

SCHOOLS

National Honor Society holds ceremony

STAFF REPORT

The John A. Holmes High School National Honor Society inducted its newest members Monday evening.

"I am so proud of the students who were inducted into the National Honor Society" said Superintendent Rob Jackson. "They have each clearly demonstrated scholarship, leadership, service, and character (the pillars of NHS) as students in our school system. As they signed their name into the rolls of the NHS, they

pledged to continue to live out those values. I am confident that they will do just that and use their gifts to make our community, our state, and our country a better place."

Sheila Evans, White Oak Elementary School principal, was the guest speaker.

During the formal ceremony that is highlighted by a candle and recitation of the values that the NHS values, juniors received a special pin and seniors a special multi-colored cord that they will wear at graduation.

To qualify for NHS

membership, a student must have at least a 3.2 grade point average and be an active member of the community. NHS members are actively involved in student government, athletics, civic groups and volunteer their time for causes such as blood drives and much more. College is the next step for many students, particularly those with high grades and a sense of service.

The inductees are Jacob Bass, Lilly Boyce, Cary Brabble, Emily Brabble, Peyton Brabble, Lilly Bunch, Maggie Bunch,

Jamilah Burgess, Connor Byrum, Mikayla Caroon, Josiah Carter, Logan Chapman, Kailee Chappell, Jandicia Chavez, Parker Clayton, Alex Cohoon, Brittney Coon, Allane Dougherty, Jhasiyana Gilliam, Brenna Goodwin, Brianna Griffin, Lane Hardison, Kenan Harrell, Ethan Hughson, Destiny Jennings, Diamond Jennings, Jaleesa Johnson, Andrew Layden, Samantha Long, Brianna Miles, Ana Ojeda-Preciado, Alyssa Payton, Courtney Phelps, Ellison Pierce, Jaycee Pierce, Alexander Pryce, India Raynor, Inyia

Raynor, Hannah Rose, Mallory Sawyer, Samantha Soto, Caroline Stolz, Kaely Styons, Cheyenne Taylor, Nah'Turie Ward, Ervin White, Mykayla White, Riddick White, Ryan White, Faelynn Williams, Janel Williams, Kristen Williams, Robert Winborne and Michael Winebarger.

Current members are Abigail Ali, Brady Armstrong, Anna Bass, Morgan Bass, Rachel Brinson, Stareisha Bunch, Faith Byrum, Laura Castro, Sarah Chappell, Kentreaz Coston, Gwendalynn Faircloth, Ja'Kasia Ferebee,

Jacob Forehand, Briana Hall, My'Azia Hassell, Kyler Holmes, Mary Hope, Trevon Houston, Alex Jackson, Kurshenna Jackson, Spencer Joseph, Pacey Lassiter, Ashlynn Leary, Elizabeth Manning, Evans Mason, Wilson Mason, Christopher McNeil, Sydney Morris, Aniya Palmer, Morgan Privott, Wesley Privott, Jackson Ray, Brianna Rodriguez, Katrina Sawyer, Addisyn Spruill, Charity Stallings, Ryan Tunney, Amy Turner, Conner Wallen, Dylan White, Molly White and Faith Williams.

CMS BAND EARNS 1ST PLACE

SUBMITTED PHOTO

The Chowan Middle School band placed first in their class Friday at Music in the Park. During the event, the band performed at Heritage High School in Newport News, Virginia, before heading to Busch Gardens for the day. The band is led by instructor Evan Copeland. The CMS band and chorus spring concert was Tuesday.



Board hires Sasscer

Assistant superintendent's first day on job June 20

SUBMITTED REPORTS

The Edenton-Chowan Board of Education has tapped a middle school



SASSCER

principal in the Dare County Schools to be the district's new assistant superintendent for curriculum and instruction.

Michael Sasscer, principal at Manteo Middle School, will begin his new duties with Edenton-Chowan on June 20, according to a press release.

Prior to going to work in Dare County, Sasscer worked in the Currituck County Schools, first as an assistant principal at Currituck High School and later as principal at Jarvisburg Elementary School. He also has worked as an assistant principal at Marvin B. Smith Elementary School in the Alamance-Burlington Schools.

A National Board Certified Teacher and a former North Carolina Teaching Fellow, Sasscer taught high school math, including advanced placement calculus, for 10 years before becoming an administrator. He also is a former varsity and jayvee baseball coach.

Sasscer earned a doctorate in education from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. He also holds a master's degree in school administration and a master of arts in teaching, also from UNC-CH. He earned a bachelor of arts degree in mathematics and a bachelor of arts in psychology, also from UNC-CH.

Firm makes case for construction

Rick Ott discusses trends with Board of Education

BY NICOLE BOWMAN-LAYTON
Editor

A company familiar with many of Edenton-Chowan Schools' facilities offered its services as the system decides the fate of John A. Holmes High School during the recent Board of Education meeting.

Former superintendent John Dunn reintroduced the board to Rick Ott, senior executive, vice president of M.B. Kahn Construction Company, during the May 14 meeting at Chowan Middle School.

Dunn said he and Ott have been friends for almost 40 years, when Khan Construction helped with work converting the former Chowan High School into the current middle school. Later on, the company helped with building White Oak and D.F. Walker schools, which are about 20 years old.

"It's just been my

pleasure to do our work with him during all those years and to realize what a valuable assistance he can be to the school system that they're starting their construction project," Dunn said.

Ott said that as a construction management company, M.B. Kahn could help the board see through all the jargon for a construction project. In April, Camden County hired M.B. Kahn to conduct a feasibility study about constructing a new high school.

During his presentation, Ott said that schools are moving away from the traditional model, becoming more of a multi-purpose space. One such school in the presentation featured a

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For photographs and a list of groups recognized at the May 14 Board of Education meeting, see page B3.



SUBMITTED PHOTO

The 2019 soil and water poster and essay contest winners included Jordan Ward, Kaydence Young, Layla Webster, Tyrin Bond, Kavion Jackson, Owen Pasiuk, Madison Mitch, Alex Smith and Cristian Hawks.

Poster, essay contest winners announced

SUBMITTED REPORT

This year's Soil and Water Poster and Essay Contest was held. The theme was "The Living Soil." Chowan County had 77 sixth-grade students who entered the poster/bookmark contest and eight sixth-graders who entered the Essay Contest. Local winners were chosen in January.

The winners of the poster/bookmark contest were first place, Jordan Ward and Kaydence Young (tie); second place, Layla Webster; and honorable mention, Tyrin Bond, Kavion Jackson and Owen Pasiuk. Local essay contest winners included first place, Madison Mitch; second place, Alex Smith; and honorable mention,

Cristian Hawks.

The local first-place winners from each contest competed in the Area 5 Regional Level held on March 14 where Mitch won third for the Essay Contest.

Young won first for the sixth-grade Poster/Bookmark Contest making her poster/bookmark eligible to compete in the State Contest in May.

Welch named to NC A&T dean's list

SUBMITTED REPORT

Kayla BreAnn Welch was named to North Carolina Agriculture and Technical State University's spring 2019 Dean's List.

To receive this academic recognition, a student must be enrolled full-time with a minimum of 12 semester hours and have a grade point average of 3.25 or higher. Welch is pursuing her Bachelor of Arts degree in political science.

She is participating in an internship at Simonson Law Firm in Edenton; funded by the Golden Leaf Foundation, from which she received a renewable four-year scholarship and is a current member of their Scholars Leadership Program.



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KAYLA BREANN WELCH

Welch is the daughter of Angela Taylor and Gerald Welch, both of Edenton.

TEACHER OF THE YEAR



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White Oak teacher Heather Denny (center) has been named the school's 2019-20 Teacher of the Year. She teaches kindergarten.

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