

# Lawrence re-establishes FFA charter

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MERRY HILL - Lawrence Academy begins the process of re-establishing Future Farmers of America (FFA) charter.

On Thursday, March 2, upper school students from Lawrence Academy had an opportunity to hear from three of North Carolina's National FFA officers when they visited the school.

Lawrence Academy is in the process of re-establishing an FFA charter that is set to begin with the 2017-2018 school year.

Mary Kate Morgan, Layne Baker and Sarah Thomas, all current freshmen at North Carolina State University, spoke with the students about a school-based FFA program.

In their presentation, the NCSU students explained the benefits of FFA participation including leadership opportunities, state and national conferences, networking opportunities, internships and a wide array of career



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choices available in the field of agriculture.

Students learned several interesting facts, including the dramatic statistic that the global populations reach 9.6 billion by the year 2050.

The speaker stressed the need for jobs in the field of agriculture in order to meet the demands of this growing population.

Today's FFA helps

members prepare for careers in agribusiness, agrimarketing, science, communications, education, horticulture, production, natural resources, forestry and many other diverse fields.

Students were able to text questions about FFA/Agriculture to the speakers, and then hear answers through a question and answer session.

Students were also given an opportunity to speak individually to the state officers of the program.

"It was intriguing and inspiring. I hope I can be a part of FFA in the future," said Lawrence Academy Junior Danielle Belch.

"The program was impressive, and provided answers to many questions. I want to join FFA because it can help me

in my agricultural career, and farmers need all the help they can get. I am glad we are starting a FFA program at Lawrence Academy and I will help in every way I can," added Lawrence Academy eighth grader Peyton Foster.

The FFA mission is to "make a positive difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for premier leadership,

personal growth and career success through agricultural education."

"We look forward to witnessing the potential this program will bring for the students at Lawrence Academy and to the communities we serve," said Lawrence Academy Director of Development/Counselor Velvet Powell.

**About**

**Lawrence Academy**  
Lawrence Academy is an independent, co-educational, non-denominational college preparatory independent school located in Merry Hill.

The school serves students in grades Pre-K through 12, and draws those students from a nine-county area: Bertie, Chowan, Dare, Hertford, Martin, Pasquotank, Tyrell and Washington Counties.

Lawrence Academy is accredited through the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS).

# Lawrence announces new honor roll

MERRY HILL - Lawrence Academy announces its Headmaster's List and Honor Roll recipients for the fourth six weeks.

**Fourth Grade**

Honor Roll: Troy Cale, Addie Phelps, Olivia Tynch, Lily Pratt, Wes Noles.

**Headmaster's List:**

Charles Creighton, Patrick Lundy, Boyd

Swain.

**Fifth Grade**

Honor Roll: Waylon Clifton, Luke Foster, Matt Harrell, Summer Mizelle, Harris Mordecai, Mia Dixon, Emma Tritt.

Headmaster's List: Christopher Nelson, Lucy Spruill, Thomas Nelson.

**Sixth Grade**

Honor Roll: Gilliam Ivey, Riley Phelps, Abby Rose, Emma Smith, Maggie Zheng, Adriana Geramita, Colby Hauser.

Headmaster's List: Megan Corey, Bryson Perry.

**Seventh Grade**

Honor Roll: D.J. Small

**Eighth Grade**

Honor Roll: Hailey Barnes, Isabelle Phelps,

Joyner Rascoe, Bond Wilson, Hosea Wilson.

Headmaster's List: Bailee Dunlow, Claire Lundy, Isabella Spruill, Samantha Corduan, Madison Bass.

**Ninth Grade**

Honor Roll: Hailey Gardner, Riley Ratzlaff, Gavin Smithwick, Taylor Tucker, Anna Tawes.

**Headmaster's List:**

Burke Huddleston

**Tenth Grade**

Honor Roll: Isabella Conigliaro, Jason Guo, Noah Hoggard, Beatrice Mordecai, Nixon Rascoe, Lauren Smith, Wood Trowell, Chloe Walston, Joseph White, Ashleigh Fetherson.

**Headmaster's List:**

Lindsay Smith

**Eleventh Grade**

Honor Roll: Makayla

Deaver, Danielle Belch, Savannah Stevens.

Headmaster's List: Lane Corbett, Megan Davenport, Brinson Edmondson, Karen Guo, Dylan Harrell, Gracen Rogers, Mariah James.

**Twelfth Grade**

Honor Roll: Austin Oliver, Sydney Wilkerson.

**Headmaster's List:**

Austin Wynne.



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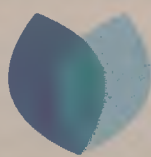
A native of Charlotte, she earned her medical degree at The Brody School of Medicine at East Carolina University, followed by internship training at Vidant Medical Center. She completed residency training in radiation oncology at University of California in Irvine, where she was chief resident. She's earned numerous awards throughout her medical training.

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# Fayetteville State announces honors

FAYETTEVILLE - Fayetteville State University supports academic achievement and is pleased to honor undergraduate students whose performance merits special recognition.

The following local students were named to the Dean's List for the Fall Semester 2016:

■ Jaquil Hafiz of Aulander

■ Al-ameen Sharif of Aulander

■ Cierra Bond of Lewiston Woodville

■ Ajaysia Ford of Windsor

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