

Scholarship winners honored

By Vicki Hyatt | May 31, 2012

Share



Photo by: Vicki Hyatt

More than 300 scholarship winners, family members and donors gathered for the annual Partners-In-Education dinner held at the Lambuth Inn at Lake Junaluska.

LAKE JUNALUSKA — Nearly 100 Haywood County seniors were awarded more than \$163,000 in scholarship funds this spring during the Haywood County Schools Foundation Partners-in-Education dinner.

The foundation raises funds throughout the year to help provide scholarships, and also partners with individuals, business owners and organizations that also provide scholarship funds. Foundation President Matt Wells congratulated the scholarship winners and said the organization appreciated the opportunity to help Haywood's youth to "develop the capacity of discernment." Also recognized were the Haywood County Teacher of the Year and Principal of the Year received by Tuscola High School Principal Dale McDonald and Bethel Middle School band

director Stephen Parris.

"To be nominated by my peers is a tremendous gift," McDonald told the crowd of about 300 scholarship recipients, family members and donors.

He spoke of statistics showing Tuscola is in the top 8 percent statewide out of 460 high schools, and fifth in the region. Last year's graduates received \$6.3 million in scholarship offers. "You hear negative things about education, but show me what we're doing poorly. I don't see it," he said. "We have more students in AP (advanced placement) classes than ever before. Tonight shows what we're doing right."

Parris has been the band director at Bethel Middle School for 13 years, and the number of students participating in the program has grown from 7 percent to 35 percent. The school's student yearbook was dedicated to him this year.

"You guys are the superstars tonight," Parris told the crowd. "I appreciate all you and your parents do, and I appreciate y time at Bethel. I do love my kids."

This year's special recognition for Volunteer of the Year went to Canton attorney Pat Smathers.

Tom Posey, one of the longest serving foundation board members, praised Smathers for bringing in more than \$1 million in bequeaths and assets through his work with clients looking for a way to provide a lasting legacy in the community.

For a complete list of scholarship winners sponsored by The Mountaineer and shown on page 9A.

Scholarship dinner



View More...

Scholarship dinner 2



View More...

Scholarship 3



View More...



A Community of Professional Caregivers Providing Long-term Care and Short Term Rehabilitation Services.

100 Silver Bluff Drive, Canton, NC 28716 • 877-902-4748

Comments (0)

[biz/orgOffers@](#)

This evening is....

By Maria's Mexican Pueblo - Feb 20

TODAY SPECIAL

By Maria's Mexican Pueblo - Feb 20

Tuesday Specials!!

By Maria's Mexican Pueblo - Feb 19

Smoky Falls Foreclosure! Drive ...

By Realty World Heritage - Feb 19

NEW THIS COMING FRIDAY!!

By Maria's Mexican Pueblo - Feb 18

[MORE >](#)

BOGART'S

RESTAURANT & TAVERN



303 SOUTH MAIN STREET
WAYNESVILLE NC
828.452.1313



Get daily headlines from The Mountaineer delivered to your inbox!

Real Estate



Waynesville | Brannon Forest Short Sale BOM!

Now \$185,000!
Great family home in Brannon Forest
Subdivision close to ...

[More Details >](#)



Waynesville | Waynesville Short Sale! Duplex Only \$55,000!

2 efficiency duplex each with 1 bath.
100% occupancy ...

[More Details >](#)



Waynesville | \$179,900 JUST REDUCED!! Like New Town Home!

Huge price reduction on this beautifully maintained home ...



Canton | \$325,000

Now you can have all! Newfound Valley - 18 acres plus!
Leicester- Now you

Post Comment

Create Post

[More Details »](#) can have all! Bottom

land, bold ...

[More Details »](#)



Clyde | \$785 MOUNTAIN TRACE: UPSCALE TOWNHOME LIVING

Select Homes of
Waynesville, LLC
proudly presents ...
[More Details »](#)



Waynesville | Enjoy Country Living just Minutes from Town!

Country living yet
minutes back to
town! Don't miss this
...

[More Details »](#)



Maggie Valley | \$1,259,000 Luxury Mountain Log Home

This dream home
offers top-of-line
finishes, 2-storied ...
[More Details »](#)



Waynesville | \$128,000 Charming Home In Town

Well kept, spacious
brick home close to
everything. ...

[More Details »](#)



Canton | \$179,000 4 bedroom home on .91acre in Canton, NC

--Large 4 bedroom 2
bath Raised Ranch on
almost 1 acre ...

[More Details »](#)



Maggie Valley | \$199,000 Family Home

What a great family
home. Hardwood
floors, spacious ...

[More Details »](#)

**Smoky Mountain
CHEVROLET**

71 Cat Creek Road • Franklin, NC 28734 • 828-524-0734
WWW.SMOKYMOUNTAINCHEVY.COM

Welcome to our Family!
Once you step through our door...
You'll never look back!

Business Search

Search:

Recent BizMembers:

Leopard Leaf Construction

Smoky Mountain Chevy

Grandview Lodge

Town And Mountain Realty



Ever Been Arrested?

... then your arrest record is online and ANYONE can view it. Want to see what's in yours?

[Click here to check instantly.](#)

Classifieds

Houseplants

Spider, Angel and ...

Donkey Tail Cactus Plant

in hanging basket. ...

Consignment Furniture Store

Located At Peddler ...

Hydro Pressure Services - Est. 1985

Before flowers sprout ...

Houseplant

Over 5 ft. tall Mask ...

4 Pc. Double Bedroom Set.

Includes:
Headboard/Ma...

Peddler Sq Indoor Flea Market

Open-Fri-Sat-Sun Hwy ...

R-19 Insulation, Paper Faced

and covers 87sqft. ...

[MORE >](#)

Upcoming Events

Today

All Day

Signup for REACH Volunteer Training

9:30 AM - 12:00 PM

HCTDA Finance and Advertising Committee Meeting

12:00 PM

Home Improvement Sale

1:00 PM - 5:00 PM

Free tax preparation and e-filing

2:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Persons 18+ with Disabilities and Veterans

Imagine spending hour
after hour here,
and getting paid for it.



[Click here to find your new career.](#)

[Advertise](#) | [Contact](#) | [Legal Notices](#) | [Policies](#) | [Subscribe](#)

Site powered by [VillageSoup®](#).