of his favorite memories and past times with me. He is a rare teenager in that he still spends the weekends with his grandparents and enjoys it. Philip is genuinely concerned about their welfare, and he enjoys making memories with them as often as possible. Philip is a very disciplined individual. He works hard during the school day, and then he runs either cross country or track, depending on the season. He manages his time very well and has maintained an outstanding grade point average. To summarize Philip in one word – I would say amazing. Philip is a quiet person who leads by example and does the right thing even when no one is looking. I would put his character as one of his most outstanding qualities. Teaching you has been an honor, learning from you has been a pleasure.

Buford High teacher Juline Wieland

- Highest HonorsGrade 12
- A Honor RollGrades 9-12
- Junior MarshalGrade 11
- Boys StateGrade 11
- Junior ScholarGrade 8
- Trustees AwardGrade 8
- Service LearningGrade 12
- National Beta ClubGrades 10-12
- National Honor SocietyGrades 10-11
- Cross CountryGrades 11-12
- TrackGrades 11-12
- BandGrades 7-11
- Junior ROTCGrades 9-12
- Junior ROTC StaffGrade 12
- Junior Cadet Leadership ChallengeGrade 10
- Youth ServeGrade 10
- Acceptance to The CitadelGrade 12

Julia Summer Sowell

Andrew Jackson Middle School, Grade 8

Julia is a young woman who seeks to make the world around her a better place to be. She embodies wisdom and compassion in a way that is seldom seen in a young person of her age. Yet at the same time, she knows how to cherish every moment as she displays

the joy of young child who sees every day as a gift to be explored and cherished. Her smile can light up a room. I once had the pleasure of watching Julia perform the role of Nala in The Lion King. The role was one that could have been made for her because Nala was willing to do whatever it took to stand up for what was right to protect the ones she loved. I have seen the same courageous spirit in Julia. She is a very gifted and beautiful person. It has been my honor to be her teacher.

Andrew Jackson Middle teacher Deborah Griffin

- A Honor RollGrades 3-8
- English AwardGrades 6-7
- Keyboard AwardGrade 7
- Math AwardGrade 6
- Reading AwardGrades 2-5
- Science AwardGrade 6
- Science Fair AwardGrade 6
- Highest Average in Honors ELA.....Grades 6-7
- Highest Average in ELAGrades 6-7
- Honors in Math and ScienceGrade 5
- Highest Honors Social Studies.....Grade 5
- Class Spelling Bee Winner.....Grade 5
- Social Studies AwardGrades 6-7
- President’s Award for Educational Excellence Grade 5
- S.C. Young WriterGrade 3
- Gifted and Talented ProgramGrades 3-5
- FocusGrades 6-8
- Accelerated Reader Award.....Grades K-5
- Student of the Month AwardGrades K-5
- Good Sport Award.....Grade 7
- Principal’s PalGrades K-5
- Coaches Award.....Grade 7
- P.E. AwardGrades 6-7
- Chorus Award.....Grades 5-6
- Art AwardGrade 5
- Duke University Talent Identification Program
..... Grade 7
- Middle School Academic Challenge TeamGrade 8
- Service LearningGrade 5
- Student Council.....Grade 8
- Art ClubGrade 5
- Basketball.....Grades 2-7
- Gymnastics.....Grades K-1
- Soccer.....Grade 1
- VolleyballGrades 5-8
- ChorusGrades 5-8
- Drama.....Grades 3-8
- PianoGrades 5-6
- News CrewGrade 5
- Brownie ScoutsGrades 1-2
- Church Youth GroupGrades 6-8
- Volunteer Children’s WorkerGrades 7-8
- Good Character AwardGrade K
- Terrific Kid

- Mission Trips – NV, LA OH, Japan Namibia,
Bangladesh, South Africa..... Grades K-8
- Youth InternGrade 8
- Art Camp.....Grades K-2, 4
- Drama AwardGrade 7
- Olivia Pettit Love of Reading AwardGrade 5

Luke Jay Sowell

Andrew Jackson High School, Grade 12

To say that there are two, three, four or even five types of students in every class is a fairly broad generalization of who a teacher encounters in their classes from year to year, all dependent on the expectations and performance of both the teacher and the young people sitting in the class, as well as the topic itself. All of us have been students at some time – sometimes we have merely been bodies in a classroom and not really a student.

So instead of speaking to the diversity of students, I’d much rather focus on the one type of student that every teacher wants in their class – the naturally inquisitive learner. The naturally inquisitive learner is the student who will listen for information that they don’t yet have or for information that challenges what they currently believe and then seek to validate or refute it by either questioning the teacher or by completing their work assignment, reading assignment, activity or experiment to see what happens at the end of the process. The inquisitive learner is the type of student who keeps teachers on their toes because you can never be sure of what question the student will ask next or what independent Google-ing or backyard experimentation has taken place. The naturally inquisitive learner seeks out knowledge, attempts to make connections between previous learning, new information and experiences – and then once processed, attempts to reach beyond even the new to see what lies further ahead.

In my 31 years of teaching, I have witnessed that the naturally inquisitive learner most often becomes the student who surpasses even my inquisitive nature – which makes me smile when I consider the possibilities for their lives. Luke is one such naturally inquisitive learner I have had the privilege to call “my student.”

Andrew Jackson High teacher Stanley Craddock

- Highest HonorsGrade 12
- A Honor RollGrades 3-12
- Head Junior MarshalGrade 11
- History Award – U.S. APGrade 11
- Math AwardGrades 4-12
- Reading AwardGrades K-4
- Science Award – Chemistry 2 APGrade 11

- Class Spelling Bee Winner.....Grade 5
- Perfect AttendanceGrades K-8
- Trustees Award.....Grade 8
- Gifted and Talented ProgramGrade 5
- Focus – Art.....Grades 6-9
- Book-It Award.....Grade K
- Accelerated Reader Award.....Grades 2-4
- Office Aide Award.....Grade 11
- Good Sport Award.....Grade K
- Coaches Award.....Grades 7-10
- P.E. AwardGrades K, 4, 7
- Music AwardGrade 2
- Art Award.....Grades 4, 6, 8
- Duke University MAP Program.....Grades 5-8
- Duke University Talent Identification Program
..... Grades 5-8
- USC Columbia ScholarshipGrade 12
- USC Aiken Junior ScholarGrade 11
- Palmetto Fellow ScholarshipGrade 11
- \$400 Math Quiz Scholarship – USC-L..Grades 11, 12
- USC-L President’s Honor Roll - Fall Semester
..... Grade 12
- Boys State – PalmettoGrade 11
- Erskine ScholarGrade 11
- Junior ScholarGrade 8
- Presbyterian ScholarGrade 11
- Lancaster Youth Art ShowGrades 5, 8
- 1000 Plus SAT Club.....Grades 11-12
- National Beta Club.....Grade 5
- National Honor Society.....Grades 11-12
- Art ClubGrade 9
- Baseball.....Grades K-5
- Basketball.....Grades K-12
- Soccer.....Grades K-12
- Swim TeamGrades K-12
- TrackGrade 8
- Drama.....Grades 6-8
- Church Youth GroupGrades 6-12
- Fellowship of Christian Athletes.....Grade 12
- First PriorityGrades 6-8
- Royal Ambassadors (RAs).....Grades 4-5
- AJMS Boys Basketball – Best Defensive Player
..... Grade 7
- Club Soccer.....Grades 6-8
- 3X3 Soccer.....Grades 6-7
- Coaches AwardGrade 10
- AJHS Varsity Boys Track - LetterGrade 8
- Varsity Boys Soccer - LetterGrades 9-12
- Captain’s AwardGrade 12
- Coach’s Award.....Grade 10
- Rookie of the Year AwardGrade 9
- Varsity Boys Basketball – LetterGrades 10-12
- 2016 Region IV- AA ChampionsGrade 12
- Hustle AwardGrade 11
- Coaches Letter.....Grade 10
- LHS Swim Team – LetterGrades 7-12
- Dedication Award.....Grades 8 – 9
- Operation Christmas ChildGrades 8, 12

Torrie Rhea Sowell

McDonald Green Elementary School, Grade 5

Torrie is a phenomenal student! She is self-motivated, well-organized and always eager to learn new things. She is very dedicated and goes beyond expectations to learn more and more. She not only puts forth 100% effort to do herself, but she also pushes others to excel. Students love working with Torrie because she is so willing to help in a kind and friendly manner. Whatever she chooses to do in life, she is certain to be a success! It has been my honor to have Torrie as one of my students.

McDonald Green Elementary teacher Sheritha I. Whitener

- A Honor RollGrades 2-5
- Math Award.....Grades 3-4
- Science Award.....Grades 3-4
- Mini Society AwardGrades 3-4
- P.E. AwardGrade 4
- Music AwardGrade 1
- Art Award.....Grade 4
- Peer MediationGrade 5
- National Junior Beta Club.....Grade 5
- CheerleaderGrade 3
- Softball.....Grade 3
- Tumble-n-Roll.....Grades 4-5
- Reading Counts Award.....Grades 2-4
- Talent Show AwardGrade 4
- Terrific Kid Award.....Grades K, 1
- Hall of Fame AwardGrade 2
- Founder’s FellowGrade 3
- School Spelling Bee - First Runner-up-Grade 5
- Girls on the RunGrade 5
- McDonald Green Fire Dept. BBQs Volunteer

Vanessa Danielle Steen

Andrew Jackson Middle School, Grade 8

I have been honored to serve as Vanessa Steen’s middle school youth pastor at Pleasant Dale Baptist Church since June, 2014. I was also privileged to teach as a substitute in the choral class last semester at AJMS, and coached Vanessa during the preparation of “The Lion King.”

Vanessa surely deserves to be recognized in the Celebration of Excellence. She has always been respectful to authority, but also cooperative and polite to her peers. Vanessa was diligent in her preparation as Young Simba in the musical, and offered assistance to the other students when needed.

Vanessa and her family attend our church regularly. She takes an active role in the teaching and mentoring

of our children and preschool students through Awana and Children's Church. Just recently our church youth attended an area-wide youth service, which involved students from many schools. Instead of just staying with her youth group, Vanessa deliberately sought out fellow students from AJMS to make them feel welcomed at the event. I am proud to have a small part in the education of this student!

Pleasant Dale Baptist Church youth pastor Rick Ragan

- A Honor RollGrades 3-8
- Math Award Grades 2, 3, 5
- Reading AwardGrades 2- 4
- Science Award Grades 2, 3, 5, 7
- Social Studies AwardGrades 3-6
- Spelling Award – First PlaceGrade 3
- President’s Award for Educational Excellence
..... Grade 5
- FocusGrades 6-8
- Citizenship Award Grades 1, 3
- Safety PatrolGrade 5
- Music AwardGrade 5
- Duke University Talent Identification Program
..... Grade 7
- CheerleaderGrade 7
- SoccerGrade 3
- ChorusGrades 6-8
- Girl ScoutsGrades 1-7
 - DaisyGrade 1
 - BrownieGrades 2-3
 - JuniorGrades 4-5
 - Bronze AwardGrade 5
 - CadetteGrades 6-7
- Church Youth GroupGrades 6-8
- Girls in Action (GAs)Grades 1-5
- AwanaGrades 2, 5
- EnsembleGrades 4-5
- Victory Sports OutreachGrade 7
- 100 Book ChallengeGrades 1-5
- Governor’s Reading Honor RollGrades 1-2
- Writing AwardGrades 2-3, 6
- Spelling Award – First PlaceGrade 3
- Dance AwardGrade 6
- ELA AwardGrade 6
- School Plays
 - Wizard of Oz* Grade 4
 - Peter Pan* Grade 5
 - Lion King Jr.* Grade 8
- Celebration of ExcellenceGrades 5, 8

Ava Stephens

Kershaw Elementary School, Grade 5

Hard working, motivated, and diligent are just a few words that come to mind when I think of Ava Stephens. I have had the pleasure to be her fifth-grade ELA and social studies teacher. Her work ethic exceeds all expectations, and she has a wonderfully pleasant personality to match. I cannot wait to see what the future holds for her. I know she will do great things!

Kershaw Elementary teacher Courtney Hoots

- A Honor RollGrades 2-5
- Science Fair AwardGrade 4
- P.E. AwardGrade 5K
- Book-It Award
- Safety PatrolGrades 4-5
- Lancaster Youth Art ShowGrade 5
- National Junior Beta ClubGrade 5
- SoftballGrades 4K-5
- VolleyballGrade 5
- News CrewGrade 5
- Church Youth GroupGrade 5
- Girls on the RunGrade 3

Elizabeth Stevens

Lancaster High School, Grade 12

I have sincerely enjoyed teaching Elizabeth in my program. She is without a doubt one of the best writers I have ever taught. I always loved reading her test responses because I looked forward to her perspective on the issues we discussed in each chapter. Elizabeth is able to relate textbook knowledge to real-world examples and draw conclusions in a rational and thoughtful way. This ability will carry her far in her career choice. Her leadership ability and strength of character make her an asset in any field she chooses.

Lancaster High teacher Debbie Rowell

- Highest HonorsGrade 12
- Junior MarshalGrade 11
- History AwardGrade 9
- Gifted and Talented ProgramGrades 4-12
- Middle School Academic Challenge TeamGrade 8
- Peer LeaderGrades 9-11
- ChorusGrade 9
- JROTCGrades 9-11
- Distinguished CadetGrade 11
- Academic ExcellenceGrades 10-11
- Superior Junior Cadet AwardGrade 11

Amirah Steward

Lancaster High School, Grade 12

“Continuous effort - not strength or intelligence - is the key to unlocking our potential” ~Winston Churchill. Amirah is strong and intelligent, but her greatest quality is her tenacious effort. Determined and persevering, Amirah is one of the hardest workers I know. She is a quiet leader in the classroom and on the court where she plays volleyball and basketball for LHS. Amirah played an integral role in winning the girls basketball state championship. She does the little things that sometimes go unnoticed, pushing everybody to challenge themselves to improve.

Lancaster High teacher Brandy Caroway

- Highest HonorsGrade 12
- Coaches Award.....Grades 10-11
- Basketball.....Grades 7-12
- VolleyballGrades 9-12
- Girl ScoutsGrades 3-5

Kennisha Stinson

Clinton Elementary School, 5

Kennisha Stinson celebrates excellence in many ways. She is trustworthy, kind, a good leader and an avid reader. I don't know if I have ever seen her without a book! Kennisha loves to learn, lead, and participate in a variety of extra-curricular activities. All of these traits are easily recognized by her teachers, peers and family. She continually works hard in her academics, keeping her in the gifted and talented program and on the honor roll. Kennisha will continue to rise as a leader in Lancaster County Schools. She is truly a celebration of excellence!

Clinton Elementary teacher Katie Williams

- A Honor RollGrades 2-5
- Math AwardGrade 2
- Science AwardGrades 3-4
- Class Spelling Bee Winner.....Grade 3
- Social Studies AwardGrade 3
- Gifted and Talented ProgramGrades 4-5
- Student of the Month AwardGrade 4
- Safety PatrolGrade 4
- Art AwardGrade 3
- ChorusGrades 4-5
- Cub News TV ProgramGrades 4-5
- Girls ScoutsGrades 2,5
- Church Youth GroupGrades 2-5
- PAX Award.....Grade 2

Crystal Simone Strother

Indian Land Middle School, Grade 8

There are some students who bring a contagious sense of joy to learning. Crystal Strother is of one of those students. Successful people never quit, do not make excuses and learn from their mistakes. Crystal Strother is a definite success. I have had the pleasure of watching Crystal grow from an eager sixth grader to a confident leader during her middle school years, and I look forward to see what her future holds.

Indian Land Middle teacher Grace Komorous

- A Honor RollGrades 3-8
- Math AwardGrades 6-7
- Social Studies AwardGrades 6-7
- Gifted and Talented ProgramGrade 5
- Citizenship AwardGrade 4
- National Junior Honor Society.....Grades 6-8
- Student Council.....Grades 6-8
- Drama ClubGrade 5
- Basketball.....Grades 3-8
- TrackGrade 8
- ChorusGrades 6-8
- PianoGrade 6
- Girl ScoutsGrade 4
- Church Youth GroupGrade 7
- Basketball Most InvolvedGrade 7
- Oratorical Contest - Second PlaceGrade 7
- Character Award.....Grade 6

Stevie Sweeney

Lancaster High School, Grade 12

Stevie makes an impact wherever she goes—from a classroom debate to the volleyball court. Aside from her academic excellence, Stevie has an infectious personality—full of wit and humor! Her unique voice and insight come through in her writing, too. What makes Stevie so special is that she is so genuine and true to herself. “To be yourself in a world that is constantly trying to make you something else is the greatest accomplishment” ~Ralph Waldo Emerson.

Lancaster High teacher Brandy Caroway

- Highest HonorsGrade 12
- A Honor RollGrades 9-12
- Junior MarshalGrade 11
- National Beta Club.....Grades 11-12
- National Honor Society.....Grades 11-12
- VolleyballGrades 9-12
- “Best All Around Award” – Grade 11
- All-RegionGrades 11-12
- CaptainGrade 12

Jenna Margaret Taylor

Buford Elementary School, Grade 5

Jenna Taylor is an intelligent and remarkable young lady. She strives for greatest in everything she does. Jenna is always ready and eager to learn and always keeps a positive attitude. She is a role model for her classmates and peers, and she models the qualities it takes to be a leader. It was an honor to have her in class. I know she will excel as she continues her education, and I look forward to hearing about her outstanding accomplishments in the future.

Buford Elementary teacher Mark Rhoden

- A Honor RollGrades 2-5
- Gifted and Talented ProgramGrades 4-5
- Book-It AwardGrades 2-3
- Principal’s PalGrade 3
- Chorus AwardGrade 5
- Cheerleader – RecGrades K-4
- Soccer – RecGrades 2-3
- ChorusGrade 5
- Girls in Action (GAs)Grade 5

Sloane Taylor

Lancaster High School, Grade 12

Beautiful inside and out, Sloane has a generous spirit and a heart for others. Her intelligence, wit and critical-thinking skills are unrivaled. Mature beyond her years, Sloane knows what she thinks and stays true to herself and her beliefs. She raises the level of class discussions and debates by challenging assumptions and forcing everyone to think from different perspectives. Sloane, I hope you will always “speak your mind, even if your voice shakes” ~Maggie Smith.

Lancaster High teacher Brandy Caroway

- Highest HonorsGrade 12
- A Honor RollGrades 3-12
- Junior MarshalGrade 11
- S.C. Young WriterGrade 4
- Gifted and Talented ProgramGrades 3-5
- Junior ScholarGrade 8
- Trustees AwardGrade 8
- AP Scholar
- 1000 Plus SAT ClubGrades 11-12
- National Beta ClubGrades 11-12
- National Honor SocietyGrade 11
- Student CouncilGrades 10-12
- Junior CivinettesGrades 9-10
- Church Youth GroupGrades 7-12
- Amicitia CotillionGrades 10-12

Jennifer Terry

South Middle School, Grade 8

Jennifer is the most hardworking, devoted student I have ever taught. She is constantly digging deeper into our classroom skills in order to find out the “why” and “how” of a lesson’s content. She is a tremendously gifted academic, with a quick mind and formidable vocabulary. Regardless of her career choice, Jennifer will excel and lead in her field of study. I look forward to hearing about how well she maintains her academic life and her good-natured spirit throughout her high school days. I have truly enjoyed the inspiration she has provided in my classroom.

South Middle teacher Leigh Ann Lilly

- A Honor RollGrades 3-8
- Junior MarshalGrade 7
- English AwardGrades 6-7
- Math AwardGrade 4
- Reading AwardGrades 3-7
- Science AwardGrades 2-3, 6
- Social Studies AwardGrades 4-7
- Gifted and Talented ProgramGrade 5
- Student of the Week AwardGrades 1, 3, 6, 7
- Study Island AwardGrades 3-5
- P.E. AwardGrade 1
- Chorus AwardGrade 7
- Music AwardGrades 3-4, 7
- Art AwardGrade 2
- Duke University Talent Identification ProgramGrades 4-5
- Founders FellowGrades K-3
- Middle School Academic Challenge TeamGrades 7-8
- Peer TutoringGrade 7
- National Junior Honor SocietyGrades 6-8
- Student CouncilGrades 1-4
- CheerleaderGrades K-1
- SoftballGrades K-5
- VolleyballGrade 7
- ChorusGrades 6-8
- Brownie ScoutsGrades K-1
- Girls ScoutsGrades 2-6
- Girls on TrackGrades 4-7
- Heart & SoleGrade 8
- Church PlaysGrades K-8

Aubry Theide

Indian Land High School, Grade 12

Aubry is a very conscientious student, the sort who goes about her business without complaint, and without dissent. She is always willing to do what is asked.

She is a very low-maintenance student. The spark of intelligence lights her eyes, and we look forward to her making very important strides to further human knowledge in the years to come.

Indian Land High principal David Shamble

- Highest HonorsGrade 12
- Trustees AwardGrade 8
- Junior ScholarGrade 8
- National Honor Society.....Grades 10-12
- National Junior Honor Society.....Grade 8
- Drama ClubGrades 11-12
- Basketball.....Grade 5
- Cross CountryGrade 5
- BandGrades 5-11
- Girl ScoutsGrade 5

Owen R. Thomas

Buford Elementary School, Grade 5

Owen is an inquisitive and intelligent young man, who is always striving to do his best. I can still remember how eager he was to learn. I can visualize him sitting there erect in his chair with his hand raised for a math question. I cannot describe my excitement, when not only did he give me the correct answer, but also went into great detail as to how and why he got that answer. Well, that year Owen went on to amaze me, not only with his academic achievement, but with his kindness. Owen had the innate ability to sense distress and in those times he offered guidance and support. It was a joy having Owen in my third-grade class. I look forward to hearing of his successes in the near future.

Buford Elementary teacher Mary Wilkes

- A Honor RollGrades 2-5
- Gifted and Talented ProgramGrades 3-5
- Safety PatrolGrade 4
- Duke University Talent Identification ProgramGrade 3

Hannah Threatt

Lancaster High School, Grade 12

When I think of Hannah Threatt, I think of a young lady who resides contently outside the normal bounds of typical high school angst. When I think of Hannah, I think of a young lady whose words are thought-provoking and engaging. When I think of Hannah, I think of someone who has a reserved persona,

but who proudly wears her quick wit and unpretentious nature. Hannah wants people to see her for who she really is, and she, in turn, extends the same hand to everyone whom she meets. The world is a better place because Hannah Threatt is in it.

Lancaster High teacher Marie Johnson

- Highest HonorsGrade 12
- A Honor RollGrades 3-5
- Junior MarshalGrade 7
- Academic AchievementGrades K-11
- Science AwardGrade 7
- Class Spelling Bee Winner.....Grades 5, 8
- S.C. Young WriterGrade 5
- Citizenship AwardGrade 5
- Elementary School Academic Challenge TeamGrade 5
- Middle School Academic Challenge TeamGrade 8
- National Beta Club.....Grades 11-12
- National Honor Society.....Grades 11-12
- Teacher Cadet.....Grade 11
- SoftballGrades K-5
- VolleyballGrades 7-8
- Drama.....Grade 9

Taylor Nikkole Threatt-Shannon

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. Taylor has confidently excelled in all subjects. She is a thinker and a hard worker, and her grades are consistently some of the highest in my class. She has spunk, and her smile can light up a room. She has a wonderful support system at home and Taylor has always been encouraged to do her absolute best. I know she will do big things in life

Erwin Elementary teacher Jon Bradley

- A Honor RollGrades 2-5
- Reading AwardGrades 1-5
- Science Fair AwardGrades 3-5
- Gifted and Talented ProgramGrades 3-5
- Study Island AwardGrades K-5
- Safety PatrolGrade 5
- Founders FellowGrades K-5
- Student Council.....Grades K-5
- G/T Camp.....Grades 3-4
- DancingGrade 3
- ChorusGrades K-5
- Girl ScoutsGrade 3
- Church Youth GroupGrades 1-5
- Girls on the RunGrades 3-5
- ACE Club.....Grade 5

Emily Caroline Tindal

A.R. Rucker Middle School, Grade 8

Emily stands out in a room of very bright students. She is smart, talented and incredibly artistic. She was our designer on the robotics team the last two years. You can always find her with a book in her hand or asking to go to the media center. Emily is quiet and keeps to herself, but she is unbelievably witty. She catches things many kids miss. I enjoy conversations with Emily because it's like talking with an adult. I am excited to see just how bright her academic and artistic future will become. She will have many opportunities because she's gifted in so many areas. Congratulations and keep walking to the beat of your own drum.

A.R. Rucker Middle teacher Jennifer Jaillette

- A Honor RollGrades 3-8
- Academic AchievementGrades 5-8
- English Award
- History AwardGrades 5-7
- Math AwardGrade 5
- Reading AwardGrades 6-7
- Science AwardGrades 6-7
- Science Fair AwardGrade 5
- Social Studies AwardGrades 5 – 7
- President's Award for Education Excellence ..Grade 5
- Gifted and Talented ProgramGrades 3-8
- 97th Percentile Club – MAPGrades 2-5
- P.E. AwardGrades 6-7
- Chorus AwardGrades 6-7
- Music AwardGrade 6
- Art AwardGrades 2, 4-5, 7-8
- Youth Art MonthGrades 2-8
- Duke University MAP ProgramGrades 4-5
- Duke University Talent Identification Program
.....Grades 4-7
- Middle School Academic Challenge Team
.....Grades 7-8
- Lancaster Youth Art ShowGrades 2-8
- National Junior Beta ClubGrades 7-8
- Student CouncilGrades 6-7
- G/T CampGrades 3-5
- GymnasticsGrades K-2
- BandGrade 6
- ChorusGrades 6-8
- PianoGrades 3-5
- Girl ScoutsGrades K-5
- Church Youth GroupGrades 6-8
- Robotics TeamGrades 7-8
- Art Work on the Cubes at Springs House ..Grades 7-8
- County Honor ChoirGrades 5-8
- Achievement of Academic ExcellenceGrades 6-8
- Palmetto Pride AwardGrade 4
- USC-Scholars CampGrade 6

- Clemson University-Project WISEGrade 7
- Academic Challenge High Score AwardGrade 7

David C. Truesdale

Andrew Jackson High School, Grade 12

David is, without a doubt, one of the most impressive students I've ever been lucky enough to teach. I have known David now for four years, and he has done nothing short of amaze me with his intellectual capabilities, curiosities and pursuits. Since his freshman year, he has striven to mature and develop his thinking with every day that passes, and—it is reasonable to assume—he has not yet let himself down. David is the epitome of the youthful intellectual, and he has a lifetime of achievement ahead of him—simply waiting patiently.

Andrew Jackson High teacher Joshua Bowers

- Highest HonorsGrade 12
- A Honor RollGrades 3-12
- Junior MarshalGrade 11
- Academic AchievementGrades 8-12
- Scholastic Achievement AwardGrades 8-12
- Science AwardGrade 8
- Erskine ScholarGrade 11
- Presbyterian ScholarGrade 11
- Wofford ScholarGrade 11
- National Beta ClubGrades 11-12
- National Junior Beta Club
- National Honor SocietyGrades 11-12
- SoccerGrades 7-12
 CaptainGrade 12
- Church Youth GroupGrades 6-12
- Lander Junior FellowGrade 11
- US History Pre-APGrade 11
- Palmetto FellowGrade 10

Jonathan B. Truesdale

McDonald Green Elementary School, Grade 5

Itaught Jonathan in first grade four years ago. He is an all-around great student. He is very caring, compassionate and trustworthy. I cannot recall a day he came to school without a smile on his face and the willpower to be successful. He kept that same attitude even when class would get difficult. He never gave up. I'm so proud of his determination then and his success now. He is an encourager to everyone. He will go far in life with such a great attitude and determined spirit. I am very proud and excited to honor Jonathan.

McDonald Green Elementary teacher Tracey Thompson

- A Honor RollGrades 2-5
- Math AwardGrades 3-4
- Reading AwardGrade 3

- Science AwardGrades 3-4
- Book-It AwardGrades 1-5
- Mini Society AwardGrades 3-5
- Citizenship Award
- National Junior Beta Club.....Grade 5
- Baseball.....Grades 1-5
- Soccer.....Grade 1

Caitlin R. Twitty

Andrew Jackson Middle School, Grade 8

Caitlin has a very easy going and polite personality that strives for perfection in the classroom and her community. I really enjoyed having her in my honors seventh-grade math class. She was always looking for the good in everyone and willing to help anyone in need. It is rare to meet a middle-school student who is so mature, organized and results-oriented. She has proven herself to have the perseverance, initiative and intellectual creativity to become a great leader in the future. I truly wish Caitlin the best and look forward to her success at the next level.

Andrew Jackson Middle teacher Bathsheba Bradley

- A Honor RollGrades 3-8
- Academic Achievement
- English AwardGrades K-8
- Math AwardGrades K-8
- Reading AwardGrades K-8
- Science Award
- Social Studies Award
- Perfect Attendance
- Safety Patrol
- Chorus Award
- Music Award
- Middle School Academic Challenge TeamGrade 8
- Peer Tutoring
- National Junior Beta Club.....Grade 5
- Tae Kwon DoGrade 2
- ChorusGrades 5-8
- Drama.....Grades 5-8
- News CrewGrade 5
- Girl ScoutsGrades K-3
- Church Youth GroupGrades 6-8
- Girls in Action (GAs)Grades 3-8
- Fellowship of Christian AthletesGrade 7
- Principal's Choice AwardGrade 7

Brantley Michelle Ussery

Andrew Jackson High School, Grade 12

Brantley is one of the most determined and motivated students in the classroom. She always comes to school ready to work and with a positive attitude that motivates her classmates to succeed. She is not only a leader

among her peers who is not afraid to take the initiative to start a project, but also a master at gaining support from her fellow classmates. She is conscientious and charismatic in everything she does. Brantley always wears a smile and never complains. She is that special student that always wants to go above and beyond. Brantley is a pleasure to not only be around, but also to teach because of her magnetic personality and silly sense of humor. She is hard-working, motivated and highly-skilled at seeing the fun in everything.

Andrew Jackson High teacher Lana Broughton

- Highest HonorsGrade 12
- A Honor RollGrades 3-9
- Geography Bee School Winner.....Grade 7
- Keyboard AwardGrades 6-8
- Perfect AttendanceGrades 3-7
- Trustees AwardGrade 11
- Good Sport Award.....Grade 3
- Coaches AwardGrades 10-11
- P.E. AwardGrades 4-5
- Safety Patrol.....Grades 4-5
- National Beta Club.....Grades 10-12
- National Honor Society..... Grades 11-12
- Teacher Cadet.....Grade 11
- Basketball.....Grades 7-12
- DancingGrades K-9
- Soccer.....Grades K-2
- SoftballGrades 3-6
- ChorusGrades 6-7
- Drama.....Grades 6-7
- News CrewGrade 5
- Church Youth GroupGrades 6-12
- Girls in Action (GAs)Grades 3-5
- First PriorityGrades 6-8
- Teacher AssistantGrade 12
- Basketball, All-RegionGrades 11-12
- TrackGrades 7-12
 - All-StateGrade 11
 - MVPGrade 7
 - All-RegionGrades 7-11
- VolleyballGrades 7-12
 - All-Region..... Grades 11-12
 - Offensive Player of the Year Grade 11

Bryson Heath Ussery

Andrew Jackson Middle School, Grade 8

When Bryson is around, it is hard not to smile. He's a young man who reflects a love of life, and that can be quite contagious. He almost always has a smile and a kind word for those he meets. In the classroom, his intelligence allows him the ability to provide insightful answers and to produce products that not only meet, but most often exceed teacher expectations. His view of

the world is a bit different from that of others because he can find humor in most situations. With this ability, he is able to make others laugh and to put just a bit of a different spin on a discussion. I have very much enjoyed having this very special young man become a part of my classroom family. It has been my honor to be his teacher.

Andrew Jackson Middle teacher Deborah Griffin

- A Honor RollGrades 3-8
- Academic AchievementGrade 6
- Language AwardGrades 3, 5
- Math AwardGrade 3
- Reading AwardGrades 2-3
- Science AwardGrades 3, 7
- Science Fair AwardGrade 7
- Social Studies AwardGrades 3, 5, 7
- Gifted and Talented ProgramGrades 3-5
- Accelerated Reader AwardGrades 2-3
- Kindness AwardGrade 6
- Safety PatrolGrade 5
- Duke University Talent Identification Program
..... Grade 7
- Junior ScholarGrade 8
- Trustees AwardGrade 8
- National Junior Beta ClubGrade 5
- BasketballGrade 6
- TrackGrades 7-8
- Rookie of the YearGrade 7
- Church Youth GroupGrades 6-8
- Royal Ambassadors (RAs)Grades 3-5
- Volunteer at KARE
- Above and Beyond AwardGrade 5

Cullen Robinson Ussery

Kershaw Elementary School, Grade 5

I had the pleasure of teaching Cullen in third grade. He was an excellent student and always prepared for school. Cullen excelled in math. He enjoyed being challenged and had great determination to get the answer himself. What I remember the most was his ability to tell “witty” jokes. Cullen always exhibited kindness and a caring attitude toward his classmates. I observed daily his willingness to help classmates out by sharing supplies or assisting with class assignments. He regularly showed respect to his classmates and teachers. I really enjoyed teaching Cullen because I knew he would give me his best every day!

Kershaw Elementary teacher Sherri McLemore

- A Honor RollGrades 2-5
- Reading AwardGrades 3
- Gifted and Talented ProgramGrades 4-5
- Duke University Talent Identification Program
- National Junior Beta ClubGrade 5

- Student CouncilGrade 3
- Royal Ambassadors (RAs)Grades 1-5
- Football
- Volunteer at KARE

Hunter Noelle Vaughn

Andrew Jackson High School, Grade 12

Hunter is a strong, motivated student who likes to succeed. She is ambitious and works hard to do her very best. She is a multi-faceted student whose integrated knowledge of the material moves a class forward. She takes the initiative to ask questions and often offers her own ideas in solving problems. It is the more complex problems that she appreciates the most and enjoys the challenge they provide. Hunter has a strong natural talent in mathematics and is always eager to learn new material. She enjoys making the connection of mathematics to real-world applications. She sets her goals high, and her motivation to comprehend the more complex material is something I admire in her tenacity to achieve.

Andrew Jackson High teacher Pamela Shaw

- Highest HonorsGrade 12
- A Honor RollGrades 3-8, 11-12
- Junior MarshalGrade 11
- Ranked Top 10 in ClassGrades 10-12
- English AwardGrades 6-7
- Keyboard AwardGrade 7
- Math AwardGrades 6-7
- Reading AwardGrades 1-5
- Science AwardGrades 6-7
- Science Fair AwardGrades K-1, 5
- Class Spelling Bee WinnerGrade 4
- Social Studies AwardGrade 7
- Perfect AttendanceGrade 4
- President’s Award for Educational Excellence
..... Grade 5
- FocusGrades 6-12
- Office Aide AwardGrade 6
- Citizenship AwardGrades 1, 5
- P.E. AwardGrades 1, 3-4
- Safety PatrolGrades 4-5
- Art AwardGrade K
- Youth Art MonthGrade 5
- Founders FellowGrades 1-2, 4
- Lancaster Youth Art ShowGrade 5
- ST-ARTS ProgramGrade 6
- 1000 Plus SAT ClubGrades 11-12
- National Beta ClubGrades 9-12
- National Honor SocietyGrades 11-12
Vice-President Grade 12
- Student CouncilGrades K-1, 6
- Art ClubGrade 5
- Yearbook StaffGrades 7, 10

- CheerleaderGrades 7-9
- DancingGrades K-10
- Gymnastics.....Grades 1-8
- Soccer.....Grade 3
- ChorusGrades 4-5
- Church Youth GroupGrades 6-12
- Girls in Action (GAs).....Grades 1-5
- Writing AwardGrade 2
- Student of the Week AwardGrade 5
- Cheer Captain.....Grade 8
- D.A.R.E AwardGrade 5
- Healthy Attitude Award.....Grade 7
- Reading Counts Gold Medal.....Grade 1
- Reading Counts Silver MedalGrade 2
- Reading Counts Bronze MedalGrade 4
- Kids are AuthorsGrades K, 3
- St Jude’s Math-a-ThonGrades 3-4
- Red Rose Drawing Contestant WinnerGrade 1
- Elementary Choral Festival.....Grades 4-5
- Palmetto Gold and Silver Academic Excellence
.....Grade 4
- Get Fit Award of ExcellenceGrade 5
- ACE Club.....Grade 5
- National Young Scholars NomineeGrade 5
- Choreography AwardGrades 6-7, 10
- Lancaster Community Banner ProjectGrades 5-7
- Who’sWho Among Honor Students.....Grade 6
- Ms. Versatile – Dance AwardGrade 10
- Breath of Fresh Air – Dance AwardGrade 10
- Humble Bumble Award.....Grade 10
- AP Chemistry – Highest Average AwardGrade 11
- Parent Education – Highest Average Award ..Grade 11
- Celebration of ExcellenceGrades 5, 8, 12
- Lancaster County Youth Leadership (LCYL)
.....Grade 11
- Competitive DancerGrades K-10
- Teen Miss Myrtle Beach 2015-2016.....Grade 12
- Miss Teen Hope 2015-2016Grade 12
- National Most Promising Model 2015-2016
.....Grade 12

Derek A. Velez

Indian Land High School, Grade 12

Derek has been in my class for the last four years – in Spanish 1 his freshman year, in French 1 his sophomore year, in French 2 his junior year, and in French 3 his senior year. He has proven himself to be an excellent language student. He respects and appreciates learning. He has a wonderful sense of humor and a positive outlook. In short, he has been a pleasure to teach for all four years. Other students would do well to follow his example.

Indian Land High teacher Harvey Morrow

- Highest HonorsGrade 12

- Middle School Academic Challenge Team
.....Grades 7-8
- National Beta Club.....Grades 10-12
- National Honor Society.....Grades 10-12
- National Junior Honor Society.....Grades 6-8
- Teen Lab (Library).....Grades 9-12
- Warrior Drumbeat – EditorGrade 12
- Recycle ClubGrade 9

Emma Ventura

Indian Land Middle School, Grade 8

A student who is never fine with “okay” is a true example of excellence. Emma will always greet you with a smile and an attitude that says, “Bring it on. I got this.” Whenever Emma reaches a crossroads between taking an easy route versus accepting a challenge, she never backs down from the challenge. She is a shining example of what a well-rounded student looks like, as she excels not only in school, but as an outstanding dancer as well. Emma Ventura is the type of student you hope for year after year, but you know you will never see another like her. One word of advice, whatever you do, do not ask her to share her M&M’s; it doesn’t end well.

Indian Land Middle teacher Brad Johnson

- A Honor RollGrades 3-8
- English AwardGrades 4, 7
- Math AwardGrades 2-4, 6-7
- Reading AwardGrade 2
- Science AwardGrade 4
- Class Spelling Bee Winner.....Grade 5
- School Spelling Bee WinnerGrade 5
- Social Studies AwardGrades 6-7
- Perfect AttendanceGrade 6
- Gifted and Talented ProgramGrade 3
- Citizenship AwardGrades 2, 4
- P.E. AwardGrade 3
- Music Award – PianoGrade 6
- National Junior Honor Society.....Grades 6-7
- Dancing - Competitive Miller Street Dance
.....Grades 4-8
- PianoGrades 6-8
- STEM Award.....Grade 7

Sara Jayne Vess

Indian Land High School, Grade 12

Sara, I don’t think I’ve ever seen a young lady as determined as you! From the first time that I met you when you were just a freshman, you’ve been preparing for this next step in your life. Those early mornings that you were up studying before school and that color-coded

calendar that has kept you so organized have paid off! Thank you for your work as a student as well as an FCA leader. I appreciate your willingness to share your faith and love for Christ as well as your talents for keeping us organized, focused and on schedule! Congratulations, I know God has great things planned for your future!

Indian Land High Teacher Paula Adams

- Highest HonorsGrade 12
- Junior MarshalGrade 11
- National Beta Club.....Grades 10-12
- National Honor Society.....Grades 10-12
- National Junior Honor Society.....Grades 7-8
- Teacher Cadet.....Grade 11
- CheerleaderGrade 12
- BandGrade 8
- Church Youth GroupGrades 7-12
- Fellowship of Christian Athletes.....Grades 9-12
- First PriorityGrades 7-8
- Lancaster County Youth Leadership TeamGrade 11
- Teens Westward Bound..... 2015
- Student GovernmentGrades 9-12
- Friends of Rachel Club – Ambassador....Grades 10-12
- Educators RisingGrades 10-12
- Fellowship of Christian Athletes.....Grades 9-12
- Ambassadors of Gratitude.....Grade 12
- Prom CommitteeGrades 11-12

Delanee Taylor Vick

Buford Elementary School, Grade 5

Delanee Vick is a dedicated, motivated, hardworking and compassionate student. She constantly strives for perfection. She works beyond the expectations set. She is a model student both academically and behaviorally. She is a leader who accepts responsibility. She encourages others to try new approaches to learning and assists them when they need help. Delanee is outgoing and friendly to everyone. I am grateful to have been a part of her educational experience.

Buford Elementary teacher Julia Craig

- A Honor RollGrades 2-5
- Science Fair AwardGrade 5
- Gifted and Talented ProgramGrades 3-5
- Book-It Award.....Grades 2-3
- Citizenship AwardGrade 4
- Principal's PalGrades K-3
- Safety PatrolGrade 4
- Youth Art Month – Banner Winner.....Grade 4
- Lancaster Youth Art ShowGrade 3
- CheerleaderGrade 4
- DancingGrades K-3
- Gymnastics.....Grades 2-5
- Soccer.....Grades K-1

- Church Youth GroupGrades K-5
- COOL Club – Children of Our Lord.....Grades K-5
- Terrific Kid.....Grades K-2

Freycer Villalobos

North Elementary School, Grade 5

Freycer is the type of student that makes people become teachers. He is a focused, determined and self-motivated student. He sets his mind to a task that needs to be accomplished and figures out a way to solve the task. He is an extraordinary student who tackles difficult tasks with a fierce tenacity that marks him as a true and wonderful leader. I am truly honored to have had the opportunity to teach such an outstanding young man. I can only wait to see what the future holds for him.

North Elementary teacher Kevin Price

- A Honor RollGrades 2-5
- Class Spelling Bee Winner.....Grades 2-4
- Perfect AttendanceGrade 4
- Gifted and Talented ProgramGrades 3-5
- Accelerated Reader Award.....Grades 2-4
- Safety Patrol.....Grade 4
- Service LearningGrade 5
- National Junior Beta Club.....Grade 5
- Soccer.....Grades 3-5
- Terrific Kid.....Grade 4

Abbey Vincent

Andrew Jackson High School, Grade 12

Abbey is the kind of student that makes teaching her a pleasure. Her curiosity about the world around her, as well as her thoughtful observations, makes her a wonderful student of life. Abbey is driven and competitive while still seeking to build up the other students around her. Her empathy towards others and cheerful sense of humor make any classroom a better place to teach and learn. I have been privileged to see how much she has grown in the last four years as an artist and as a person. I know she will be successful in whatever she chooses to do.

Andrew Jackson High teacher Diane Peters

- FocusGrades 9-12
- Chorus Award.....Grades 10-11
- National Beta Club.....Grades 10-12
- National Honor Society.....Grade 12
- Art ClubGrades 10-12
- ChorusGrades 10-12
- Published in Celebrating ArtGrade 12
- USCL Honors Day - Second PlaceGrade 12

Joshua Brady Vincent

Buford High School, Grade 12

Josh is a very conscientious, well-mannered, self-motivated young man whom I have had the pleasure of teaching the past two years in Pre-Calculus and Advanced Placement Calculus. Josh 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. Josh is not only an excellent mathematician but a superb musician as well. I am so excited and flattered that Josh plans to pursue a degree in mathematics. I cannot wait to see him on the field playing "the song that shakes the Southland," Tiger Rag. Buford High School salutes and congratulates one of its finest. **GO TIGERS!**

Buford High teacher Margaret Page

- Junior MarshalGrade 11
- Music AwardGrade 10
- Middle School Academic Challenge Team
- ST-ARTSGrades 7-8
- National Beta Club.....Grades 10-12
- National Honor Society.....Grades 10-12
- Junior CivitansGrades 10-12
- GolfGrade 9
- BandGrades 6-12
- Marching Band.....Grades 7-12
- Jazz BandGrades 10-12
- Church Youth Group
- Fellowship of Christian Athletes.....Grades 9-12
- First Priority

Kimberly Votee

South Middle School, Grade 8

When you observe Kimberly Votee work, you can only admire the level of dedication to academics that she maintains. Kim is an outstanding young lady with a sweet spirit and a sharp mind. Over the three years I have worked with her, Kim has shown promise through her vocal talent and musical theory expertise. She is a student that makes teaching exciting and "fun" again because she is always willing to embrace new concepts in the classroom. I will miss Kim's humor and smile in my classroom, but know that she will be a success wherever she goes!

South Middle teacher Leigh Ann Lilly

- A Honor Roll.....Grades 3-8
- Academic AchievementGrade 5
- History AwardGrade 5

- Reading AwardGrade 5
- Citizenship AwardGrade 5
- National Junior Honor Society.....Grade 7
- ChorusGrades 6-8
- Participation AwardGrade 7

Amber Wade

Andrew Jackson High School, Grade 12

Amber is the kind of student every teacher hopes for. She is polite and eager to learn. Her work ethic is impeccable and she understands instruction the first time it is given. Her artwork always conveys her unique and creative world view while maintaining the highest level of quality. It has been wonderful watching her grow as an artist and a person the last four years. Her quiet determination and keen intelligence will propel her to excellence in whatever field she chooses to pursue.

Andrew Jackson High teacher Diane Peters

- Highest HonorsGrade 12
- A Honor RollGrades 9-12
- Junior MarshalGrade 8
- Math AwardGrades 8, 10
- FocusGrades 9-12
- CitizenshipGrade 8
- Art AwardGrades 8-12
- Youth Art MonthGrade 12
- National Beta Club.....Grades 10-12
- National Honor Society.....Grades 11-12
- Art ClubGrade 9
- VolleyballGrade 8
- Soil to Spoon Art AwardGrade 8

Conor Wagner

Indian Land High School, Grade 12

Watching Conor become the young man he has become has been one of the best experiences in my teaching career. As a freshman, he came to the Indian Land band a talented and soft spoken percussionist. As he prepares to graduate, he has become a musician and leader. He is not afraid to examine a situation and take action. He understands that improvement is key and that hard work is essential to success. He is the type of young man I hope my sons one day become.

Indian Land High teacher Matt Willis

- Highest HonorsGrade 12
- A Honor RollGrades 6-10
- Keyboard AwardGrades 7-8
- Perfect AttendanceGrade 6
- Accelerated Reader Award.....Grades 6-8
- Student of the Month AwardGrade 11
- Safety PatrolGrade 5

- Music AwardGrades 9-12
- Ensemble AwardGrades 11-12
- Duke University Talent Identification Program
..... Grade 7
- Elementary School Academic Challenge Team
- Middle School Academic Challenge Team
- National Junior Beta Club.....Grades 10-12
- National Junior Honor Society.....Grades 10-12
- Student Council.....Grades 5-8
- Junior CivitansGrade 9
- GolfGrades 8-11
- BandGrades 6-12
- Marching Band.....Grades 8-12
- Pep BandGrades 8-12
- RYLAGrades 11-12

Ryleigh N. Waiters

Lancaster High School, Grade 12

When I think of certainties in life, I can't help but think of Ryleigh Waiters. Her course load, grade point average and involvement at LHS have all been very impressive, but what makes Ryleigh unique is her desire to make a difference. She is willing to view things through unconventional lens; she longs for opportunities to meet new people and to experience new opportunities. She wants to be an agent of change in our rapidly-changing world. Ryleigh is an example of strength, achievement and motivation. She is certain to be a success in any capacity she chooses to pursue.

Lancaster High teacher Marie Johnson

- Highest HonorsGrade 12
- A Honor Roll..... Grades 3-5, 10-11
- Junior Marshal
- Academic AchievementGrades 10-11
- Class Spelling Bee Winner
- Gifted and Talented ProgramGrades 4-6
- Focus - DanceGrades 6-7
- Terrific Kid Award.....Grade 3
- Safety PatrolGrade 5
- Girls State
- Elementary School Academic Challenge Team
..... Grade 4
- SC Honors Diploma
- Lancaster Community PlayhouseGrade 4
- ST-ARTS ProgramGrades 6-7
- 1000 Plus Points SAT ClubGrade 12
- National Beta Club PresidentGrades 11-12
- National Junior Beta Club.....Grade 8
- National Honor Society.....Grades 10-12
- Student Council..... Grades 4-5, 10-12
- Junior CivinettesGrades 10-11
- Drama ClubGrades 6-7

- Newspaper StaffGrades 4-5
- Yearbook StaffGrade 7
- CheerleaderGrade 7
- DancingGrades K-12
- Jackie's Place VolunteerGrades 4-5
- Discovery School Drama ProductionsGrades 4-5
- Little Miss Jabberwock of Delta Sigma Theta
- HOSA.....Grade 11
- Young People in Charge.....Grades 11-12
- Attendance ClerkGrade 12
- Leadership Converse.....Grade 10
- Youth Leadership Lancaster.....Grade 11
- Youth Leadership Lancaster Ambassador.....Grade 12
- Omega Achievement Award.....Grades 11-12
- DWU Dancer of the YearGrade 10
- LHS Rambler Pageant.....Grades 9-12
- Miss Lancaster High SchoolGrade 12
- Celebration of ExcellenceGrade 5
- Principal's Choice Award.....Grade 4
- Student Council Regional Workshop Attendant
..... Grade 11
- 2016 Seth Muennich Scholarship LHS Recipient
..... Grade 12
- Springs Memorial Hospital Junior Volunteer
..... 2012-present
- Rufus H. Foster Scholarship Essay Contest Winner
..... Grade 12
- LHS SIC Student AmbassadorGrade 11
- Amitie Cotillion Grades 11-12
- Dual Enrollment Student.....Grades 10-12
- AJMS Second Annual Talent Showcase Winner
..... Grade 7

Megan R. Waldo

Discovery School, Grade 5

Megan has a smile that lights up the classroom and the determination to enlighten the world! She is a talented writer and reader. No matter the obstacle, this talented young lady finds and then blazes a path for success.

Discovery School teacher Billie Morrison

- A Honor Roll.....Grades 2-5
- Safety PatrolGrade 5
- Art Award.....Grades 3-5
- Lancaster Community PlayhouseGrade 2
- G/T Camp.....Grades 1-2
- CheerleaderGrades 3-5
- Gymnastics.....Grades K-1
- Soccer
- ChorusGrade 5
- Great American Smoke-Out Essay Contest
SC State Winner Grade 3

Caitlyn Reece Walker

A.R. Rucker Middle School, Grade 8

Reece lights up the room when she comes through the door. Her energy and sparkling personality shine in everything she does. Reece is an excellent student; she is motivated, enthusiastic and determined. She enjoys creative challenges, and is an outstanding critical thinker. Reece is outgoing and friendly. She is a great team player; always willing to lend a hand. Reece is smart, caring and has a wonderful personality. I have enjoyed teaching Reece. I look forward to hearing great things about her in the future!

A.R. Rucker Middle teacher Liz Marshall

- A Honor RollGrades 4-8
- English AwardGrade 6
- History AwardGrade 6
- Keyboard AwardGrade 7
- Language Award – FrenchGrades 6-7
- Math AwardGrade 6
- Science AwardGrade 6
- Gifted and Talented ProgramGrade 5
- P.E. AwardGrade 7
- Safety Patrol – AwardGrade 4
- Chorus AwardGrade 5
- Lancaster Community PlayhouseGrade 7
- National Beta ClubGrades 7-8
- National Junior Beta ClubGrades 7-8
- National Junior Honor SocietyGrade 7
- DancingAges 1-3
- GymnasticsGrade 1
- Swim TeamGrades 4-8
- ChorusGrades 2-6
- News CrewGrade 5
- Lettered for High School Swimming Grades 7–8
- Habitat Reindeer Run – Third PlaceGrade 6
- Perfect AttendanceGrades 4-6

Douglas Scott Walker

Lancaster High School, Grade 12

Scottie does not see life and academics in traditional capacities. Though he values what each way brings, he also understands the bigger picture. Scottie rarely meets a stranger, and he always finds a way to incorporate humor with even the most convoluted scenarios. He appreciates the simplicities of complex ideas, but he values the work required to uncover the most difficult ideas. Scottie’s work ethic is evident, but his love of life and people is unmistakable. He does not

allow circumstances to sway his beliefs or perceptions; Scottie is perfectly content in his own skin for he truly knows himself.

Lancaster High teacher Marie Johnson

- Highest HonorsGrade 12
- National Beta ClubGrades 11-12
- National Honor SocietyGrades 11-12
- Junior CivitansGrades 9-12
- Cross CountryGrade 12
- GolfGrades 7-10
- WrestlingGrades 9-11
- Cub ScoutsGrades 3-4
- Church Youth GroupGrades 8-12
- Fellowship of Christian AthletesGrade 10
- First PriorityGrade 10
- Letter in WrestlingGrades 9-11
- Letter In GolfGrades 7-10
- Lancaster County Youth LeadershipGrade 11

Morgan Bailey Walker

Andrew Jackson High School, Grade 12

Bailey has been very involved with the choral program since her freshman year at AJHS. She worked very hard to improve her musical skills, and that work ethic turned her into the musician she is today. She shares that same work ethic in her other classes as well. The drive and focus that she has will no doubt lead her to great success in college. I hope that the determination that she displays is noticed by her classmates and that she inspires them to work hard for what they want to achieve!

Andrew Jackson High teacher Lizzi Elliott

- Highest HonorsGrade 12
- Junior MarshalGrade 11
- FocusGrades 6-12
- National Beta ClubGrades 10-12
- National Honor SocietyGrades 11-12
- CheerleaderGrade 8
- SoccerGrades 7-12
- Swim TeamGrades 9-12
- VolleyballGrade 7
- ChorusGrades 6-12

Landon Wallace

Buford High School, Grade 12

Landon is an outstanding person. I am happy to write this comment for her. She welcomes challenges and is driven to succeed. Landon’s strong GPA offers proof of her hard work and dedication to learning. In addition to excelling academically, she is a delight to have in class. She has an engaging personality and interacts

well with her teachers and classmates. Landon is very humble and helpful to her classmates. Through her various activities, Landon displays traits that will be particularly helpful to her in achieving her life goals.

Buford High teacher Pamela Langley

- Highest HonorsGrade 12
- A Honor RollGrades 9-12
- Junior MarshalGrade 11
- National Beta Club.....Grades 10-12
- National Honor Society.....Grades 10-12
- Student Council.....Grades 9-12
- Junior CivitansGrade 10
- Yearbook StaffGrade 12
- CheerleaderGrade 10
- Church Youth GroupGrades 9-12

McKibben Brooke Walters

North Elementary School, Grade 5

Mckibben is naturally gifted and talented – destined for a lifetime of success. Her academic excellence brings us to celebrate her today, but to all of us who know McKibben, we receive the true fruits of her excellence day in and day out. Rick Pitino once said “Excellence is the unlimited ability to improve the quality of what you already have to offer.” This truly exemplifies McKibben. She has never been one to rest on her laurels or be complacent with the gifts bestowed upon her. She always seeks to be the best she can be and challenges others to come along for the ride. Her pursuit of excellence is not in vain either. McKibben has always been more interested in how she can be of service to others. Whether it’s through community service, guiding a struggling classmate or making us all laugh with her natural ability to keep us on the edge of our seat, she truly has a heart for serving others. I know that she will someday change this world - because she has already changed ours.

North Elementary teacher Noelle Dunn

- A Honor RollGrades 2-5
- Science Fair AwardGrade 5
- Perfect AttendanceGrades K5 - 4
- Gifted and Talented ProgramGrade 5
- Youth Art MonthGrade 5
- Service LearningGrade 5
- National Junior Beta Club.....Grade 5
- DancingGrades K-5
- ChorusGrade 5
- Nature Stewards ClubGrade 4
- Terrific KidGrades K-4

Kelsey Paige Watson

Buford Elementary School, Grade 5

When I was asked to write about Kelsey, I starting thinking, what will I say? Where do I begin? Then, I thought this will be easy because there are so many things to say about Kelsey. But I can’t write a book right now. Kelsey is such an amazing person. She puts forth her best effort in all walks of life. She is a great student that takes learning very seriously. As I got to know Kelsey, I also found she loves and respects her family very much. She has strong values that will lead her to be a very productive citizen, now and in the future. Kelsey is very caring and compassionate to everyone around her. I feel very blessed to have the opportunity to teach her. I’m very proud of Kelsey and look forward to watching her grow through the years.

Buford Elementary teacher Tonda Wallace

- A Honor RollGrades 2-5
- Duke University Talent Identification Program
..... Grade 4
- SoftballGrades 1-5
- VolleyballGrades 4-5
- ChorusGrade 5
- Church Youth GroupGrade 5
- Honor ChoirGrade 5
- Banner Painting AwardGrade 5
- Read-In Book ClubGrade 5

Josiah Weed

Indian Land Elementary, Grade 5

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

Indian Land Elementary teacher Lara Duernberger

- A Honor RollGrades 3-5
- Math AwardGrades K-4
- Reading AwardGrades K-4
- Gifted and Talented ProgramGrades 3-5
- Odyssey of the MindGrade 4
- Character AwardGrades K-3
- KarateGrades K-2
- SoccerGrades 3-5
- BasketballGrade 4
- Flag FootballGrade 5

Anna Weeks

Andrew Jackson High School, Grade 12

Since the beginning of the school year, Anna Weeks has stood out among her peers as a hard-working, intelligent, motivated young woman. She has a natural curiosity that lends itself well to the way she thinks about and evaluates the world around her. Anna also embodies a number of highly regarded personal qualities as well. She makes friends easily, she has a fun-loving spirit and a playful sense of humor, and she always strives to please those around her. Anna is the definition of an excellent student; she is a true joy and pleasure to teach every day.

Andrew Jackson High teacher Lana Broughton

- Highest HonorsGrade 12
- A Honor Roll.....Grade 12
- High School Academic Challenge TeamGrade 11
- National Beta Club.....Grades 10-12
- National Honor Society.....Grades 11-12
- National Junior Honor Society.....Grades 7-8
- DancingGrades 6-10
- Marching Band.....Grades 10-11
- ChorusGrades 6-12
- Church Youth GroupGrades 6-12
- Lancaster County Youth LeadershipGrade 11
- College of Charleston Senior Project.....Grade 12

Julianna Weiss

Indian Land Elementary School, Grade 5

What can I say about Julianna? She's awesome!! An excellent student, hardworking, friendly and helpful are just a few of the words I could use to describe her. Her infectious smile, optimistic attitude and incredible work ethic are just a few of the reasons I loved having her in my class. She always brightened my day and her outlook on life truly made an impact on me. I loved having Julianna in my class and am so excited to see what the future holds for this sweet girl!

Indian Land Elementary teacher Jocelyn Yasinski

- A Honor RollGrades 2-5
- Citizenship AwardGrade 5
- Art Club – Clay ClubGrade 4
- Drama ClubGrade 5
- SoccerGrades 4-5
- SwimGrades K-3
- Chorus – Honor Choir.....Grade 5
- Brownie ScoutsGrade 2
- Girls ScoutsGrades 1-2
- SewingGrades 3-4

Anthony Christopher Wheeler

Buford High School, Grade 12

Anthony preferred to keep a low profile in class, but in school, he couldn't help but have some brightly shining moments. Being inducted into the National Honor Society and the Beta Club brought him accolades he worked hard to earn. Playing on the varsity soccer team allowed him to show off his athletic prowess. Volunteering at the Therapeutic Riding Center let him help those in need, one-on-one. Anthony has a gentle dedication that will continue to serve him. Congratulations to you, Anthony, and continued successes as you pursue your studies in chemical engineering.

Buford High teacher Cynthia Outen

- Highest HonorsGrade 12
- Gifted and Talented ProgramGrades 6-8
- Duke University Talent Identification ProgramGrade 7
- Erskine ScholarGrade 11
- Junior ScholarGrade 8
- Trustees AwardGrade 8
- High School Academic Challenge TeamGrade 12
- Middle School Academic Challenge TeamGrades 6-8
- National Beta Club.....Grades 10-12
- National Honor Society.....Grades 10-11
- Yearbook StaffGrade 10
- Soccer.....Grades 1-12
- BandGrades 6-9
- Marching Band.....Grades 8-9
- USCA ScholarGrade 11
- National Society of High School Scholars.....Grade 10
- Celebration of ExcellenceGrade 8, 12
- Acceptance to University of South Carolina, Computer EngineeringGrade 12

Jordan Whitaker

A.R. Rucker Middle School, Grade 8

Jordan is one of the most intelligent students I have ever had the privilege of teaching. Her impressive intellect is matched only by her artistic abilities. Jordan's unique view of the world is captured in her detailed sketches and paintings. In addition to being an award-winning artist, Jordan was also recognized for her outstanding academic achievements in several subjects. Jordan's artistic talents combined with her intellectual gifts will ensure a future in which she may choose her own path of success. I have very much enjoyed teaching Jordan this year.

A.R. Rucker Middle teacher Blanche Bruce

- A Honor RollGrade 6
- Duke University Talent Identification Program
..... Grades 5-7
- Junior ScholarGrade 8
- Trustees AwardGrade 8
- Lancaster Youth Art ShowGrade 6
- ST-ARTS ProgramGrades 6-7
- Math AwardGrade 6
- Social Studies AwardGrade 6

McKenzie Lea Whitener

McDonald Green Elementary School, Grade 5

I had the pleasure of teaching McKenzie when she was in the fourth grade. She worked hard in every subject which resulted in good grades. McKenzie was a great classroom helper and very kind toward her classmates. When it came to being talented in dance, creativity and being crafty, McKenzie was an expert! I especially enjoyed watching her love for animals and hearing about her softball games. Most of all, McKenzie had (and still has) a wonderful personality! Congratulations! I am so proud of you, McKenzie!

McDonald Green Elementary teacher Shannon Thorne

- A Honor RollGrades 2-5
- Junior MarshalGrade 4
- English AwardGrade 4
- Language AwardGrade 4
- Science Fair AwardGrade 5
- Book-It AwardGrades 2-5
- Reading Counts AwardGrade 2
- Mini Society AwardGrades 3-5
- Music AwardGrade 3
- Peer MediationGrade 5
- Lancaster Youth Art ShowGrade 5
- National Junior Beta ClubGrade 5
- Student CouncilGrade 4
- Art ClubGrade 5
- BasketballGrade 2
- ChorusGrade 4
- Girl ScoutsGrade 2
- Softball - Lancaster County Parks & Recreation
..... Grades 1-5
- All-Stars Grades 1-2, 4
- World Series Softball-Dixie Darlings
District and State Champions2012

Breona Whitlow

Erwin Elementary School, Grade 5

Breona is a precious young lady and was a joy to teach. She always came in with a smile and a hug for her teacher. Breona is a bright student who puts forth her best effort in all she does. She is a great helper and a

friend to all. She has a wonderful attitude and loves others. Breona has a bright future ahead of her. I wish her great success in all she does.

Erwin Elementary teacher Cynthia Robinson

- A Honor RollGrades 2-4
- Perfect AttendanceGrades 4-5
- Student of the Month AwardGrades K, 2
- Duke University Talent Identification Program
..... Grade 5
- ChorusGrades 4-5
- Random Acts of KindnessGrade 5

Caitlin Williams

Andrew Jackson High School, Grade 12

Caitlin (Ana) Williams es una estudiante mía muy especial. He enseñado español a Ana en niveles uno, dos y tres. Ella es tan inteligente y una joven especial que siempre mira a Dios para conducir su vida. Nunca sigue a los otros pero siempre hace su propio camino en la vida. Estoy muy orgullosa de Caitlin y todos sus logros que incluyen su vida como una estudiante súper y una bailarina fantástica. Espero que ella pueda hacer todo que desea y que todas sus aventuras a la universidad sean espectaculares. Fue un gran placer enseñarla. ¡Yo sé que ella tendrá un futuro brillante y maravilloso! Mi querida Ana, ¡te amo mucho y espero que tú alcances las estrellas! Con todo mi amor, Señora Mungo

Caitlin (Ana) Williams is a very special student of mine. I have taught Caitlin in Spanish 1, 2 and 3. She is so smart and a special young lady who always looks to God to lead her life. She never follows others but always makes her own path in life. I am very proud of Caitlin and all her achievements that include her being a super student and a fantastic dancer! I hope that she is able to do all that she desires and that all her adventures in college are spectacular. It was a great pleasure to teach her. I know she will have a marvelous and bright future!

My dear Ana, I love you so much and hope you reach for the stars! With all my love, Señora Mungo

Andrew Jackson High teacher Leigh Mungo

- Highest HonorsGrade 12
- FocusGrades 6-8
- Duke University Talent Identification Program
..... Grade 5
- National Beta ClubGrades 10-12
- National Junior Beta ClubGrade 5
- National Honor SocietyGrades 11-12
- CheerleaderGrades 8-9
- DancingAge 3-Grade 12

- SoftballGrades 4-6
- Swim TeamGrade 5
- Drama.....Grades 6-8
- Church Youth GroupGrades 6-12
- Girls In Action (GAs).....Grades 1-7

Jacob Williams

Indian Land High School, Grade 12

Jacob has a rare talent for mathematics and problem-solving that I have enjoyed watching develop and grow through AP Calculus this year. While difficult concepts come easy to him, he has a talent for explaining them to his classmates that intrigued me. His leadership abilities, along with his critical thinking skills and determination, are sure to lead Jacob to a successful career! Congratulations and best of luck to you, Jacob!

Indian Land High teacher Paula Adams

- Highest HonorsGrade 12
- Junior ScholarGrade 8
- Trustees Award.....Grade 8
- National Beta Club.....Grades 10-12
- National Honor Society.....Grades 10-12
- FootballGrades 9-12

Madison R. Williams

Indian Land Middle School, Grade 8

What can one say about an encyclopedia? Madison is a fountain of knowledge – the high scorer on the Academic Challenge Team for two years. Indeed, she is outstanding and strives to give 110%. If she does not know something, she looks it up and stores it in that magnificent memory bank! She has a positive attitude and is well-liked by her peers and teachers, and Madison is reliable and respectful. I predict Madison will appear on “Jeopardy” and become an instant millionaire! Thank you for making me smile, Madison

Indian Land Middle teacher Kay Sehorn

- Science Award.....Grade 7
- Social Studies AwardGrade 7
- Trustees Award.....Grade 8
- Gifted and Talented ProgramGrades 3-5
- Junior ScholarGrade 8
- Middle School Academic Challenge Team .Grades 7-8
- National Junior Honor Society.....Grade 8
- Drama ClubGrade 5
- BandGrades 6-8
- Girl ScoutsGrades K-8
- Lancaster Soil and Water Conservation District
Poster Contest – First-Place Winner Grade K
- Academic Challenge – Top Scorer.....Grade 7

Trinity Ann Winert

Indian Land Elementary School, Grade 5

Trinity is intelligent, witty and entertaining. I enjoy having her in my class. She always brings personality to my lessons, and puts forth substantial effort in all of her work. Trinity has a strong demeanor that makes her a natural-born leader. She offers to help any student that needs help, and never makes anyone feel left out. Trinity 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 in moments. Trinity is an asset to any class. Hopefully, 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.....Grades 2-5
- Gifted and Talented ProgramGrades 3-5
- CitizenshipGrades 3-4
- iLeadGrade 5
- Drama ClubGrade 5
- Soccer.....Grades 1-3
- SoftballGrades 4-5
- Swim TeamGrades K-4
- Tae Kwon DoGrade 2
- Church Youth GroupGrades 2-5
- Girls on the RunGrades 3-4

Cureton M. Witherspoon

North Elementary School, Grade 5

Cureton is so deserving of the Celebration of Excellence honor. He comes to school each and every day eager to learn and conquer any task. He is dedicated, positive, self-motivated and wonderful. He not only strives for excellence, he also encourages his classmates to do so. Cureton is always willing to participate in class and does so with enthusiasm! I am sure he will continue to excel in his educational career and be successful at whatever he chooses. It was a pleasure and an honor to have Cureton in my fifth-grade class this year.

North Elementary teacher Lori Smith

- A Honor Roll.....Grades 2-5
- Gifted and Talented ProgramGrades 3-5
- Service LearningGrade 5
- National Junior Beta Club.....Grade 5
- Soccer.....Grade 3

- Boy Scouts – Post 310Grades 2-5
- Church Youth Group
- Lancaster County All-Stars 2015
- Football Small FryGrade 4

Alexis Wood

North Elementary School, Grade 5

From time to time, music teachers have the privilege of working with students who display exceptional natural musical abilities. Alexis Wood is one of those exceptional students. I saw her love for singing shine and it was evident she was a bright and talented young person as a kindergarten student. Although often shy, Alexis shows an enthusiasm for learning and a willingness to help others.

She is well mannered, hardworking and strives to do her best in every endeavor. As an Eagle student, Alexis works beyond expectations to achieve academic excellence in the classroom. She is also very creative and enjoys challenges and related art forms.

Alexis' love of music shows in her daily life. She studies private piano and is a member of the North Elementary fifth-grade chorus, A Little Knight Music. She was chosen as a member of the Lancaster County Elementary Honor Choir last fall and enjoyed participating in the March Honor Choir Festival. Alexis has participated in two musical productions in second and fourth grades at North. It has been my pleasure to work with her in the classroom, on the productions and in chorus.

Alexis has applied to the Arts Focus Program at Andrew Jackson Middle School for the upcoming school year in chorus and band. I am confident she has set high goals and will achieve them. Alexis Wood is one of the most talented young musicians I have had the honor of teaching.

North Elementary teacher Elaine Reese

- A Honor RollGrades 2-5
- Academic AchievementGrades 3-5
- Class Spelling Bee WinnerGrades 4-5
- Perfect AttendanceGrade 3
- Gifted and Talented ProgramGrades 3-5
- Service LearningGrade 5
- National Junior Beta ClubGrade 5
- Tae Kwon DoGrade 2
- CheerleaderGrade 3
- DancingGrade 2
- ChorusGrade 5
- PianoGrades 4-5
- Girls ScoutsGrades 2-5
- Terrific KidGrades 4-5

Peyton Woodworth

Harrisburg Elementary School, Grade 5

A lady beyond her years is always how I think of Peyton. She has more character than anyone I know. It's this character that makes her so great in everything she does...school, friendships, family relationships, and in her community. Peyton knows what to say, what to do, and how to react in every situation. In her academics, she knows when to step up and participate, she knows how much or how little she needs to study, and she knows just what the final touch is to make her assignment shine. In her friendships, she does just the same. She knows how to offer support and give space. She is truly a compassionate and humble young lady that carries herself with the best of character. She always gets the A+ in my book!

Harrisburg Elementary teacher Nicole Little

- A Honor RollGrades 2-5
- Perfect AttendanceGrades 2-5
- Citizenship Award
- Safety PatrolGrade 5
- Music Award
- Art Award
- iLeadGrade 5
- National Junior Beta ClubGrade 5
- Drama ClubGrade 5
- SoccerGrades 1-5
- Veteran's Essay Contest WinnerGrade 4

Lucy Elizabeth Wooldridge

North Elementary School, Grade 5

Lucy is a student who lights up a room with her intelligence, enthusiasm and sunny personality. As her librarian, I have had the pleasure of working with her since she was in kindergarten. Over the years, we have bonded over our mutual love of books and all things French. Lucy was selected to go to the Lancaster County Read-In this year, and I was able to observe her as a reliable leader and a focused learner in discussions and preparations for the event. Her clever sense of humor, insightful comments and love of snacks endeared her to everyone in our group. Je t'aime beaucoup, ma chérie!

North Elementary teacher Gedie Hagins

- A Honor RollGrades 3-5
- Class Spelling Bee WinnerGrade 3
- Perfect AttendanceGrade 3
- Gifted and Talented ProgramGrades 3-5
- Accelerated Reader AwardGrades 1, 3

- Service LearningGrade 5
- Peer MediationGrade 5
- National Junior Beta Club.....Grade 5
- Girl ScoutsGrade 2
- Terrific Kid Award.....Grades K-5
- Nature’s Steward ClubGrade 4
- Lancaster County Read-InGrade 5
- Art ClubGrade 5

Alyssa Yakamna

Harrisburg Elementary School, Grade 5

Alyssa is truly one-of-a-kind; she is one of the most outstanding people I have ever met. She remains a positive person even through the toughest times and always finds ways to encourage others to do the same. I admire her dedication to always go above and beyond with every task she faces. Alyssa, you are amazing. Congratulations and keep up the good work.

Harrisburg Elementary teacher Denise Partlow

- A Honor RollGrades 2-5
- Social Studies AwardGrades 3-4
- Gifted and Talented ProgramGrades 3-5
- Citizenship AwardGrades 3-4
- Safety PatrolGrade 5
- Duke University Talent Identification ProgramGrades 4-5
- iLeadGrade 5
- National Junior Beta Club.....Grade 5
- Drama ClubGrade 5
- Gymnastics.....Grades 2-5
- KarateGrade 5
- Drama.....Grade 5
- PianoGrade 4-5

Grace Yegge

Harrisburg Elementary School, Grade 5

I was so lucky to teach Grace in third grade. I loved having her in my classroom; she made my first year of teaching third grade very special! Grace is a great student and young lady. She is very compassionate and willing to help other students. She is fiercely independent and an excellent role model for other girls. Grace has the type of happy, loving personality that lights up a room. She is always up to the challenge of learning something new. She is a wealth of knowledge that always keeps you amazed with her facts. In third grade, she loved to read, and I was amazed at how impressive a

reader she was. I am excited to hear about all of the amazing opportunities that will come Grace’s way! Congratulations, Gracie!

Indian Land Elementary teacher Tia Harden

- A Honor RollGrades 2-5
- Trustees AwardGrade 3
- Gifted and Talented ProgramGrades 3-5
- Battle of Books Award – Second Place.....Grade 5
- Duke University Talent Identification ProgramGrades 3-5
- iLeadGrade 5
- National Junior Beta Club.....Grade 5
- Art ClubGrade 4
- Drama ClubGrade 5
- Perfect Score on PASS ELAGrade 3
- State Book Battle Second PlaceGrade 5
- National Junior Beta Club

Jaden Thomas Young

North Elementary School, Grade 5

Jaden Young is a hard-working, conscientious student. In every situation, Jaden gives his very best and that is why he excels in everything he tries. You can always count on Jaden to have all his assignments, be on time, and have accurate, high-level work. Jaden is blessed with so many talents and a wonderful supportive family. All of these qualities will continue to follow Jaden into middle school and beyond. I am so proud of Jaden’s success. His future is very bright! I look forward to hearing about all Jaden’s accomplishments for years to come.

North Elementary teacher Melanie Hollis

- A Honor RollGrades 2-5
- Perfect AttendanceGrades K-5
- Gifted and Talented ProgramGrades 3-5
- Safety PatrolGrade 4
- Service LearningGrade 5
- National Junior Beta Club.....Grade 5
- School StoreGrade 5
- Terrific Kid.....Grades 1, 3, 4
- Safety PatrolGrade 4
- Church Youth Group AwanaGrades 3-5
- Football – Rec DepartmentGrades 4-5
- Flag FootballGrade 4
- Baseball
 - DixieGrades K-5
 - All-Star TeamGrade 3
 - World Series TeamGrade 3
- Soccer – Rec. Department.....Grades K-5
 - All-Star TeamGrade 3
- Basketball – Moriah AssociationGrade 1-5
- Swim Team – Rec DepartmentGrades K-3

Emilia Zelazko

A.R. Rucker Middle School, Grade 8

Emilia is the type of student that every teacher dreams of having. She comes to school each day ready and eager to learn. Emilia is an outstanding student that has an internal drive to succeed in everything she does. Not only is she hard working and highly motivated in the classroom, but she also puts forth her best effort in extracurricular activities. Emilia, congratulations on this success. You are a remarkable young lady!

A.R. Rucker Middle teacher Ashley Dover

- A Honor RollGrades 3-8
- Academic AchievementGrades 1-8
- Scholastic AchievementGrade 5
- English AwardGrades 5-7
- History AwardGrades 5-7
- Keyboard AwardGrade 7
- Language AwardGrade 7
- Math AwardGrades 5-7
- Reading AwardGrades 2-7
- Science AwardGrades 5-7
- Science Fair AwardGrades 5-6
- Class Spelling Bee Winner.....Grades 4, 8
- School Spelling Bee WinnerGrade 8
- Social Studies AwardGrades 5-7
- President's Award for Educational Excellence
.....Grade 5
- S.C. History AwardGrade 7
- S.C. Project ParticipantGrade 5
- Gifted and Talented ProgramGrades 3-5
- Accelerated Reader AwardGrades 2-7
- Office Aide Award.....Grade 7
- Student of the Month AwardGrade 6
- Terrific Team Work AwardGrades 1-5
- Principal's PalGrades 1-5
- P.E. AwardGrade 7
- Safety Patrol.....Grade 4
- Music AwardGrade 5
- ST-ARTS ProgramGrades 6-8
- National Junior Beta Club.....Grades 7-8
- DancingGrades K-8
- Gymnastics.....Grades 5, 7
- Swim TeamGrade 4
- TrackGrades 6-7

Samantha Zila

Indian Land High School, Grade 12

Sami was new to our school last year, and in fact, started late, having moved here from Ohio. We are used to getting new students at Indian Land because we are a growing community, and we are used to getting honor students from other schools. But I have never had a student come in with the drive to do so well, and with as much going for her academically as Miss Zila. She met with resistance from some of the resident students vying for top honors, but she worked through it and not only excelled in academics, but won awards in band and in Academic Challenge (state finalist). Without question, she is in the top three students I have encountered in my 12 years of teaching.

Indian Land High teacher David Dudley

- Highest HonorsGrade 12
- A Honor RollGrades 9-12
- Junior MarshalGrade 11
- ValedictorianGrade 12
- History AwardGrade 11
- Language AwardGrade 11
- Science Award.....Grade 11
- Music AwardGrade 9
- Ensemble AwardGrade 11
- High School Academic Challenge TeamGrade 12
- SC Honors DiplomaGrade 12
- National Beta Club.....Grade 12
- National Honor Society.....Grades 11-12
- BandGrades 9-12
- Marching Band.....Grades 9-12
- Pep BandGrades 9-10
- Show Choir BandGrades 9-10
- Teen Lap.....Grade 12

Retiree Honorees

Janet Armstrong

Buford Elementary School Teacher

It has been a pleasure working with Janet for the past few years. She is a dedicated, hardworking and caring individual. She is always searching for new ideas to teach the standards. She makes learning fun for her students. Janet truly cares about each individual student and works many long hours for ways to help each student meet their goals.

She is always willing to share her materials and ideas with her coworkers. She is not only a coworker but a very dear friend. She is a loving mother and grandmother. I want to wish Janet the very best as she starts a new adventure in her life.

Buford Elementary teacher Julia Craig

- Buford Elementary
 - Second- & Fourth-Grade Teacher17 Years
 - English Language Arts & Social Studies
 - SAFE-T Adept Evaluator 2006-Present
 - Donor Choose GrantFall 2014
 - Presenter National Council for the Social Studies
 - St. Louis, MO..... November 2013
- St. Patrick's Elementary - Charlotte, NC
 - Second-Grade Teacher9 Years
- St. Leo School, Winston Salem, NC
 - Third-Grade Teacher 1 Year
- Good Shepherd Elementary, N. Fort Myers, FL
 - Second-Grade Teacher5 Years
- Heath Springs OES - Various Offices..... 17+ Years

Brett Blackmon

A.R. Rucker Middle School Teacher/Coach

Brett Blackmon has been an outstanding coach, teacher and role model for students throughout his 29 years of teaching and coaching. He always has a funny comment for kids he sees in the hall, "Hey Bo, it isn't Halloween, take your mask off!" Students come down the hall in the morning waiting to see what he has to say and loving every minute of it! Brett has made A.R. Rucker a better place for many students. Coach has always gone the extra mile for his coworkers, whether it is helping them move, walking the halls for intruder

drills, or helping to diffuse a difference of opinion between students. I have been fortunate enough to call Brett my best friend during the time we have taught at A.R. Rucker Middle School. I can't imagine working here without having him share the title of Oldest Teachers in the School with me!! I guess I will have to manage somehow. Thank you for being such a great coworker and an even greater friend.

A.R. Rucker Middle teacher Katy Hamilton

- A.R. Rucker Middle Teacher/Coach.....8 Years
 - Most wins football coach
- Great Falls High School Teacher/Coach.....8 Years
 - Most wins baseball coach
- Eastside High School Teacher/Coach.....2 Years
- Dreher High School Teacher/Coach11 Years
 - Most wins baseball coach
- Laney High School Teacher/Coach

Terry Cauthen

Buford Elementary School Teacher

If I was a child again, Terry Cauthen would be the type of teacher I would want. She is informative, kind and patient. I have been blessed to have taught with her for 22 years. I have seen her engage students in the outdoor classroom and many other real-life learning. Through the years, we have shared many laughs and fond memories.

My all-time favorite is the time we were preparing for Family Math and Science Night. We had worked until 10:00 at night and were very tired. Terry said, "Let's go home and finish tomorrow." I said, "Okay!" We packed up and proceeded to the side door to the parking lot. Terry set the alarm, and I opened the door, and to both of our surprises, a bird flew through the door. It, of course, set off the alarm. In a few minutes, a policeman was knocking at the door. After we showed our identification and explained the situation, the three of us managed to guide the bird to an open window to the policeman's delight. He began to tell us we were free to go and that he would set the alarm. We sighed a big relief that our bird experience was over. We have laughed about this for years.

It is teachers like Terry who go that extra mile for her school, community, colleagues and students. My wish for her is a fulfilling retirement. In the words of Bob Hope, "Thanks for the memories, Terry!"

Buford Elementary teacher Debra Hickel

- Buford Elementary School
 - Second-Grade Teacher31 Years
 - Trustees Award
 - Family Math & Science Coordinator 1 Year
 - Coordinator for First School Yard Habitat
- Butterspreaders Facilitator for S.C. Wildlife Federation2 Years
- SC Fence Project Facilitator2 Years
- Facilitator for Clemson Butterfly Project Lancaster County 1 Year
- Butterspreaders Instructor for PGI - Lancaster .. 1 Year
- Facilitator and Exhibitor for Epcot (Disney World) National Symposium - Orlando, FL 1 Year
- Story View-Ed Venture-Recipient Interview for S.C. Library of Congress in Columbia 1 Year
- Hopewell United Methodist Church Member
 - Chairman of PPRC..... 1 Year
 - Youth Director.....3 Years
 - Choir Member10 Years

Paulette Crockett

District Office Field Manager

I have known Paulette Crockett for only two short years, since becoming the Food Services Director for Lancaster County School District. She was the first employee of the food services department to welcome me to my new position and promised that she would do anything she could to help me with the transition. Paulette was very kind and helpful in the early days and continued to do so until she retired. She was very loyal to her position and represented the school district very well. She gave everything that was urgent her individual attention to make sure all was well. In her last position as field manager, Paulette was able to spread her cheerful and magnetic personality to all of those in her charge daily. Her presence and dedication have been missed each and every day by the food services department.

Food Services director Angela McC Corey

- District Office Food Service Field Manager
- Barr Street High School Cafeteria Operator
- North Elementary School Cafeteria Operator
- Buford Elementary School Cafeteria Manager
- Certificate of Appreciation for Valuable Contributions to the Food Service Program
 - Buford Elementary cafeteria staff, signed by Mary Thompson and Lydia Quinn.

- Received 100% DHEC Inspections while at Buford Elementary as Manager - Recognized at Board Meeting.
- SC School Food Service Association & Certified Managers.....12 Years
- Serv Safe Certified22 years
- Certified Food Protection Professional16 Years
- HACCP Certified2 years
- National Dietary Managers Association22 Years
- Dietary Manager Course - University of Florida 1994
- Board Certified Dietary Manager - Greenville Tech 1994
- Certified Food Protection Professional Board Exam given at Furman University..... 1999
- Completed Healthy Edge Sanitation Course..... 2001
- State of SC Proclamation by Governor Jim Hodges proclaiming March 2002 as nutrition month
- Zion Pilgrim Missionary Baptist Church Life Member

Anne Demby

North Elementary Kindergarten Instructional Assistant

A *anne Demby will truly be missed at North Elementary. I had the pleasure of working with her for over 15 years. We had many great times together, from laughing on the back of a school bus during field trips, to crying over students with heart-breaking stories. She is one of the most devoted people I have ever met. She comes to work early and leaves late. She does the work of three people in one day. She has one speed and it is FAST! Mrs. Demby comes to work with the children's best interest at heart. We love her dearly and will miss seeing her each and every day.*

North Elementary teacher Lori Small

- North Elementary School
 - Kindergarten Assistant35 Years
- Differentiated Instruction Seminars and Book Study2005-2006
- Senior Sunday School Teacher9 Years
- Vacation Bible School Teacher 9 Years
- Ladies Guild of Church - President7 Years

Debra Kelly Hickel

Buford Elementary School Teacher

T *he only word that comes to mind to describe Debbie is awesome. She possesses a bubbly personality. Along her faithful educational voyage, I have watched her dedication to engage students with discovering real-life science. Her amazing repertoire of hands-on science has created local farmers and landscapers.*

She aided in encouraging my personal science growth. Many memories have been made with this

special friend. I think my fondest memory was returning from Disney after representing Lancaster County School District as a facilitator and exhibitor. I truly understand what it is like to travel with a great companion. Time seemed to pass quickly, considering we missed the whole state of Georgia. Our delightful conversation made this possible.

My dear colleague and friend, I wish your retirement journey to be filled with lots of surprises.

Buford Elementary teacher Terry Cauthen

- Culloden Elementary, Culloden, WV
- Barboursville Elementary, Barboursville, WV
- Tryon Hills Elementary, Charlotte, NC
- Pineville Elementary, Pineville, NC
- Buford Elementary
 - Elementary teacher - Grades K-6
 - 4/6 Split Elementary Class
 - Title One (K-5) Teacher
- Discovery School TeacherGrade 4
- Math/Science Teacher Team TeachingGrade 4
- NSTA National Science Teacher of the Year Nominee
- Disney Teacher of the Year Nominee
- Who's Who in America Teachers in Education ... 1990
- Greenbriar Register of Distinguished Women 2000
- Bachelors of Education in Early Children and Elementary, Marshall University, Huntington, WV 1974
- Masters of Science Education, Walden University, Minneapolis, MN 2011
- Gifted Teaching Endorsement 2000
- Roper Mountain Summer Institute
- North Central Science and Math HUB
- Steven Covey's Seven Habits Workshop
- SC Wildlife Federation Steward and Workshop Facilitator for the Carolina Fence Project, Education Board 1996-2000
- Lancaster County Summer Workshop Facilitator for Butter Spreaders. Science Teacher Training for the Use of the Outdoor Classroom
- Science Textbook Committee Member
- Lancaster County Science Fair Facilitator
- Lancaster Art and Science Council Summer Teacher for Race Car Design and Butter Spreaders Classes
- SC Butterfly Project, Clemson
 - Member and Butter Spreader Workshop Facilitator for Lancaster County Schools
- National Youth Garden Symposium Butters Spreaders Workshop Facilitator at Walt Disney World, Orlando, FL (in conjunction with Epcot International Flower and Garden Festival)
- Carolina Heelsplitter Project
- Open Air Burning Project
- Edventure Training Session 2010
- Edventure Ambassador 2012
- Lancaster County Conservation Teacher of the Year 1995
- Lancaster Wal-Mart Teacher of the Year 2000

- South Carolina Conservationist of the Year 2000
- Lancaster County Conservation Educator of the Year 2013
- National Education Association
- South Carolina Education Association
- Lancaster County Education Association
- National Science Teacher Association
- Highly Qualified Early Childhood & Elementary Teaching Certification
- Gifted Endorsement and K-6 Science Certification
- Homebound Teacher
- Lakewood Baptist Church Member
- Gardner
- Volunteer Tutor

Robert Hinson

Lancaster High School Teacher

I have had the privilege of working with Dr. Hinson for many years at Lancaster High School. He is an outstanding teacher, writer and philanthropist. Dr. Hinson is a prolific writer who has been the recipient of many literary awards. He has published 25 books including the genres of young adult, historical fiction, and poetry. He is well respected by his students and colleagues for his immeasurable knowledge. He instills in his students a love for literature and inspired many of them to become writers. Dr. Hinson supports many social causes; he is one of the most generous people I have ever met. Congratulations, Dr. Hinson, on your retirement. On behalf of all of your friends at Lancaster High School, I wish you much happiness in your future endeavors, but always remember that this is not your last hurrah. You will certainly be missed at LHS.

Lancaster High teacher Sandra Ovalles

- Lancaster High 1997 - Present
 - English Teacher, Grades 11-12 19 Years
 - Three Trustees Awards
 - Bright Ideas Program
 - Partners for Youth & J. Marion Sims Teacher PET Grants
 - Dead Poets Society Sponsor 10 Years
 - ParentLink (School Community Newsletter) Editor 15 Years
 - Taught Writing - Adult Education 2009
- Myers Park High, Charlotte, NC 1992-1997
 - English, Creative Writing Teacher 5 Years
 - Pegasus, Literary Arts Magazine Editor
 - Dead Poets Society (Poetry Club) Co-Sponsor
- Marlboro County High School, SC - 1982-1992
 - AP English Teacher, Grades 10-12
 - English, Reading, Speech and Creative Writing 9 Years
 - MHS Literary Arts Magazine Editor
 - Literary Arts Club (Creative Writing) Sponsor

- Bennettsville High, SC
 - Assistant Principal - Grade 102 Years
 - Teacher, Grades 10-12 CP, AP English, Reading, Speech and Creative Writing
- Adjunct Teaching Professorships
 - LCSD Adult Education
 - Writing Course 2009
- Midlands Technical Institute..... 2002
- Wingate University - Freshman English Writing Lab Supervisor 1991-1992
- Richmond Community College 1987-1990
 - Research, Literature, Writing
- Workshops Conducted
 - Pedagogy in the Classroom* 2009
 - Writing and Publishing* 2008
 - Become a Better Writer* 2005
 - Creative Writing Workshop* 2002
 - The Writer's Mind: a Workshop* 2000
 - Writing Workshop - OEC*
- Dedicated First Park in Indian Trail, NC with original poem 2007
- Lancaster Academic Teacher of the Year 2005
- Silver Spurs Fiction Award Nominee..... 2005
- One of 500 selected from more than 5000 submissions to be included to US Poet Laureate Robert Pinsky's Book of Poems to Read: *A New Favorite Poem Project Anthology* 2002
- Pulitzer Prize Nominee, Young Adult Fiction..... 2001
- Patron of the Arts Award, Union Writers Club 2000
- Allan Poe Mystery Award Nominee 1999
- Boston/Horn Award in Fiction Nominee 1998
- National Book Award Nominee 1997
- National Play/Script Contest Winner 1996
- Winner of Anson Co. and Union Co. Writing Awards in Fiction 1996
- Founded Literary Venues
 - Founding member, the *Writers Workshop*, Asheville, NC 1976
 - The Union County Writers Club, Monroe, NC 1993
 - Poetry Clubs in Five High Schools 1997-2007
 - South Piedmont Community College
 - Poetry Club..... 2014
 - Indian Trail Art and Historical Society 2007
- Created and co-hosted with media students a taped TV program; *The Writer's Cafe*: Interviewed US poets and authors at Learn TV
- Created *SnappoetryJournal.com*, an on-line poetry journal..... 2008-2012
- Current Literary Projects
 - Reflective article: "Alumni Reflection," *Wingate Today Magazine* 2014
 - Poetry Book: *15 Modernist Poets: Biographical Poems* 2015

Carol Johnson

Buford Elementary School Teacher

It has been a privilege to work with Carol Johnson for the past 9 1/2 years. When I joined the faculty at Buford Elementary, Carol was one of the first faculty members to make me feel welcome. She is a very dedicated individual. She is not afraid to try new ideas for the benefit of her students. Carol is a loving wife, mother and friend. I would like to wish her the best as she begins a new chapter in her life.

Buford Elementary teacher Michelle Stroud

- Buford Elementary School
 - Fifth-Grade Teacher4 Years
 - Fourth-Grade Teacher10 Years
- Buford Middle School
 - Fifth-Grade Math/Science Teacher 1 Year
 - Eighth-Grade English Teacher16 Years
- Buford High School
 - Remedial Reading Teacher2 Years
- Bethlehem Presbyterian Church - Elder2 Years
- Boy Scout Troop - Den Mother7 Years

Rebecca Jones

A.R. Rucker Middle Instructional Assistant-Spec-Ed-PMD

Mrs. Jones, my mentor, my former teacher assistant, my friend and my sister in the Lord. Becky and I worked together for five wonderful years. Her love for the children was immeasurable. She was a little bit bossy, but it never interfered with our working relationship. We worked closely as a team, and shared with each other the things we had in common, especially topics about our grandchildren. Our working environment was a happy one, which reflected upon the classroom, as our students were happy. It saddens me that a wonderful worker and friend is leaving a profession that she really was awesome in. On the other hand, I am happy for her because she is a workaholic, and I know there will not be a dull moment in her life. Becky, I congratulate you on your retirement and I love you dearly.

A.R. Rucker Middle teacher Iris Curry

- A.R. Rucker Middle
 - Instructional Assistant2 Years
- Erwin Elementary
 - Instructional Assistant20 Years
- Brooklyn Springs Elementary
 - Cafeteria Cashier2 Years
- Erwin Elementary, South Middle & Lancaster High
 - Bus Driver10 Years
- Chester/Lancaster Disabilities (weekends)13 Years

Phyllis Lakatos

Buford Elementary School Teacher

Phyllis Lakatos is a wonderful and creative art teacher. She is going to be missed greatly at Buford Elementary School. She always creates beautiful displays to put in our hallways exhibiting our students' work. As the 4K teacher at Buford, I could go to her with an idea or a question, and she never hesitated to help me anytime. She shows love for our students with her kind words and actions. She has left her mark on the hearts of everyone at Buford Elementary, and we wish her the best in her next adventures in life.

Buford Elementary teacher Deborah Knight

- Buford Elementary School
Art Teacher for Grades K4-59 Years
- Chester County School District
Art teacher10 Years
- Cherokee County School District
Art Teacher7 Years
- York County School District
Art Teacher10 Years

Jill C. Lewis

Buford Elementary School Teacher

It has been my privilege to work with such a talented and dedicated teacher as Mrs. Lewis. Through the years, we have shared lesson plans, recess duty and tears of frustration, joy and laughter. We have sat through many days of professional development, wishing we could be working in our classrooms. She will be missed.

Mrs. Lewis has always had the ability to see beyond the restlessness or feigned boredom to reach the unique individual hiding behind the appearance. She could always find the root of why a child wasn't learning and then help that child reach their fullest potential.

As she moves into the next stage of life, I wish her the best. I know that she is leaving after having done so much for the children and families of the Buford community; helping to create a better world.

Buford Elementary teacher Anna Owen

- Buford Elementary
First-Grade Teacher23 Years
Remedial Reading9 Years
- Buford High School
JTPA Program Instructor9 Summers
- Bethlehem Baptist Church

Belinda Lloyd

Buford Middle School Administrative Assistant/Bookkeeper

First of all, I am honored to be asked to write about Belinda Lloyd. It has been a pleasure and a privilege to work beside her for the past 20 years. There are many characteristics that describe her. Belinda is dependable, trustworthy, loyal, kind and respectful. She treats everyone the same: including those she deals with on a daily basis: students, teachers, administrators and parents. When she was a senior in high school, she was crowned Miss Buford. Now after all these years, she is literally Miss Buford. I can't imagine this place without her. I am honored not to just call her my co-worker for so many years but also a true friend now and forever.

May your retirement bring you peace and joy because you have earned it. Buford won't be the same without you; however, this is just the end of one chapter, which leads to the beginning of another. Wishing you all the best!

Buford Middle administrative assistant Rhonda Ellis

- Buford Middle
Administrative Assistant/Bookkeeper23 Years
Attendance Clerk5 Years

Beth McDonald

Buford High School Teacher

Oh my goodness! Where do I start? I have learned so much from this great lady as have so many others throughout her teaching career. Her commitment to others and teaching explains the 37 years as an educator. By definition, an educator is "a person skilled in teaching," and this definition fits Beth to a tee. Beth has taught many kids in our county a vast variety of life skills including how to measure ingredients for a recipe and how to change a baby's diaper. Her skills became their skills to carry forth in life.

She established and maintained one of the most active Future Educator Organizations currently known as Educators Rising in South Carolina, instructing those kids how to teach and how to travel. She is also a brave lady; she has traveled to states all over the United States with kids allowing them to learn the ins and outs of airports, sightseeing and the teaching profession. With her student organizations, she has volunteered with many local agencies to help people by participating in events to raise money to fight cancer

and leukemia, honor teachers and support the boys/ girls homes of Lancaster.

Dedication is another attribute that Beth McDonald displays on a daily basis. The dedication Beth has to her students and co-workers is so important to her. She cares about them as people; she displays a strong support for their well-being. Her loyalty to the profession is an inspiration to all who know her.

Thank you, Mrs. Beth McDonald, for helping me grow as an educator and for being my friend. You have been one of the most professional role models a teacher could ever dream of having.

Buford High teacher Pam Langley

- Buford High School
Teacher Cadet & Family and Consumer Science Teacher15 Years
- A.J. High School
Home Economics Teacher8 Years
- A.J. Middle School
Home Arts Teacher8 Years
- Central High School
Home Economics Teacher3 Years
- Chester County Career Center
Fashion Merchandising Teacher3 Years
- New Cut Presbyterian Church
Teaching Elder2 Years

Ellaree McKinney

Buford High School Cafeteria Operator

I had the pleasure of working with Ms. Ellaree for six years. She was a great employee, always on time and eager to get the day started. She loved her job and the people around her. I feel blessed to have had the opportunity to work with her and get to know her. I'm quite sure she will be missed by all at Buford High School. I wish her the best in her retirement. I love you always, Ms. Ellaree.

Retired cafeteria manager Janice Hamilton

- Buford High School
Cafeteria Operator10 Years
- Supply Department3 Years
- Mass Choir40 Years

Wanda Moser

Buford Bus Office Supervisor

Wanda Moser has been a part of the Buford community and schools her entire life. She is a graduate from Buford High School and has served in the Buford Schools for 30 years where she became a volunteer

and then a substitute teacher for a year. She began driving a school bus for the Buford area schools and later became the supervisor for the Buford bus office.

Her caring and loving personality has been a blessing for the children, families and staff for all three Buford area schools for the past 30 years. Mrs. Moser loved and treated them all as her own children and family.

I have had the privilege of working with Wanda for the past 15 years. I have been impressed with her commitment and dedication in taking care of the children throughout the Buford schools. She has touched and inspired the lives of so many of our students and their families. Wanda always went above and beyond to make sure everything she did was to the best of her ability. Her primary concern was always for the safety and well-being for all students.

Mrs. Moser is a proud parent and grandmother who has supported all three Buford schools as her children and grandchildren are all BHS graduates. She is a devoted supporter of the Buford Community and school programs. All of her children and grandchildren have been a part of the academic and athletic programs at Buford High School. She is filled with "Jacket Pride" which is evident when you attend one of the sporting events in the Buford area schools.

We will miss Wanda as she retires to spend more time with her family. We will cherish her continued friendship and prayers and wish her the best in her retirement. She will be dearly missed by students, parents and staff at Buford High, Buford Middle and Buford Elementary schools.

Buford High assistant principal JoAnn Garris

- Buford High School
Substitute Teacher & Volunteer1 Year
School Bus Driver/Bus Office Supervisor ..29 Years

Elizabeth Parker

Kershaw Elementary School 4K Teacher

In appreciation for your lifelong dedication to education ... for believing in children, for guiding through example, for inspiring with passion, for living through loving, for leaving an indelible mark on the future, for touching the human soul ... your Southside and 4K family/ friends and students say, "Thank You." You've made a real difference in the lives of the students you taught and all of us who were privileged to work with you. You had the commitment, passion and strong sense of

giving to reach students and make a difference in the life of a child. It was a joy and honor to work with such a great person as you. May the blessings and joy you have brought to so many, along with contentment of a job well done, fill your life and family with happiness! Congratulations on your retirement, Sis.

Southside site coordinator LaVilla Brevard

- Kershaw Elementary 4K Teacher 1 Year
- North Elementary
Kindergarten and First-Grade Teacher 5 Years
- Clinton Elementary
Second- and Third-Grade Teacher 14 Years
- Southside Early Childhood Center
4K Teacher 6 Years
- First United Methodist Church 4K Teacher 7 Years

Lia Piegari

Clinton Elementary School Media Specialist

Lia Piegari has devoted her last 23 1/2 years to educating children. She has given her time and talents in so many ways. As our media specialist, she has shown our students how books can come to life. She has made the media center warm and inviting while instilling a love for reading in our students that they didn't have before. Lia introduced and implemented Accelerated Reader to our school. The number of students visiting the media center and checking out books has increased 100%! While she constantly replenishes the library with new reading material for the students, Lia also makes sure the teachers have the books and technology they need for their classrooms. She attends to the daily functions of the media center in an organized and friendly manner, always with a smile on her face. She ensures that computers, Smartboards, iPads, etc. are in working order. These are just a few reasons why Lia has earned the admiration and respect from her colleagues. Lia Piegari's dedication to improving our media center and school, as well as helping our students to become successful readers, has been immeasurable. Her presence and guidance will truly be missed at Clinton Elementary.

Clinton Elementary teacher Rosemary Young

- Clinton Elementary
Librarian 5 Years
- Charlotte-Mecklenburg
Librarian 11 1/2 Years
- Sterling Elementary, Charlotte-Mecklenburg
Librarian 9 Years
Teacher of the Year 2000
- Union County Schools, Monroe, NC
Librarian 1 Year

- Kenton County Schools, Fort Wright, KY
Librarian 5 Year

Brenda Raffaldt

Brooklyn Springs Elementary School Teacher

Exceptional, dependable and kind only begin to describe my friend, Brenda Raffaldt. Her eagerness to get to know all aspects of her students' lives, in order to meet their needs beyond simple academics, helped Brenda reach the challenging goals she set for herself. Her direction led many students to become successful life-long learners. Whether the task was hatching chicks, watching butterflies evolve or helping children learn to read and write, Brenda's colleagues, friends and administrative support team could depend on her to give 100% effort into the profession she truly loved. Adults and children alike were touched by Brenda's warm smile and gentle nature. I am very confident a bright, successful future lies ahead for her as she begins this new and exciting chapter of her life.

Brooklyn Springs Elementary teacher Kelly Snipes

- Brooklyn Springs Elementary
Second-Grade Teacher 20 Years
Teacher's Aide 6 Months
Substitute Teacher 10 1/2 Years

John Rhodes

Lancaster High School Band Teacher

John Rhodes is a true educator. His love of music is only surpassed by his love of young people. He always places students and the music program before himself. A master in the classroom and willing to work beyond the regular school day to teach and enlighten young people. He exposed students to a variety of experiences, including performances and travel that enriched their lives and opened new possibilities for them. His love of nature was shared by his leadership of the Outdoors Club. His students became ambassadors for LHS with their shared love of music and the outdoors. John will always be a Bruin and a treasure of LHS. And if you can't remember the name of a tune, give him a call.

Lancaster High principal Joe Kennan

- Lancaster High School
Band Director - Grades 9-12 1992-2015
District Teacher of the Year 2006
Outdoors Club Sponsor
- Fort Mill High School
Assistant Band Director 1985-1992

- State Champions 1985-1992
- US Olympic Band, Los Angeles Member 1984
- American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers Member - ASCAP 1982-2016
- Lancaster Community Theater 1985-2010
- Boy Scouts of America
Eagle Scout, Vigil Honor Volunteer (Order of the Arrow)

Louise Rutledge

A.R. Rucker Middle School Teacher

It has truly been a pleasure and a privilege to work with Louise. She has proven to be a very dedicated Christian; hard-working, dependable and loving mother, teacher and friend. She greets everyone with a soft voice and a warm smile. Her students feel safe in her classroom as she encourages them to always do their best. She loves her students and works tirelessly to help them achieve their goals. Louise is a loving, yet strict, organized educator who touched and made a difference in the lives of her students. She's loved and respected by her students and peers. Lancaster County was blessed to have her as part of our school district. Enjoy your retirement years, Louise. It's your time to relax and enjoy life to the fullest!

A.R. Rucker Middle retired teacher Peggy Tyre

- A.R. Rucker Middle
Seventh-Grade Math Teacher 14 Years
- Barr Street Middle
Math Teacher 9 Years
- McDonald Green Elementary
Teacher 5 Years
- Church Pianist 10 Years

Kay Sehorn

Indian Land Middle School Teacher

Mrs. Sehorn, lovingly called "Mama" around our school, is the epitome of what a teacher should be. Kay joined us at Indian Land in 2008 and will leave a legacy of caring for her students, colleagues and community. I was fortunate enough to work many years alongside of this wonderful lady. During this time we became teammates but more importantly lifelong friends. As a young teacher, Kay's example of an educator and mentor are truly invaluable to me. It's been such a privilege to work with Mrs. Sehorn, and I will greatly miss seeing her every day. Love ya, Mama!

Indian Land Middle teacher Sally Brandwood

- Indian Land Middle School
Seventh-Grade ELA Teacher 9 Years
Teacher of the Year 1 Year
- National Board Certified - EA/Generalist 2001
Renewed 2010
- Carmel Middle School 12 Years
Sixth-Grade ELA ISS Teacher
Teacher of the Year 2 Years
- Sharon Elementary 19 Years
Sixth-Grade ELA ISS Teacher
Teacher of The Year 1 Year
- Elizabeth Open-Multi-Age, Charlotte NC
Teacher 3 Years
- York Road Elementary, Chester, SC
Sixth-Grade Teacher 1 Year
- Armstrong Elementary, Greenville, SC
Fifth-Grade Teacher 1.5 Years
- Academic Challenge Team Coach
State Winner 2014, 2015
- St. Mark's Lutheran Church
Council President 1 Year

Reva Stinson

Buford Elementary School Instructional Assistant

Passionate, engaged, nurturing, professional: these words describe Mrs. Reva Stinson, an instructional assistant at Buford Elementary School. She has a caring nature that exemplified in her attitude towards those she came into contact with – students, parents and co-workers. She was a team player who could always be counted on to put in more than her share of work. She was always optimistic, encouraging, and was truly concerned about her students inside and outside of the classroom. Mrs. Stinson was truly a standout instructional assistant because of her sheer dedication to the students.

I am delighted to be called upon to acknowledge the time and dedication Reva Stinson gave to Buford Elementary and the Lancaster County School District overall. We all remember our favorite teachers -- the ones who had passion and enthusiasm, the ones who loved and enjoyed what they were doing. Reva Stinson falls into that category; she is a FAVORITE teacher.

Retired Buford Elementary principal Sandra Jones-Izzard

- Buford Elementary
Instructional Assistant 15 Years
Volunteer 3 Years
School Improvement Council 4 Years
PTO Member 15 Years
- Dobson Elementary 2 Years
Cafeteria Operator
- Discovery School - Advisory Board 10 Years

- Mt. Zion Baptist Church35 Years
Associate Pastor
Women’s Sunday School Teacher25 Years
Bible Study Instructor15 Years
Junior Auxiliary - Supervisor25 Years
Ministers’, Deacons’, Trustees’ Wives
Ministry President20 Years
Missionary Ministry - President.....20 Years
Children Choir - Supervisor15 Years
Youth Ministry - Overseer2 Years
Prison Ministry8 Years
- Springs Memorial Hospital10 Years
Clergy/Chaplain
- Mt. Moriah Missionary Baptist Association
Ministers’, Deacons’, Trustees’ Wives Ministry Vice-
President15 Years
Upper Division Field-Worker20 Years
Constitution Committee Member8 Years
Land and Building Committee Member4 Years
Furniture Committee Member4 Years
Awarded Ministerial Queen of the Association
Steering Committee15 Years
- Mt. Carmel AME Zion Church, Heath Springs, SC
Supply Pastor4 Months
- Blessed Occasions
(Wedding and Special Events Planning).....
Owner, Director, Counselor15 Years
- Biblical Counselor to Teens and Adults throughout
Lancaster County and surrounding areas20 Years
- Buford Elementary School Apple Award
Instructional Assistant of the Month
- LCSD - My Math Profession Development
Certificate of Completion
- SMART Training Program Certificate of Completion
- New Life University, Charlotte, NC
Master of Divinity -Dean’s List
The Degree of P.H.T (Putting Honey Through)
- Mt. Zion Baptist Church Women’s Sunday School Class
Certificate of Achievement

daughters. She will be missed, and I wish her much happiness in this exciting time in her life.

- McDonald Green Elementary teacher Rhonda Catoe
- McDonald Green Elementary School28 Years
Kindergarten Teacher4 Years
First-Grade Teacher.....10 Years
Third-Grade Teacher 1 Year
Fourth-Grade Teacher 1 Year
Computer Lab Manager12 Years
Crisis Team Member19 Years
Mini Society Founder
Implemented Study Island and Classworks
Year-Round Teacher
Summer School Teacher
Celebration of Excellence Steering Committee
Member3 Years
After-School Computer Class Teacher
Math Computer Lab Manager
Learning Village and E-Chalk for School Manager
Mentored Numerous Teachers
- National Circle of Learning Recipient for Fast
ForWord
- Implemented Fast ForWord Program that was later
adopted by the district
- National Fast ForWord Conference Presenter in
Atlanta, GA
- State SCATA Conference Presenter in Columbia, SC
- Microsoft Intel Innovation in Education Instructor
..... 1 Year
- SACS - Committee Chair
- SAT - Committee Chair and member19 Years
- EIA Competitive Grant 1995
- Partners for Youth Grant2013-2014
- J Marion Sims Grant 2014
- Stay-at-Home Mom 1980-88
- Douglas Presbyterian Church
Vacation Bible School Teacher
Choir Member
Sunday School Teacher
Circle Club Member

Mary Margaret Waldrop

McDonald Green Elementary School Kindergarten Teacher

It has been my pleasure to work with Mary Margaret for the last 27 years. During this time I have found Mary Margaret to be a supportive colleague, a dedicated teacher and a very good friend. She has the ability to bring out the best in her students and to those of us who work with her. Mary Margaret’s kind and nurturing spirit is evident in her classroom. She is very dedicated and hard working. Her love of children for the last 28 years will truly be missed at McDonald Green. Mary Margaret has been an asset to the teaching profession. I wish her the very best. I know that she will have a wonderful time taking care of her beautiful grand-

Ronnie Wall

Andrew Jackson Middle School Teacher

Over the course of one’s career there are opportunities to meet and work with individuals that propel others forward professionally or as an individual. It is my good fortune and the good fortune for many students and teachers alike to have crossed the path of Mr. Ronnie Wall. Mr. Wall will forever be regarded as one who moved individuals forward. Never was there an instance where he did not put our profession and his students’ best interests front and center. High expectations in every aspect were the standard for Mr. Wall. He modeled and expected heart-felt, genuine effort in

all endeavors. He has been an asset to our profession and our district as a teacher, coach and community member. As Mr. Wall moves forward in his life, we are thankful that he certainly he moved others forward in their life also. Well done, Mr. Wall.

Secondary Instruction Director Butch Dutton

- Andrew Jackson Middle School Teacher27 Years
- Andrew Jackson High School Teacher5 Years
Soccer Coach10 Years
- Buford High School Teacher 1 Year
- Heath Springs Elementary School Teacher 1/2 Year
- Flat Creek Middle School Teacher4 Years
- Distance Learning - A.P. US History at Buford and Andrew Jackson High Schools 1 Year

Fran Walters

A.R. Rucker Middle School Administrative Assistant/ Attendance Clerk

First of all, I am honored that Mrs. Walters chose me to write something about her. When I first met Mrs. Walters, we immediately hit it off. Mrs. Walters is the attendance clerk, and I am the school nurse. We are like hand and glove. She isn't your average attendance clerk and anyone she has worked with can attest to that. She is a mother, grandmother and friend to students and staff. She has made sure the staff throughout the years has had a hearty breakfast by cooking grits, homemade

biscuits and sausage casserole or preparing dinner for us when there's a teacher conference day. I forgot to mention her well-known sumptuous chocolate cake.

Mrs. Walters is caring and compassionate. She has welcomed everyone that has come through A.R. Middle School doors with a warm heart. Everyone loves her to pieces, but I make sure I let them know I'm her number one. Mrs. Walters is diligent and conscientious about her work. She has been dedicated to Lancaster County School District for 23 years. Mrs. Walters has always displayed a positive attitude and respect for others. She is truly going to be missed by all of us at A.R. Rucker, especially the children. Students that are now adults with children or siblings at A.R. Rucker will come back to the school and approach Mrs. Walters and say, "Do you remember me?" "You stayed on me, and I am glad." Mrs. Walters may retire, but her spirit will forever live on. She has made her mark and served her purpose well. I love you!! And I am going to miss you.

A. R. Rucker Middle nurse Trina Stewart

- A.R. Rucker Middle and Barr Street Middle Schools
ISS and Attendance Clerk23 Years
- Pleasant Dale Baptist Church48 Years
Teacher
Senior Adult Leader
Social Chairman

Hall of Fame

Katie Massey Brown

Buford Elementary Principal

I'm nominating Katie Brown, a Lancaster native, and the wife of the late Jethro Brown and mother of seven children. Mrs. Brown is a person of dignity, high moral character, patience, kindness, obligation of duty and spiritually sound. She is extremely loyal to her family and sensitive to the needs of others. Mrs. Brown has done an outstanding job in balancing her work career, her job as a mother, wife and educator. Even today, many of her students speak with gratitude and compliments about Mrs. Brown. She brought into the classroom a genuine interest in her teachers, staff and students. As a co-worker and neighbor, I can say that "Katie" is exclusively my friend; however, dozens of people will tell you that she is just as special to them. With her innate abilities and intellect, she was able to facilitate the students' learning and development. Even after retirement, she continues to have interests and works with neighbors, church family and community organizations.



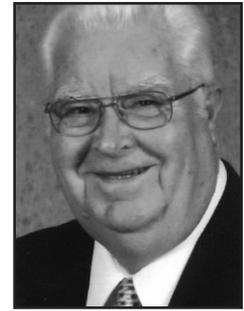
Retired Educator Katherine B. Stevens

- Buford Elementary Principal 1 Year
- Central Elementary Principal 2 Years
- Kershaw Primary Principal 2 Years
- Erwin Elementary
Teacher/Unit Leader/Assistant Principal..13 Years
- McDonald Green Elementary
Teacher/Unit Leader 4 Years
- Erwin Elementary Teacher 1 Year
- Lancaster High/Central Elementary
Cafeteria Worker 6 Years
- Erwin Elementary PTA Lifetime Membership
- St. Mary's Chapter Order of the Eastern Star
Past Matron 3 Years
- Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc..... 2 Years
- Iota Theta Omega Chapter, Past Basileus
- NAACP Life Member
- Camp Creek AME Zion Church Woman of the Year

John Lewis Byrd

Andrew Jackson High Teacher/Coach

I am writing to nominate John Lewis Byrd for the school district's Hall of Fame. John's service to the district, the community and to the young men and women he taught and coached was exemplary and worthy of the committee's consideration. The time he spent, the quality of his service and the success he had brought honor to the school, the district and the community. But beyond this, he taught boys how to become men and young girls how to be ladies and both how to become members of their community with honor and dignity.



Retired Educator Atlee S. Brown

- SCACA Hall of Fame Recipient 2014
- SCACA Member 55 Years
- Kershaw Chamber of Commerce Citizen of the Year
..... 1985
- Andrew Jackson High
Physical Education Teacher/Coach 19 Years
Basketball Conference Coach of the Year
..... 1975, 1978, 1979, 1980 & 1981
Basketball S.C. Coach of the Year 1975 & 1980
Undeclared Basketball Team 1975
State Basketball Championships..... 1975 & 1980
- Jefferson High School
Teacher/Coach/Athletic Director 9 Years
State Basketball Championship 1964
- Denmark-Olar High School
Teacher/Coach/Athletic Director 2 Years
Baseball Conference Coach of the Year 1969
S.C. All-Star Basketball Game Head Coach..... 1969
- U.S. Army Sergeant - Saw Combat in Korea
- Wofford College Graduate 1957
- Flat Creek High School Graduate 1947
Played in First SCACA All-Star Basketball Game
- Center Grove Baptist Church Member
- Married to Mozelle Phillips Byrd 63 Years
Two Daughters – Gwen Byrd & Ellen Byrd

The Steering Committee

Tonight's celebration was planned by

Lydia Quinn and Gene Moore (co-chairs), Sherri Alston, Melinda Adams, Debbie Barrett, Mandi Budd, Kimber Celmer, Jan Collins, Sandi Cox, Amanda Davis, Sarah Deason, Joli Elder, Jonetta English, Lynn Ferguson, JoAnn Garris, Venise Grier, Jackie Grove, Shandra Hall, Wendy Hamilton, Susan Hammond, Connie Horton, Anne Howey, Rita Isom, Liz James, David Knight, Richie Knight, Trudie Mason, JoAnn Mosier, Scott Nader, Scottie Phillips, David Platts, Anita Robinson, Ar'Reshi Stinson, Allie Teschke, Angela Vaughan, Adrienna Witherspoon and Keisha Witherspoon.