

Chesapeake Academy receives Mary Morton Parsons Foundation grant to construct Arts and Innovation Hub

Chesapeake Academy recently announced the receipt of a one-to-one challenge grant for \$50,000 from The Mary Morton Parsons Foundation to support the creation of an Arts and Innovation Hub at the heart of the Irvington campus.

"We are delighted by this opportunity to offer Chesapeake Academy students all the advantages of a cutting edge education right here in our unique rural community. Innovation and design are integral to developing the flexible, critical thinkers who will lead in the future," said head of school Julianne T. Duvall.

"This Arts and Innovation Hub is the outgrowth of rigorous research, extensive faculty development and collaboration, and the generosity of donors who can feel the passion behind this project," said Duvall.

Using seed money from an individual donor interested in honoring the memory of Dianne Chase Monroe, Chesapeake Academy launched a broad initiative that encompasses STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, Math) and computer science as well as the creative components, technological applications and design thinking that are the hallmarks of well-rounded best-practice education for the 21st century, she said. With a strategic partnership with the College of William and Mary School of Education's Center for Innovation in Learning Design, Chesapeake Academy has developed a strategic vision that unites STEAM, project based learning and the arts under the broader descrip-



From left are Julianne T. Duvall and instructional technology coordinator Kimberly Dynia.

tion of Arts & Innovation.

"Through our work with the Center for Innovation in Learning Design, we realized that creation of a physical 'hub' space to support our students' work is vital to fully implementing the vision for arts and innovation," said Duvall.

Technological equipment, such as a 3D printer, robotics and laser cutter will have a home in the hub along with power tools and hand tools. In addition, a broadcasting studio set up for video and audio, plus arts and design supplies will live side by side with software design tools such as Adobe Creator.

Architects from Randall Kipp Architecture have designed a space that includes an expansion of the current library into a courtyard bordered by classrooms.

"By connecting the library to the Arts and Innovation Hub, Chesapeake Academy will enjoy flexible, convertible and expandable spaces for multiple uses now and in the future," said Duvall. "This vital central part of the Chesapeake Academy campus will be named in memory of Dianne Chase Monroe.

"We are looking forward to completing this project with the proceeds of The Mary Morton Parsons Foundation grant and matching funds from a diverse group of funders during the summer of 2019. This capital project will not impact the school's operating budget in any way," she said. "We are very grateful to The Mary Morton Parsons Foundation for their support of this vision for our students!"

NMS posts C honor rolls

Northumberland Middle School recently posted its C honor rolls for the 2017-18 academic session fourth quarter and the year.

Eighth graders on the C honor roll for the fourth quarter are Tara Brann, Andrew Buchanan, Mia Bundy, Chase Fisher, Lawrence Green, Gracianne Hall, Dierra Jeffries, Teagan Mullins, Hunter Newsome, Owen Newsome, Najiyah Noel, Jamonte Norris, Rachel Perez, Brooke-Anne Roberts, Sophia Sapanara, Jersey Smith, Dezmmond Taylor and Braedon Willett.

Eighth graders on the C honor roll for the year are Nykell Anderson, Destani Blackwell, Victoria Coffman, Dylan Davis, Green, Karel Jones, Gavin Klug, Jacob Neff, O. Newsome, Norris, Perez, Carson Saunders, J. Smith, Raven Smith, Aden Swisher, Amaya Thomas and Mackenzie Vanlandingham.

Seventh graders on the C honor roll for the fourth quarter are Keith Ball, Will Biddlecomb, Carly Brewer, Ty'John Campbell, Tyleya Carter, Ny'Kasia Carter-Rice, Matthew Dodson,

Ethan Downie, Christopher Harvey, Michael Hayden Jr., Jack Kitchen, Jacob Lanuza, Christyn Loving, Michael Menjivar, Christian Newton, Leslie O'Bier, Judah Perez, Alona Reynolds, Layton Saunders, Brooke Self, Karla Smith, Day'onna Taylor and Trevor Vanlandingham.

Sixth graders on the C honor roll for the year are Campbell, Destyn Coleman, Hayden, Joseph Hinson, Trevonn Kenner, Courtney Kline, Kariana Muse, Reynolds, Cameron Seldon and Trinity Smith.

Sixth graders on the C honor roll for the fourth quarter are Gary Butler, Luis Cisneros-Avina, Xavion Coleman, Nathaniel Dulaney, Roxanna Espinoza, Lawrence George, Jonathan Harris Jr., Mikayla Hayden, Christopher Nava, Tamia Newton, Thomas Nolen, Camani Parker, Jasmine Rankins, Ashley Sadler, Tucker Webb and Darryn Willett.

Sixth graders on the C honor roll for the year are KaRon Chandler, Cisneros-Avina, Coleman, McKenzi Cox, Abigail Dunaway, Azoryona Haskins, Hayden, Nava, William Rose and Willett.



Christopher Scott

Christopher Scott receives Wave Scholarship at Ware

The Ware Academy Wave Scholarship is given to honor a new, rising sixth- through eighth-grade student who possesses the characteristics that embody a Ware student.

The recipient must have strength of character throughout all facets of life and be active in the community, reported academic dean Dawn R. Fleet. This year the school was able to offer this scholarship on a perpetual basis as long as the recipient maintains the required criteria.

Christopher Scott of Mathews County is the Wave Scholarship recipient for the 2018-19 school year.

Scott's academic record is strong and he demonstrates strong character, said Fleet. He is known as a role model on his travel baseball team. He also is an active member of the youth group at Mathews Baptist Church.

Scott is known to be well-mannered and well-behaved while making the right decisions regarding behavior inside and outside of the classroom.

"We look forward to having Christopher as a student and athlete this coming school year. He will be an asset to the Ware Academy community," said head of school Tom Thomas.

JMU announces Northumberland County graduates

James Madison University recently announced the names of the students who graduated during the May 4, 2018 commencement exercises.

More than 4,400 students received undergraduate, master's, educational specialist and doctoral degrees. Graduates from Northumberland County include:

- Kelsey Anne Dawson, Callao, biology.
- Marissa Louise St. George, Callao, biotechnology.
- Katherine Louise Crowther, Burgess, communication studies.
- Brennon Kyle Saunders, Reedville, health sciences.

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Annual banquet

The Rappahannock Industrial Academy Alumni Association will hold its annual banquet at 1 p.m. July 21 at Immanuel Baptist Church, 317 Town Bridge Road, Saluda. The public is invited.

Tickets are \$25 per person. For reservations, call 758-5163. Contributions to support the RI Academy scholarship fund may be directed to TCF/RI Academy Alumni Association, P.O. Box 1154, Dunnsville, VA 22454.

Tag camp

The Tappahannock Artists' Guild (TAG) will offer a week-long summer art camp for rising fourth through twelfth graders from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. July 30 through August 3. TAG will provide the materials, instruction and a snack.

The fee will be \$65 for the week. Register early at the TAG Gallery, 200 Prince Street, Tappahannock, or call Frank Rixey at 445-5131.

Art class

The Tappahannock Artists' Guild and the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts will offer Free Form Sculpture from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, July 14, at the TAG Gallery, 200 Prince Street, Tappahannock.

The class is supported in part by the Paul Mellon Endowment and the Jean Stafford Camp Memorial Fund. To register, call Frank Rixey, 445-5131.

Cloverbuds

4-H Cloverbuds Build, for ages 5-8, will be held August 7 at the Northumberland County Extension Office, 7154 Northumberland Highway, Heathsville. Activities will include games, snacks and two different woodworking projects.

The fee is \$5. To register, contact the Northumberland County office, 580-5694, or the Lancaster County office, 462-5780, or 4-H Extension agent Tara Brent, tbrent@vt.edu.

Webster awarded Fary scholarship

Emilie Jean Webster, a 2018 graduate of Lancaster High School, has been awarded a four-year scholarship worth \$24,000 from the Fary Memorial Scholarship Fund.

She will attend Christopher Newport University and plans to major in elementary education.

The Thomas Peterson and Alvin Jenettie Roane Fary Memorial Scholarship is a highly competitive scholarship available to students residing in 16 counties in Eastern Virginia, reported Mary-Lynn Kruz.

Eligibility and application information is available at www.faryscholarship.org.



Emilie Jean Webster



Touch a giraffe

The Learning Center recently visited the Richmond Zoo. June Nichols gets up close and personal with one of the giraffes.



From left, Channing Reynolds and Luke Swann recently participated in the 2018 International SeaPerch Challenge competition.

Swann and Reynolds place eighth in International SeaPerch Challenge

Luke Swann and Channing Reynolds, who make up Team Poseidon Version Two (TPV2), did an amazing job again at the 2018 International SeaPerch Challenge competition June 2 and 3 at the University of Massachusetts at North Dartmouth.

Swann and Reynolds, both eighth graders at Northumberland Middle School, qualified for this competition for the third year in a row and they were thrilled when the final results were released as each year they get better and better, reported Holly Swann.

TPV2 placed eighth overall for the middle school division, among 85 schools competing

from all over the world. TPV2 also placed sixth in the underwater puzzle challenge, seventh in the underwater rings obstacle and 26th in the engineering notebook requirement, said Holly Swann.

Swann and Reynolds look forward to entering the high school division next year and are already thinking of new ways to make their SeaPerch vehicle faster as well as improve their engineering notebook submission, she said.

They thanked talented and gifted instructor Shauna McCranie, the Northumberland Association for Progressive Stewardship, their parents and the community for supporting their efforts, said Holly Swann.

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