

GT Parent Newsletter

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Rapp Student Wins State Championship Skills USA Nationals-Bound!

RCHS sophomore, Virginia Wyatt, has brought home the gold to Rappahannock County in the recent Skills USA state championship for “prepared speech.” Skills

well spent, ultimately earning her the gold medal in “prepared speech.” No small feat for this young lady, as this contest requires competitors to write and

*“We do not inherit the earth from our ancestors, but borrow it from our children.”
~ Native American Proverb*

USA is a vocational student organization that serves more than 300,000 students and faculty across the country. The ultimate goal of this organization is to promote a skillful workforce for the future of the country. The Skills USA tournaments occur at the local, regional, state, and national level, to allow for students to showcase their skills they’ve learned in their Career and Technical Education classes. In Virginia’s case, she worked closely with her advisor and business teacher, Lisa Jones, in order to prepare for the competition—preparation

memorize a speech and present it to a panel of judges around a central theme provided by the panel. The students are not allowed to use any note cards or queues, and must present their thoughts clearly and effectively in 7 minutes. Because of her outstanding performance at the state level, Virginia (and advisor Lisa Jones) will be heading to Louisville, Kentucky, to represent Rappahannock County by competing against more than 6,000 students from across the United States.

Enrichment Opportunity



James Madison University is offering a summer program being offered to qualified talented high school students. The Summer Honors Institute offers academically talented rising seniors the opportunity to take Honors classes, explore majors, and experience college life for a week in July. This unique program gives students a first-hand look at life in a dynamic university and its Honors program. Participants will get to live in a residential hall, sample classes from a variety of majors, and attend workshops offering tips on college admissions and the college transition, and much more! To learn more about the program, please visit <http://www.jmu.edu/outreach/programs/all/honorscamp/index.shtml>.

It is exactly these types of events that Dr. Matthews reports the school board had envisioned when they set aside funds in the budget such as the “Academic Excellence” category, which will allow for Virginia’s registration and travel expenses to be covered in order for her to compete at the national level—events you cannot always plan on. Rappahannock County Schools wish Virginia Wyatt the best of luck!



Pre-Prom Assembly

A student remembered

In a very powerful and emotional pre-prom assembly on April 21, RCHS juniors and seniors were educated and warned about the very real dangers of driving while intoxicated. Principal Mike Tupper began the assembly with a memorial slide show of former RCHS student, Logan McKiernan, who tragically passed away in a drunk driving incident. Mr. Tupper reminded the students, “He was one of us. This can happen to anyone. And it can happen here, even as small as we are.” He then introduced Kim McKiernan, Logan’s mother and the local Mothers against Drunk Driving

(MADD) chair, who gave an inspirational speech about how one bad choice can impact everyone around you. She spoke from the heart as a mother who wishes for her son’s memory to live on by helping other students make better choices.

Students will celebrate prom this Saturday, April 23, 2016, at the School House in Little Washington from 8:00 PM – 11:30 PM. Afterwards, a large percentage of students are expected to keep the party going at the much anticipated After Prom Party where more than 15 faculty and community volunteers will spend the late evening and wee morning hours keeping kids safe.

Important Events/Dates

- April 23: Junior/Senior Prom
- April 25: **BOARD OF SUPERVISORS PUBLIC BUDGET HEARING 7:00 PM RCHS**
*** Please come support the school programs that make Rapp so great!!! ***
- April 30, May 1: Spring Musical—GREASE
- May 11: RCES Chorus and Band Program 7 PM
- May 12: RCHS Band Spring Concert & Awards Banquet 6 PM
- May 15: RCHS Senior Banquet 5 PM, MVGS Senior Banquet 5:30 PM
- May 20: DARE Day
- May 22: Baccalaureate 7 PM
- May 23: 12:30 Dismissal, Last Day of School!
- May 27: Graduation

For more information about Student Projects, visit Lilo’s Gifted Classroom Page here:

<http://tinyurl.com/lnmn3th>

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