

# GT Parent Newsletter

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## *RCHS Sends Three Scholars to SRGS! Summer Residential Governor's School – Bound!*

Last week, three RCHS students received acceptance letters from the Virginia Department of Education for the Summer Residential Governor's School (SRGS).

artists, and other professionals. In order to be nominated for the program, students complete a rigorous and tedious application process

*"Discipline is the bridge between goals and accomplishment."  
~ Jim Rohn*

These programs offer gifted rising juniors and seniors with intensive educational experiences in visual performing arts, humanities, science and technology, foreign language, health sciences, and agriculture. Each SRGS program focuses on one special area of interest. Students live on a college or university campus for up to four weeks! During this time, students are involved in classroom and laboratory work, field studies, research, individual and group projects, performances, and seminars with noted scholars, visiting

in which academic achievement, leadership, test scores, and essays are scored to be eligible for nomination. Upon nomination, students' applications are sent to the state level for further evaluation before acceptances are made. This year, RCHS had three students qualify for entrance into the programs. This summer, RCHS students Julia Estes, Trusten Murrah, and Virginia Wyatt will be attending SRGS. Julia will be attending an intense program at the School of Agriculture at Virginia Tech,

## *Enrichment Opportunity*

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Students ages 6-13 are encouraged to participate this summer in the 4-H Day-Long trips. Because of a grant from the Northern Piedmont Community Foundation, the price of these workshops is only \$25.00. Also, in collaboration with CCLC, for an additional \$10 each morning and/or \$10 each afternoon, before and after childcare will be provided. The workshops will take place at various locations throughout the county from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM. Some of the venues will be Valley Star Farm and the Luray Zoo, Wilson's Animal Park, the CMR Farm Show and Castleton Festival, William's Orchard, Splashdown Water Park, and Graves Mountain Lodge. Interested? Call the Extension Office at 540-675-3619.

the same time that Trusten and Virginia will be studying at Radford University in the School of Humanities.



*Julia Estes—SRGS Agriculture*



*Trusten Murrah—School of Humanities*



*Virginia Wyatt—School of Humanities*

We are so proud of all students who applied, and we congratulate Julia, Trusten, and Virginia as they give up pieces of their sacred summer time to pursue academic interests.

## *Health Science Academy*

*Three students selected!*

This year, RCHS was able to partner with twelve other school divisions, Valley Health, Shenandoah University, and Lord Fairfax Community College to offer an in-depth learning experience for students with math and science aptitude interested in health sciences. Students spend a week in the summer learning the various types of health science career options available, while receiving hands-on training—giving injections to a training muscle, starting intravenous fluids in a training arm, testing blood glucose levels, and learning in an academic setting more about emergency room care, pediatric oncology, anesthesiology and more! To be eligible for this program, students completed a competitive application process and were blind selected based on a specific criteria-oriented rubric. This year's selections were Brooke Athelli, Macy Montgomery, and Kayla Robey! We hope that this experience will provide additional enrichment to guide future career choices for these students.



*Brooke Athelli – sophomore*



*Macy Montgomery—freshman*



*Kayla Robey—junior*

## *Foreign Language Accolades*

*Students score well on national exams!*

Qualified RCHS students compete in the National Spanish and National Latin exam each year. High achievement on these exams is considered very prestigious

and requires much preparation and hard work.

This year, in the area of Spanish, the following awards recognitions were received:

Honorable Mention—Mahlet Yirgu and John Paul Riedel.

Silver Recognition—Virginia Wyatt.

Gold Recognition—Melanie Flores and Lauren Petty.

The recognitions earned by Latin students this year were as follows:

Cum Laude (with praise)—Katie Sharp, Skye Kirchman, Jojo McKinney.

Magna Cum Laude (with great praise)—Serenity Cortez, Wynn Thompson, Skylar Culbertson, Drake Lynn, Juan Arellano.

Maxima Cum Laude/Silver Medal (with greatest praise)—Itsail Arellano.

Summa Cum Laude/Gold Medal (with highest praise)—Macy Montgomery and Connor Culbertson.

Well done, students! And great work by our language teachers, Autumn Aceto (Spanish) and James Sharpe (Latin).

## *RCES Poetry*

### *Student digital portfolios*

In celebration of Poetry month, several classes, including Lilo Wolfe's advanced English class, created poetry on a digital platform. Some students used Google classroom, while others ambitiously used html coding to create a virtual space to store the poetry. The project allowed students to compile poetry of their own along with famous poetry to create a digital portfolio.



## *Important Events/Dates*

- April 30, May 1: Spring Musical—GREASE
- May 2- May 6: Teacher Appreciation Week – let teachers know how special they are!
- 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>

Want to see something featured or discussed? Questions? Send your feedback to:

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