



"A" HONOR ROLL students pose outside Southport Middle School at the Superintendent's Awards banquet. They are, from left, Mary Ann Hale, Pam

Plyler, Teresa Zuber, Michael Norton, Jeremy Danford, April Cheers Carter, and Kelly Baxley. Not pictured is Janet Ganey.

## County's Top Students Recognized At Banquet

More than 100 students of Brunswick County high schools were recognized last week as "the very best" and encouraged to keep on being the best at a banquet in their honor June 4, at South Brunswick Middle School.

Words of praise and support came from Superintendent Gene Yarbrough, School Board Chairman James Forstner, and Board Member Doug Baxley, for 108 students who gathered with their families at the annual Superintendent's Award Banquet.

Each winner received an engraved trophy in the form of a gold lamp on a marble base.

"Too often kids are recognized for bad things they do," Forstner told the audience, "so it's nice to congratulate them for the good things."

Baxley urged the winners to resist peer pressure and continue on the path of excellence.

A surprise award came to parents from Yarbrough, who had designed bumper stickers, reading, "We won a student achievement award from the Brunswick County schools."

He said, "Next year, we're going to expand that to grandparents."

Honors came in many categories, ranging from the "A" honor roll to winners of state competition, and including recognition in national programs.

Several students won multiple recognition. Shannon Crainshaw of North Brunswick received the highest number of honors, totalling five. These included: a Morehead candidacy, N.C. Teaching Fellows winner, U.S. Presidential Academic Fitness award, National Scholar Athlete, U.S. Army Reserve, and U.S. Marine Corps Outstanding High School Musician award.

Garnering four awards each were: Bernard Flythe, South, (Senior High all-district band, N.C. senior high honors band, N.C. writing award, and 1st place, Brunswick Realtors essay contest); Whitney King, West, (Johnston scholarship at UNC-Chapel Hill, Robert C. Byrd scholarship, Morehead candidacy, and U.S. Presidential Academic Fitness award); and Sampson McKoy, North, (Thomas Jervay scholarship, National Scholar Athlete, U.S. Army Reserve, NBHS Good Citizen award, and U.S. Presidential Academic Fitness award).

Eight students on the "A" honor roll are pictured in a photo accompanying this story. Other awards were:

Presidential Academic Fitness: Kevin Jones, North, who also had work displayed at the state fair; John Leslie Bell, West, who also won the

Shalotte Jr. Women's Club and Coastal Sportsman's Club scholarships; Amy Coggins, South, who also won the N.C. Wesleyan Scholarship and a savings bond from the Southport Women's Club; Debbie Formy-Duval, South, who also won a Peace College scholarship and All-District band membership; Jay Doshier, South, who also won the Robert Holding Foundation scholarship; John Matthews, South, who also won the Sallie Southall Cotton Southport Junior Women's Club scholarship; April Cheers Carter, West, who also won 1st place, district FBLA accounting; Michael Norton, West, who also won a Methodist Men's Club scholarship; Janet Ganey, North; William Greg Bland, West; Teresa Zuber, West; Tonya Michelle Hare, West; Jill Justice, North; Julius King, West; Christopher Lee, West; Victor Lee, South; John Lennon, North; Steven Russell, South; Paula Smith, West; and Heather Smyla, South.

All District Band: Heath Babson, Yolanda Barlonga, Jo Ellen Best, Chris Davis (also in music at Governor's School), Steve Fenick (also winner of a scholarship from UNC-W), Bernard Flythe, Sutton Foy, Aris Golden, Anva Kindley, Lann Sell, and Amy Yount, all of South.

Scholarships: John Leslie Bell, Robert Bellamy, Ursula McMillian, Rhonda Evans, and Whitney King, all of West; Amy Coggins, Sheila Crews, Nick Difoggio, John Matthews, Jay Doshier, Kim Garrett, Happi Gottlieb, and Patricia Hill, all of South; and Keith King, Terry Massey and Sampson McKoy, all of North.

County Curriculum Fair: Jeff Hiltz, North; Jenni Hughes, Sherry Nichols, Yolanda Stanley, and Charlene Tharpe, all of West.

Brunswick Technical College: Toni Justice and Frank Williams, North; Tammy Lynn King, West; and Julie Ann Rea, South.

Writing: Melissa Ballantine, South, 1st place, Southport Women's Club writing contest; Susan Finley, South, Optimist International Club essay contest (1st place county, 2nd, district, 1st, regional); Southport Women's Club writing award; Leigh Ann Frink, West, 1st place, district Jr. Women's Club fiction contest; Shandi Medlin, South, grand prize, Port Charlie's Writing competition; Maria Ward, South, N.C. writing award, 2nd place, Brunswick Realtors Essay contest;

Oratory: John Nichols, South, 1st place, Optimist Club oratorical contest; Monica Richardson, North, Odell Williamson oratorical contest;

Michael White, South, Odell Williamson oratorical contest; Ursula McMillian, West, 2nd, state arts festival, public speaking; 1st place, Brunswick County ACT-SO oratory; Project Uplift: Artis Hill, Andrea Hooper, Martin Blue, Angelia Knox, Sheri Perkins, and Tymekia Troy, all of North.

County Winners: Yolanda Stanley, West, 1st place ACT-SO; Dannielle Bettinger, West, DECA; Kim Bryant, South, ACT-SO (and 2nd place state women's club afghan); Dean Smith, West, FFA;

District Winners: Russell Bellamy, West, 1st place, FFA; Matthew Chappell, West, 1st place, FFA; Resha Newton, North, art award; Stacy Smith, West, 1st place, FFA; Jeff Wilcox, West, 1st place FFA; Debbie Andrews, South, 1st place HOSA;

Regional Winners: Jeff Hiltz, North, 1st place, science fair; Pat Barnes, South, 1st place DECA; Sarah Corley, West, 1st place HOSA; Evoria Daniels, North, literacy magazine; Colleen Glasgow, South, 1st place, DECA; Consvalia Green, North, literacy magazine; Cindy McLean, West, 2nd place, health display; John Stanley, North, 1st place auto mechanics; Andrew Stir-

ing, South, 2nd place DECA (national DECA and Southport Jr. Women's Club drama award); Shane Sykes, North, 1st place auto mechanics; Joseph Tucker, West, 1st place trade and industrialization safety demonstration;

Others: Roy Lewis, West, state arts festival; Jamie Rackley, North, Pembroke Band festival; Keith White, West, state arts festival; Renee Young, North, superior, East Carolina Federation of Music piano festival;

Kristen Boyles, West, Dionne Parker, South, and Woody Walls, South, all Governor's School; Kristen Boyles, Christine Brown, West, John Hunt, South, all N.C. School of Science and Math; Amy Cathey, South, Hugh O'Brian Leadership Conference; Kevin Chaisson, North, Morehead candidate, Teaching Fellows winner; Acacia Croyle, South, Maria Elena Rodriguez, North, Michael Anthony Wilson, North, all Summer Ventures in Science and Math; Barbara Dawson, South, DAR Good Citizen award; Greg Gressel, North, U.S. Achievement Academy award, N.C. top male vocalist for church.

## Eleven Receive Safety Awards

Eleven local Community Watch participants received awards from the Governor's Commission on Safety Saturday.

The presentations were made during Community Watch Day at the Shalotte National Guard Armory, which featured a variety of booths and educational programs presented by civic groups, county and state government agencies.

Honored, indicated Don Gates, crime prevention officer with the

Brunswick County Sheriff's Department and the new head of the state Association of Crime Watch organizations, were Alvin Burney, Royal Oak; Zack Smith and Inge Arnold, Zion Hill; Betty Young and Faye Smith, Sunset Harbor; Charles Pritchard, John Pritchard and Marie Wescott, Town Creek; L.H. Morgan, member-at-large; the late Paul Keel, Oak View, whose wife is to accept his award later; and Sheriff John Carr Davis, Midway Road, Bolivia.

## Pets Of Week Recommended

Zelma Babson, animal control supervisor for the Brunswick County Health Department, recommends the following pets for adoption this week:

•Male lab/bull, black, six to seven months old, good with children;  
•Male mixed springer spaniel,

white and light liver color, over one year old; and

•Female medium hair cat, frosty gray and white.

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