



School News



Congratulations to the Charles County Public Schools Class of 2015

A total of 2,174 seniors graduated on May 29 and May 30 and pictured is the Class of 2015 valedictorians and salutatorians. Back row from left are: Henry E. Lackey High School valedictorian Melissa Nelson; La Plata High School valedictorian Ciara Albrightain; Maurice J. McDonough High School valedictorian Shannon Haley; North Point High School valedictorian Salma Ansari; Thomas Stone High School valedictorian Amanda Reigel; and Westlake High School valedictorian Ricardo Cardoza. Front row from left are: Lackey salutatorian Jessica Nichols; La Plata salutatorian Gabrielle Scanlin; McDonough salutatorian Tatianna Griffin; North Point salutatorian Lalia Abujuma; Thomas Stone salutatorian Faith Breads; and Westlake salutatorian Maaria Chughtai.

Important Dates Coming Soon

Last day of school

The last day of school for students and teachers is Tuesday, June 16.

Report cards issued

Report cards will be issued to elementary school students on Tuesday, June 16. Middle and high school report cards will be mailed on Monday, June 22.

Summer office hours

The Jesse L. Starkey Administration Building will operate on a summer hour schedule of 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. from June 22 to Aug. 7. Normal operating hours of 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. resume on Monday, Aug. 10.

Grads offered \$62 million in scholarships

Charles County Public Schools honored 2,174 seniors on May 29 and May 30 during graduation ceremonies for six high schools in the Convocation Center at North Point High School. Students in the Class of 2015 were offered more than \$62 million in scholarship offers, which is an increase of about \$7 million from last year. Valedictorians and salutatorians were announced during awards ceremonies at each school. These positions are determined by students' grade-point averages and represent the top academic achievers at each high school.

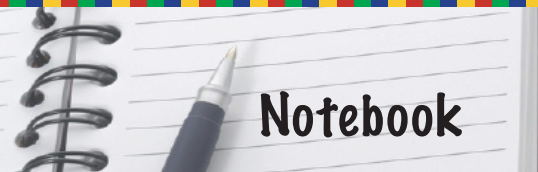
Henry E. Lackey High School's valedictorian is Melissa Nelson of Indian Head and the salutatorian is Jessica Nichols of White Plains. Nelson will attend Penn State in the fall and plans to study material science and engineering. Nichols heads to the

University of Maryland College Park in the fall and will study nursing.

Ciara Albrightain of Faulkner is La Plata High School's valedictorian and salutatorian is Gabrielle Scanlin of La Plata. Albrightain will attend Wofford College in the fall and plans to study Biology with a focus in pre-medicine. Scanlin plans to study political science at Wake Forest University.

Maurice J. McDonough High Schools' valedictorian is Shannon Haley of La Plata, and the salutatorian is Tatianna Griffin of Waldorf. Haley wants to study mathematics and will attend The University of Mary Washington. Griffin heads to Longwood University in the fall where she plans to study anthropology.

Salma Ansari of Waldorf is North Point High School's valedictorian, and Laila Chughtai is Westlake's salutatorian. See Scholarships, page 2



On the cover

Pictured on the front cover are employees honored at the May Board of Education meeting. Pictured, from left, are Debra Van Roon, language arts teacher, Mattawoman Middle School; Pamela Jones, culinary arts teacher, North Point High School; and Connie Mattingly, learning resource teacher, Walter J. Mitchell Elementary School.

Artwork to be at U.S. Capitol

St. Charles High School sophomore Jekko Syquia was named the first place winner in the 2015 5th District Congressional Art Competition. Syquia's painting *Reflection of my Dream* will hang in the Cannon House Office Building at the U.S. Capitol in Washington, D.C. for a year. Syquia won this award last year, making this the first time that a student has won first place for two consecutive years, according to Congressman Hoyer's office. Syquia will be recognized at a ceremony at the U.S. Capitol later this summer.

School News

The June 19 edition of *School News* is the last printed edition for the 2014-2015 school year. Limited copies will be provided this summer for 12-month employees. Staff members can keep up with the latest school news with on-line editions of *School News*, which are posted on the staff section of the school system website. Publications feature job openings, changes, calendar items and other staff information.

EACC Crab feast

The Education Association of Charles County (EACC) is hosting its annual crab feast on Friday, Aug. 21, 3:30 to 8 p.m., at the Charles County Fairgrounds in La Plata. Tickets are available for purchase on the EACC website, www.teameacc.org, and are \$20. Ticket price increases to \$30 after June 20, and tickets must be preordered by Aug. 14. Tickets will not be sold at the gate. Attendees must have their Charles County Public Schools badge and ticket with them upon entering the gates. Attendees may also bring one guest, but must purchase a ticket for their guest. The event is for adults only. Call 301-392-0150 with questions or for more information.

National Board Certified Teachers

Mary Lee Sadler



Mathematics/Early Adolescence

Position held: Content specialist for middle school math

Years of teaching experience: 22

Years with Charles County Public Schools: 22

Education:

Bachelor of Science in Secondary Education (Mathematics), University of Maryland
Master of Science in Curriculum and Instruction with Administration I Certification, McDaniel College

Memorable moment:

I had a student who absolutely refused to take notes in class or do homework – all of those “must dos” in what was considered a well-managed classroom. The class was working on a project and he completed his project and was talking with other students. I was worried that he was off task but as I watched and listened I realized that he was helping the group of students with the project. He had a thorough understanding of the content. At that moment I realized that students can demonstrate their knowledge and understanding in a variety of ways. My epiphany - it was my responsibility to alter my perspective and recognize/acknowledge the different manifestations of learning.

Scholarships

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Abujuma, also of Waldorf, is North Point's salutatorian. Ansari plans to study Biology: neurology and physiology, and Arabic at the University of Maryland College Park. Abujuma also plans to attend the University of Maryland College Park, where she will study biological sciences with an emphasis in cell biology and molecular genetics.

Thomas Stone High School's valedictorian is Amanda Reigel of Waldorf, and Faith Breads of Waldorf is the salutatorian. Reigel will attend North Carolina State University to study biomedical engineering, and Breads plans to study computer science at the University of Maryland College Park.

Ricardo Cardoza of Waldorf is Westlake High School's valedictorian and Maaria Chughtai, also of Waldorf, is the salutatorian. Cardoza heads to the University of Maryland Baltimore County and plans to study mechanical engineering. Chughtai has not yet declared a major and plans to attend the College of Southern Maryland in the fall.

2015 graduation numbers by schools (scholarships will increase as offers are received)

Henry E. Lackey High School

- Total graduates: 292
- Scholarship offers: \$7,128,250

La Plata High School

- Total graduates: 383
- Scholarship offers: \$12,637,544

Maurice J. McDonough High School

- Total graduates: 335
- Scholarship offers: \$8,873,700

North Point High School

- Total graduates: 503
- Scholarship offers: \$18,010,927

Thomas Stone High School

- Total graduates: 307
- Scholarship offers: \$5,861,804

Westlake High School

- Total graduates: 354
- Scholarship offers: \$10,086,298

Charles County Public Schools Totals

- Total graduates: 2,174
- Scholarship offers: \$62,598,523



Parade of Honor

Elementary and middle school students from John Hanson Middle School and J.P. Ryon Elementary School lined their hallways to congratulate graduating seniors during a Parade of Honor on May 28. Thomas Stone High School seniors paraded in graduation caps and gowns to show the younger students what they could accomplish with hard work and determination, while teachers and students provided high fives, hugs and congratulations for a job well done. The younger students made congratulatory signs and chanted as the graduates walked through their school buildings.

Pictured from top left are: Thomas Stone seniors Catie Collier, Kacie Groff, Lyric Harris, Tyler McGriff, Leann Combs and Lauren Rather show J.P. Ryon three-year-old students Za'Karia Kyler, Brooklynn Wilson, Kennedi Knott, Corey Carpenter, Gabriel Cook, Kae'son Bracey, and Kani McGhee what is possible if they work hard; Ryon students cheer for Stone graduates as they walk through the hallway; Thomas Stone Principal Michael Meiser talks to John Hanson Vice Principal Benjamin Kohlhorst, the Hanson Patriot, who led the parade through the school; Thomas Stone senior Dajaun Gray hugs Brenda Vitanovec, his former mathematics teacher from Hanson; and Ryan Sharp gets final congratulations from Ryon's youngest students.



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Board of Education announces June 9 agenda

The Board of Education's next monthly meeting is Tuesday, June 9 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 starts 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. Board meetings are also streamed live on the school system website at www.ccboe.com. Select CCPS TV and then choose the Live Broadcast tab. The following is a tentative meeting agenda and is subject to change.

Executive session – 12 p.m.

Call to order – 1 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance, St. Charles High School

Swearing-in of new Student Board member

Recognition of high school athletes

Superintendent's update

Reports of officers/boards/committees

- Correspondence/Board Member updates
- Education Association of Charles County update
- American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees update
- Student Board Member update
- Graduations 2015
- CIP update

- Partnership between CCPS and the College of Southern Maryland

- Legislative update

Unfinished business

New business and future agenda items

- New business
- Future agenda items

Recognition – 4:30 p.m.

- Resolutions: Maryland/Charles County Teacher of the Year, Sarah Desrosiers, Life Skills teacher, Theodore G. Davis Middle School; *Washington Post* Agnes Meyer Outstanding Teacher Award, Gene Hopkins Jr., social studies teacher, Milton M. Somers Middle School

- Outstanding Vice Principal of the Year – Louis D'Ambrosio, William A. Diggs Elementary School

- Outstanding Support Staff

Public Forum – 6 p.m.

Action items

- Minutes
- Personnel
- Educational Facilities Master Plan
- 2016-17 calendar

Adjournment

Executive session

Personnel

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

Job Openings

Content Specialist for Gifted and Differentiated Services grades 6-12 – Jesse L. Starkey Administration Building, 12-month position. Master's degree, advanced professional certificate and a minimum of five years of teaching experience including experience with the gifted program and differentiated instruction required. Apply by June 11.

Resource Teacher for Science – Jesse L. Starkey Administration Building, 11-month position. Master's degree, advanced professional certificate and a minimum of five years of teaching experience required. Apply by June 11.

Literacy Instructional Assistant – La Plata High School, 10-month position. Apply by June 11.

Resource Teacher for Social Studies – Jesse L. Starkey Administration Building, 11-month position. Master's degree, advanced professional certificate and a minimum of five years of teaching experience required. Apply by June 11.

Coordinator of Special Programs – Jesse L. Starkey Administration Building, 12-month position. Master's degree, advanced professional certificate and a minimum of five years of teaching experience required. Apply by June 11.

Title I Program Assistant – Jesse L. Starkey Administration Building, 12-month position. Apply by June 12.

Learning Resource Teacher – Location to be determined, 10-month position. Master's degree and a minimum of five years of teaching required. Maryland advanced professional certificate with an endorsement as gifted and talented specialist preferred. Apply by June 15.

Extra pay positions

St. Charles High School has the following openings:

- Varsity and junior varsity field hockey coach
- Head and assistant coach for girls' soccer
- Assistant boys' soccer coach
- Assistant boys' basketball coach
- Head swimming coach

Contact Jennifer Smith, athletic director, at 301-753-2090 to apply.

Westlake High School has the following openings:

- Head varsity girls' soccer coach
- Head varsity golf coach

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

Henry E. Lackey High School has the following opening:

- Head boys' soccer coach

Contact Tony Mast, athletic director, at 301-743-5431 to apply.