

EDUCATION

Academic achievements highlighted at KMHS rally

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Kings Mountain High's recent Academic Pep rallies recognized the accomplishments of several students and educators.

The Renaissance Leadership Class hosted and created the two rallies under the theme of KMHS Grammy's.

"Carmen Scism and Marshia Meeks were the co-hosts of the event and did an outstanding job! Paul Philavong did an outstanding job of coordinating the music that accompanied each presenter, skit and award," said Renaissance Co-director and KMHS Social Studies teacher Dan Potter.

Both Grammy's events turned out to be exciting rallies infused with great rewards. In addition to a special visit from KMHS graduate turned songwriter/producer Ron Feemster and Spencer Pratt from the MTV show "The Hills," students were entertained by several other "stars."

"Various students and faculty impersonated famous singers while others performed commercial skits to entertain the audience," Potter said.

The Pep Squad performed chants and dances. Four student groups took the stage to

perform their talents from a previous contest held at the Homecoming Dance earlier this year, according to Potter. Those students were: Justin Gsellman, Matt Ritch, Scotty Machon, Quantria Ross, Jerica Ross, Omar Wingo, and Antonia Garrett. Garrett's pep rally serenade inside of Barnes Auditorium caught Feemster's attention as he stood outside. Intrigued, he ran back inside to catch a glimpse of the singer. One of his fellow producers offered Garrett his card to hear her "sing some more."

Cleveland County Commissioner Mary Accor impersonated Whitney Houston singing, "I believe the children are our future." She presented a few awards and was also bestowed with a plaque herself, for "Outstanding Community Service." Former principal and current Assistant Superintendent John Yarbrow was presented with a plaque for his "Outstanding Leadership at KMHS 2000-07." Gay Henderson, KMHS media specialist who formed the Renaissance Academic Program in 1996, was awarded a plaque for "Originator Award of Excellence."

Teachers of the month were recognized from September: Mrs. Bedford; October: Mrs.

Elmore; and November: Mrs. Kendrick. Students of the month were also honored. They were: September - Abbie Lynch (9th grade), Carlos Bell (10th), Imalvis Hernandez (11th), and Scooter Rhodes (12th); October - Cameron Harris (9th), Ramey Kerns (10th), Branigan Wheeler (11th), and Jordan Paige (12th); November - Craig Watson (9th), Elizabeth Sheffield (10th), Casey Owensby (11th), and Daniel Asgari (12th).

Power point presentations recognized students with perfect attendance last semester and students with grade point averages over 4.0. Principal Ronnie Funderburke awarded students with the highest EOC and VoCATS scores each with \$20 checks.

The following students were recognized for having the highest jump in GPA from Fall 2006 to Spring 2007: Joseph Maner (12th grade), Elizabeth Russell (11th), and Austin Bridges (10th).

The Academic Highest Achievers were: Megan Ellis, Brian Goodwin, Kelsey Harvey, Townsend Haynes, Rhonda Morelock, Arti Patel, Rahil Patel, Christopher Potts, Taylor Rippy and Jeff Robinson in 12th grade; Nicholas Bartlett, Hanna Clark, Ethan Fujita, Matthew Gray, Jordan Hubbard, Chelsea Ingram, Jessica Injejikian,

Jannat Majeed, Ariel Martin, Alice Ouaneodone, and Alex Plonk in 11th grade; and Kasey Chapman, Daniel Dyer, Victoria Greene, Ellen Hall, Hayley Hoyle, Robert Locke, Hannah McDougal, Bryan Moffitt, Sachin Patel, Ansley Putnam, Ashley Ray, Sarah Smith and Dylan White in 10th grade.

Those with the highest GPA per athletic team in 2006-07 were Baseball - Daniel Humphries, Rai Robinson; Men's Basketball - Jonathan Hines; Women's Basketball - Jordan Doty; Cheerleading - Brianna Williams, Laura Ashley Gaffney; Men's Cross Country - Boone McDaniel; Women's Cross Country - Alex Plonk, Nicole Plonk, Ashley Ray; Football - Steven Montgomery; Golf - Camden DeVane; Men's Soccer - Christopher Potts; Women's Soccer - Ramey Kerns, Mallory Mansfield; Softball - Hayley Hoyle, Chasiti Falls, Haley Barrett; Men's Swimming - Daniel Dyer; Women's Swimming - Taylor Rippy; Men's Tennis - Matt Gray, Davis Phanthalack, Branigan Wheeler; Women's

Tennis - Hannah McGill; Men's Track - Robert Locke; Women's Track - Alex Plonk; Volleyball - Jordan Doty; and Wrestling - Jeffery Robinson.

Those with the highest EOC scale scores for Spring 2007 were William Locke (Algebra I), Davis Phanthalack (Algebra II), Whitney McDonald (Biology), Jonathan Davis (Civics/Economics), James Black and Sarah Smith (English I), Ashton Fields and Sarah Smith (Geometry), and Kyle Richards (US History).

Students awarded for the highest VoCATS scores were Casey Haynes, Arti Patel, Rainey Belt, Brittany White, Whitney McDonald, Kyle Richards, Chelsea Ingram, Paul Mansfield, Victoria Greene, Casey Ramey, Will Ford, Branigan Wheeler, Daniel McAbee, Tyler Spain, Tony Martin, Sarah Smith, Alex McDaniel, Justin Gsellman, Tyler Black, Tonya Jackson, James Locust, Brittany Schulte, Cassie Cobb, Amanda Ford, Sofia Lopez, Austin Clemmer, Jordan Guyton, Kevin Gann, Ben Hardee and Colt McGinnis.

Broker Prelicensing course at Cleveland Community College

Cleveland Community College will offer the Broker Prelicensing course this spring. The course will be offered on Saturdays from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. beginning January 19 and ending May 10. Successful completion of the course will allow a student to take the North Carolina Real Estate Commission test for provisional broker. A required co-requisite, Real Estate Math will be taught with the Prelicensing class.

Post-licensing classes, RLS 123 Selected Post Licensing Topics and RLS 121 Broker Relation/Responsibilities, will be offered on Wednesday nights from 6-10 p.m. The courses begin on January 16, and end on May 7. Each class will be taught for eight weeks. Students must have a provisional broker's license in order to take these courses. The instructor is Lynne Brown.

Registration is Thursday, January 3, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

and 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. For more information, contact John Lattimore, dean of Business Technologies at 704-484-4020.

Lordy, Lordy, Look Who's 40!

Sybil Patterson Walker
Happy Birthday January 3rd!

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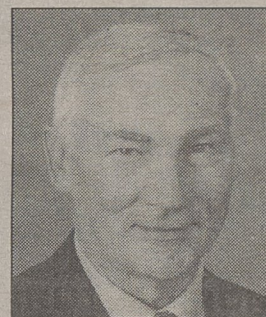
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