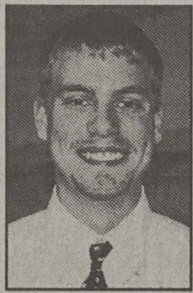


Area students win awards at CCC

Cleveland Community College presented academic and service awards during its annual Awards Celebration hosted by the Student Government Association.

Jeremy Champion and Karen Rippy were named to the Academic All-American Team.



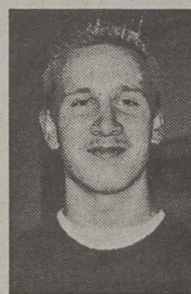
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Elizabeth Champion and Karen Rippy of Grover were nominated to the Talent Roster Program for Academic Excellence.

Jeremy Carpenter, Steffany Lee Lewis and John Tiller, were



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named Students of the Semester for the spring semester.

Academic Achievement Awards went to Angela Hatley, Associate Degree Nursing; Fred Jack Hoyle Jr., Pre-Art Education; and William Seth Moss of Kings Mountain, Mechanical Drafting.

Angela Hatley won the Freshman Chemistry Award

and Thomas Daggerhart won the Phoebe Cobb Award for poetry.

Black Awareness Club Meritorious Service Awards were presented to Oluwafunke Adetolu, President; Ryan McCain, Vice President; Latresia Peak, Secretary; and Wesley Hopper, Treasurer.

Gamma Beta Phi presented its Outstanding Service Award to Jim Kennon, President; named Debbie Young Member of the Year; and presented scholarships to Angela Ayers and Crystal Hendrick.

President Trey Krieger of Kings Mountain received the Phi Beta Lambda Outstanding Service Award, and President Karen Rippy of Grover received the Phi Theta Kappa Outstanding Service Award.



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The Cleveland Community College students pictured above were recently named Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges. Front row, left to right, Antonnette Clardie, Renada Mason, Elizabeth Champion, Oluwafunke Adetolu. Second row, Beth Stilwell, Karen Rippy. Third row, Jim Kennon, Roxanne Stiles, Kelly McSwain, Sandra Fisher, Michael Bowen, Reginald Hartgrove. Fourth row, Rebecca Lail, Ellen Williams, Rhonda Rose, Nicole Humphries, Karen Bradley, Carolyn Lovelace. Back row, Jeremy Champion, Edward Rush, Jean Varner, Angela Fox, and Tina Mullins.

KM students attend FBLA state meeting

Twenty-five students from Kings Mountain High School recently attended the Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) state leadership conference in Greensboro. The conference consisted of competitive events, business-related workshops, and state officer campaigning and voting.

The following KMHS students were winners:

First place - Desktop publishing, Carrie Sizemore and Michelle Lawson; entrepreneurship, Nathan Carpenter, Katie Dowda and Charlie Jones.

Second place - Accounting II, Lane Echols.

Third place - Business Plan, Miranda Hensley; Chapter website, Adam Hall and Carrie Sizemore.

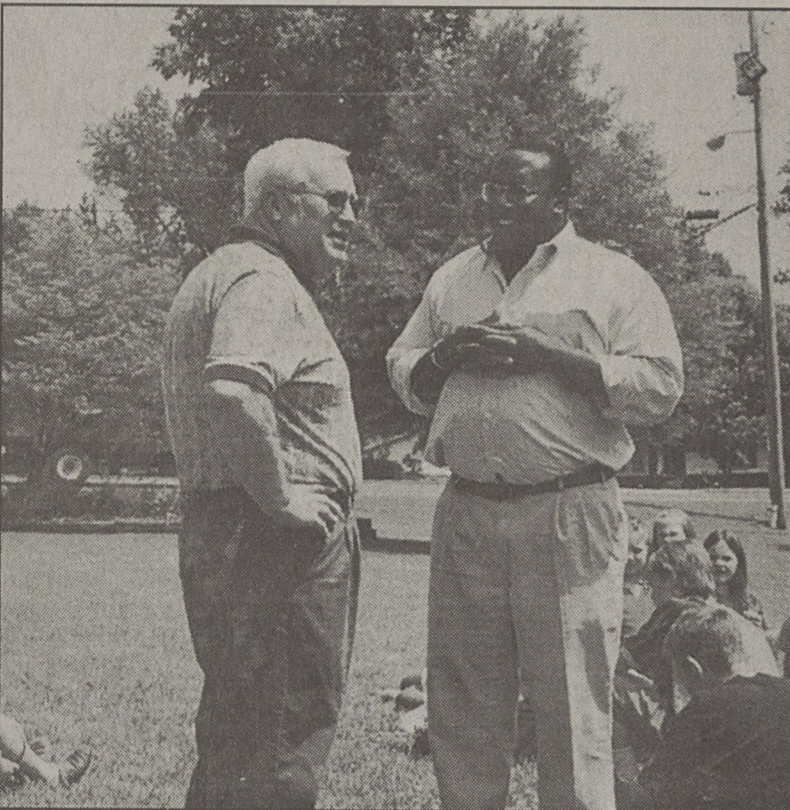
Finalists: Who's Who in FBLA, Adam Hall; business circulation, Adam Hall; business procedures, Trisha Runyans; introduction to business communication, Stephen Hall; computer concepts, Matthew Frazier; introduction to parliamentary procedure, Lauren Horne; business math (high school), Kevin Tsui.

All first and second place winners will advance to the FBLA National Competitive Events in Orlando, FL



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Lane Echols, Charlie Jones, Katie Dowda, Nathan Carpenter, Carrie Sizemore, and Michelle Lawson, left to right, will represent KMHS and North Carolina in the FBLA National Competitive Events in Orlando, FL June 29-July 2.



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Jeff Johnson, WFVT-55 Charlotte, and retiring East School custodian Travis Hawkins share a laugh at the End of Grade Test Pep Rally Monday at the school's front lawn.

Pep rally prepares students for test

BY BEN LEDBETTER
Staff Writer

Jeff Johnson believes in reinforcement.

Johnson was speaking to a group of third-fifth grade students at East Elementary at a pep rally for the end of grade tests.

Johnson, who works with STV on the WB, the outreach effort for WFVT-TV, said he goes to approximately 200 schools a year throughout the station's 26 county viewing area to encourage students before their end of grade tests.

"Even though kids hear it, they don't hear it enough," Johnson said about kids learning about character education along with the other subjects.

To encourage the students, Johnson keeps his message simple and uses no fancy props or gadgets.

"I just try to use my enthusiasm and project it out so they can become a part of it too," Johnson said.

Relaxation before the exam was not the only thing students had to look forward to, East Principal Jerry Hoyle said that the students will be able to earn

a night out bowling if they do well on the tests.

Terri Lewis, Director of Communities in Schools for Kings Mountain, said the pep rally was a way to relax for both teachers and students.

"It's motivational and a stress reliever for the teachers and the students," Lewis said. "Every year we try to do something the day before just to kind of break the tension and get everybody relaxed, and have a little bit of fun."

Johnson started his presentation on the front lawn of the school by telling the students the benefits of knowledge, tips for taking tests and good eating habits.

"You are the most precious gift we have on the planet," Johnson said before eating a part of his freezer pop which were handed out to the students.

To enforce the meaning of his message, Johnson had the children raise their hand and take an oath to do their best on the tests.

But when he asked them to promise to eat more green, leafy vegetables, the children caught on quickly.



"I feel better than I have in years. But the pacemaker hasn't corrected my slice."

At 80, it wasn't age that was making Jim Taylor weak. Last year, Mr. Taylor passed out while driving his car. After regaining consciousness, he called his Sanger Clinic cardiologist, Dr. Douglas Boyette.

Dr. Boyette immediately had him taken to Cleveland Regional Medical Center where he implanted a pacemaker. "It's unbelievable," Mr. Taylor says. "That little pacemaker has a tiny computer in there that knows what your heart's supposed to be doing. I feel better than I have in years. Not tired or weak."

Ever the humorist, Mr. Taylor adds, "Of course, I don't think the doctor set the pacemaker right since I still slice the ball."

Feeling confident about his health, Mr. Taylor is quick to sing the praises of Cleveland Regional and the Sanger Clinic. "It's so good to know you can get attended to efficiently and quickly. I feel so much better knowing we've got the hospital equipped the way it is and that a branch of Sanger Clinic is here."

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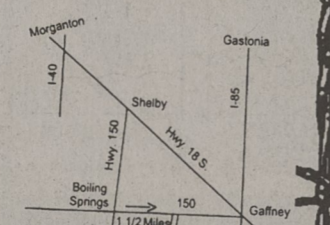
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