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April 11, 2019

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## Student Mission Pledge

I will finish my program of study and become college and career ready!

## RECOGNITION OF MARYLAND HISTORY DAY WINNERS

Ms. Monique Ward, Supervisor of Social Studies, History, and World Languages shared that National History Day, a non-profit educational organization based in College Park, offers academic programs that engage middle and high-school students in conducting and presenting original research on historical topics. DCPS students recently participated in Maryland History Day, sponsored by Maryland Humanities, at Salisbury University. Nine history projects created by our students won first or second place awards, advancing the students' projects to the state level. The state contest will be held on May 11, 2019, at University of Maryland. Our students being honored:

### Senior Division:

**NDHS** – Michael Kroeger & Sabrina Phillips (group website) – first place

**NDHS** – Amethyst Siegler (individual project) – first place

**NDHS** – Mia Mennit, Jocelyn Meyers & Aaron Palamaras (group exhibit) – first place

### Junior Division:

**MLMS** – Said Calderon – first place (individual exhibit)

**SDS** – Brycen Coleman – first place (individual website)

**SDS** – Julia Crooks & Paige Forkum – first place (group website)

**SDS** – Grace Bradley, Emily Pupillo & Kacy Willey – first place (group exhibits)

**SDS** – Gretchen Richardson, Madison Werner & Lydia Yates – first place (group documentary)

**SDS** – Sebastian Hurley, Stephen LeCompte, Hunter Rose & J.J. Springer – second place (group exhibits)



## RECOGNITION OF 2018-2019 LAWS OF LIFE ESSAY CONTEST WINNERS

Mr. Jonathan Gonzales, Supervisor of English, stated that the annual Laws of Life Essay Contest is sponsored by the Character Counts Mid Shore Organization. The contest allows students to compose essays based on one or more of the Six Pillars of Character. 324 essays by DCPS students were submitted to this year's contest! Each winning student and her/his teacher received a \$50 check in recognition of their achievements. Five DCPS students were recognized.

Congratulations go to:

Savana Geib, MLMS, & Ms. Cotina Murray, teacher

Isabella Illiano, NDMS & Mr. Steven Willey, teacher

Madison Werner, SDS & Ms. Melanie Holliday, teacher

Brooke Windsor, C-SDHS & Ms. Heidi Cohoon, teacher

La'Montre Crumble, NDHS & Ms. Denise Aldridge, teacher



**RECOGNITION OF THE  
YOUNG UTHORS' CONTEST WINNERS**

Mr. Jonathan Gonzales, Supervisor of English stated last December the DCPS was given the opportunity to submit short stories and poems for the Young Authors' Contest. Two of DCPS students had winning entries in this annual contest sponsored by the State of Maryland Literacy Association. DCPS winning authors are:

**Aamna Alvi**, C-SDHS – First Place in the Short Story category for 10<sup>th</sup> grade students for her entry, "The Blind Date".

**Maggie Pantzloff**, C-SDHS – Second Place in the Short Story category for 12<sup>th</sup> grade students for her entry, "The Girl Who Never Spoke".

**Recognition of  
Month of the Young Child**

On April 11, 2019, the Board of Education officially recognized April as the Month of the Young Child. In a proclamation, the Board affirmed the work of the Dorchester Early Childhood Advisory Council, parents, teachers, child care providers, and other organizations focused on improving outcomes for young children and families. The Board recognizes that the experiences of the first five years of life impacts a child's ability to be successful in school. The Board encourages everyone to make a good investment in Early Childhood so that all children can come to school ready to learn. Dr. Mitchell, presented the proclamation to Mrs. Donna Greenleaf, Supervisor of Early Childhood Education, and Chareka Harris, Administrator, Judy Center

**BOARD CURRICULUM PRESENTED FOR  
FIRST READING**

*Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID)*

**APPROVED BOARD POLICIES**

*Policy 350.1*

*Instruction: Grade Reporting and Homework;  
Grade Reporting*

*Policy 350.2*

*Instruction: Grade Reporting and Homework; Report Cards*

*Policy 350.3*

*Instruction: Grade Reporting and Homework;  
Interim Reports*

*Policy 350.4*

*Instruction: Grade Reporting and Homework;  
Computation and Reporting Grades*

*Policy 350.5 Instruction: Grade Reporting and Homework;  
Homework*

*Policy 380.1*

*Instruction: Home and Hospital Instruction;  
Home and Hospital Instruction*

**BOARD POLICIES PRESENTED FOR  
FIRST READING**

*Policy 390.1*

*Instruction: Public Charter Schools;  
Purpose*

*Policy 390.2*

*Instruction: Public Charter Schools;  
Definition*

*Policy 390.3*

*Instruction: Public Charter Schools;  
Policy Statement*

*Policy 390.4*

*Instruction: Public Charter Schools;  
Policy Guidelines*

*Policy 605.4*

*Personnel Policies: Miscellaneous;  
Criminal Background Checks*

**BOARD ACTIONS**

The Board approved the following purchases, contracts and documents:

- Approved the proposed schedule of meetings for the Dorchester County Board of Education for 2019-2020
- Approved payment to Action Motorcoach in the amount of \$1,616.00
- Approved the contract with Clean Spot, LLC for a restroom trailer for the C-SDHS Prom in the amount of \$1,200.00
- Approved the amended contract for Discovery Education in the amount of \$117,616.00 for four years
- Approved purchase of two (2) Dell Latitude Laptops from Data Networks for NDMS in the amount of \$1,886.00
- Approved the purchase of ten (10) Stream Pros from CDW°G for NDMS in the amount of \$2,200.00
- Approved payment to The Benedictine School in the amount of \$30,354.00 for a nonpublic placement
- Approved T-Shirts for the Gentleman’s Club at MLMS, NDMS, NDHS, and C-SDHS in the amount of \$1,030.00
- Approved the authorization to rent the banquet room and breakout rooms from UMES for the Minority Summit in the amount of \$1,250.00
- Approved the purchase of Mentoring Minds Behavior Strategies Guides in the amount of \$3,000.00
- Approved the For All Seasons’ MOU in the amount of \$20,000.00 for trauma-informed training for staff through a pilot program at MLMS
- Approved request to initiate purchase order not to exceed \$12,000.00 for partial AP exams
- Approved request for supplemental SAT exam costs not to exceed \$3,000.00
- Approved the purchase of student materials for Advance Placement workshop from Amazon not to exceed \$7,320.00
- Approved authorization of expenditures to K-12 Insight in the amount of \$18,000.00 for customer service training
- Approved annual software license renewal for PDQ Deploy and PQD Inventory Enterprise in the amount of \$3,750.00
- Approved purchase of ten (10) replacement desktops for NDHS support staff in the amount of \$9,370.00 from Data Networks
- Approved purchase of two (2) replacement desktops for new NDHS – Visitor Sign-in and Circulation Desk from Data Networks in the amount of \$1,684.00
- Approved purchase of fifty (50) replacement laptops for NDHS teachers and administrators in the amount of \$63,200.00 from Data Networks
- Accepted MSDE Grant for \$230,947.00 to be used for security cameras, and professional development
- Accepted MABE grant for \$50,000.00 to be used for keyless exterior door access

- Accepted MSDE grant for \$21,216.36 to be used for a security evaluation at the schools
- Accepted Maryland Center for Computing Education (MCCE) grant as spending the \$4,712.04 to support the implementation of the state requirements

**PERSONNEL ITEMS FOR  
April 11, 2019**

**ADMINISTRATIVE  
APPOINTMENTS**

*Arcelius Brickhouse*, Director of Student Services  
Central Office  
Effective: July 1, 2019

*Regina Teat*, Director of Schools and Instruction, Title II & II  
Central Office  
Effective: July 1, 2019

*Beth Wilson*, Director of Operations  
Central Office  
Effective: July 1, 2019

**CERTIFICATED  
APPOINTMENTS**

*Jessica Baker*, English Teacher, TBD  
Effective: August 15, 2019

*Miguel Dodge*, Science Teacher, TBD  
Effective: August 15, 2019

*Ashton Moody*, Music Teacher, TBD  
Effective: August 15, 2019

**CERTIFICATED  
TRANSFERS**

*Lauren Blades*, from Science Teacher at Cambridge-South Dorchester High School to Library Media Specialist at Maple Elementary School  
Effective: August 22, 2019

*Linda Wilson*, from Principal at Hurlock Elementary School to Coordinator of Title I Schools at Central Office  
Effective: July 1, 2019

**CERTIFICATED  
RESIGNATIONS**

*Marysia Borek*, English Language Arts Teacher  
Mace’s Lane Middle School  
Effective: June 30, 2019

*Linda Cartwright*, Special Education Teacher  
Mace’s Lane Middle School  
Effective: June 30, 2019

*Tracy Copley*, Special Education Teacher  
Cambridge-South Dorchester High School  
Effective: June 30, 2019

*Amy Martin*, Reading Intervention Teacher  
Hurlock Elementary School  
Effective: June 30, 2019

**PERSONNEL ITEMS (cont.)**

**CERTIFICATED  
RESIGNATIONS**

*Hugh McNiece*, Mathematics Teacher  
Cambridge-South Dorchester High School  
Effective: June 30, 2019

*Kenneth Roberts*, English Teacher  
Cambridge-South Dorchester High School  
Effective: June 30, 2019

*Miranda Smith*, Special Education Teacher  
Hurlock Elementary School  
Effective: June 30, 2019

**NON-CERTIFICATED  
APPOINTMENT**

*Aaron Robbins*, Computer Repair Technician  
Central Office  
Effective: April 24, 2019

**NON-CERTIFICATED  
PROMOTIONS**

*Jamelle Nance*, from Family Services Coordinator, to 21st  
Century Community Learning Services Coordinator  
Effective: April 24, 2019

**NON-CERTIFICATED  
RESIGNATIONS**

*Ryan Berry*, Instructional Assistant  
Maple Elementary School  
Effective: April 11, 2019

*Aimie Cooke*, Bus Assistant, Central Office  
Effective: April 4, 2019

*Aristides Reyes Hernandez*, Instructional Assistant  
Hurlock Elementary School  
Effective: April 26, 2019

**NON-CERTIFICATED  
RETIREMENT**

*Jean Farmer*, Cafeteria Manager  
Warwick Elementary School  
Effective: July 1, 2019