

College-bound seniors earn Crosby Scholars scholarships

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Three local high school seniors learned that they would receive college scholarships on May 24 at the Crosby Scholars Invitational Breakfast of Champions at Bermuda Run Country Club.

Desiree Porter of Glenn High School received the \$1,200 Les and Evelyn Riley Scholarship. The daughter of Jonathan and Denise Porter, Desiree will enroll at Elon University this fall to study finance.

The recipient of the \$1,500 Fulton Carolina Medal is Meredith McCliment of Glenn High School. The award is given each year to a Crosby Scholar participant who will enroll at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Meredith is the daughter of Scott and Kathy McCliment.

The recipient of the \$1,200 Mommie J. Scholarship is Emily Davis of Reagan High



Standing (from left): Meredith McCliment, Desiree Porter, Mary Crosby (Kathryn and Bing Crosby's daughter) and Emily Davis pose with (sitting) Kathryn Crosby and Dr. Randy Woodson.

School. Emily will enroll at UNC Greensboro. She is the daughter of Andy and Catherine Davis.

The breakfast featured N.C. State University Chancellor Dr. Randy Woodson and Kathryn

Crosby, the widow of Bing Crosby, for whom the Crosby Scholars is named.

Mt. Tabor and Petree earn Lowe's grants

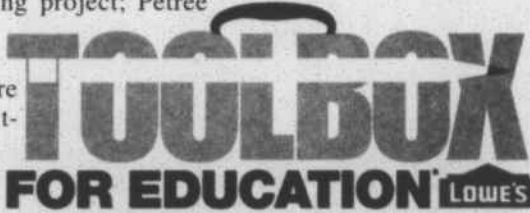
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Mount Tabor High School and Petree Elementary School are among the 28 North Carolina schools that have been awarded Toolbox for Education grants from the Lowe's Charitable and Educational Foundation.

Mount Tabor was awarded \$2,000 for its "Spartan Way" landscaping project; Petree received a \$2,935 grant for its "Kaleidoscope Project."

The schools received grants during the spring 2011 grants cycle. They were some of the more than 480 schools or parent organizations that were awarded a grant for parent-initiated school improvement projects benefiting K-12 public education across the United States.

Launched in partnership with PTO Today, a leading organization serving parent-teacher groups, the Toolbox for Education program has provided approximately \$26 million through more than 5,900 grants since its inception six years ago. The grants have benefited more than 3.3 million schoolchildren. Grants of up to \$5,000 are available to public schools in the U.S. for a wide range of improvement projects and large schools or school districts may be eligible to receive Toolbox grants up to \$100,000 for school improvement initiatives. All K-12 public schools in the United States are eligible. Parent groups may apply by visiting www.toolboxforeducation.com.



Walls

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Acclaimed Playwright Nathan Ross Freeman and Rev. Lynn Rhoades founded the Winston-Salem Youth Arts Institute, later renamed Authoring Action, in 2002 to give local young people an outlet for their creativity. The organization has been involved in countless creative endeavors and members regularly share their talents with audiences in Winston-Salem and beyond.

Maurice Shivers, 15, an Authoring Action member for almost a year, said that painting the tiles was far more difficult for him than writing the poetry that would adorn them. In Authoring Action, or A2, Maurice says he has matured as a writer and a person.

"I've increased my writing and thinking ability tenfold for sure. I learned to put myself out there more and expose more of myself and take that risk of being accepted," said Maurice. "... Authoring Action is place for extreme maturation in a short period of time."

Maurice and fellow A2 member Cecil Moore, 15, recorded a conversation together about their experience helping to create the wall for StoryLine, which collects stories of all kinds told by local residents. StoryLine stories can now be heard by calling a phone number. Visitors to the Wall will be encouraged by a sign to use their cell phones to listen to stories recorded by A2 members.

The Wall was made possible through individual and corporate donations. The names of project donors are also featured on the Wall. Mayor Allen Joines, who was among those who spoke at last week's unveiling, called the Wall a "gift" to Winston-Salem.

"We are a city of arts and innovation, but we have a lack of public art in our city, so I'm happy to see we're adding this latest edition," said Joines.

Joines said that signs will be erected declaring the section of Trade Street in



Submitted Photos

Above: Youngsters paint on the Expression Wall at Winston Square Park.



Left: YAC members welcome the crowd to the Expression Wall unveiling.

front of the restaurant "Word Wall Way" for the rest of the month.

The Word Wall wasn't the only piece of public art that premiered late Friday afternoon. The City's Winston-Salem Youth Advisory Council (YAC), a branch of the Human Relations Department, christened its Youth Expression

Wall at Winston Square Park, where young people can express themselves in vibrant color.

The wall is located on the entrance to the park's bridge, beside the Milton Rhodes Center for the Arts on North Spruce Street. A steady stream of more than 50 people showed up to paint on the wall well into

the evening. Anyone can paint on the brightly colored wall while the park is open. It will be monitored daily for inappropriate words or depictions. YAC is planning to contact youth oriented groups to add their expressions to the wall.

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