

# We are celebrating another outstanding year at Haywood High School!

More than 80 of our students were involved in the spring musical, *Bye, Bye, Birdie*. Everything for the play is built and run by the students.

This year's drama awards went to **Trey McAdams** (Best Actor), **Lauren Perry** (Best Actress), **Alex Galbraith** (Best Supporting Actor), **John Evans** (Most Dedicated Actor), **Kaitlyn Schwartz** (Most Improved Actress), **Anna Baumheckel** (Breakout Performance), **Jaclyn Pillow** (MVP Crew), **Haley Chrisman** (Most Dedicated Crew), **Bozhena Sheremeta** (Lucky Duck Award), and **Andrea Smith** (Director's Choice Award).

The **HHS Interact Club** sponsored a child from the Carl Perkins Center at Christmas and provided him with gifts. The club will also sponsor a team in the Brownsville Rotary Club Golf Tournament in May to benefit the Reading Railroad. Interact Club members will also be making a donation to a Yucatan mission project. A local group takes a yearly trip to the Yucatan where they teach sewing, build cisterns to provide clean drinking water for villages, and provide daily crafts and activities for children.

In March, the **Haywood High Special Olympic Team** competed in the State Tournament in Nashville. The Tomcats defeated the two-year champs, the Nashville Heats, with a final score of 37-30 to become the State Champions. The team consists of **Cordarius Baltimore, Julius Hughes, Jamarious Chapman, Xavier Robertson, Floyd Boyd, Shaquille Cater, Quenta Reed,** and **Kevin Jones**. They were coached by **Coach Chrystal Roach and Coach Jason Winfrey**. **Ms Laulla Pruiett**, and **Mrs. Peggy Reed** offered invaluable support throughout the tournament.

**Audrey Pattat** has been selected to attend the **Governor's School for Scientific Exploration of Tennessee Heritage** to be held this summer at East Tennessee State University.

**Fabiola Calderon** and **Kiara Kirkman** have been selected to attend the **Young Scholars Academy** this summer at the University of Tennessee, Martin. This one-week program engages students in an interactive learning environment that stresses creative and innovative leadership experiences for a select group of West Tennessee's best students.

**Alex Galbraith** and **Andrew Pearson** have been chosen to attend the American Legion Boys' State during the summer of 2009. **Lauren Perry** and **Jordan Burroughs** will be the HHS delegates to Girls' State. Alternates for Girls'

State are **Quincey Halliburton** and **Alex Primrose**.

**Leah Taylor**, who represented Haywood High at Girls' State in 2008, has been chosen to serve as a 2009 junior counselor during the week-long convocation held at Middle Tennessee State University.

**Hunter Burroughs** was chosen as a Merit Scholarship Finalist from among 16,000 Semi-Finalists.

The **French Club** enjoyed a trip to Memphis, *au cinema*, to see the latest exploits of Inspecteur Clouseau in *The Pink Panther 2*.

The **Show Choir** performed at Open House, the Hatchie Fall Festival, on the Square for Veteran's Day, and at the West Tennessee Regional Academic Decathlon Awards Banquet.

All **Choral Groups** performed for the public in the annual Christmas Concert followed the next day with performances for the high school students, residents at Sugar Creek, and shoppers at Old Hickory Mall in Jackson.

A **Choir Supper** was presented by all **Choral Groups** in March. Choirs also performed during a school tour of local elementary schools and at Sugar Creek Retirement Center in April. All Choral Groups presented a 45-minute program highlighting genres of music.

The **Show Choir** competed in Atlanta, Georgia, April 25 and placed second. This group performed at the Academic Awards Banquet April 28. The school year will conclude with a **Spring Concert** at HHS May 12, and a school performance May 13.

Students in Mrs. Gay Thomas's **Geometry** and **Technical Geometry classes** are working with Mrs. Thomas and Mr. Kenneth Emerson, construction technology teacher, to build model bridges. In this interdisciplinary project, students are learning the real-life applications of principles of geometry.

Members of the Jackson State Community College dual-credit **English Composition class** earned community service credit by writing copy for the Hatchie Fall Fest commemorative program. Students in this class earn six hours of college credit in English composition as well as their high school senior English credit.

At the **2009 West Tennessee Regional Academic Decathlon** competition, Haywood High School won 12 medals, one plaque, and one trophy. The Purple Team placed fourth overall, and the White Team placed sixth overall. Both teams qualified to advance to State Competition, marking the **24th consecutive year** that HHS teams have qualified for the state-level contest.

At the **2009 Tennessee State Academic Decathlon**, Haywood High School placed among the top scoring teams for the 24th consecutive year. The **Purple Team** placed fifth overall, and the **White Team** placed sixth overall.

Our teams won a record 17 medals, one plaque, and one trophy. **Hunter Burroughs** and **Ronesha Wilkins** each won a **\$1,000 Dollar General Academic Decathlon Achievement Scholarship** to the college of their choice by being the highest-scoring seniors on their teams.

Thirty-nine HHS students participated in the **TMTA Math Contest** at Dyersburg State Community College. Six students placed in the top ten. In Algebra I, **Daniel Evans** placed third, **Sara Long** placed fourth, and **Patrick Sellari** and **Laura Gavin** tied for sixth place. **Reeves Garrett** placed second in Geometry, and **Hunter Burroughs** placed first in Calculus.

The two **HHS Mock Trial** teams placed first and second out of eight schools at the 2009 District 2 High School Mock Trial competition. HHS students won three out of four individual awards. **Constance Bonds** won Best Defense Witness; **Violet Chavez** won Best Prosecution Witness; and **Chris Rich** won Best Prosecution Attorney. The HHS Mock Trial team participated at the state competition in Nashville for the sixth time in the past eight years.

Approximately 200 students participated in the annual **MathMeet** co-sponsored by the HHS Mu Alpha Theta chapter and the Mathematics Teachers of Tennessee – Northwest. Twenty HHS students placed in the top 10 in their events, and three won first-place honors. In the Algebra I competition, **Daniel Evans** placed first, **Patrick Sellari** placed second, **Sara Long** placed third, and **Ivory Kinnon** placed tenth. Three Geometry students placed. They are **Reeves Garrett** (5th), **Seth Tillman** (8th), and **Taylor Primrose** (10th). Those who placed in Algebra II competition are **Holland Aguayo** (1st), **Nathan Peace** (2nd), **Travis Richardson** (4th), **Anna Baumheckel** (8th), and **Breanne Sills** (8th). Those placing in the top 10 in Calculus are **Hunter Burroughs** (1st), **Kenya Clark** (6th), **Alston Owen** (9th), and **Leah Taylor** (10th).

**Hunter Burroughs** attended the 2008 Governor's School for Computational Physics at Austin Peay State University.

The Brownsville-Haywood County Chamber of Commerce once again sponsored the **HHS Youth Leadership Class**. This group of juniors performed community service and learned about local and state government and agencies. Members of the 2008-2009 Youth Leadership Class are **Jordan Burroughs**, **Fabiola Calderon**, **Taylor Dedmon**, **Alex Galbraith**, **Quincey Halliburton**, **Audrey Pattat**, **Andrew Pearson**, **Lauren Perry**, **Alex Primrose**, and **Harold Watson**.

**Alston Owen** was selected by the faculty to receive the **2009 DAR Good Citizenship Award**.

The **HHS Beta Club** inducted 29 new members this year. Beta Club members served at the Carl Perkins Child Abuse Prevention Dinner, worked at polling stations during the local and national elections, and coordinated a blood drive

at HHS with the Lifeline Bloodmobile.

**Chris Rich** served as a SkillsUSA State Officer for 2008-2009. He was West Tennessee Vice-President. Chris won first place in Extemporaneous Speaking at the Tennessee SkillsUSA skills contest and will represent Tennessee at the national competition in June. He will also represent Tennessee as a national voting delegate.

Three HHS students placed in the NSDAR essay contest sponsored locally by the David Craig Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution. First place went to **Martha Jane Jameson**. Second place was awarded to **Breanne Sills**, and **Holland Aguyo** won third place. The topic for the essay was "Five Perils that Challenged Christopher Columbus."

The HHS **Air Force Junior ROTC** unit earned the **Outstanding Unit Award**, and it is easy to see why. AFJROTC students have done mentoring/tutoring at the Boys' and Girls' Club on Monday and Wednesday afternoons. They have also participated in Operation Christmas Child, Relay for Live, and March of Dimes. Cadets helped at the Hatchie Fall Festival, and served as escorts at Parent-Teacher Conferences and the Eighth-Grade Orientation meeting. The ROTC Color Guard and Drill Teams performed at nursing homes, Veterans' Day presentations, home sports games, Open House, and formal dinners for the NAACP and the Boys' and Girls' Club.

The **Water Education Team (WET)** began with a commitment for five years. When WET wrapped up its activities this school term, it lacked only two months of having accumulated ten years of water quality data on the Hatchie River.

The Science Department is making plans for another working trip to the **Dauphin Island Sea Lab** in September 2009. This trip is open to students in the 10th, 11th, and 12th grades who are enrolled in an honors science course and have an interest in marine and/or environmental sciences. For the past 20 years, HHS students have benefitted from the sea lab experience.

Two HHS students, **Dana Hendrix** and **A. J. Powell**, received the State FFA Degree which is the highest award given by the state.

Haywood High School has received a **\$92,000 distance learning grant**. This grant will enable HHS to offer dual credit in agriculture classes through a partnership with the University of Tennessee, Martin. Students will earn college credit *and* high school credit.

The **Haywood Tomcat Marching Band** had a wonderful year. The band participated in several local area competitions. The biggest honor of all was to participate in the Lane College Homecoming game and perform at half-time with the Clark Atlanta Band from the movie *Drumline*. In the past, the band got to meet and play for Denzel Washington at Lane's Homecoming.

The group has been invited back to play at the 2009 game to represent Haywood County's musical talent.

**Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA)** had ten students place at Regionals, and one student, **Haley Chrisman**, placed fourth in Impromptu Speaking at the State Conference. Haley has also served on the FBLA State Officer Team for two years – last year as Region 2 President, and this year as State Webmaster.

Thirteen students from **Virtual Enterprise** attended a trade fair in Pigeon Forge last fall. They set up and operated a booth for their virtual firm, Technical KnockOut, like a “real” firm would do at a trade fair or show. They also got the opportunity to interact with other firms from Tennessee and South Carolina.

Students on the **First** and **Second Honor Rolls** have enjoyed a treat during an extended break each six weeks this year. The **Academic Booster Club** sponsors these events.

Members of the **Haywood High School Faculty** also have reasons to celebrate. Many faculty members participate in professional conferences and workshops during the year. HHS math teacher, **Mr. Eddie Keel**, was elected President-elect of the Tennessee Math Teachers' Association. Mr. Keel also served as the 9-12 chair and a presenter for the 2008 Summer Standards Awareness Workshops for the Tennessee Department of Education. He presented three-day workshops in Nashville, Chattanooga, Crossville, Sevierville, and Troy. He will serve as the 9-12 chair and presenter for the 2009 State Standards Workshops as well.

**Mrs. Cheryl Moses** was selected **HHS Teacher of the Year** by the school faculty.

**Mrs. Linda Baxter** is in the Physics Cadre of the Teacher Excellence Program at the University of Memphis. She met in Oak Ridge last summer and will spend two weeks this summer at the University of Memphis in this program.

Math teacher, **Coach Zandra Jones** was selected as District Coach of the Year in girls' basketball.

**Mr. John Thomas** was nominated on the state level of the National History Teacher of Year recognition.

**Mr. Jimmy Goodman, Mr. Eddie Keel, Mrs. Gay Thomas, and Ms. Yolanda Weddle** have completed the second year of the two-year Teacher Excellence program at the University of Memphis. These teachers attended a two-week summer institute at the University of Memphis concerning mathematics instruction. Mr. Keel has also completed the first year of a two-year TI-Nspire Teacher Cadre at MTSU. Besides receiving over \$5,000 in equipment, he has received training in how to use the TI-Nspire graphing calculator.

French teacher **Mrs. Gail Chapman** is serving as the Chair of the Board of

Directors of Tennessee Academic Decathlon, Inc. **Mr. George Norvell** serves as a member of this Board, and **Miss Glynn Bridgewater** is the Secretary/Treasurer for the organization.

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