



John Dickinson High School

Principal's Newsletter

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Undergraduate Awards Ceremony

Award recipients and parents are cordially invited to attend the JDHS 2007 Undergraduate Awards Ceremony on May 23, at 6:30 p.m., in the auditorium.

Congratulations to the following students who will receive awards:

9th Grade

Edgar Aguilar
Jasmine Allen
Rosalba Alviz
Shane Beard
Daniel Boyle
William Arthur Bradshaw
Justin Cantrell
Chad Carisch
Molly Conly
Nancy Ines Cordova
Alyssa Cowin
Norami Cross
Brienne DeFroda
Anthony Delvalle
Morgan Rachele Dirocco
Sandra Dougherty
Angela Dunlap
Ross Elliott
Steven Evans
Tineja Everette
Robert Anthony Fazio
Callie Fields
Lisa Renae Figurelle
Rufina Figueroa
Erin Gilbert
Katrina Greigg
Shaniqua Grimes
Reese Thomas Hawk
Brianna Hilker
Aquil Ahml Hocker
Jamia Jackson

Tiffany Johnson
Dayvona Jones
Brandon Kennedy
Stephanie Andrea Knapp
Alan David Ladd Jr.
Ana Daniela Leon
Gabriela Leon
Kyle Lewis
Jong Gun Lim
Damon Liu
Sean Lyon
Michael Mammoccio
Genesis Nicole Mattia
Martin Miranda Jr.
Ann Nadzio
Ricky Negron
Jessica Navechy
Maria Olvera
Damien Paris
Doo Joon Park
Duk Soo Park
Hansol Park
Tunisia Nyrobi Plummer
Joseph Powalski
Cameron Tyler Przywara
John Reed III
Marquise Register
Andy Reyes-Hernandez
Tracey Rushing
Amanda Schmidt
Amanda Scott
Luis Sierra
Robert Sloman
Ashley Stewart
Antonia Strickland
Joshua Saul Teoli
George John Tressler
Matthew Aaron Trotta
Dixon Edgardo Vazquez
Sara Watson
Sharnetta White
Beronica Wilmore
Corrine Winnington
Hakisha Wright
Sin Ae Yun

10th Grade

Courtney Austin
Solana Marie Barone
Justin Battle
Alexander Biddle
Navya Bobba

Alexandra Bowen
Feather Dawn Braas
Jessica Lynne Buckley
Anthony Cantiello
Sharae Chase
April Church
Marquivus Christopher
Katharine Cochrane
Nancy Cordova
Christina Crouch
Lyndall Deklerk
Emily Desimone
Jillian Desmarais
Maimouna Diallo
Lynaida Diaz
Yasmine Drayton
Megan Joy Edwards
Barbara Ann Epps
Awa Fadiga
Brianna Ferranto
Carly Marie Foraker
Jenna Foraker
Vicki Fortinper
Joshua Foster
Alexis Fowler
Matthew Francisco
Joel Franco Morales
Allison Gantt
Julie Anne Garner
Darnell Gibson
Kadene Lashawn Gray
Tymere Grant
Sean Greer
Jasmine Levenia Grice
Chasity Grimm
Stefanie Anne Gross
Jose Julian Guzman
Joshien Harriott
Morgan Hefner
Lauren Huber
Muhammad Javaid
Dalila Jones
Christopher Kerwien
Salud Lemus
Davone Martin
Mary Eileen McCune
Thomas McGrath
Kelly Elizab McKinstry-
Justin Mooney
Joel Franco Morales
David Mossop
Alex Mueller
Jessica Mullen

Alyse Murphy
Joshua Murphy
Magally Obregon
Cassie Oneal
Trevor Parham
Hansol Park
Saikrishna Patchala
Emily Prather
Shaheen Rahmani
James Rayfield
Beatriz Rivera
Naomi Rodriguez
Michael Roark
Kasia Robinson
Michael Rosauri
Stephanie Ruiz
Malliki Saddler
Zikera Shabazz
Amanda Thomas
Bret Toro
Martha Tucker
Diana Villarreal
Sarah Wilcox
Elizabeth Wilson
Katherine Worrall
Joshua David Zych

11th Grade

Elena deAffonseca
Bradley Akers
Timothy Ammerman
Lilia Barroso
Jamira Benson
Daniel Billings
Devon Bolden II
Zachary Boyle
Sasha Camp
Rashida Carrasco
Alyssa Cavanaugh
Jessica Coates
Denise Commodore
Casey Conly
Steven Cronin
Francis Dallatore
Peter Deanna
Matthew DeFroda
Alexandra Demyanovich
Meghan Dennis
Diogo Deoliveira
Rebecca Despins
Alyssa Edwards
Christopher Elliott

Tabitha Epps
Travis Gagnon
Kayla Garner
Ashley Gast
James Giroud Jr
Jessie Hammerer
Cerea' Hamilton
Kelly Hartnett
Stephanie Holdridge
Brian Dae Yon Jang
Harita Kandarpa
Megan Keating
Andrea Klenotiz
Linda Kouame
Marcus Labon
Tyrae Lee-Pinkett
Kyle Levine
Joshua Mauro
Stacia McManus
Tanisha McMillan
Sean Merritt
Steven Miller
Tylysa Miller
Emily Moore
Alexander Nasser
Angelia Negron
Pamela Oppenheimer
Christian Ortega
Doo Hyun Park
David Pepper
Amanda Pierce
Thomas Prang
Michael Sammons
Sahil Sharma
Nicole Shubra
Rodney Skinner
Andrew Snyder
Laura Spadaro
Jesse Stackhouse
Eric Stiff
Melissa Tang
Gloria Tovar
Jennifer Towson
Rita Tso
Sabbena Uppal
Lea Viallard
Kristen Wagner
Nastacya Wallace
Doni Wharton
Thomas Zambeno
Jessica Zieger
Bobbi Zupon

Operating Expense Referendum

To Pay FOR:

- New security systems for schools
- New textbooks and classroom supplies
 - Full-day kindergarten for all elementary schools
 - New computers and other technology upgrades
- Funding for after-school activities (athletics, band clubs, performing arts)
 - Operating expenses (energy costs, transportation, salaries, and benefits)

**When? Thursday, May 17, 2007
Noon to 9 p.m.**

Why? Despite cost-cutting measures in Red Clay, expenditures like energy and transportation have greatly outpaced revenues.

For more information visit
<http://www.redclay.k12.de.us/REF07/Ref2007Page1.htm>

Please Vote!



DATES TO REMEMBER

May 17, noon to 9:00 p.m. — Operating expense referendum
 May 17, 7:30 p.m. — Choral Concert
 May 22—25 — Senior Final Exams
 May 22 — DSTP Science Gr. 8 and 11 (+Grade 11 Retest)
 May 23— DSTP Social Studies Gr. 8 and 11 (+ Grade 11 Retest)
 May 23, 6:30 p.m.—Undergraduate Awards, National Honor Society Inductions, and Quill and Scroll Inductions
 May 24 — DSTP Science and Social Studies make-up Gr. 8 and 11 (+ Grade 11 Retest)
 May 28 — Memorial Day (Schools and Offices Closed)
 May 29, 6:00 p.m.—Senior Awards
 May 31, 8:00 a.m.—Graduation Rehearsal - Mandatory
 May 31—June 7— Final Exams
 June 1—Inservice Day (No school for students)
 June 1—Teacher Luncheon - DSA Help Needed—Contact Casey Bradshaw 369-6050
 June 2, 6:00 p.m.—JDHS Graduation Day—Doors locked at 6:00 p.m.
 June 7—Last Student Day



Relay for Life

Join our Relay For Life of Pike Creek-Hockessin

June 15—16

John Dickinson High School

Last summer we raised \$89,440! Our target this year is \$110,000

Relay For Life® is a fun-filled overnight event designed to bring together those who have been touched by cancer in our community. At the event, we celebrate survivorship and raise money to help the American Cancer Society in its mission to save lives, help those who have been touched by cancer, and empower individuals to fight back.

To join a John Dickinson High School team contact us at info@johndickinsonhs.com

1st in the State!

Mr. Norton's Jobs for Delaware Graduates Chapter Exhibit Team placed first during the May 10 State Competition.

The team chose "Bridging the Gap from Classrooms to Careers" as their theme in the competition

Senior Victor Joseph received the President's Award for leadership at the Jobs for Delaware Graduates State Competition

He also received the Alice Coleman Award, which is awarded to a student interest in going into the field of counseling.

Sophomores Allison Gantt and Chris Kerwien were selected to represent Dickinson in this year's Governor's School for Excellence, which will take place this summer.



The Performing Arts Department returned from a very successful trip to Florida. The students performed and received ratings from three well known adjudicators. Choraegus received two "excellent" ratings and a "good" rating, Dickinson Singers received two "superior" ratings and an "excellent" rating and the band received three "good" ratings.

Congratulations to all of our groups.

Following their performances, all groups participated in a clinic, which provided them with suggestions on how to improve as musicians, led by the adjudicators. Due to the delicacy of the trophies, they will be on display in the band and chorus rooms. Our students received many compliments on their behavior in the airport, restaurants and hotel.

They were true ambassadors for Delaware and Dickinson.

Junior Laura Spadaro placed second in the statewide Delaware State Education Association Celebration of Diversity Writing Contest. The contest entries had to demonstrate how individuals, groups, or organizations have made our world a better place. Laura wrote a poem about her positive experiences with the Reading Assist Program as a little girl. Laura received a merit award and plaque.

NASCAR made a visit to Dickinson. The auto tech teacher Mr. Minchoff treated his classes to a free tour of Casey Mears's #25 National Guard/GMAC sponsored Chevrolet Monte Carlo.





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1st in the State

At the Technology Student Association Conference in Dover, in the promotional graphics competition, senior Christian Ortega placed first in the state.

Senior Ethan Fish received second place for promotional graphics.

Seniors Andrew Edwards, David Gerber and Andrew Snyder received third place in the Technology Bowl Competition.

Ram Technology Education

Technology Foundations I, II, & III are hands-on classes that design and improve technology through problem solving activities such as straw towers, straw bridges, roller coaster models, technology games, engineering structures, and magnetic vehicles. Students develop further skills in technology problem solving activities in a club called the Technology Student Association (TSA). We have an active chapter and JDHS is well represented in State competitions. Students work on the competitive events throughout the year. In March, students compete at the state conference in Harrington, DE. **Join our growing organization, which is educational and fun.**

Ms. Sheehy, Technology Education Teacher, sponsors the JDHS Technology Student Association.



Freshman Stephanie Knapp was elected as Vice President of the Delaware Technology Student Association.

BPA Student's Accomplish 1st in State

The Business Professionals of America State Competitions were held in Dover Delaware. Senior **Mike Poznasky** won 1st in the state in Extemporaneous Speech. Senior **Lia de Affonseca** won 1st in the state in Advanced Interview Skills. Our students competed with members from New Castle, Kent and Sussex County in events like Presentation Management, Prepared Speech, and Word Processing Skills. School participants included seniors Chantel Brown, Brice Brown, and Jalana Miller; juniors Tyrae Lee-Pinkett, Tierra Gibbs and Shawn Townsend; and freshman Michelle Williams. Mike and Lia participated in the national competition in New York City. They both placed in the top 10% among 5,000 competitors across the nation.

Freshman Brandon Kennedy has been racing with the American Power Boat Association. Recently, he was recognized in Los Angeles, California as the 2006 American Power Boat Association's Rookie of the Year. On October 8, he won the World Championship event held in Clarksville, Virginia.

Seniors **Lauren Monarski** and **Michael Vincent** were honored as top students from Delaware's 33 public high schools as exemplary scholars of the graduating Class of 2007 by government and education officials at the annual Secretary of Education's Scholars Dinner held at the Sheraton Inn and Conference Center in Dover. "These very talented young men and women are our future leaders," said Governor Ruth Ann Minner. "In addition to the academic success they have demonstrated, they have dedicated themselves to their schools and communities, setting a stellar example for their peers."