



School News



Congratulations to Charles County Public Schools Class of 2013

More than 2,114 seniors graduated on June 3 and June 4. Pictured are the valedictorians and salutatorians. From left are: Paul Warren, Henry E. Lackey High School valedictorian; Steven Bode, Lackey salutatorian; Suzanne Cahn, La Plata High School co-salutatorian; John Bayer, La Plata co-salutatorian; Rachel Jezek, Maurice J. McDonough High School valedictorian; Erin Albrecht, McDonough salutatorian; Henry Buntz, North Point High School valedictorian; Gaston Lopez, North Point salutatorian; Stacey Kramer, Thomas Stone High School valedictorian; Alexis Rossetti, Thomas Stone salutatorian; Alyssa Kepner, Westlake High School valedictorian; and Samantha Wood, Westlake salutatorian. Not pictured is Alexander Smith, La Plata's valedictorian.

Important Dates Coming Soon

Last day of school

The last day of school for students is Friday, June 14. The last day for teachers is Monday, June 17.

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This issue of *School News* is the last printed edition for the 2012-2013 school year. Limited copies will be provided this summer for 12-month employees. That doesn't mean we are taking an information hiatus until August. Staff members can keep up with the latest school news with online editions of *School News*, which are posted on the Staff Services page of the school system website. Publications will feature job openings, changes, calendar items and staff information. We will send *This Week* messages to your school system e-mail throughout the summer, depending on the timeliness and relevancy of the information.

Scholarship offers rise to more than \$57 million

Charles County Public Schools honored 2,114 seniors on June 3 and June 4 during graduation ceremonies for six high schools. Students in the Class of 2013 were offered more than \$57 million in scholarship offers, up almost \$5 million from 2012.

Valedictorians and salutatorians were announced last week at awards ceremonies. These positions are determined by students' grade point averages and represent the top academic achievers at each school.

Henry E. Lackey High School's valedictorian is Paul Warren of White Plains and the salutatorian is Steven Bode of Nanjemoy. Warren plans to attend Stanford University to study computer science and mechanical engineering. Bode plans to study engineering at the University of Maryland College Park.

La Plata High School's valedictorian is Alexander Smith of La Plata. La Plata has two co-salutatorians – John "Jake" Bayer of La Plata and Suzanne Cahn of Hughesville. Smith will attend Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) in the fall to study mathe-

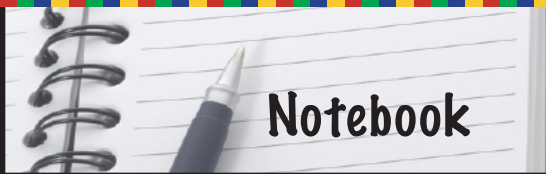
matics. Bayer plans to study political science at Clemson University in the fall, and Cahn is attending St. Mary's College of Maryland to study Biology.

Rachel Jezek of Pomfret is Maurice J. McDonough High School's valedictorian. She is attending the University of Maryland Baltimore County in the fall to study Biology on a pre-medical school track. Erin Albrecht is the salutatorian at McDonough and will attend the University of Maryland College Park in the fall to study environmental engineering.

North Point High School's valedictorian is Henry Buntz of Waldorf. He will attend the University of Maryland College Park and plans to study mechanical engineering. North Point's salutatorian is Alphonso "Gaston" Lopez of Waldorf. Lopez plans to attend Carleton College in the fall to study Physics.

Representing Thomas Stone High School are Stacey Kramer of Waldorf as valedictorian and Alexis Rossetti of Waldorf as salutatorian. Kramer has not declared a major,

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On the cover

Pictured on the front cover are staff members from J.C. Parks Elementary School. Pictured, from left, are Sheri Metcalfe, secretary; Lakisha Tucker, fifth-grade teacher; and Dorothy Swann-Cole, school counselor.

Report cards issued

Report cards will be issued to elementary school students on June 14. Middle and high school report cards will be mailed on June 21.

Summer office hours

Summer office hours of 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. for the Jesse L. Starkey Administration Building begin on Monday, June 17. The normal operating hours of 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. resume on Monday, Aug. 12.

Airing on NewsBreak 96

This week's episode of NewsBreak 96 highlights students from North Point High School preserving history. Also featured in this episode are the Adult Independence Program graduation and several sports teams from the school system and their state championship performances. Episodes are available to view on the school system website at <http://www2.ccboe.com/publicinfo/channel96/vod/>.

Holiday closure

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

Substitute teaching

Charles County Public Schools is now accepting applications for substitute teachers. For more information and how to apply, visit the school system website at <http://www2.ccboe.com/PDF/employment/SubstituteApplication-Requirements.pdf>. Interested candidates can also contact Sue Burgess at 301-934-7269.

Follow us on Twitter

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Stone's Lee named Athletic Director of the Year

The Maryland State Athletic Directors Association (MSADA) recently named Steven Lee, the athletic director at Thomas Stone High School, as the 2013 District 4 Athletic Director of the Year. Lee has been the athletic director at Stone for the past seven years, and has worked in the education field for more than 25 years.

The annual award is presented to an athletic administrator who has made significant contributions to the athletic programs in their schools and school systems. Lee's award for District 4 covers Charles, Calvert and St. Mary's counties. Lee was nominated for the award by Aly Khan Johnson, coordinator of student activities for Charles County Public Schools, for his leadership abilities and his dependable and kind demeanor.

"Steve will always go the 'extra mile' to improve his performance and the people

around him. He is able to encourage and motivate others, as evident in his success as an athletic administrator," Johnson wrote in a letter of recommendation. He is also known among his colleagues as a pleasant, honest and reliable person who has the ability to instill these qualities in others.

Lee is heavily involved with the Southern Maryland Athletic Conference (SMAC) and has served as vice president and president elect for the organization. He has several years of experience at the collegiate level, serving in positions as athletic director at Bethany College, Chowan University, Concord University and Waynesburg College.

Lee has a bachelor's degree in geography and social science from Lock Haven University, and a master's degree in sport management from West Virginia University. He was honored at the annual MSADA banquet held last month in Ocean City.



Steven Lee

Scholarships

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but will attend the University of Maryland Baltimore County. Rossetti plans to study international relations, but has not yet decided where she will enroll.

Westlake High School's valedictorian is Alyssa Kepner of Waldorf and salutatorian is Samantha Wood, also of Waldorf. Kepner plans to major in mathematics at the University of Maryland College Park. Wood will also attend the University of Maryland College Park and plans to study biochemical bioengineering.

2013 graduation numbers by school

Henry E. Lackey High School

- Total graduates: 282
- Total scholarship money offered: \$5,000,000

La Plata High School

- Total graduates: 354
- Total scholarship money offered: \$9,972,130

La Plata's scholarship offers increased by more than \$3 million this year.

Maurice J. McDonough High School

- Total graduates: 302
- Total scholarship money offered: \$13,212,076

McDonough's scholarship offers is a record high for the school and more than doubled from last year's \$6.5 million.

North Point High School

- Total graduates: 551
- Total scholarship money offered: \$15,078,274

Thomas Stone High School

- Total graduates: 287
- Total scholarship money offered: \$6,060,000

Westlake High School

- Total graduates: 338
- Total scholarship money offered: \$8,314,965

Charles County Public Schools Totals

- Total graduates: 2,114
- Total scholarship money offered: \$57,637,445

Staff recognized for making a difference in students with special needs

The Charles County Special Education Citizens Advisory Committee (SE-CAC) honored more than 100 Charles County Public Schools staff and community members at its eighth annual Teacher and Staff Appreciation Awards ceremony held Wednesday, April 24.

Honorees are nominated by students, parents and community members. Award winners are nominated and selected in six categories: individual elementary; individual secondary; elementary group; secondary group; related services and support staff/ administration.

Luanne Cochran, a special education teacher at C. Paul Barnhart Elementary School, was named the overall individual elementary school winner. Evan Vahratian, a special education teacher at Henry E. Lackey High School, received the overall award in the individual secondary category. Elementary winners in the group category are from T. C. Martin Elementary School. They are Kim Jameson, school nurse; Kellen Stiffler, fifth-grade teacher; Jo Anne Roberts, physical therapist; and Katie Guesto, special education teacher.

Two winners were selected for the secondary group award. They are from John Hanson Middle School and the Robert D. Stethem Educational Center. From Hanson they are: Linda Baker, instructional assistant, Life Skills program; Stacey Bennett, special education teacher; Rachael Roszell, instructional assistant, Life Skills program; and Brittany Williams, instructional assistant. From Stethem they are: James Brown, Jr., job placement coordinator; Anthony Silva, instructional specialist; Christina Sprague, special education teacher; and Thomas Weirich, principal. In the related services category, Marta Starkey-Mister, a speech therapist at the F.B. Gwynn Educational Center, was selected as the winner. In the support staff/administration category, Tynika Lytle, vice principal at J.P. Ryon Elementary School, was selected as the winner.

Additionally, honorees recognized for nominations include:

- Kathleen Andrews, special education teacher, Dr. Gustavus Brown Elementary;
- Renard Barnes, instructional assistant, Gwynn;
- Angela Bates, special education instructional assistant, Emotionally Adjusted (EA) program, Mary H. Matula Elementary School;
- Jody Bell, fifth-grade teacher, Arthur Middleton Elementary School;
- Tammy Bowling, Multiple Intensities Teaching (MIT) program instructional assistant, Gwynn;
- Scott Brain, psychologist, Gwynn;
- Katherine Brooke, special education instructional assistant, Matula;
- Francina Brown, instructional assistant, Life Skills program, Mattawoman Middle School;
- Joanne Brown, occupational therapist, Gwynn;
- Laura Buzzell, mathematics teacher, Lackey;
- Susan Capeli, occupational therapist, Gwynn;
- Robyn Cataldo, special education teacher, Berry Elementary School;
- Cory Chapman, special education teacher, Thomas Stone High School;
- Kelley Clancy, instructional assistant, Terrific Three's Program, Gwynn;
- Audre Codrington, psychologist, William B. Wade Elementary School;
- Micah Coe, instructional assistant, Gale-Bailey Elementary School;
- Lauren Colfer, special education teacher, Piccowaxen Middle School;
- Melyssa Cooke, special education teacher, Eva Turner Elementary School;
- Kristin Cotner, occupational therapist, Gwynn;
- Samantha Clark, special education teacher, Turner;
- Virginia Cusick, physical therapist, Gwynn;
- Heather Davis, special education teacher, Gwynn;
- Elizabeth Dawson, special education instructional assistant, Dr. Thomas L. Higdon Elementary School;
- Donna Dillon, speech therapist, Mt. Hope/Nanjemoy Elementary School;
- Inmaculada Dove, instructional assistant, Terrific Three's Program, Gwynn;
- Melissa Elliott, special education instructional assistant, Wade;
- Lashaun Epps-Rodgers, speech therapist, Brown;
- Joann Exline, special education instructional assistant, Gwynn;
- Sharon Farri, special education teacher, J.C. Parks Elementary School;
- Susan Fine, special education instructional assistant, EA program, Stone;
- Cindy Fitzsimmons, special education teacher, Gwynn;
- Lola Ganley, speech therapist, Gwynn;

- Patty Gray, bus attendant;
- Donna Griffin, fourth-grade teacher, Wade;
- Anita Grimes, special education prekindergarten instructional assistant, Berry;
- Karen Gross, special education instructional assistant, Wade;
- Cynthia Hangarter, kindergarten teacher, Wade;
- Glenda Henry, instructional assistant, Life Skills program, Gale-Bailey;
- Laura Hook, kindergarten instructional assistant, William A. Diggs Elementary School;
- Amanda Hughes, special education resource teacher, Gwynn;
- Erica Hughes, fifth-grade teacher, Matula;
- Meghan Hunter, special education teacher, Mattawoman;
- Erica Jackson, special education teacher, Middleton;
- Marcie Jett, special education teacher, Piccowaxen;
- Kelley Johnson, special education teacher, Stone;
- Richard Kelly, special education teacher, Mattawoman;
- Rita Ketchel, secretary, Gwynn;
- Jason Kiessling, special education teacher, Gwynn;
- Evelyn Lavorgna, kindergarten instructional assistant, Middleton;
- Terry Leighton, speech therapist, Gwynn;
- Paula Marquis, special education teacher, Gwynn;
- Irene Masters, instructional assistant, Theodore G. Davis Middle School;
- Jeffrey Mathews, special education teacher, Gwynn;
- Jenna Monroe, special education teacher, Wade;
- Kayleigh Monroe, special education teacher, Gwynn;
- Lynn Ouellette, substitute teacher;
- Mary Pace, bus driver;
- Scott Paterson, psychologist, Stone;
- Sandy Pickeral, bus driver;
- Michael Pratt, I.E.P. Facilitator, Stone;
- Chelsea Pogar, special education teacher, Gwynn;
- Wendy Poncheri, MIT program instructional assistant, Mary B. Neal Elementary;
- Gail Rankell, speech therapist, Wade;
- Miriam Ratcliffe, special education teacher, Ryon;
- Jo Anne Roberts, physical therapist, Martin;
- Teresa Robinson, coordinator of autism services, Gwynn;
- Cynthia Ross, special education instructional assistant, Matula;
- Diane Ryan, special education prekindergarten instructional assistant, Parks;
- Jessica Ryan, special education teacher, Neal;
- Melissa Ryan, special education teacher, Neal;
- Sandra Schliep, MIT program instructional assistant, Gwynn;
- Edith Simmons, fifth-grade teacher, Matula;
- Andrea Smoot, instructional assistant, STAY program, Gwynn;
- Amy Snyder, special education teacher, Gale-Bailey;
- Debbie Soileau, special education instructional assistant, EA program, Stone;
- Mandy Stephens, bus attendant;
- Kellen Stiffler, fifth-grade teacher, Martin;
- Patricia Stokes, special education teacher, Diggs;
- Stephanie Sullivan, fifth-grade teacher, Matula;
- Sara Tayefeh-Hosseini, speech language pathologist, Gwynn;
- Jameya Thomas, substitute teacher;
- Bonnie Thomas-Stern, instructional assistant, Wade;
- Peter Ullmann, music vocal teacher, Hanson;
- Deborah Wade, kindergarten teacher, Diggs;
- Amanda Walker, occupational therapist, Diggs;
- Jean Walter, instructional assistant, Life Skills program, Brown;
- Brenda Wagner, special education teacher, Gwynn;
- Nancy Watts, special education teacher, North Point High School;
- Agela Wenzinger, special education teacher, Brown;
- Linda Westervelt, instructional assistant, STAY program, Gwynn;
- Deborah Williams, school counselor, Wade;
- Jeanette Williamson, special education teacher, General Smallwood;
- Katie Wittig, special education teacher, Wade;
- Joyce Yates, MIT program instructional assistant, Gwynn; and
- Brandi Youmans, fifth-grade teacher, Middleton.

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Board of Education announces June 11 agenda

The Board of Education's next monthly meeting is Tuesday, June 11, 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 recognition begins at 4:30 p.m. The meeting is televised live on Comcast Channel 96 and Verizon FiOS Channel 12, and is rebroadcast throughout the week.

Executive Session – 12 p.m.

Call to order – 1 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance – North Point High School's JROTC Unit

Swearing-in of new Student Board member – Amit Patel, Maurice J. McDonough High School

Recognition of high school athletes

Superintendent's update

Recognition

- Pat Foerster, Maryland State Governor's office
- James E. Richmond Leadership Award
- LifeStyles – Bill McLaughlin, American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME)

Reports of officers/boards/committees

- Correspondence/Board member updates
- Student Board Member update
- CIP update
- Credit recovery

- Advanced Placement (AP) Spanish textbooks
- Budget update

Unfinished business

New business and future agenda items

- New business
 - FY 2014 tuition rates
- Future agenda items

Recognition – 4:30 p.m.

- Outstanding vice principal award
- Outstanding support staff awards
- Resolution – Charles County Teacher of the Year – Mary Bailey, Reading Recovery teacher, Dr. Thomas L. Higdon Elementary School
- Resolution – *Washington Post Agnes Meyer Outstanding Teacher Award* – Crystal Harney, mathematics teacher, Westlake High School
- Employees' retirement resolution

Public Forum – 6 p.m.

Action items

- Minutes
- Personnel
- Educational facilities master plan
- High school redistricting
- FY 2014 budget
- Common Core curriculum
- Education Association of Charles County/AFSCME contract signing

Adjournment



Personnel

Job Openings

Assistant Superintendent of Instruction

– Jesse L. Starkey Administration Building, 12-month position. Doctoral degree in curriculum and instruction, and a minimum of seven years of experience as a school leader required. Apply by June 7.

Resource Teachers – Openings at La Plata, Maurice J. McDonough, Thomas Stone and North Point high schools, 11-month positions. Master's degree and a minimum of five years of experience required. Apply by June 12.

Special Education Instructional Assistants – Two openings at Maurice J. McDonough High School, 10-month positions. Apply by June 12 and June 14.

Financial Secretary – La Plata High School, 12-month position. Apply by June 13.

Special Education Instructional Assistant – Emotionally Adjusted – Theodore G. Davis Middle School, 10-month position. Apply by June 14.

Guidance Secretary – Piccowaxen Middle School, 11-month position. Apply by June 14.

Secretary – Mary H. Matula Elementary School, 11-month position. Apply by June 14.

Building Service Worker – Dr. Thomas L. Higdon Elementary School, 12-month position. Apply by June 14.

Special Education Resource Teacher – F.B. Gwynn Educational Center, 10-month position. Master's degree and a minimum of five years experience required. Apply by June 17.

Executive Directors of School Administration – Two openings at the Jesse L. Starkey Administration Building, 12-month positions. Master's degree required and a minimum of five years experience as a principal preferred. Apply by June 18.

Secretary to the Director Hearing Officer/Court Liaison – Jesse L. Starkey Administration Building, 12-month position. Apply by June 18.

Secretary to the Principal – North Point High

School, 12-month position. Apply by June 20.

Resource Teacher – Nanjemoy Creek Environmental Education Center, 11-month position. Master's degree and a minimum of five years teaching experience required.

Extra pay positions

Westlake High School has the following openings:

- Assistant volleyball coach
- Head varsity golf coach
- Head varsity girls' lacrosse coach
- Assistant boys' soccer coach

Contact Dominic Zaccarelli, athletic director, 301-645-8857, to apply.

Thomas Stone High School has the following openings:

- Head cheerleading coach
- Junior varsity cheerleading coach

Contact Steven Lee, athletic director, 301-645-2601, to apply.