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# District News

## Class of 2016

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## 2016 ELKF Award for Public Individuals



In April, Linda Calhoun and Cary Williams were recognized by the East Kentucky Leadership Foundation as their Public Individuals of the Year. The pair was nominated by a colleague for their work in implementing a K-12 STEM program within the Ashland Independent Schools. More Information can be found regarding the award and the AISD STEM program at <http://www.wymt.com/content/news/Ashland-women-win--377020111.html> and [http://www.dailyindependent.com/news/stem-taking-off-in-ashland/article\\_90b65cb6-0cd9-11e6-87f9-c395e1782116.html](http://www.dailyindependent.com/news/stem-taking-off-in-ashland/article_90b65cb6-0cd9-11e6-87f9-c395e1782116.html)

## Ashland shines at STLP State Championship

Ashland Student Technology Leaders are no strangers to the stage at Rupp Arena. At the 2016 State Championship on April 22, 2016 several Ashland students were recognized for their wins.

- Level 2 Finalist—"How to at Oakview", Oakview Elementary
- Minecraft, 1st Place— Charles Russell Elementary
- Original Photo, 1st Place— Payton Scott, Paul Blazer High School
- Bench Challenge, 2nd Place— Zach Lee and Blake Spangler, Ashland Middle School
- Conference Engineer — Stevie Tolliver, Paul Blazer High School
- Scratch Ambassadors — Tori Brown and Conner Robbins, Charles Russell Elementary



# Head Start



Ashland Head Start celebrated students transitioning to Kindergarten by hosting a Spring Fling into Kindergarten. During the Spring Fling the parents

received information about Kindergarten & help with getting their student packets for registration. The students each received a graduation t-shirt & cap to wear. The students practiced for weeks on songs for them to perform at the Spring Fling. They performed two songs and each received a certificate. When the performance was over, the students & their families celebrated with cake!

Mrs. Alger's class has been having a fabulous time learning about plants! We've planted different types of



seeds, observed them as they've grown, & done several experiments to learn what plants need in order to grow. We even did a taste test experiment & found out that people can eat all parts of a plant (root, stem, leaves, flower, seed). That was one delicious experiment!

In Mrs. Dee's Class we have been studying music and musical instruments. We have been exploring how to make homemade instruments from items found around the home. We held a pots & pans concerto using buckets, pans, pots, cups, and bowls. We have learned to listen to notes & decode the letters into colors to learn how to read & play simple songs. Ms. Rachel brought her electric bass guitar, played music, & sang for the children.



Mrs. McDowell's class enjoyed a wonderful Mother's Day celebration. Before their mothers came they made cards that told all about their Mothers. We made picture frames

with our Mothers and had wonderful refreshments. The students enjoyed sharing this time with their family.



Mrs. Cox's class has been studying insects the last several weeks. The children have enjoyed learning all about them. We had an end of the year picnic where we ate



lunch outside and then went searching for insects. We have also been practicing our songs for our Ice Cream Social and our Preschool Graduation. The children have learned to do sign language with the song "One Small Voice".

Mrs. Whitehead and Mrs. Katie

I give you back your child, the same child you confidently entrusted to my care last fall. I give him back pounds heavier, inches taller, months wiser, more responsible, and more mature than he was then.

Although he would have attained his growth in spite of me, it has been my pleasure and privilege to watch his personality unfold day by day. I give him back reluctantly, for having spent nine months together in the narrow confines of a crowded classroom, we have grown close, have become a part of each other, and we shall always retain a little of each other.

Ten years from now if we met on the street, your child and I, a light will shine to our eyes, a smile to our face, and we shall feel the bond of understanding once more, this bond we feel today.

We have lived, loved, laughed, played, studied, learned, and enriched our lives together this year. I wish it could go on indefinitely, but give him back I must. Take care of him, for he is precious.

Remember that I shall always be interested in your child and his destiny, wherever he goes, whatever he does, whoever he becomes. His joys and sorrows I'll always be happy to share.

Remember to Enjoy your Child





# Crabbe Elementary



**The E.D.G.E. Program**—Crabbe Elementary has been awarded the Education Disc Golf Experience (E.D.G.E.) grant from Innova Disc Golf. With this grant, our school has received official disc golf discs and disc golf baskets. Even though this new recreation sport was just introduced to Crabbe this spring, next year every student will be taught the disc golf curriculum. There will also be a new after school disc golf club created next year for any 4<sup>th</sup> or 5<sup>th</sup> grade student wanting to participate. Get ready, because next year is going to be exciting!

## The Fastest Typing Students

**5th grade**-1st Place Devoyne Montgomery 83WPM, 2nd Tevin Davidson 74WPM, and 3rd Lenzy Martin 64WPM.

**4th grade**-1st Place Eduardo Torres 65WPM, 2nd Carlos Ortega-Fannin 50WPM, and 3rd Christopher Padgett 47WPM.

**3rd grade**-1st place Owen Ratliff 62WPM, 2nd Mandeep Kaur, 3rd Lesly Morales Guillen 46WPM.

**2nd grade**-1st place Brooklyn Brown 25WPM, 2nd Myah Hamilton 16WPM, 3rd Jordan Fowler & Ayla Marturello 15WPM.

**1st grade**-Chris Mondary 7WPM.

Mrs. Bowling is so proud of all the students. They have worked very hard this year as you can see by the results! Each student that reached his/her keyboarding goal was rewarded with a Big Party!



The 5th grade class at Marshall University for their end of the year field trip for completing the Fifth Third Bank's Young Bankers Club Program.



It has been an interesting year to be a fourth grade student. In January of this school year, their schedule changed to reflect changing classes within the five intermediate teachers. They adapted quickly and well to this change. The majority of the students liked the switch with some of the comments being, "I liked the switch because we got to have extra learning," "I liked the switch because we got to see what the 5th grade teachers were like" and "I think it's a good thing because when you get to middle school you will know how it's done".

In addition to performing their best on the KPREP test, fourth grade is wrapped up their year with various classroom activities. AR genre reports, researching famous Kentuckians for writing biographies and delving into the world of decimals and fractions were among a few.

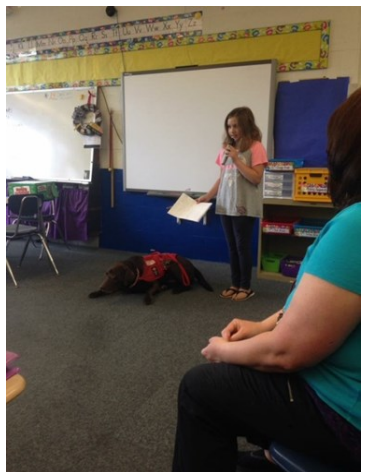
Spelling Bee Winner-Jada Maynard, Runner-Up-Devoyne Montgomery.



5th grade, Josh Daniels helping out at the assembly.



Mrs. Minton and Mrs. Tussey's 4<sup>th</sup> grade reading class had a special visitor, Emily Stakely. Emily is also a 4<sup>th</sup> grader and has Type 1 diabetes. She brought her service dog, Skittles to visit the students at Crabbe, explained how her dog helps her, and taught about service dog etiquette. Skittles has been trained to alert Emily if her blood sugar level is too high or too low. This helps her eat or take insulin as needed so she can stay healthy. The most important thing that the students learned is that if you see a service dog in public, do not talk to the dog or pet it. To do so is a distraction to the dog and can put their owner's life in jeopardy. The visit ended with allowing the students to pet Skittles and see his many tricks like crawling on his belly and balancing treats on his head. The students were very excited about meeting Emily and Skittles!





# Hager Elementary



Kindergarten students have been busy at Hager! We have been learning about plants and life cycles. Both classes got to watch ladybugs and butterflies transform right in our own classes! We wrapped up our unit with a trip to Heritage Farms. We had the

opportunity to see and pet many animals! Mrs. Keener's class planted a vegetable garden at school. A big thanks to Boyd County 4-H Extension Office for the donations. Miss Moore's class planted grass and sunflowers! Mrs. Keener's class finished off their quilts with Mrs. Willis during our Quilting Night. We were able to receive funding through Donors Choose where we had parents, grandparents, friends and even anonymous donors donate to help us reach our needed funds. The kids loved learning about colors, color words, 2 and 3 dimensional shapes, and the basics of quilting through our quilting unit. A huge thank you goes out to all of our quilting volunteers as well as several Blazer Art Students: Chayse Roar, Emily Schipmann, Tori Barber, Shalyana Rice, Payton Scott and Emma Spade.

First grade has been wrapping up the school year with a unit on plants and animals, writing research papers and poetry, and learning how to count money. We have been enjoying the warm weather by



doing some of our learning outside. Mrs. Cole's class won a pizza party by raising the most money for the March of Dimes. She is so proud of her students for their hard work and caring hearts! Miss Wheeler and Mrs. Cole are so excited to see the amazing growth their students have displayed both in their academics and their character.

2nd Graders at Hager Elementary went to see the play Peter Pan at the Paramount Arts Center. Students identified the character traits of Peter Pan, Wendy, and Tinker Bell. Students realized that the plot of the play varied from the Disney movie. Students were then able to compare the play



and the movie using a Venn Diagram. These students have also studied the concept of time with various activities. One of their favorite activities was making a human clock! Students were paired up and given a time to

display. The taller student was the minute hand and the shorter student was the hour hand. The other students in class then had to call out the time displayed.

Third grade students at Hager have been learning about Life Science. Students patiently watched and observed as the Painted Lady Butterflies went through the four stages of their life cycle. We released all 9 butterflies back to nature right before K- Prep testing for good luck!



The fourth grade classes are going to take a field trip to the Star Theater at the Space Science Center at Morehead State University on May 20<sup>th</sup>. They will view the programs: Forces of Nature and Earth, Moon & Sun. The students will watch Tour of the Night Sky which will display some of the stars and planets visible in the sky for that evening. The program will conclude with 20 minutes of music with laser generated imagery. This will be a fun and educational trip and students are looking forward to participating in this trip!

5th graders attended Math and Science Day at Kings Island on Monday, April 16<sup>th</sup>. They had a great day learning while having fun! 5th grade students also attended Drug Abuse Resistance Education (D.A.R.E) Day at Gattiland to celebrate the completion of their course!

Have a Great Summer and we look forward to seeing all our students in August!





# Oakview Elementary



**Kindergarten:** During the month of April, Kindergarten made it rain in the classroom and sang "Rain, Rain, Go Away!". We met ROY G. BIV and used prisms to make rainbows. We also celebrated Earth Day

by discovering all the resources our wonderful Earth gives us. We learned about life on a farm and the animals that live there. We even hatched our very own baby chicks! We ended the year studying ponds, plants and learning about summer safety.

**2nd Grade:** Oakview's 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Derby Festivities; **AND THEY'RE OFF!!** Oakview's Second Grade classes have once again been spending time studying one of Kentucky's oldest traditions, the Kentucky Derby! Students have been learning all about Kentucky, the Derby, horses, Derby hats, and more. Each second grader was invited to make their very own



racehorse, of the "stick horse" breed, and bring it to school to join in on the 12<sup>th</sup> annual "Second Grade Run for the Roses". The festivities began with the singing of "My Old Kentucky Home".

Second grade families and all of Oakview's students were invited to watch our version of "the fastest two minutes in sports" take place.

Students were also invited to design and make Derby hats to wear to school for a

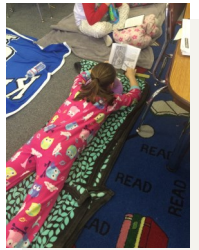
hat parade. And, of course, no Derby would be complete without a Derby celebration. What a memorable second grade experience for these students!

All staff members were invited to join in on a new race just for staff members!

**3rd Grade:** The past nine weeks have been full of fun in third grade! In math we have been working on the properties of multiplication and building our fluency in multiplication facts. Throughout the month of December we incorporated centers and games to help us learn our multiplication facts. We are preparing for our multiplication battles with fourth grade. Map skills and forces and motion have been the focus of learning in social studies and science. Summarizing and main idea have been the hot topics during reading class. We were proud to see two of our classmates at the Paramount in "A Christmas Fantasy." We have been working hard on our Christmas play, "Casey's Christmas Countdown," and are excited to perform for Oakview students and families. You are looking forward to the New Year!

**4th graders :** Participated in Read Across America Day by reading and taking AR tests all day. The students enjoyed the day of reading in their pajamas.

On March 15, 4th grade student practiced a KPrep like assessment. This assessment gave students the practice and feedback for their upcoming spring test. The students worked hard and we were pleased with their effort.



**5th Grade:** Congratulations to Leaidan Blake, December Boggs, Landyn Bocook, Jarod Brown, Rachael Fritz, England Huizar, Amelia Lucas, Shyeann Menefee, and Katy Raybourn for winning the 4H Demonstrations at the elementary level. These students were invited to move on to compete in the Regional 4H Competition. In that competition, the Grand Champion Award went to Jarod Brown, the Reserve Grand Champion Award went to Landyn Bocook, and December Boggs received a blue ribbon. Jarod and Landyn were invited to move on to the District 4H Demonstration Competition! Jarod Brown finished in 3rd Place at Districts! Way to go Comets! We are very proud of you all!

\*England Huizar is tops in 5th grade with 521.8 AR points! In fact, England has the most points of all the students in the school! Awesome job! A big shout out to Jarod Brown for being our second highest reader in 5th grade and third highest school wide with 383 AR points! Both of you are "Reading Machines"! Jarod Brown, England Huizar, Amelia Lucas, and Aaron McGranahan had a very special AR luncheon with Ms. Mann to celebrate their achievements of having the most AR points above their goal and the highest percent correct on quizzes for the 4th Nine Weeks!

\*Honor Roll students with all A's the entire year are: Cheyenne Adkins, Jarod Brown, Tucker Conway, Rachael Fritz, England Huizar, Marrissa Kacley, Khali Kouns, Amelia Lucas, Katy Raybourn, Abby Street, and Lucas Trent. Outstanding Job! \*Honor Roll students with all A's and B's the entire year are: Leaidan Blake, December Boggs, Layne Brammer, Drew Clark, Kennedy Fletcher, Shyeann Menefee, Javon Revelly, and Connor Skaggs. Great Job! All 5th grade students celebrated a great year with a trip to King's Island! The weather was perfect and the rides were awesome! A fabulous time was had by all!

**Counseling:** Counseling class had Tobacco Free Academy come and present to the kids.



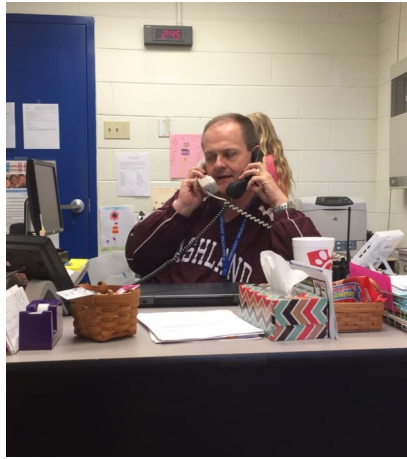


# Poage Elementary



## **Congratulations to Mr. Lester!**

On behalf of the staff at Poage Elementary, we'd like to say congratulations on your retirement, Mr. Lester. While your time at Poage may have been short, your impact was great. Each and every one of us has personal reasons for our gratitude, and for this we thank you from the bottom of our hearts. Thank you for your dedication to our children, thank you for your leadership, and most of all thank you for always making us laugh. You will certainly be missed by all - congratulations on a job well done, and best wishes for a happy retirement!



## **PE**

This has been another fantastic year for Poage's PE program. Students learned many different skills including sports, fitness, handling wins and losses the right way, and how to take care of their bodies through good nutrition. All students completed both rounds of Fitness Gram testing fantastically by trying their hardest on all of the tests. The Grab and Go breakfast program we started this year greatly increased the amount of students eating breakfast. Due to this we were awarded a grant and visited by a Fuel Up to Play 60 representative. She talked to the kids about the importance of eating breakfast and drinking nutrient rich milk. Also, Poage has earned the title of being a Fuel Up to Play 60 Touchdown School due to our successful Grab and Go Program! Furthermore, Our Field Day was a huge success! This year we had an inflatable obstacle course! The kids had a great time on it and I feel made this year's Field Day extra special.



## **1st Grade**

Poage's First Grade ended the year with a camp out! Students explored their five senses with yummy s'mores and went stargazing for their spelling words on the ceiling. They learned about different woodland animals and made writings and crafts inspired by them. Out of all of the fun activities, the students enjoyed getting to work and read in a tent set up in the classroom the most. It was a great ending to a wonderful year!



## **2nd Grade**

Second grade ended the year with many unforgettable memories. We went to Savage Branch and Carter Caves where



students not only had a blast but were able to learn from hands on activities. These field trips quickly became our favorite field trips of the year. Second graders also participated in Poage's annual Field Day where students enjoyed and competed in several events. During the last two weeks of school students celebrated by popping a balloon each day to find the surprise activity. Second grade may be over but the memories will last forever!

## **4th Grade**

The students in 4<sup>th</sup> Grade took a field trip to COSI in Columbus, Ohio. While there, they learned about properties of water, static electricity, motion, and space. They especially loved the Lego exhibit. It was a fun and educational way to end this school year!





# Charles Russell Elementary

## CRS Brings Home State Championship



What an exciting April 22 it was! The memory of the 2016 STLP State Championship held at Rupp Arena in Lexington will always be a good one for CRS. Our four member team of gamers brought home the # 1 spot in the Dell/Microsoft Gaming Challenge: Minecraft category.

Student worked on the project every chance they had over a month and a half. A second team of two were recognized as Scratch Ambassadors and assisted students and adults alike in learning how to write code at the MIT Scratch Playground.



## Career Day 2016



Career day was held on May 25th at CRES. Members from the community joined us to discuss their occupations with those present. Students heard from a wide array of interesting careers:

food rep, radio broadcaster, Ashland FD, air evac flight nurse, physical therapist, forensic scientist specialist-KY State Police, pastor, red cross coordinator, and principal. The students were scheduled to hear six presenters. Several students took advantage of the opportunity to dress-up to resemble their future careers.

Staff and students alike had a great day! During the afternoon students were asked to reflect on the day and respond by making some career day notes. The students also wrote thank you notes to the presenters.

Our 2016 Career Day was a success and we look forward to next year's event!

## Safety Patrol Visits DC



April 27<sup>th</sup> through May 1<sup>st</sup> Charles Russell Safety Patrol members from the 5<sup>th</sup> grade took the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

trip to Washington D.C. Our safety patrol got to enjoy four jam packed days of sightseeing and touring. Some of the highlights were Mt. Vernon, Monticello, the Capitol, White House, Ford's Theatre, Lincoln Memorial and several others. We woke up at 5:00AM and toured all day and sometimes into the night. We shared Bus #2 with Hager and made new friends and had so much fun. One of our own, Marissa Morrison, got to vote as Thomas Massie at the Capitol on the floor of the nation's capital. We were unable to take a picture because no cameras or phones are allowed on the floor. We hated to leave, but exhaustion had set in and we "slept" the whole way home. \*At least the teachers did! Here are a few pictures from our adventure.

## 5th Grade Advancement

As we wrap the school year up, we once again say "see you later" to another great group of students. We wish each and every one of you all every success and happiness the future holds. We look forward to having you back one day just as we did with some former Indians for this year's Senior Day.



We are so proud of this former group of students. The class of 2016 will not be forgotten anytime soon. We look forward to hearing about all of your

success in the years to come and will always be proud to have called you CRES Indians.



# Ashland Middle School

AMS Intermediate Chorus participated in KMEA Solo and Ensemble Assessment Festival at Morehead State University. The group ensemble received a Distinguished rating! In addition, several of these students participated in individual solos or duets. They scored really well, also. Here are their results. Faith Syvrud .... Proficient Solo, Samantha Key .... Proficient Plus Solo, Miguel Talamantez ..... Proficient Plus Solo, Destiny Eden ....Distinguished Solo Christian Trimble ... Distinguished Solo, Raven Rodas and Faith Syvrud .... Proficient Duet.

Ashland Middle School's Beginning and Intermediate String Orchestras were both judged distinguished by a panel of four judges at the annual KMEA District 8 Assessment Event at the Boyd County High School Auditorium on Saturday, May 7th. The performance there was the culmination of an event-filled year of learning and music-making for the groups comprised of 75 students in the 6th, 7th and 8th grades. Congratulations on another outstanding year!

The members of the AMS Intermediate Chorus Class that participated in the Ensemble that received Distinguished were: Caitlin Cline, Riley Dixon, Destiny Eden, Shelby Elkins, Katie Jobe, Samantha Key, Raven Rodas, Brandon Rose, Makayla Skeans, Faith Syvrud, Miguel Talamantez, Christian Trimble, and Hannah Workman



The students pictured were part of a project that made monthly visits to the Veterans Hospital in Huntington where they went room to room visiting patients and delivering items they had collected. The project was part of Mrs. May's Social Studies Rotation Class "Passion Project".



Mrs. Barnett's class Skyped with Carrie Ryan, the author of *The Forest Of Hands And Teeth*, a book her class had studied. The students were able to ask questions and

interact with the author.

As part of Ashland Middle School's observance of Kentucky Writer's Day, Mrs. Wallin's ELA classes wrote poetry modeled after Kentucky Poet Laureate George Ella Lyon's "Where I Am From." Entries were then submitted to be published online at The Kentucky Arts Council website. The goal was to have submissions from all 120 counties in Kentucky."

Nicholas Myers- Ashland Middle School – 7<sup>th</sup> Grade

## Where I'm From

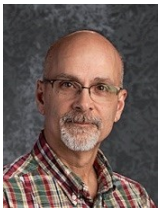
I am from jackets,  
From Sony and Nintendo.  
I am from the back of an old trailer,  
(white paint, once new, has now aged to a yellowish tint).  
I am from the rose I always got for my Mom's birthday,  
To the weeds that grew so much in our yard.  
I am from board games, and glasses, from Mike and Kim.  
I am from the usual trips to the store, and the occasional stop at a gas station.  
From a big barn house with wide open land,  
And from the bad parts of town usually with relatives.  
I am from Kentucky, from Papa John's and McDonalds.  
From be quiet! And cheer up!  
I am from long lost memories of people and places I had once known.

Ashland Middle School will be losing three of its most tenured faculty members at the end of the 2015-2016 school year.



Diane Carper, Dream Team science teacher, will be retiring after 22 years in the classroom following a two-year stint as Student Assistance Program Coordinator in the Ashland District. She's looking forward to becoming a farmer as a second career, quilting, and of course, spending time with her grandson Jaxson.

After beginning his career at Green High School in Ohio, Shannon Lewis is completing 26 years in Ashland schools which have included teaching "every math class from basic counting to Calculus and even taught a semester of history!" Mr. Lewis still enjoys coming to work every day and has really enjoyed having small groups the past few years. "It is still great seeing students have those Aha! Moments when they finally understand a new concept." Mr. Lewis plans on continuing to work full time at his craft business, Bluegrass Brooms.



Kathy Hall is retiring following thirty years spent in the Ashland Independent School District: first at Coles-Putman; next at Verity Middle School, and finally at Ashland Middle School. Mrs. Hall says she will miss her science colleague and friend, Jerry Whelan; her Discovery Team teammates and the great staff at AMS; as well as the kids! However, she says she won't miss grading papers or K-Prep Testing! Already an extensive traveler, Mrs. Hall plans on traveling both nationally and internationally and to "burn the candle at both ends!"



# Paul G. Blazer High School



Blazer FBLA members brought home the gold from Region Conference March 16 in Morehead and State Conference in Louisville April 18-20. Region First Place Winners include: Dawson Coover, Economics; Ashby Foutch, Gabby Ingram & Leslie Phillips, Hospitality Management; Madison Howard, Job Interview; Shelby Street, Michael Dingess & Jason Zheng, Management Decision Making; Kaitlyn Stevens & Lauren Fazenbaker, Global Business; Cameron Moore, Eugene H Smith Scholarship; Second Place Winners include: Kaitlyn Bellew, FBLA Principles & Procedures; Cameron Moore, Future Business Leader; Hattie Killin, Sydni Pierce & Leah Smith-Mensah, Emerging Business Issues; Evan Jones, Dan Busch, Demarcus Carlisle, Entrepreneurship; Britta Dalton, Insurance and Risk Management; Tiffany Kiwabonga, Securities & Investments; Largest Chapter Membership, 105 Members; 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Winners include: Emily Hollingsworth, Accounting I; William Zheng, Business Law; Tristen Kennard, Impromptu Speaking; Luke Hinderliter & Josh Herndon, Sports Management. Cameron Moore was named Who's Who in Region 5 and Emily Hollingsworth was elected Region 5 Treasurer for 2016-17.

State 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Winners include: Shelby Street, Michael Dingess & Jason Zheng, Management Decision Making; Cameron Moore, Eugene H. Smith Scholarship; 5<sup>th</sup> Place Winners: Kaitlyn Stevens & Ben Fazenbaker, Global Business. Emily Hollingsworth was elected State Treasurer for 2016-2017. State winners are eligible to compete at Nationals in Atlanta. Advisers are Debbie Barnett & Ramona Bellew.

Blazer's Intermediate Strings and String Orchestra both were judged distinguished by a panel of four judges at the annual KMEA District 8 Assessment Event at the Boyd County High School Auditorium on Friday, May 6th. The performance there capped an event-filled year of learning and music-making for the groups comprised 64 students, 12 of whom are seniors. Congratulations on another outstanding year!

Congratulations to Blazer Tri-M Music Honor Society officers for 2016-2017.

Ashby Foutch, President; Hattie Killin, Vice President; Carlie Geyer, Secretary; Caroline Geyer, Historian

Congratulations to Taylor DeHart for receiving first place in the vocal competition at Marshall University SCORES Academic Competition on April 15, 2016.

The following Blazer students participated in KMEA Solo and Ensemble Festival on April 30, 2016 and received the following scores...

Molly Baldock, Distinguished Vocal Solo

Julia Conley, Proficient Vocal Solo

Taylor DeHart, Distinguished Vocal Solo

Ashby Foutch, Distinguished Vocal Solo

Ashby Foutch and Kelsey Gute, Distinguished Vocal Duet

Ashby Foutch, Kelsey Gute, and Desmond Snyder, Distinguished Vocal Trio

Annie Huff, Proficient Vocal Solo

Danny McGraw, Distinguished Vocal Solo

Sydni Pierce, Distinguished Vocal Solo

Abby Ralston, Proficient Vocal Solo

Courtney Rodman, Distinguished Vocal Solo

Annie Huff, Proficient Vocal Solo

Danny McGraw, Distinguished Vocal Solo

Sydni Pierce, Distinguished Vocal Solo

Abby Ralston, Proficient Vocal Solo

Courtney Rodman, Distinguished Vocal Solo

The following students were inducted into the Blazer Chapter of the Société Honoraire de Français National French Honorary:

Dawson Coover, McKenna Hill, Jayda Martin, Alexis Smyser, Morgan Vanover and Raegan Williams.

The following students received second-year certificates during the ceremony: Olivia Price, Haven Scaff, Rebecca Smith, Jacob Tackett and Hannah Thomas.

Seniors receiving their cords and tassels were Taylor Donahoe, Autumn Hoffman, Mattie Reeves and Morgan Scherer. McKenna Hill received a tassel for 3<sup>rd</sup> year graduates.

Those who received awards at the ceremony are:

Morgan Scherer – Honor Society Award

Mattie Reeves – Senior Award

Taylor Donahoe and Autumn Hoffman – Teacher Awards.

Also receiving recognition pins for State Showcase were:

Jacob Tackett – 3<sup>rd</sup> year recipient, Dawson Coover—2<sup>nd</sup> year recipient, Hattie Killin – 1<sup>st</sup> year recipient.



# District News

The following students will serve as officers in the Blazer Chapter of the Société Honoraire de Français for the 2016-2017 school year:

President – Jacob Tackett  
Vice-President – Haven Scaff  
Secretary – Hannah Thomas  
Treasurer – Dawson Coover  
Historian – Jayda Martin

The following students will serve as French Club Officers for 2016-17:

President - Jacob Tackett  
Vice-President - Haven Scaff  
Secretary- Hannah Thomas  
Treasurer - Dawson Coover  
Historian - Hattie Killin  
Sophomore Representative - Spencer Wills"

The following students were inducted into the Vicente Aleixandre Chapter of the Sociedad Honoraria Hispánica National Spanish Honor Society:  
Emily Hollingsworth, Chase Villers and William Zheng.

At the ceremony, the following seniors received cords and tassels:

Megan Conley, Madison Davis, Kelsie Floyd, Hannah Gillette, Gabby Ingram, Nikki Kumar, Breanna McKnight, Lesley Phillips, Daniel Pina, Kaylee Thompson, Christian Villers, Hannah Wade and Jason Zheng.

Seniors receiving awards at the ceremony were:

Kaylee Thompson- Senior Award  
Hannah Gillette – Honor Society Award  
Madison Davis – Teacher Award.

The following students will serve as officers in the Vicente Aleixandre Chapter of the Sociedad Honoraria Hispánica for the 2016-2017 school year:

President – Cassandra Menshouse  
Vice-President – Shelby Conley  
Secretary – Reilly Barker  
Treasurer – Alaina Thornburg  
Historian – Blake Rogers  
Junior Representative – William Zheng



Blazer Arrow Award Recipients:

**Highest Tournament Score Girl—**  
Britta Dalton, 289

**Highest Tournament Score Boy—**  
Levi Grayson, 286

**Highest Average Girl—**  
Britta Dalton, 279

**2<sup>nd</sup> Highest Average Girl—**  
Hannah Carroll, 270

**Highest Average Boy—**  
Levi Grayson, 269

**2<sup>nd</sup> Highest Average Boy—**  
Evan Billips. 266

**110% Award Girl—**Kaitlyn Bellew

**110% Award Boy—**Blake Vance

**Most Improved Girl—**Shelby Maynard

**Most Improved Boy—**Blake Johnson



The "TECH JUNKIES" at Paul G. Blazer High School were featured on KET May's Education Matters broadcast entitled "Empowering Students through Technology." Check out the broadcast at <http://www.ket.org/educationmatters/>

## District STEM Initiative wins a Financial Boost

In April the Ashland Independent School District was notified that they won not only one but two STEM Initiative Grants from the Kentucky Department of Education. The district won a \$15,000 Biomedical grant to support the secondary program put in place in 2014. In addition, the district was awarded a \$10,000 Energy grant that will provide materials for the Gateway—Energy and Environment course at Ashland Middle School. Money from both grants will be used to send teachers to Project Lead the Way training this summer, continue to support a PLTW Elementary Launch program, purchase equipment and supplies for new courses being added this fall, and outfit STEM classrooms with the latest technology.

The district firmly believes that available jobs in the Tristate area will continue to be in the STEM fields. We are thrilled to have this opportunity to expand the STEM program and provide quality educational experiences that will prepare students for the local workforce upon graduation.



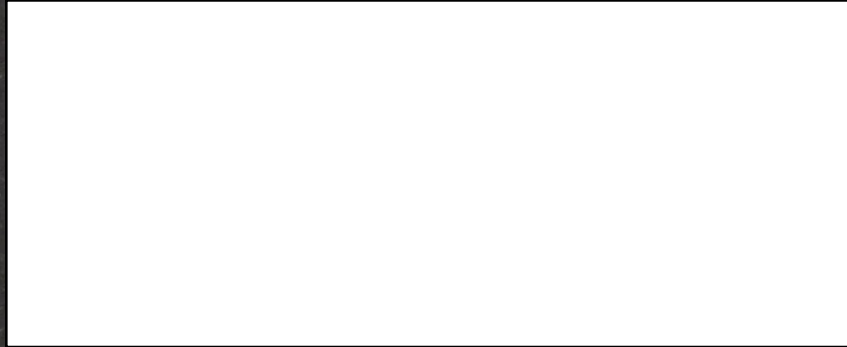


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Jamie Campbell, Crabbe Elementary School  
Phillip Caudill, Hager Elementary School  
Rebecca Howell, Oakview Elementary School  
Jamie Lester, Poage Elementary School  
Shawn Thornbury, Charles Russell Elementary School  
David Greene, Ashland Middle School  
Derek Runyon, Blazer High School

## Central Office Personnel

Steve Gilmore, Superintendent  
Linda Calhoun, Instructional Supervisor  
Lisa Henson, Director of Student Services  
Janice Ledford, District Consultant  
Patsy Lindsey, Director of Pupil Personnel  
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Cary Williams, Director of Instructional Technology



Superintendent, Steve Gilmore, takes a “selfie”  
at the 2016 commencement exercises.

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