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Full Diploma IB Graduates



Full IB Diploma graduates celebrate after a dinner and stole ceremony on Sunday, May 1. They mark the fourth class to come through West's International Baccalaureate program.



Ms. Banner Honored

In honor of her retirement, the PTSO presented Ms. Banner with a painting of WHS by a current art student as well as a photo memory book of pictures taken by the West photography department. The Farewell Reception was held May 5, 2016.

See more about Mrs. Banner's retirement on page 3.



PTSO Board & Committee Chairs 2016-2017

President—Jennifer Yates

President Elect—Maria Jernigan

Secretary—Daisy Hamm

Treasurer—Beth Dible

Parliamentarian—Shuli Mesa

Back to School—Ellen Keim

Bookstore Volunteer Coordinator—Barbara Newton

Bookstore Buyer—Teresa Countiss

Bookstore Records—Ondie Reese

Facility/Grounds Outside—Bonnie Marrett

Indoor Signage—Julia Mullaney

Freshman Orientation—Shannon Thackson

Library Volunteers—Amanda Armstrong

Mini Grants—Allison Petre

New Family Coffee—Toria Boyd

Newsletter—Virginia Babb

Open House—Marisa Stone

& Marsha Dance

Office Volunteers—Jennifer Searle

PTSO Scholarships—Sally Brogden

Senior Awards Celebration—Hollianne Carver

Senior Breakfast—Shuli Mesa

Baccalaureate—Marth Ann Siegling

Graduation Program—Staff

Graduation Lock-in—Leanne Kersey

Soiree Co-Chairs—Ellen Sullivan & Toria Boyd

Teacher of the Year - Stephanie Case

Teacher Appreciation/Hospitality—Patti Blevins,

Hospitality Assistant—Robin Stooksbury



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West High's PTSO exists solely to make West an ever better school for your child. The PTSO operates on money from only three sources: membership dues and donations, bookstore proceeds, and the Spring Soiree. PLEASE JOIN, BUY, ATTEND—AND VOLUNTEER! Your children will (should) thank you!

Passing the President's Gavel

Incoming President Jennifer Yates accepts the gavel from Outgoing President Shuli Mesa.



Ms. Banner Announces Retirement; Ms. Jessie Appointed Principal



Congratulations!

The PTSO
scholarship
recipients for 2016
are Meg Lampley
(shown above) and
Kofi Bonah!

Congratulations to Ms. Katherine Banner on her upcoming retirement from the Knox County School System and for much success in her next two years at an IB school in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates. Also, congratulations to Ms. Ashley Jessie who has been named as the new principal at West High School beginning the 2016-2017 school year.

Ms. Jessie has an excellent record as a school administrator and has distinguished herself as an instructional



leader in our school system. While Mrs. Jessie is currently the principal at Holston Middle School, she entered education in 2000 as a 5th grade language arts and math teacher in Jefferson County. She joined the Knox County Schools in 2002 as a language arts teacher at Holston and has been an administrator since 2010. Mrs. Banner will work with Mrs. Jessie to make the transition as smooth as possible.



The last PTSO meeting of the 2015-2016 school year.

Attending PTSO Meetings is a wonderful way to learn about what is going on at WEST!



The **Eighth Annual Spring Soiree** was held at Lighthouse Knoxville March 5. This event is a collaborative effort hosted by the West High School Foundation and the West High School PTSO. This annual benefit is the main fundraiser for the high school and includes sponsorships and live/silent auctions. The Spring Soiree committee likes to say, "We put the fun in fundraising!" That was evident the evening of the event, with 260 guests enjoying live and silent auctions and a catered dinner. Highlights of the silent auction items included trips, pampering packages, artwork, jewelry, parties, dine and dash (gift cards to buy at a discounted price), and the always-popular Man Cave Area! The live auction highlights included UT Football tickets to the Florida Game, a Yacht Cruise for 40, Drive the Dragon, Preferred Graduation Seating, Lake Home Vacation, and Homemade Meals for a Year. The co-chairs for this year's Soiree were Marisa Stone and Ellen Sullivan.

West High teachers Paula Franklin & Caleb Clark encourage sales for the yacht sunset cruise in the live auction.



Dine and Dash Display



Committee auctioning off a year of home-made meals



Full Soiree Committee

Senior Celebration

Class of 2016 Awards Recognition Ceremony, April 29, 2016

Class Valedictorian: Justin Stevens

Class Salutatorian: Benji Toedte

Eagle Award Nominees: Margaux Armfield, Frenando Blevins, Reese Catron, Megan Murray, Cole Skvara, Katherine Stone, Justin Stevens, Ella Walsh, Ben Welsh, Will White

2015-2016 Senior Student Spotlight Award:

Frenando Blevins, Bailey Butler, Cole Skvara, and Ella Walsh

The Golden Apple Award for Teachers:

Laura Davis, Drew Carpenter, Nancy Williams, Mari Brooks, Heidi Murray, Kim Iglehart, Paul Romero, Mark Labello, Jay Martin, and Libby Helle.

Principal's Unsung Hero Award: Victoria Duncan and Caleb "Alex" Jones.

The Turn Around Award: Dreahna Jackson.

The Rebel Award for Perseverance Award:

Sarah Fisher

Perfect Attendance 4 years Award: Aaron Northcutt and Christopher Davis

10th Annual Powell Richardson Outstanding Peer Tutor Award: Emily Jones

ENGLISH

The English IV Award: Ariel Roop, Sutton Marsh, Amanda Carter, Ben Kirby, Aquela McGraw

Betsy Mashburn award for Excellence in AP Language and Composition: Savannah Huff & MacKenzie Simpson.

IB Standard Level (SL) class award: John "Malcom" Lembrecht, Walsh, Margaux Armfield, & Eva Herinkova.

IB Higher Level (HL) class award: Griffin Hamstead, Ella Walsh, Will White, Salem Spicka, & Madison Taylor.

The Excellence in Journalism Award: Mary Smith.

Theory of Knowledge Award: Ben Link

Creativity, Action, Service or CAS Award: Bruce Boles and Megan Murray

SOCIAL STUDIES

The Economics Award: Grant Goldstein



The Social Studies History International Baccalaureate Award: Ben Welsh.

The Social Studies AP Psychology Award: Genesis Gann.

The Social Studies IB Psychology Award: Dewey "Will" Roberts.

The Overall Social Studies Award: Brenna Armfield

MATHEMATICS

The National Council of Supervisors of Mathematics Award is Griffin Hamstead.

SCIENCE

Distinguished Science Student Award: Blake Smith.

Most Outstanding Science Student Award: Ben Link.

WORLD LANGUAGES

French Award: Ellasandra Walsh

Spanish Award: Eva Herinkova and Ben Welsh.

Excellence in German Award: Megan Murray

CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

Senior Accounting Award: Bradlee Hollis and Lana Khorsheed

Most Outstanding Banking and Finance Student: Allie Howard and Brian Alvarado.

The FBLA Award: Matthew Maynard

Most Outstanding Personal Finance Student: Joseph Eapen and Frenando Blevins.

DECA Presidential Award: Ella Walsh

Web Design Foundations Award: Nyazuia (pronounced: Ny asia) Russell, Caleb "Alex" Jones, and Michael Chambliss.

Early Childhood Education Careers Outstanding Senior Award: Savannah Huff.

Senior Celebration

Class of 2016 Awards Recognition Ceremony, April 29, 2016

The Golden Comb Award: Kendalyn Smith-Stokes, Tailynn Ensley, Aquela McGraw, Tiaeshia Kelso, and Alex Espinoza.

Tennessee School of Beauty Continuing Education Scholarship Program: Kendalyn Smith-Stokes, Alex Espinoza, and Dreahna Jackson.

MUSIC, ART AND THEATER

Director's Award for Band: Will Roberts.

John Philip Sousa Award: Eva Herinkova.

Yearbook Award: Carly Rucker and Kendal Tomberland

Senior Class Video Award: Grady Beach & Bailey Shymlock

Photography Award: Arreonna Wimbly

The Best in Painting and Drawing Award: D'Ambre Gray.

Best in 2D Design Award: Margaux Armfield.

Gallery Awards: D'Ambre Gray and Ike Hannah.

Chorus Senior of the Year award: Fiona Boyd

Senior award for MVP Behind the Scenes: Leslie Williams

Senior awards for "Best Actor & Best Actress": Ike Hannah and AJ Tierney

Senior awards for Musical Theatre: Bennett Neece and Fiona Boyd

IB Theatre Award: Katherine Stone

NNDCC

The Top Gun Award: Cadet Lieutenant Commander Joseph Hutzenbiler.

US Air Force: Chris Crowe

US Army: Adam Berrios, Sean Berrios, Bradley Hollis, Jamon Wells, Rome Wells

US Marine Corps: Bryan Tillery, Michael McMahan

US Navy: Brandon Bell, Joe Bogle, Christopher Shoemake, and Jonathan Shoemake

STUDENT COUNCIL

Student Council Senior Member of the Year: Lucy Poore and Griffin Hamstead.

Outstanding Student Council Member of the Year: Justin Stevens.

ATHLETICS

College Athletic Scholarships were awarded to:

Danica Swaggerty-Golf-Eastern Florida State College

Sam Springer-Baseball-David Lipscomb

Isaiah Mobley-Football-University of Cumberland

Nicole Adams-Track and Field-UT

Megan Murray-Cross Country/Track and Field-UT

Cameron Trainer-Football-Centre College

Robert Williamson-Football-Maryville College

Robert Aubrey Davis-Tennis-Sewanee University of South

Cheerleading Leadership awards: Kailyn Johnson, Savannah Huff, and Emily Jones. **Cheerleading Spirit awards:** Jazzmine Joiner and Brooke Treece.

Dance Team Leadership awards: Meg Jardine and Alayne Hoffman.

Climbing Team Award: Salem Spicka.

The 8th Annual Bill Wilson Scholarship: Blake Ensley

Miscellaneous Awards and Scholarships

West High PTSO Triple I Scholarship: Meg Lampley and Kofi Bonah

The Harold W Canfield Memorial Scholarship: Adam Johnston

The Optimist Club Sportsmanship Scholarship: Madison Thomas

The Daughters of the American Revolution Good Citizen Award: Bruce Boles.

The Mark Lee McCormack Award: Madison Thomas.

The Casa Da Sara Scholarship: Andriana Gill

The National Achievers Society: Frenando Blevins, Aquela McGraw, Dewey Roberts IV, Dmarkus Simpson and Russell Wilder

Alpha Pi Omega Foundation Scholarship: Dmarkus Simpson .

Key Club Award: Frenando Blevins.

National Merit Scholarship Program

"Commended Students" : Malcolm Lambrecht, Jake Tidwell, Ella Walsh

National Merit Scholar Finalists: Brenna Armfield, Margaux Armfield, Emily Plank, Justin Stevens, and Benji Toedte

Advanced Placement Program

AP Scholars: Stephanie Alton, Bruce Boles, Michael Chambliss, Joseph Eapen, Ashley Everson, Kathleen Harrigan, Makena Marsh, Fisher Morton, Bennett Neece, Aidan Rutter, Reilly Sawyers, Cole Skvara, Hayden Smith, Salem Spicka, Kendall Tomberlin, Cameron Trainer, Clarke Williams, Katherine Stone

AP Scholars with Honors: Andersen Chapman, Katie Galyon, Brian Lundell, Jamie Meheula, Megan Murray, Cameron Riehl, Sam Sullivan-Moore, Madison Taylor, Jake Tidwell.

AP Scholars with Distinction: Brenna Armfield, Margaux Armfield, Reese Catron, Caroline Chapman, Tommie Dunn, Zeb Evans, Grant Goldstine, Griffin Hamstead, Ben Link, Emily Plank, Justin Stevens, Benji Toedte, Ella Walsh, Ben Walsh, John White

National AP Scholar: Justin Stevens.

Best of West

School Awards Ceremony, May 5, 2016

ART

Advanced Ceramics: Lily Hardwig & Alix Bickford
Advanced Painting & Drawing: Matthew Owens, Stella Takvoryan & Salvatore Mauro
AP Studio Art: Margaux Armfield, Sonya Rottero, Lindsey Stallworth
Art I: Michael McIntyre, Olivia Garrick, Alan Boles, Oliver Grimsley & Alexa Stopka
Gallery Award: Ike Hannah, D'Ambre Gray & Mabry Johnson
IB I Exceptional Award: Karilyn Smith & Taylor Bogle
IB II Exceptional Award: Gabriel Maranville & Cole Skvara
IB II Top Award: Madison Taylor
Photography I Exceptional Award: Ethan Willoughby & Liz Eapen
Photography II Exceptional Award: Kimon Swanson
Top Photography Award: Matthew Maynard

CTE AWARDS

Accounting: Stephanie Mulholland, Ashley Everson & Hannah Norton
Banking & Finance: Josh Palmer & Jonasia Tyler
Best Teaching Assistant: Donna Mitchell
Code TN: Alex Jones & Ethan Grissom
Computer Applications: Brock Warwick, Christina Curtis, Max Langan, Taegun Harshbarger, Alexa Stopka
Computer Applications Assistant: Chase Perry
Cosmetology I: Taylor Atchley & Hannah Harmon
Early Childhood Education I: Lindsay Jones, Maria Gutierrez, Dynasty Smith
Early Childhood Education II: Amelia Crockett
Early Childhood Education III: Haley Dykes
Engineering Design: McKenzie Simpson, Alisia Jimenez, Abbey Smithers, Diego Jones & Alex Widener
FBLA 1st Place State Computer & Banking: John White & Sam Almatari
FBLA 1st Place State Marketing Competition: Lofton Kennedy & Matthew Maynard
Foundations of Fashion Design: Jamya Johnson, Katelyn Lara, Leila Hennon, Mabry Johnson, Savannah Bilbrey, Emma Adamcik, Meghan Metheny, Caroline Pryor, Mia Whitmore & Ingrid Turbin
Intro to Business & Marketing: Luke Stanley & Katherine Stanfield
Intro to Business & Finance: Ben Walker, Maya Searle, Allan Bivens & Zoe Risley
Marketing I: Anna Messer
Principles of Technology & Engineering: Will Eggleston
Web Design: Dawn Curtis, Ayden Case & Elizabeth Rowland

ENGLISH AWARDS

English I CP: Zane McElroy, Brooklynn Johnson, Kaitlyn Mallia, Christa Pelham, Andrew Sheets, Andrew Nagal, Atzimba Ramos, Erika Tate & Kaleb Michel
English I Honors: Helen Babb, Maggie Gordon & Taegun Harshbarger

English II CP: Lyric Ray, Jamilah Spencer, Sage Zhi McElroy, Colby Smith, C'Tarria McDowell, Sandra Martinez, Mabry Busby, Alix Bickford, Pedro Perez & Michelle Jones

English II Honors: Jackson Carr, Stephanie Jones, Nyiah Ikard, Jacob Russell, & Elizabeth Rowland

AP Language & Composition: Myrriam Grubb, Dwight Jones, Connor Capell, Katherine Diamond, Anna Keim, Brian Alvarado & Alexis Kirk

English III: Shamyra Greene & Amelia Crockett

English III CP: Jeremiah Chandler, Sarah Bushnag, Anna Murray, Reilly Chisholm, Eli Cox & Desiree Harris

English IV CP Thought Provoking Writer: Quayvon Wilkerson, Danica Swaggerty & Marquise Taylor

IB English HL Year 1: Jake Green, Emma Gilbert, Lauren Claxton & Fletcher Kress

IB English SL: Michael Chambliss & Tori Duncan

IB English I Courageous: Lala Hilizah

IB English I Knowledgeable: Will Backus

IB English I Thinker: Noah Mesa

Outstanding Stage Manager: Katie Wade

MATH AWARDS

Advanced Algebra & Trigonometry: Arreonna Wimbley, Carly Rucker & Deshauntay Bingham

Algebra I CP: Aaron Giger, Erika Tomas Pascaul & Umme Bambot

Algebra IB: Mauri Tate, Rickysia Hardin, Meghan Metheny, Daniel Jose-Francisco & Andrew Sheets

Algebra I Best Performance: Zach Amy, Chelsea Sosa-Chavez & Christopher Jenkins

Honors Algebra I: Joseph Miller, Alexa Stopka,

Algebra II CP: Bart Stevenson, Maya Searle, Noah Beaver, Alex Widener, Cheyenne Quinones, Jacob Grove, Tyler Burnett, Elizabeth Rowland, Delaney Reilly & Lina Ali

Honors Algebra II: Luke Stanley, Dwight Jones, Ben Gibbons, Alix Bickford, Hadleigh Peevyhouse

AP Statistics: Yukai Tomsovic & Victoria Walsh

Bridge: Kendalyn Smith, William Bost & Ada Falls

Finite Math: Luke Bledsoe & Patrick Mwamba

Geometry: Tamara Seymour, Alex Jones, Emily Baker, Christopher Gardner, Hannah Smith, Grace McClean, Angela Villegas, Jamison Yeager, Dayana Melgarejo, Anthony Del Caro, Elizabeth Eapen & Caroline Warman

Honors Geometry: Hannah Norton, Artman Kasraei, Maggie Gordon, Caroline Lewis, Savannah Love, Sofia Hamby, Sami Isaac & Clare Carter

Honors PreCalculus: Yukai Tomsovic & Evora Kreis

IB Math Studies Year 1: Carolyn Cantrell & Jasmine Davis

IB Math SL Year 1: Jake Green

IB Math HL Year 1: Taylor Bogle & Noah Mesa

IB Math Studies Year 2: Michelle Bethancourt & Megan Murray

IB Math SL Year 2: Ella Walsh & Eva Herinkova

Best of West

School Awards Ceremony, May 5, 2016

SCIENCE AWARDS

Anatomy & Physiology: Drew Long, Michelle Bethancourt & Russell Wilder

Biology 1 CP: Camryn Randolph, Lyric Ray, Christa Pellham, Maggie Sparks & Andrew Sheets

Biology 1 Honors: Jordan Stevens, Hadleigh Peevyhouse, Walker Smith & Avery Ancelet

Chemistry 1 CP: Jaden Montgomery, Lina Ali, Sheiri Martinez, Bethany Moon & Wheeler Moon

Chemistry 1 Honors: Elizabeth Babb, Mick Rash & Sofia Hamby

Physical Science: Sydney Slautterback & Kolby Atkins

Environmental Science: Sade Gary

IB Environmental Systems Year 1: Farrah Harris, Marguerite Troutman & Sarah Bushnag

IB Environmental Systems Year 2: Rene Sleeman & Emily Jones

IB Biology HL Year 1: Eric Middleton

IB Biology HL Year 2: Eva Herinkora

IB Chemistry HL Year 1: Jake Green & Puxin Xuanyuan

IB Chemistry HL Year 2: Ben Link

IB Physics HL Year 1/AP Physics: Jonah Zahn

IB Physics Year 2: Ben Link

Peer Tutoring: Kinley Koontz, Lily Hardwig & Kristen Quinton

Work Based Learning: Chase Perry, Cortez Grimmert, Mikie Nack & Aaron Currier

SOCIAL STUDIES

AP Psychology: Emily Jones & Miriam Harrell

AP US Government: Luke Stanley, Clare Carter

AP US History: Clare Carter, William Yates & Connor Capell

Economics: Emily Plank, Aaron Northcutt & Addison Willard

Film Studies: Reilly Chisholm & Eric Middleton

World History: Magali Correa, Andrew Sheets, Bailey Ensley, Miriam Brito, Desiree Laws & Umme Bambot

Honors World History: Kariah Cook, Max Langan, Caroline Lewis & Sofia Hamby

IB History of Europe Year 1: Noah Mesa

IB Psychology: Lauren Claxton & Noah Mesa

US Government & Civics: Zach Amy, Oliver Grimsley, Matthew Baumgartner, Diego Jones, Megan Newport, Tyler Lovett, Hannah Norton, Roxi Abertnathy, Desiree Buis-Robbins & Collin King

US History & Geography: Ethan Willoughby, Alaric Scott, Alexis Schid, Marguerite Troutman, Ethan Merrow, Jessica King, John Beason, Lexie Woodfin, Amber Nored, Amelia Crockett & Taylor Pate

WORLD LANGUAGES

German I: Anna Keim, Elizabeth Babb, Wesley Campbell, Mick Rash & Sofia Hamby

German II: Lindsay Jones, Luke Stanley, Victoria Walsh & Caleb Norris

German IB SL Year 1: Jacob Green & Ada Falls

German IB SL Year 2: Fiona Boyd & Fisher Morton

French I: Maggie Sparks

French II CP: Amanda Carter

French II Honors: Hannah Norton & William Yates

French III Honors: Damian Meier

French IB SL Year 1: Noah Mesa

French IB HL Year 1: Jonah Zahn

Spanish I: Logan Bowers, Sade Gary, Miriam Brito, Rachel Word, Erika Tate & Quincy James

Spanish II: Samuel Lee, Braeden Kane & Corbin West

Spanish II Honors: Kinley Koontz, Hadleigh Peevyhouse, Matthew Owens, C.C. Carico, Tyler Grove, Allan Bivens & Christopher Curnell

Spanish III: Caleb Wood & Elizabeth Rowland

Spanish III Honors: Noah Mezzacappa & Clare Carter

Spanish IB HL Year 1: Jenna Ely & Lauren Claxton

Spanish IB SL Year 2: Genesis Gann & Lucy Poore

Spanish IB HL Year 2: Nicole Adams & Griffin Hamstead

Most Improved ELL: Amir Dalal, Lina Ali, Sailyn Mustelier & Bager Sakban

Outstanding ELL: Sheiri Martinez, Daniel Jose Francisco, Ursula Vicente & Umme Bambot

Pre-IB: Caroline Lewis & Kaya Heine

SPOTLIGHT RECIPIENTS

9th Grade: Brandon Wilhoit, Lucy Marret, Zoe Doubrey & Alan Boles

10th Grade: Will Babb, Mary Simpson Stone, Spencer McCroskey & Elizabeth Rowland

11th Grade: Taylor Coppock, Lauren Claxton, Eric Middleton & William Slate

PRESIDENTIAL AWARD

Silver Level: Damarius Parker, Zach Amy, Sage McElroy, Monique Brown, Dominique Brown, Dakota Davenport, Carolyn Gahan, Kate Broady, Elisah Fox, Santiago Hernandez, Justin Hope, Briley Jenkins, Zacharias Stokes, Dijaie McCoy, Jamison Yaeger, Sydney Slautterback, Freya Falls, Bethany Moon, Preston Mueller, Ellery Jernigan, Oliver Grimsley, Ta'Rel Holloway, Luke Hussung & Harold Rutherford

Gold Level: Luke Stanley, Lindsay Jones, Camryn Randolph, Kinley Koontz, Noah Mezzacappa, Mabry Johnson, Mary Simpson Stone, Lily Hardwig, Jack Dance, Donyea McDermott, Tyler Lovett, Blair Johnson, Ben Gibbons, Dorian Jones, Daniel Leadbetter, Hadleigh Peevyhouse, Keaton Gaddis, Elizabeth Eapen, Willaim Smith & Cristell Foote

TEACHER RECOGNITION

The Above and Beyond Awards

These awards are presented by the West Foundation to recognize the teachers who spend time above and beyond their teaching load advising and supervising the various clubs and activities offered at West. In appreciation, they are presented with a small stipend. **At a minimum, our teachers devoted 3,564 hours of their own time to various student activities this year, and the Foundation will be giving out \$9,000 in total cash awards.**

TEACHER	ORGANIZATION	TEACHER	ORGANIZATION
Laura Roberts	Climbing Team	Lynn Raymond	Future Business Leaders of America
Emily Manis	FCCLA	Samantha Massey	DECA district & state, Youth in Government
Sarah Green	Journalism Club	Libby Helle	FCCLA & Yoga Club
Laura Davis	Girl Up & Ping Pong Club	Sarah Bast	Yoga Club
Lindsey Bell	Student Council	Caleb Clark	Youth in Government IB DC trip
Nancy Williams	Poetry Club & Gamers Club	Kristin Nanney	DECA, Harvard Model Congress
Lisa Sullivan	Very Special Arts Festival	Paul Romero	DECA
Shelley Ayers	Art Club	Blake Garcia	Band Weekend Events
Arielle Street	IB DC Trip	Zach Buchanan	DECA
Kathleen Colbert	Mu Alpha Theta & Academic Team	Paula Franklin	Homecoming, DECA, Youth in Government, Model UN
Jay Martin	Technology Student Association	Lou Gallo	Youth in Government, IB DC trip
Elisa LaPointe	Science Olympiad	Lisa Nelson	Drama & Musical Theater
Samantha McElfresh	NHS, Harry Potter Club, Gay-Straight Alliance	Drew Carpenter	Drama & Musical Theater
Angela Jones	IC DC trip & Spanish Honor Society	Amanda Sharp	Key Club, International Club, Chick Fil-A Leader Academy
Katie Hunt	IB DC trip & Spanish Honor Society	Sarah Scott	Dance Team
Kat Brea Furnari	Anime Club & Film Club	Lisa Hoffman	Dance Team
Ashley Corey	Senior Sponsor		
Ulla Carr	Fresh Fruit Friday, IB German		

TEACHER OF THE YEAR NOMINEES

Lou Gallo, Amanda Sharp, Hannah Roy, Robyn Kohlmyer, Laura Davis, Sarah Green, Samantha McElfresh, Jessica Ancrum, Nat Scott, and Samantha Massey

2nd Semester PTO Mini-Grant Awards

Who: Tricia Raines for 132 students

Department: Special Education

What: Electric Hole Punch—Swingline 535

Purpose: Each student has a notebook consisting of a minimum of 30 pages, and an electric hold punch would make the task of making the notebooks much more efficient.

Amount Requested: \$115.56

Who: Angela Pantoga for 120 students

Department: World Languages

What: Classroom set of novella (64) - 4 each of 16 novellas

Purpose: The novellas will enable students to acquire additional vocabulary and understand tenses more accurately.

Amount Requested: \$408 (60 novellas are \$6 each, and 4 novellas are \$7 each, plus \$20 shipping)

Who: Sylvie Mathot for 60 students

Department: Science (Marine Biology)

What: Preserved specimens for dissection and vinyl exam gloves

Purpose: To provide hands-on opportunities for students to study the major groups of organisms living in or around oceans through dissection.

Amount Requested: \$197.61 (\$168.70 for specimens and \$28.41 for gloves)

Who: Katherine Banner (for Jason Myers) for all West students

Department: Administration

What: Testing bins for distributing testing materials to proctors for TNReady testing and for breakfast for 1,080 students.

Purpose: To organize materials for easier testing days for proctors and to provide breakfast for students on testing days.

Amount Requested: \$500 (\$150 for bins and \$350 for breakfast bars and juice)

Mia Whitmore Wins CTE Goes Live!

Friday night, May 6, in front of a crowd of over 9,000, West freshman Mia Whitmore sang in the Knox County CTE Goes Live on Market Square and won!

CTE Goes Live is a singing competition for high school students from 15 Knox County's high schools. It was televised live on myVLT. Contestants were selected from winners of school-level competitions. The winner of the overall competition received a fully produced, radio-ready, mastered track with Nash10Studios and one recording session at Nash10Studios in Nashville.

The Career Technical Education Department hosts this event to give students in CTE classes real-life experience producing an event. Graphic design students create all the flyers and posters. Photography students take pictures of the event as well as in a photo shoot. Construction students build and later dismantle the stage. Students in TV and radio classes handle the live footage on the radio and web. Criminal justice students provide security in the "green room." Students in cosmetology work with contestants before the event.

Congratulations Mia, the West community is so proud of you!



Freshmen downtown on Market Square for Winter Formal 2016 in February.

Prom 2016



West Track Team members, cleaned up and ready for Prom.



Senior girls having fun at Cherokee Blvd before prom.

THEATER PRODUCTIONS



Bye Bye Birdie

The musical "Bye Bye, Birdie" was presented in February.



Anon

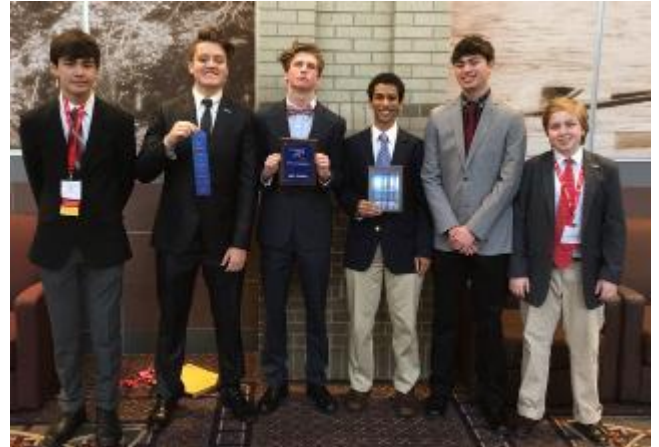
The play "Anon," a modern retelling of Homer's Odyssey, was presented in December.



Fans at "Bye Bye Birdie"



Life Skills Class at West



FBLA, Future Business Leaders of America, in Chattanooga. Mr. Romera led the group at the conference .



Youth In Government Goes to Nashville

On Thursday, a busload of West students headed to Nashville for 4 days to participate in Youth In Government. All of the students learned how bills are introduced and make it through the legislative process. Several West students were recognized for achievement during Youth In Government: Outstanding Delegates for the Blue House - **Kaya Heine & Artman Kasrei**; Outstanding Delegate to the Blue Senate - **Anna Keim**; Outstanding Bill - **Olivia Brown & Lauren Lovell**; CONA (top 25 delegates out of 800, 5 were from West) - **Blake Smith, Bruce Boles, Jake Tidwell, Sam Stillman & Jaime Meheula**; and **Olivia Brown** was elected as Red Chief Engrossing Clerk.



Dance Team Competes in Orlando

At the UDA (Universal Dance Association) camp held at the University of Tennessee last July, the West High dance team earned the 110% award, Leadership Award, Superior trophy, spirit sticks, lots of blue ribbons. They also earned a bid to compete in the National Dance Team Championship at ESPN Wide World of Sports in Orlando, Florida, January 30-31.



Fruit Friday

The West High School Fruit Friday club is changing the way students think about their lifestyles- one apple at a time. Since the beginning of the school year, Fruit Friday has been on a mission to educate students about the benefits of healthy eating and foster a spirit of community- all through the power of the free fresh fruit that they give out once a month. After seeing the mass quantities of candy, chips, and processed foods consumed by the majority of the school, senior Ella Walsh and sophomore Victoria Walsh created Fruit Friday to address the visible need for better nutrition as well as to celebrate the West High community. With the help from teacher sponsor Mrs. Ulla Carr and fueled by anonymous donations, Fruit Friday has been handing out free fruit one Friday a month since September and the club has been not only growing in membership but also in popularity and anticipation- students report that Fruit Friday is something that they look forward to all month.



Showing Rebel spirit for our basketball team.

However, Fruit Friday would like to expand its efforts to become a weekly event. The club is currently raising money with a goal of \$1,000 to pay for next year's fruit. Donations in any amount would be appreciated. Checks can be written out and sent to West High School, attention Ulla Carr.



NNDCC takes Top Honors in Knox Country Competitions



West High Schools Navy National Defense Cadet Corps (NNDCC) unit has taken top honors in the Knox County League JROTC Drill, Air Rifle and Physical Fitness competitions for the 2015-2016 school year. Each year Knox County, Anderson County and Loudon County High School JROTC's compete in four Drill and Air Rifle competitions as well as a Physical Fitness. West took first place in **Color Guard, Air Rifle and Physical Fitness**, and second in **Personnel Inspection**, giving them a decisive victory and awarding them the prestigious Golden Cup.



Also, West High Schools Navy National Defense Cadet Corps program was one of 13 out of 65 NJROTC/NNDCC programs to be awarded the U.S. Navy's **Unit Achievement Award**. The Unit Achievement Award Program is based on an annual competition among all units in each area and is awarded to those units who have demonstrated exceptional performance. The award is based on all factors of the program including; Citizenship, academics, community service, unit service, drill competitions and their Annual Military Inspection.

Tennessee All State Concert Band



Sophomores Jeremy Long and Walker Smith, pictured with Band Director Blake Garcia, were selected through a multi-tiered audition process for the Tennessee All State Concert Band.

Tennessee All State Choir



Sophomore **Kolby Atkins** and Seniors **Fiona Boyd** and **Joe Shouse** were selected through a rigorous audition process to the Tennessee All State Choir. They spent three days in Nashville under the direction of distinguished choral educators and performed a concert on Friday night at the Gaylord Events Center.



Congratulations West TRACK TEAM

**KIL Championship: Girls Team - 2nd Place & Boys Team - 3rd Place;
Sectionals: Girls - 3rd place**

1st place long jump, 1st place 100m hurdles, 1st place 300m hurdles - **Caroline Lewis**

1st place 200m dash, 3rd place 100m dash - **Kristen Blevins**

2nd place 800m dash - **Nicole Adams**

2nd place 1600m - **Megan Murray**

2nd place 4x100 relay - **Kristen Blevins, Alexis Partin, Nicole Adams, and Drew Long**

2nd place 4x200 relay - **Kristen Blevins, Alexis Partin, Maggie Sparks and Nicole Adams**

2nd place 4x400 relay - **Megan Murray, Lindsey Stallworth, Kellece Branner and Nicole Adams**

1st place 800m, 1st place 1600m - **Adam Johnston**

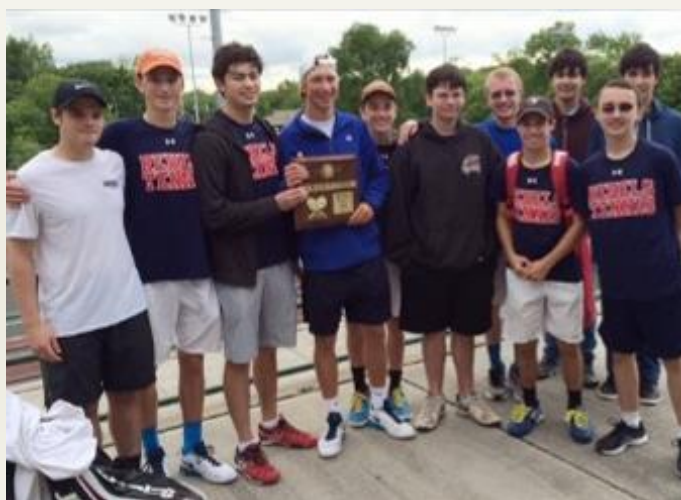
3rd place 800m, 3rd place 1600m - **Bruce Boles**

Competing at State Meet:

Senior **Megan Murray** - 1600m and 3200m, Senior **Nicole Adams** - 800m, Senior **Adam Johnston** - 1600m, Senior **Bruce Boles** - 800m, Sophomore **Kristin Blevins** - 100m Dash, Freshman **Caroline Lewis** - Pentathlon, Long Jump and 300m Hurdles.



Seniors **Nicole Adams** and **Megan Murray** have signed to run Track at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville .



Congratulations West BOYS TENNIS TEAM Regional and District Champions, Division I, Class AAA

Congratulations to the West Boys Tennis Team who beat Bearden to win the District Championship. Good luck as you advance to the Regional Championship.

Team members Connor Rash, Gray DeBord, Matthew Maynard, Aubrey Davis, Connor Bagley, Ben Link, Brandon Wilhoit, Marcel Wilder, Russel Wilder, Daniel Maynard & Justin Maynard



Soccer Team finishes season with most wins in school history

Congratulations to the 2016 Seniors and the 2016 West Boys Soccer Team! They finished the season with 11 wins, the most in school history. They have set the bar high and where it should be for the future of West HS Boys Soccer. Everyone should be proud; these boys deserve it!



Top left: Varsity Team. Above: Junior Varsity

Middle row, left: Exchange student Damian Meier in action.

Center: Senior varsity players take a break.

Right: Team captains Jackson Kilburn, Boyett Smith, and Zeb Evans.



*The Soccer team and the entire West High community mourn the loss of sophomore **Brown Smith**, #21. Our hearts go out to brother Boyett, a senior at West, and the Smith family.*

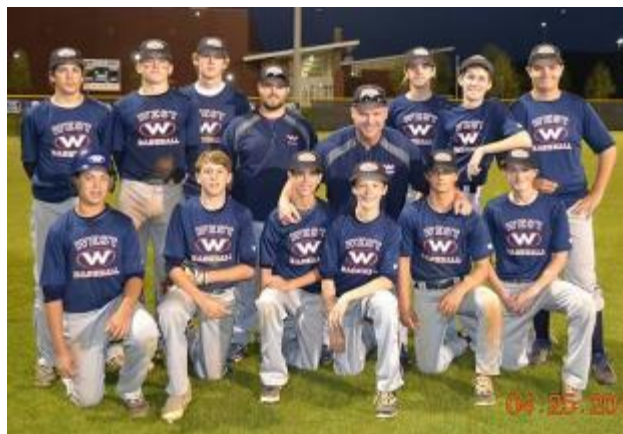
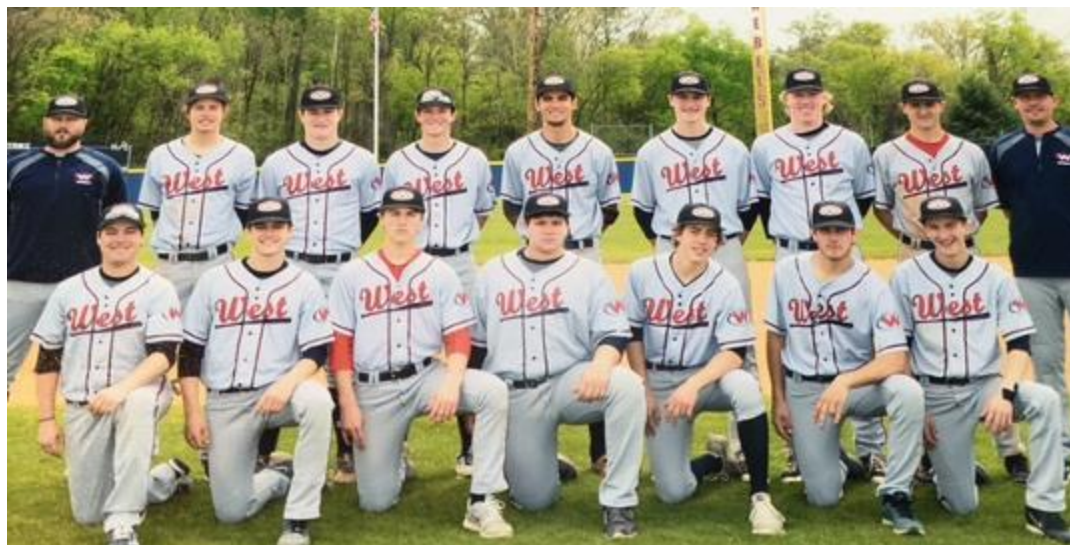


BASEBALL TEAM

Finishes with Best Record in WHS History!

West's Varsity Baseball Team ended up with 24 wins & 10 losses. Coach McNish was named Coach of the Year in District 4-AAA. All District Players from West in District 4-AAA were **Sam Springer, Cole Skvara, Cooper Thomas, Adam Cupp, & Chase Marine**, pictured at right.

Far right: Junior Varsity team



SOFTBALL TEAM



Congratulations Senior WHS Softball Players!

Coach Manis, Haley Dykes, Dyana Metheny, Lexy Turner, Taqualla Goodwin, Emily Jones, Coach Shipman

Senior Breakfast



The PTSO hosted a senior breakfast in April for Ms. Banner to have a few "last moments" with the Class of 2016.



WEST'S ACADEMIC ACHIEVERS



Congratulations to **Justin Stevens, Benjamin Toedte, Ben Link, Ellasandra Walsh and Griffin Hamstead** who appeared in the Knoxville News-Sentinel as West's Academic Achievers. Academic Achievers "are chosen by the schools on the basis of grades. They are also leaders in school activities and in their communities."

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COLLEGE PLANS

Last Name	First Name	College Attending			
Adams	Nicole	UT Knoxville	Cedillo	Jonathan	Pellissippi State
Almatari	Sam	UT Knoxville	Chambliss	Michael	UT Knoxville
Alton	Stephanie	Florida State University	Chapman	Andersen	UT Knoxville
Alvarado	Brian	Pellissippi State	Chapman	Caroline	UT Chattanooga
Arce	Meliza	Pellissippi	Clark	Dejah	Pellissippi State
Armfield	Brenna	Tulane University	Coker	Sam	UT Knoxville
Armfield	Margaux	Tulane University	Crowe	Christopher	Military
Atkins	Emma	Auburn University	Currier	Michael	Work Force
Baker	Emily	Pellissippi State	Davis	Jasmyn	Pellissippi State
Ballenger	Greg	Roane State	Davis	Kentrell	Tennessee State University
Barjebo	Ruth	Pellissippi State	Davis	Aubrey	Sewanee
Beach	Grady	UT Knoxville	Davis	Sean	Pellissippi State
Bernard	Alex	University of Alabama	DiBiase	Michael	UT Knoxville
Berrios	Adam	Pellissippi State	Dixon	Shyanna	Roane State CC
Berrios	Sean	Pellissippi State	Dodd	Corteze	Roane State CC
Bethancourt	Michelle	UT Knoxville	Dubose	Arianna	Tennessee State University
Bingham	Deshauntay	Pellissippi State	Duncan	Tyrell	Tennessee State University
Blalark	Kennedy	Pellissippi State	Duncan	Victoria	UT Knoxville
Bledsoe	Luke	Pellissippi State	Dunn	Jeremiah	Pellissippi State
Blevins	Frenando	UT Knoxville	Dykes	Hayley	Pellissippi State
Bogle	Joseph	Carson Newman University	Eapen	Joseph	UT Knoxville
Boles	Bruce	UT Knoxville	Elder	Deerik	Pellissippi State
Bolling	Taylor	Pellissippi State	Eldridge	Paul	Pellissippi State
Bonah	Kofi	Austin Peay State University	Emmert	Kaleb	UT Knoxville
Booker	Arielle	University of Oregon	Ensley	Dallas	Pellissippi State
Bost	William	Carson Newman University	Ensley	Tailynn Alexandre	Pellissippi State
Boyd	Fiona	University of Kentucky	Espinoza	Marie	TCAT
Braden	Bailey	Pellissippi State	Evans	Zeb	UT Knoxville
Broady	Anne	UT Knoxville	Everson	Ashley	Univ of Massachusetts
Brooks	Alexis	South College	Falls	Ada	UT Knoxville
Bullen	Anna	UT Knoxville	Fandrich	Kirsten	Middle Tennessee State
Burris	Kyra	Roane State CC	Farabow	Liam	UT Knoxville
Butler	Bailey	Lipscomb University	Ferguson	Laquan	Pellissippi State
Cade	Bryan	Walter State CC	Fisher	Sarah	UT Knoxville
Campbell	Andrew	Pellissippi State	Flynn	Connor	University of Central Florida
Campbell	Brett	Pellissippi State	Gable	Rymelle	Pellissippi State
Carter	Amanda	Pellissippi State	Galyon	Katie	UT Knoxville
Catron	Reese	Miami of Ohio	Gann	Genesis	Pellissippi State
			Geter	Ardarrius	Pellissippi State
			Gil	Andreina	UT Chattanooga
			Gillis	Jamya	Pellissippi State
			Goins	Chelsey	Pellissippi State
			Goldstine	Grant	Rhodes College

Every effort has been made to list the student and their school choices accurately. We apologize for any errors or omissions.

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Goodwin	Taqualia	Tennessee State University	Kirby	Benjamin	Pellissippi State
Granju	Elliot	UT Knoxville	Kirk	Alexis	East Tennessee State Univ
Gray	Dambre	Pellissippi State	Kramer	Jackson	University of Georgia
Griffin	Jamauri	Pellissippi State	Kraski	David	Pellissippi State
Grissom	Ethan	Pellissippi State	Kreis	Evora	UT Knoxville
Hamdan	Sarah	TCAT	Kress	Gavin	UC San Bernadino
Hamsteaad	Griffin	University of Georgia	Kuzin-Cabage	Philip	Pellissippi State
Hannah	Isaac	Pellissippi State	Lambrecht	Malcolm	UT Knoxville
Hardwick	Luke	Military	Lampley	Margaret	Lee University
Harrigan	Kathleen	UT Knoxville	Laurito	Raphael	UT Knoxville
Heard	Kyree	Chatt State CC	Lee	Dominic	Pellissippi State
Herinkova	Eva	UT Knoxville	Lewis	Keyston	TN College of Applied Tech
Hoffman	Alayne	Pellissippi State	Link	Ben	UT Knoxville
Hollis	Bradlee	Roane State CC	Lloyd	Whitney	South College
Horne	Emily	Bryan College	Lopez	Diane	Pellissippi State
Howard	Alexandria	UT Knoxville	Lundell	Brian	UT Knoxville
Howard	Madison	Univ of Alabama Birmingham	Majka	Timothy	Pellissippi State
Huff	Savannah	Pellissippi State	Malone	Brian	Walter State CC
Hundley	Nashanda	Pellissippi State	Maner	Alexandra	Work Force
Huskey	Kayla	UT Knoxville	Maranville	Gabriel	Military
Ivey	Zalik	Pellissippi State	Marret	Allegra	Austin Peay State University
Jackson	Dreahna	Pellissippi State	Marsh	Makena	UT Knoxville
James	Drianna	Pellissippi State	Marsh	Sutton	Pellissippi State
Jardine	Meghan	Pellissippi State	Martinez	Jose	Work Force
Jenkins	Matthew	Roane State CC	Martinez	Kelly	Pellissippi State
Johnson	Destiny	TCAT	Mathis	Johnathan	Roane State CC
Johnson	James	Pellissippi State	Maynard	Matthew	UT Knoxville
Johnson	Kailyn	Pellissippi State	McClamroch	William	Auburn University
Johnson	Tyler	Pellissippi State	McGraw	Aquila	Pellissippi State
Johnston	Adam	UT Knoxville	Meheula	Jamie	University of San Diego
Joiner	Jazzmine	Pellissippi State	Mershon	Hunter	Pellissippi State
Jones	Caleb	Pellissippi State	Mesa	D'Angelo	Pellissippi State
Jones	Diamanti	Pellissippi State	Mitchell	Donn	Walter State CC
Jones	Doniver	TCAT	Mize	Alexander	TCAT
Jones	Emily	UT Knoxville	Mobley	Isaiah	Pellissippi State
Jones	Heather	Pellissippi State	Morton	Fisher	UT Knoxville
Jones	Ladaysha	Pellissippi State	Muenchen	Conor	Pellissippi State
Jones	Morgan	UT Knoxville	Murray	Megan	UT Knoxville
Kaye	Allie	UT Knoxville	Mwamba	Patrick	Pellissippi State
Kelso	Tiaeshia	Tennessee State University	Neece	Bennett	UT Knoxville
Kennedy	Lofton	UT Knoxville	Nelson	Aaron	Work Force
Khorsheed	Lana	Pellissippi State	Nokes	Alexandria	Pellissippi State
Kilburn	Jackson	Belmont University	Northcutt	Aaron	UT Knoxville

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Norton	Danisha	Nashville State CC	Smith-Stokes	Kendalyn	Pellissippi State
Okri	Jalem	Austin Peay State University	Springer	John	Pellissippi State
Olson	Martin	UT Knoxville	Stevens	Justin	Vanderbilt University
Osborne	Latyra	Roane State CC	Stillman	Sam	UT Knoxville
Ownby	Bradley	Pellissippi State	Stone	Katherine	UT Knoxville
Page	Chelsey	Pellissippi State	Stooksbury	Molly	UT Knoxville
Patton	Nicholas	Pellissippi State	Swaggerty	Danica	Eastern Florida State College
Plank	Emily	University of South Carolina	Sullivan-Moore	Sam	UT Knoxville
Poore	Carder	UT Knoxville	Swanson	Sierra	UT Knoxville
Poore	Lucy	Pepperdine	Taylor	Cramiya	Pellissippi State
Redd	Mary Kathryn	UT Knoxville	Taylor	Madison	UT Knoxville
Reynolds	Tyne	South College	Thomas	Cooper	Pellissippi State
Riehl	Cameron	UT Knoxville	Thomas	Madison	UT Knoxville
Roberts	Dewey	University of Alabama	Thomas	Rysaiah	Roane State CC
Robinson	Jordan	Pellissippi State	Thompson	Hunter	Pellissippi State
Robison	Stephanie	Lincoln Memorial Univ	Tidwell	Jake	UT Knoxville
Rogers	Da'zhan	Walter State CC	Tierney	Anne	Emerson College
Roman	Natiana	Pellissippi State	Tillery	Bryan	Military
Roop	Ariel	Pellissippi State	Todd	Ritchie	UT Knoxville
Rucker	Carly	Pellissippi State	Toedte	Benji	Georgetown University
Russell	Jonathan	UT Knoxville	Tomberlin	Kendall	Pellissippi State
Russell	Nyazuia	Pellissippi State	Trainer	Cameron	Centre College
Rutter	Aidan	UT Knoxville	Treece	Brooke	East Tennessee State Univ
Sanchez	Joseline	Pellissippi State	Turner	Cooper	Pellissippi State
Sawyers	Elissa	Franklin and Marshall	Turner	Gil	UT Knoxville
Scaf	Gabrielle	Pellissippi State	Turner	Lexis	Tennessee State University
Searle	Aidan	UT Knoxville	Underwood	Brandon	South College
Sewell	Nathan	Pellissippi State	Vasquez	Brandon	Middle Tennessee State
Shelton	Dazanique	Pellissippi State	Vieser	Emma	UT Knoxville
Shoemake	Jonathan	Military	Volny	Stevenson	Carson Newman University
Shoemake	Thomas	Military	Wade	Caleb	Pellissippi State
Shouse	Joe	UT Knoxville	Walker	Charles	Pellissippi State
Shymlock	Jane	UT Knoxville	Walker	Rachel	UT Knoxville
Simpson	Dmarkus	UT Knoxville	Walsh	Ella	University of St Andrews
Skinner	Jeremiah	Pellissippi State	Wardell	Greer	UT Knoxville
Skvara	Cole	Sewanee	Webb	Justin	Pellissippi State
Sleeman	Rene	UT Chattanooga	Wells	Jamon	Austin Peay State University
Smith	Blake	UT Knoxville	Wells	Princeton	Tennessee State University
Smith	Boyett	University of Kentucky	Welsh	Ben	Vanderbilt University
Smith	David	Pellissippi State	West	Corbin	Pellissippi State
Smith	David	UT Knoxville	White	John	University of Alabama
Smith	Hayden	Berklee College of Music	White	William	UT Knoxville
Smith	Mary	Pellissippi State	Whitfield	Jacob	UT Knoxville

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Wilder	Russell	LSU
Wilkerson	Quayvon	Volunteer State CC
Willard	Addison	UT Knoxville
Williams	Clarke	UT Knoxville
Williams	Leslie	UT Knoxville
Williamson	Rob	Maryville College
Willis	Shandel	Pellissippi State
Wimbley	Arreonna	Austin Peay State University
Woods	Kian	Tennessee State University
Wyatt	Austin	Pellissippi State
Yarski	Tyler	Tennessee State University



Buddies since Bearden Elementary days



Baccalaureate



Some of the members of Rick Kulman's Thursday morning Bible study group gather round. Rick was this year's Baccalaureate speaker. Besides being a graduate of West, Rick continues to support the spiritual growth and maturity of our young men.



The Baccalaureate service was held at First Baptist downtown, Sunday, May 15.