

School News



Charles County's Top Students

Class of 2012 Valedictorians and Salutatorians are, from left: Crystal Dionisio, Henry E. Lackey High School salutatorian; Emily Macri, Lackey valedictorian; Casey Rollins, La Plata High School salutatorian; Raleigh Joyner, La Plata valedictorian; Matthew Haldeman, Maurice J. McDonough High School co-salutatorian; Erica Richardson, McDonough valedictorian; Katie Turner, McDonough co-salutatorian; Cayley Dymond, North Point High School co-valedictorian; Christopher Hartline, North Point salutatorian; Natalie Griffin, North Point co-valedictorian; Darylee Hale, Thomas Stone High School salutatorian; Jemm Excella Dela Cruz, Stone valedictorian; Misha Stone, Westlake High School salutatorian; and Felicia Dillard, Westlake valedictorian.

Important Dates Coming Soon

School News Information

This issue of *School News* is the last printed edition for the 2011-2012 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 nearly \$52 million

Charles County Public Schools honored 2,192 seniors on June 4 and June 5 during graduation ceremonies for six high schools. Students in the Class of 2012 were offered nearly \$52 million in scholarships.

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 Emily Macri of Nanjemoy and the salutatorian is Crystal Dionisio of Marbury. Macri plans to attend the University of Maryland College Park to study architecture. Dionisio plans to study psychology at Mount St. Mary's University.

La Plata High School's valedictorian is Raleigh Joyner of Charlotte Hall and salu-

tatorian is Casey Rollins of La Plata. Joyner plans to attend the University of Maryland College Park and major in linguistics. Rollins is headed to the University of Virginia where she will major in engineering.

Erica Richardson of La Plata is Maurice J. McDonough High School's valedictorian. She is attending the University of Maryland College Park in the fall to study political science. McDonough has two co-salutatorians – Katie Turner of Newburg and Matthew Haldeman of La Plata. Turner, who has not declared a major, plans to attend the University of Maryland College Park and Haldeman will study physics at Marshall University.

North Point High School has two co-valedictorians – Cayley Dymond and Natalie Griffin, both of Waldorf. Salutatorian is Christopher Hartline of La Plata. Dymond
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On the cover

Pictured on the cover are employees from Milton M. Somers Middle School. Pictured, from left, are: Ernestine Swann, guidance secretary; Gene "Allen" Hopkins, eighth-grade social studies teacher; and Belinda Shatley, vice principal.

Last day of school

The last day of school for students is Monday, June 11. The last day for teachers is Thursday, June 14. June 11 is a two-hour early dismissal for students. June 12 and 13 are in-service make up days for teachers.

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 18. The normal operating hours of 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. will resume on Monday, Aug. 10.

Report cards mailed/issued

Elementary school report cards will be issued to students on Monday, June 11. Report cards for middle and high school students will be mailed home on Monday, June 18.

Airing on NewsBreak96

This week's episode of NewsBreak 96 highlights Career Day at T. C. Martin Elementary School. Also featured in this episode are the Adult Independence Program graduation and farewell remarks from three anchors of the Class of 2012: Annabel Russell, Brittany Drawdy and Ciara Wade. Episodes are available to view on the school system website at <http://www2.ccboe.com/publicinfo/channel96/vod/>.

Budget hearing

The Charles County Commissioners are holding a public hearing on the budget at 7 p.m., June 12, at the County Government Building in La Plata. Prior to the hearing, the Education Association of Charles County (EACC) plans to have hotdogs, chips and cookies available for all employees who RSVP to their EACC building rep. Food will be served starting at 4 p.m. in the parking lot near the county government building and courthouse.

Engleson named 2012 District Nurse of the Year

Carolyn Engleson, the school nurse at Mary B. Neal Elementary School, was named Nurse of the Year on May 7 by the Maryland Nurses Association, District 9.

The Nurse of the Year Award recognizes achievements, professionalism, and outstanding contributions to nursing and nurses whose practice positively affects patients, families, colleagues, students and the community.

She was nominated for the award by Neal Principal Carol Leveillee for her care and attention to students and staff, and for her professional and kind demeanor. Neal staff members also submitted letters of support for her nomination and call Engleson "the heart" of the school building.



Carolyn Engleson

Engleson has been the school nurse at Neal since the school opened in 2008, and was at Mary H. Matula Elementary School for five years prior. She has been a registered nurse for 27 years, and a pediatric registered nurse for nine years. Engleson has been with the Charles County Department of Health since 2003, and has also worked at Southern Maryland Hospital Center, Alexandria Hospital, and Mt. Vernon Hospital.

District 9 of the Maryland Nurses Association includes registered nurses in Charles, Calvert and St. Mary's counties. For more information on the Maryland Nurses Association, visit <http://www.marylandrn.org/>.

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plans to attend Purdue University and major in aerospace engineering. Griffin will attend the University of Maryland College Park and plans to major in journalism and international relations. Hartline plans to major in cellular and molecular biology at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute.

Representing Thomas Stone High School are Jemm Excelle Dela Cruz of Waldorf as valedictorian and Daryllee Hale of Waldorf as salutatorian. Dela Cruz will attend Georgetown University and plans to study science, technology and international affairs. Hale has not declared a major, but will attend Towson University.

Westlake High School's valedictorian is Felicia Dillard of Waldorf and salutatorian is Misha Stone, also of Waldorf. Dillard plans to major in neuroscience at Johns Hopkins University. Stone will attend Brown University in the fall and plans to study economics.

2012 graduation numbers by school

- Henry E. Lackey High School**
 - Total graduates: 284
 - Total scholarship money offered: \$5,500,000

La Plata High School

- Total graduates: 341
- Total scholarship money offered: \$6,937,688

Maurice J. McDonough High School

- Total graduates: 287
- Total scholarship money offered: \$6,503,277

North Point High School

- Total graduates: 542
- Total scholarship money offered: \$13,978,586

Thomas Stone High School

- Total graduates: 380
- Total scholarship money offered: \$10,407,368

Westlake High School

- Total graduates: 358
- Total scholarship money offered: \$8,651,552

Charles County Public Schools Totals

- Total graduates: 2,192
- Total scholarship money offered: \$51,978,471

Retirees to be honored by the Board for years of service to the school system

The Board of Education will honor Charles County Public Schools employees at a June 14 ceremony. The ceremony includes employees who have retired since June 30, 2011, and those who have already announced their retirements at the end of this school year. Retirees are listed below by name, last position held, location, and years of service.

- **Susan Albertson**, English teacher, La Plata High School, 36;
- **Kathleen Allen**, drama/theatre arts teacher, Westlake High School, 13;
- **Bonnie Armstrong**, food service worker, Mary H. Matula Elementary School, 18;
- **Sallie Bankett**, special education teacher, Dr. Gustavus Brown Elementary School, 39;
- **Rosalind Betley**, elementary teacher, T.C. Martin Elementary School, 34;
- **Annie Blount**, principal, Mt. Hope/Nanjemoj Elementary School, 48;
- **Mary Brace**, elementary teacher, Dr. Thomas L. Higdon Elementary School, 39;
- **Virginia Bridges**, speech therapist, F.B. Gwynn Educational Center, 42.5;
- **Joseph Brown**, vice principal, La Plata, 39;
- **Linda Burney**, social studies teacher, Henry E. Lackey High School, 41;
- **Roy Butler**, building service manager, Berry Elementary School, 37.5;
- **Joyce Carter**, pupil personnel worker, Mary B. Neal Elementary School, 36.5;
- **Stacey Castle**, instructional specialist, Jesse L. Starkey Administration Building, 25.5;
- **Nancy Chase**, EEEP instructional assistant, Higdon, 33;
- **Marcia Coling**, special education teacher, Gwynn, 12;
- **Ronald Cooper**, job placement coordinator, Robert D. Stethem Educational Center, 7;
- **Marilou Cooper**, Reading Recovery teacher, J.P. Ryon Elementary School, 28.5;
- **Patricia Day**, school counselor, Maurice J. McDonough High School, 40;
- **Cheryl DeAtley**, Judy Hoyer Educational Center Coordinator, Samuel A. Mudd Elementary School, 10.5;
- **Kimberly Dent**, social studies teacher, Westlake, 15;
- **Barbara DeVane**, secretary to the principal, C. Paul Barnhart Elementary School, 38;

- **Dorothy DiPoli**, media instructional assistant, Thomas Stone High School, 24;
- **Carol Donohue**, Latin teacher, Westlake, 33;
- **Jean Earnshaw**, executive assistant to the assistant superintendent for supporting services, Starkey, 13.5;
- **Suzanne Edelen**, elementary teacher, Walter J. Mitchell Elementary School, 38;
- **Virginia Evey**, reading resource teacher, John Hanson Middle School, 31;
- **John Felicitas**, administrative assistant, North Point High School, 28;
- **Shirley Foster**, language arts teacher, Matthew Henson Middle School, 31;
- **Virginia Fuese**, elementary teacher, Brown, 37;
- **Linda Getgen**, specialist in transportation, Starkey, 23;
- **Helen Griffith**, guidance secretary, Lackey, 25;
- **Sandra Hamke**, science teacher, Lackey, 30;
- **Diana Hancock**, mathematics teacher, Theodore G. Davis Middle School, 25;
- **Charlene Haynie**, social studies teacher, Lackey, 36;
- **Evelyn Holmes**, media specialist, Brown, 35;
- **Linda Huff**, secretary, J.C. Parks Elementary School, 7.5;
- **Daniel Jenifer**, building service worker, General Smallwood Middle School, 31;
- **Roy Jenkins**, instrumental music teacher, Mattawoman Middle School, 39;
- **Beverly Johnson**, school counselor, Piccowaxen Middle School, 14;
- **Glenn Jones**, vice principal, Lackey, 38;
- **Kathleen Joy**, instructional specialist, Mt. Hope, 12;
- **Kathryn Keough**, vocal music teacher, Martin, 28;
- **Virginia Kleinfelter**, language arts teacher, Davis, 22;
- **James Kleyle**, English teacher, Lackey, 17;
- **Debra Lantz**, mathematics teacher, Milton M. Somers Middle School, 30;
- **Brian Law**, coordinating supervisor of maintenance and operations, Starkey, 14.5;
- **Pamela Lightfoot**, cooperative vocational education teacher, North Point, 17;
- **Cynthia Lyles**, elementary teacher, Brown, 44;
- **Larry Martin**, principal, Stone, 42;

- **James McGill**, building service worker, Eva Turner Elementary School, 30;
- **Jeritza Montgomery**, special education teacher, Stone, 36;
- **Kathleen Morris**, vice principal, Henson, 34;
- **Linda Nelson**, computer teacher, Mattawoman, 30;
- **Barbara Palko**, coordinator for career and technology education, Starkey, 35;
- **Deanna Papageorge**, EEEP instructional assistant, Mitchell, 24;
- **Charles Proctor**, building service manager, Hanson, 33;
- **Margaret Robinson**, Stay program instructional assistant, Gwynn, 6.5;
- **Debra Scoggins**, social studies teacher, Stethem, 24;
- **Diane Singman**, literacy teacher, Stone, 31;
- **Terri St. Clair**, vice principal, McDonough, 33;
- **Claire Satta**, English teacher, Lackey, 46;
- **Conchita Stewart**, EEEP instructional assistant, Brown, 24;
- **Joan Stup**, Reading Recovery teacher, Turner, 37;
- **Virginia Thomas**, special education instructional assistant, Lackey, 11;
- **Barbara Thomas**, secretary to the principal, Mattawoman, 26;
- **Lila Tribett**, special education instructional assistant, Hanson, 10.5;
- **James Washington, Jr.**, building service assistant manager, Daniel of St. Thomas Jenifer Elementary School, 22;
- **Freda Weirich**, media instructional assistant, William B. Wade Elementary School, 44.5;
- **Susan Welch**, secretary to the principal, Mt. Hope, 11;
- **Carolyn Wentworth**, Reading Recovery teacher, Matula, 31.5;
- **Jacquelyn Williams**, reading teacher, Brown, 36;
- **Donna Wolfram**, drama/theatre arts teacher, Westlake, 14;
- **Sharon Wood**, elementary teacher, Parks, 21.5;
- **Carolyn Wright**, elementary teacher, Matula, 36; and
- **Alice Yutzy**, art teacher, La Plata, 39.

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Board of Education announces June 12 agenda

The Board of Education's next monthly meeting is Tuesday, June 12, 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. Program schedules for Channel 96 are available on the Charles County Public Schools website at www2.ccboe.com/publicinfo/channel96/schedule.cfm.

Executive Session – 12 p.m.

Call to order – 1 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance – Westlake High School's JROTC Unit

Swearing-in of new Student Board member
Superintendent's update

Reports of officers/boards/committees

- Correspondence/Board member updates
- Education Association of Charles County update
- Student Board Member update
- Adult Independence Program staff recognition
- CIP update

- JROTC
- Lifestyles of Charles County
- Budget update
- Breakfast participation program

Unfinished business

New business and future agenda items

- New business
- Future agenda items

Recognition – 4:30 p.m.

- Student
- Employees
- Outstanding vice principal award
- Outstanding support staff awards
- Resolution – *Charles County Teacher of the Year* – Kerrie Seberg, third-grade teacher, William A. Diggs Elementary School
- Employee retirement resolution

Public Forum – 6 p.m.

Action items

- Minutes
- Personnel
- Educational facilities master plan

Adjournment



Personnel

Job Openings

Secretary to the Principal – J.C. Parks Elementary School, 12-month position. Apply by June 12.

Secretary to the Principal – C. Paul Barnhart Elementary School, 12-month position. Apply by June 15.

Secretary – Henry E. Lackey High School, 11-month position. Apply by June 18.

Coordinator of Career Technology Education – Jesse L. Starkey Administration Building, 12-month position. Master's degree and a minimum of five years teaching experience and three years administrative leadership experience required.

Reading Resource Teacher – Jesse L. Starkey Administration Building, 11-month elementary position. Master's degree and a minimum of five years experience required.

Speech and Language Pathologist – Location to be determined, 10-month position. Master's degree required.

Reading Recovery Teacher – Jesse L. Starkey Administration Building, 10-month elementary position. Master's degree in early childhood education or reading and a minimum of three years experience required.

Latin Teachers – Openings at the high school level, 10-month positions.

Technology Teachers – Openings at the high school level, 10-month positions.

Teacher – Academy of Health Professions Pharmacy Technician – Jesse L. Starkey Administration Building, 10-month position.

Language Arts Teachers – Openings at the middle school level, 10-month positions.

Special Education Teacher – Location to be determined, 10-month position.

Staff Notes

Marchione recognized by Blue Angels

William Marchione, a guidance counselor at Piccowaxen Middle School, was recently recognized by the United States Navy's "Key Influence Rider" program. He was nominated

for the recognition by Piccowaxen Principal Kenneth Schroeck, Sarah Osborne, a music teacher at Piccowaxen and Cynthia Wells, an administrative assistant and physical education teacher at Piccowaxen.

The program recognizes individuals who influence youth and help shape their communities. Marchione has served as a guidance counselor at Piccowaxen for five years. He was nominated for initiating programs designed to help students meet behavior, academic and social goals.

The Navy honored Marchione with a 45-minute flight in the skies of the Washington D.C. area on Wednesday, May 16. Marchione shared his experience with students and faculty noting that he could view several Charles County sights. While the acrobatic maneuvers and the mock six speeds were exciting, Marchione said that being in the plane with one of the world's best pilots is an experience that he will always remember.