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Charles County Public Schools

School News



Congratulations to Charles County Public Schools Class of 2014

A total of 2,099 seniors graduated on May 30, June 2 and June 3. Pictured above are the Class of 2014 valedictorians and salutatorians. Back row from left are: George Jenkins III, Henry E. Lackey High School valedictorian; Julianna Dawson, La Plata High School valedictorian; Amanda Lee, North Point High School co-valedictorian; Christina Paras, Maurice J. McDonough High School valedictorian; Kaitlyn Crook, Thomas Stone High School valedictorian; and Michael Rowley, Westlake High School valedictorian. Front row from left are: Tyler Turner, Lackey salutarian; Danielle Lauterborn, La Plata salutarian; Ashlynn Stanley, North Point salutarian; Taylor Blare, McDonough salutarian; Virginia "Taylor" Webber, Stone salutarian; and Byron Flynn, Westlake salutarian. Not pictured is Anthony "Tony" Teleky, North Point co-valedictorian. See page two for graduation information.

Important Dates Coming Soon

Last day of school

The last day of school for students is Wednesday, June 18. The last day for teachers is Friday, June 20.

Report cards issued

Report cards will be issued to elementary school students on June 18. Middle and high school report cards will be mailed on June 25.

Summer office hours

The Jesse L. Starkey Administration Building will operate on a summer hours schedule of 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. from June 23 to Aug. 8. Normal operating hours of 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. resume on Monday, Aug. 11.

Veteran Board member Col. Donald Wade dies

Col. Donald M. Wade, a four-term member of the Charles County Board of Education and advocate of children and education, passed away on June 1, 2014. During his 16-year career on the Board he served three, one-year terms as chairman, and three terms as vice chairman. He was a lifelong resident of Charles County.

Col. Wade was known for his passion to provide children with a quality education. Col. Wade was also essential in the implementation of the Junior Reserve Officers Training Corp (JROTC) and three-year-old programs in Charles County Public Schools.

Most recently, Col. Wade was honored with the Charles Willis Memorial Award, the highest honor bestowed by the Maryland Association of Boards of Education (MABE) for outstanding contributions to the Board of Education and school system. First elected in 1998, Col. Wade was a champion for qual-

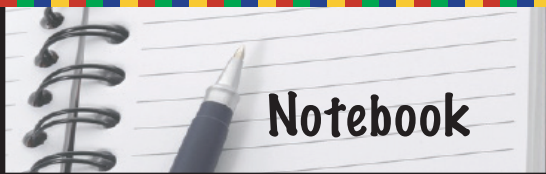
ity education. He regularly met with students, educators and the community, and was highly engaged in the drive to eliminate the minority achievement gap through early childhood and reading programs.

In an acceptance speech for the Willis Award, Col. Wade wrote, "I have been on the Board of Education for 15 years – longer than it takes our students to work their way from kindergarten to high school graduation. I am proud to be a member of the Board of Education of Charles County, and I have never sought any recognition for myself. I serve because my core belief is that all children deserve a good



Col. Donald Wade

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On the cover

Pictured on the front cover are employees from Mary B. Neal Elementary School. Pictured, from left, are Susan Farneth, media specialist; Charles Proctor, building service worker; and Kristen Anthony, first-grade teacher.

EACC Crab feast

The Education Association of Charles County (EACC) is hosting its annual crab feast on Friday, Aug. 22 from 3:30 to 8 p.m. at the Charles County Fairgrounds in La Plata. Tickets are available for purchase on the EACC website, www.teameacc.org, and are \$20. The ticket price increases to \$30 after June 20, and tickets must be preordered by Aug. 15. Tickets will not be sold at the gate. Attendees must also have their Charles County Public Schools badge with them upon entering the gates. Attendees may also bring one guest, but must purchase a ticket for their guest. The event is for adults only. Call 301-392-0150 with questions or for more information.

Holiday closure

Schools and offices are closed on Friday, July 4, in observance of the Independence Day holiday.

North Point childcare openings

The North Point High School Early Childhood Training Center has openings for children ages 2-5 for the 2014-15 school year. The openings are full-time only, and the center is open from 6:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. Contact Shalloway Proctor at sproctor@ccboe.com or visit the center website at www.npccpt.org for more information.

Airing on NewsBreak 96

Airing now is a new episode of NewsBreak 96, a television show produced by the Charles County Public Schools communications department. The latest episode features a program new to Charles County Public Schools called Bring Your Own Device (BYOD), highlights from the Adult Independence Program (AIP) graduation, and a tour of St. Charles High School. Episodes are available to view on the school system website at <http://www2.ccboe.com/publicinfo/channel96/vod/>.

National Board Certified Teachers

Denise Childers



National Board Certification Area
English Language Arts/Adolescence and Young Adulthood



Teaches: La Plata High School, English, grades 10 and 12

Years of teaching experience: 21

Years with Charles County Public Schools: 21

Education

Degrees in English and Secondary Education, University of Maryland, College Park

What's your most memorable moment as a teacher?

I can't pick just one, but when students come back to visit me after graduation and say that something we did in my class helped them in their college studies or their career, it's a very special moment.

Scholarships total nearly \$55 million for seniors

Charles County Public Schools honored 2,099 seniors during graduation ceremonies held this past week. Students in the Class of 2014 were offered nearly \$55 million in scholarship offers.

Henry E. Lackey High School

Total graduates: 316

Total scholarship money offered:
\$5,500,000

Henry E. Lackey High School's valedictorian is George Jenkins III of La Plata and the salutatorian is Tyler Turner of Marbury.

La Plata High School

Total graduates: 345

Total scholarship money offered:
\$7,614,706.

La Plata High School's valedictorian is Julianna Dawson of Charlotte Hall and the salutatorian is Danielle Lauterborn of Waldorf.

Maurice J. McDonough High School

Total graduates: 229

Total scholarship money offered:
\$6,739,068

Christina Paras of Waldorf is Maurice J. McDonough High School's valedictorian, and Taylor Blare, also of Waldorf, is the salutatorian.

North Point High School

Total graduates: 534

Total scholarship money offered:
\$17,474,099

North Point High School has two valedictorians this year – Amanda Lee of White Plains and Anthony "Tony" Teleky of Waldorf. Ashlynn Stanley of Waldorf is North Point's salutatorian.

Thomas Stone High School

Total graduates: 317

Total scholarship money offered:
\$9,190,000

Representing Thomas Stone High School are Kaitlyn Crook of Waldorf as valedictorian and Virginia "Taylor" Webber of Waldorf as salutatorian.

Westlake High School

Total graduates: 358

Total scholarship money offered:
\$8,361,173

Westlake High School's valedictorian is Michael Rowley of Waldorf and salutatorian is Byron Flynn, also of Waldorf.

Charles County Public Schools Totals

Total graduates: 2,099

Total scholarship money offered:
\$54,879,046



Charles County Public Schools student Olivea Varlas, left, shadowed Col. Wade as part of Job Shadow Day activities in February 2012.



Col. Wade presents Catherine Curtis, an instructional assistant at Mary B. Neal Elementary School, right, with an exemplary employee award at the May 2013 Board meeting.



Col. Wade was often called the "Father" of the annual Charles County Public Schools Joint Services Military Ball. He was instrumental in the implementation of the JROTC program at all high schools.



Col. Wade presents former Superintendent of Schools James Richmond, left, with the James E. Richmond Leadership Excellence Award at a recognition ceremony held in June 2013.



Gale-Bailey Elementary School Principal Toni Melton-Trainor, left, speaks with Col. Wade at the St. Charles High School groundbreaking ceremony held Sept. 8, 2010.

Wade

and equitable public education. I believe our children ought to have the best we can give them – our best thinking, quality instruction and well-built, safe and inviting schools. I serve because I have passion for education and I have a responsibility to be the difference in the lives of children. It is my civic and moral duty."

Col. Wade drove efforts to enhance science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) programs by providing a vision for equitable, quality education for all children. He was the co-founder of the Charles County Think Tank for Education, a community group devoted to the thoughtful enhancement of education.

Often called the "Father" of the annual Charles County Public Schools Joint Services Military Ball for senior members of the JROTC program, Col. Wade gained Board approval for the ceremony. As a former school Parent-Teacher Organization (PTO) president, Col. Wade was also the founder of a movement to introduce JROTC at Charles County's high schools. He used personal time and professional contacts to help the school system gain access to and work with the different military branches. That effort led to the implementation of a JROTC unit at each high school.

As a veteran Board member, Col. Wade often mentored new members and always based his votes on the educational value to children and after consulting with students and staff members who might be affected. Additionally, he worked on both the local and state levels to support the ethical standards of boards of education and consistently

attended trainings to learn more about the role and responsibilities of board members.

Col. Wade spent 30 years on active duty with the Air Force and was a professor of aerospace studies at three universities. He was a teacher, a department chairperson and a faculty advisor to 21 JROTC units in Prince George's County before retiring in 2006. He was a member of the Charles County Board of Zoning Appeals, and is a distinguished graduate of the University of Maryland, College Park ROTC program and the University of Maryland, Eastern Shore. He also received his master's degree from North Carolina Agriculture and Technical State University.

Col. Wade was active both with the school system and community. In recent years, several organizations honored him for his lifetime of service. Awards include: Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.'s, Tau Lambda Lambda Chapter with the 2011 Outstanding County Citizen of the Year award; Ministers' Alliance 2011 Service Award for contributions on behalf of children; Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc., Regional Salute to Educational Excellence Award, 2013; and the Years of Service Appreciation Award, Archdiocese of Washington, 2013.

Col. Wade also served on the Board of Directors for the Maryland Association of Boards of Education; the MABE Conference Planning Committee; as a founder of the Charles County Veteran's Memorial Committee; and as a member of the Charles County Zoning Appeals Board.

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Board of Education announces June 10 agenda

The Board of Education's next monthly meeting is Tuesday, June 10 at the Jesse L. Starkey Administration Building on Radio Station Road in La Plata. The public portion of the meeting begins at 1 p.m. and student and staff recognition starts at 4:30 p.m. The meeting is televised live on Comcast Channel 96 and Verizon FiOS Channel 12 and is re-broadcast throughout the week. Board meetings are also streamed live on the school system website at www.ccboe.com. The following is a tentative meeting agenda and is subject to change.

Executive session – 12 p.m.

Call to order – 1 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance, La Plata High School JROTC

Swearing-in of new Student Board member

Recognition – state athletes

Superintendent's update

Reports of officers/boards/committees

- Correspondence/Board Member updates
- Education Association of Charles County update
- American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees update
- Student Board Member update
- Athletic eligibility
- CIP update
- Budget update

- Summer Reading Academy funding success
- FY 2014 Inter-category budget transfer request
- Board policies on non-discrimination
- Policy 5156.1 (new language)

Unfinished business

New business and future agenda items

- New business
- Future agenda items

Recognition – 4:30 p.m.

- Outstanding Vice Principal of the Year – Brenda Tillotson, General Smallwood Middle School
- Outstanding Support Staff – Doris Hawkins, Milton M. Somers Middle School; Darlette Smith, Somers; Kristen Sackman, La Plata High School; Roy Kline, Radio Station Road Annex; Suzanne Alpert, Somers; and Richard Day, North Point High School

- Resolutions: Maryland/Charles County Teacher of the Year, Kimberly King, mathematics teacher, Somers; *Washington Post* Agnes Meyer Outstanding Teacher Award, Carol Eaton, first-grade teacher, Gale-Bailey Elementary School

Public Forum – 6 p.m.

Action items

- Minutes
- Personnel
- Educational Facilities Master Plan

Adjournment

Personnel

Apply for positions online at www.ccboe.com/jobs/currentopenings.php. All teaching positions require a Bachelor's degree and MSDE certification requirements.

Job Openings

Principal – Location to be determined, 12-month position. Master's degree and advanced professional certificate with administrator II endorsement, three years of teaching and three years as a vice principal required.

School psychologists – Locations to be determined, 10.5-month positions. Apply by June 10.

HRIS Secretary – Jesse L. Starkey Administration Building, 12-month position.

Staff Accountant – Jesse L. Starkey Administration Building, 12-month position. Three years of governmental accounting with a minimum of two years audit experience required. Master's degree and/or CPA preferred.

Reading Resource Teacher – Opening at the elementary school level, 10-month position.

Master's degree in reading and a minimum of five years teaching experience required.

Bus Driver Substitute – Hourly position. A minimum of five years experience as a bus driver preferred.

Mathematics Teachers – Openings at the middle and high school levels, 10-month positions.

MCJROTC Senior Marine Instructor – St. Charles High School, 11-month position. Officer or warrant officer with a bachelor's degree and at least 20 years of active duty experience. Candidates must be eligible to receive retirement pay upon release from active duty.

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Vocal Music Teacher – Location to be determined, 10-month position.

Preschool/Multiple Intensity Teaching (MIT) Special Education Teacher – F.B. Gwynn Educational Center, 10-month position.

Special Education Teachers – Openings at the elementary, middle and high school levels, 10-month positions.

Extra pay position

Maurice J. McDonough High School has the following opening:

- Head field hockey coach

Contact Jason Bursick, athletic director, at 301-753-1755 to apply.

North Point High School has the following openings:

- Assistant football coach
- Assistant golf coach
- Assistant girls' soccer coach
- Assistant cheerleading coach
- Assistant cross country coach

Contact Andy Shattuck, athletic director, at 301-753-1759 to apply.