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HONORING  
THE 2018 WINNERS  
OF THE  
**GOLDEN HORSESHOE**  
PROGRAM



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WEST VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

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# GREETINGS

To All Knights and Ladies of the Golden Horseshoe:

The West Virginia Department of Education extends congratulations for your achievement. The staff who plan and conduct the various activities in your honor salute you, the Knights and Ladies of the Golden Horseshoe.

Hard work, dedication and scholarship are critical elements of success. Recipients of the Golden Horseshoe have demonstrated that they can work, learn and achieve at high levels.

Golden Horseshoe Day is a special day – savor the moment. Best wishes for continued success in school and in life.



Steven L. Paine, Ed.D.  
State Superintendent of Schools



# WEST VIRGINIA GOLDEN HORSESHOE

One of the highlights of the eighth grade year is the opportunity for a student to become a Knight or Lady of the Golden Horseshoe Society. This prestigious program takes its name from the golden horseshoes given to the early explorers of West Virginia. In 1716, the Governor of the Virginia colony, Alexander Spotswood, saw the need for exploration of the land west of the Allegheny Mountains, most of which is now West Virginia. The governor organized a party of about 50 men, all of whom adopted the pledge, “Sic jurat transcendere monte,” which means “Thus he swears to cross the mountains.” Governor Spotswood presented each member of his party with a small golden horseshoe to commemorate the bravery of those who crossed the mountains into Western Virginia, beginning the Golden Horseshoe tradition.

This historical tradition was revitalized in the late 1920s. To promote the study of state history, the idea of forming West Virginia clubs was proposed by Phil M. Conley, an editor of The West Virginia Review. In late 1929, Mr. Conley took his idea to state Superintendent of Free Schools William C. Cook. Superintendent Cook believed that the state Department of Education should take the lead in promoting a comprehensive study of the state. He proposed expanding Conley’s idea by honoring the highest-achieving students with a state award. In 1930, some 2,736 clubs were organized with more than 48,000 students as members. In the first Golden Horseshoe ceremony, held in 1931, 87 students from 46 counties were honored as Knights and Ladies of the Golden Horseshoe Society. The Golden Horseshoe became known as a symbol of scholastic achievement to honor students who excel in the study of West Virginia. Since that time, approximately 15,000 eighth grade students have received a golden pin in the shape of a horseshoe, much like those given by Governor Spotswood 300 years ago. This pin symbolizes the student’s knowledge and understanding of his or her state’s proud heritage.



The program of studies in combination with state awards is unique in its statewide recognition of scholastic achievement. Each year approximately 22,000 eighth grade students spend the school year studying a comprehensive West Virginia curriculum. The curriculum engages the students in the intense study of the history, geography, economy and government of the Mountain State. The primary goal of the program is to promote pride in our state, develop intellectual and participatory skills as well as foster attitudes that are necessary for students to participate as effective, involved, and responsible citizens. The State Department of Education, in effect, uses the Golden Horseshoe award to honor “all-state” West Virginia Studies students.

Each year eighth grade students are honored for their knowledge of the state in a one-day ceremony held in Charleston. The Golden Horseshoe winners have outscored their classmates in a county-wide testing competitions that measures their knowledge about West Virginia. Students also write an essay focusing on some aspect of West Virginia current events. A minimum of two students from each county and one student from the West Virginia School for the Deaf and one student from the West Virginia School for the Blind at Romney are selected for the award. The other honorees are selected from the 55 counties based on each county’s eighth grade population.

While in Charleston to celebrate the Golden Horseshoe Day, the honorees are treated to a tour of the Capitol and Capitol Grounds and a reception held in their honor. The high point of the Golden Horseshoe Ceremony is the induction of the students into the Golden Horseshoe Society. The State Superintendent of Schools presides over the induction ceremony. Each student kneels and, with a tap of a sword on the shoulder, is dubbed either a Knight or Lady of the Golden Horseshoe Society. Each student is presented a Golden Horseshoe pin and the 86-year honor and tradition continues.







# GOLDEN HORSESHOE PROGRAM

**MAY 4, 2018**

- 8:15 a.m.            Registration  
                          Culture Center
- 8:50 a.m.            Students line up for Group Picture  
                          Culture Center Theatre doors  
*Parents may take this time to tour the State  
                          Museum on the lower level of the Culture Center*
- 9 a.m.                Group Picture  
                          Culture Center Theatre
- 9:30 a.m.            Doors open to theatre
- 9:45 a.m.            Opening Ceremony and Induction Ceremony  
                          Culture Center Theatre

Opening:            *West Virginia Department of Education*

Presiding:          Betty Jo Jordan  
*Special Assistant to the  
State Superintendent of Schools  
West Virginia Department of Education*

Welcome:           Steven L. Paine, Ed.D.  
*State Superintendent of Schools  
West Virginia Department of Education*

Address:            The Honorable Jim Justice  
*Governor of West Virginia*

Trumpet             George Washington High School  
Fanfare              Mark Hardman, *Director*

Induction:          Steven L. Paine, Ed.D.



# GOLDEN HORSESHOE PROGRAM (CONTINUED)

Readers: Gloria Burdette  
Coordinator  
Office of Middle & Secondary Learning

Monica DellaMea  
Executive Director  
Office of Early & Elementary Learning

Joe Geiger  
Director  
WV Archives and History

11:45 a.m. Reception  
Culture Center Great Hall  
Students and Guests

1 p.m. Capitol Tours (12:30 p.m. • 1 p.m. • 1:30 p.m. • 2 p.m.)  
*Meet at Lower Rotunda Information Desks*  
WV State Museum is a self-guided tour that you can take at your leisure.

3 p.m. Last bus to remote parking at Laidley Field



# 2018 GOLDEN HORSESHOE STUDENT WINNERS

<b>County</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>School</b>
Barbour	Seth Harris	Kasson Elmenetary/Middle School
	Elizabeth Kittle	Belington Middle School
	Isabella McNaboe	Belington Middle School
Berkeley	Nate Adams	Spring Mills Middle School
	Miles Crockett	Saint Joseph Parish School
	Natalie Diedericks	Saint Joseph Parish School
	Ronald Kelley	Saint Joseph Parish School
	Dominic Marandola	Mountain Ridge Middle School
	Dominc Mollica	Spring Mills Middle School
	Charles Paugh	Saint Joseph Parish School
	Jacklyn Power	Saint Joseph Parish School
	Danica Propst	Hedgesville Middle School
Ryan Reall	Hedgesville Middle School	
Boone	Brett Adkins	Sherman Junior High School
	Joshua Jenkins	Sherman Junior High School
	Cody Nantz	Madison Middle School
	Ava Wells	Sherman Junior High School
Braxton	Levi Demastus	Braxton County Middle School
	Joseph Johnson	Braxton County Middle School
	David Martin	Braxton County Middle School
Brooke	Leonard Dewitt	Wellsburg Middle School
	Edward Marks	Wellsburg Middle School
	Brooke Ohler	Wellsburg Middle School
Cabell	Luke Hatfield	Milton Middle School
	Jacob Lee	Barboursville Middle School
	Elijah Litteral	Milton Middle School
	Margaret Piaskowski	Our Lady Of Fatima
	William Pitkin	Barboursville Middle School
	Savannah Smith	Barboursville Middle School
	Marshall Welch	Milton Middle School



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<b>County</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>School</b>
Calhoun	Chase Blair	Calhoun Middle/High School
	Lindsey Posey	Little Kanawha Valley Christian
Clay	Dylan Greathouse	Clay Middle School
	Matt Shelton	Clay Middle School
	Ava Taylor	Clay Middle School
Doddridge	Riley Curran	Doddridge County Middle School
	Jack Hutson	Doddridge County Middle School
Fayette	Jacob Adkins	Meadow Bridge High School
	Gavyn Sanford	Ansted Middle School
	John Kincaid	Fayetteville High School
	Maggie McAllister	Fayetteville High School
Gilmer	Jacob Hardwick	Gilmer County High School
	Scott Price	Gilmer County High School
Grant	Anna Goldizen	Petersburg High School
	Ashlee Rohrbaugh	Petersburg High School
	Alyson Streets	Union Educational Complex
Greenbrier	Tristan Deeds	Eastern Greenbrier Middle School
	Abigail Herndon	Western Greenbrier Middle School
	Halianna Holliday	Eastern Greenbrier Middle School
	Jacob Wickline	Eastern Greenbrier Middle School
WV School for the Deaf	Gavan Earle	West Virginia School For The Blind
	Faith Grissinger	West Virginia School For The Deaf- Second
Hampshire	Grace Bond	Romney Middle School
	Alex Hott	Romney Middle School
	Triston Kyle	Romney Middle School



<b>County</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>School</b>
Hancock	Alexia Brown	Oak Glen Middle School
	Cristian Fighiroae	Oak Glen Middle School
	Matthew Howard	Oak Glen Middle School
	Madison McKay	Oak Glen Middle School
Hardy	William Barb	Moorefield Middle School
	Hunter Hines	Moorefield Middle School
	Branson See	Moorefield Middle School
Harrison	Gino Cava	Bridgeport Middle School
	Ashleigh Denson	Bridgeport Middle School
	Bruce Keener II	Bridgeport Middle School
	Brody Nolte	Bridgeport Middle School
	Elizabeth Rine	Bridgeport Middle School
	Emma Samples	South Harrison Middle School
Jackson	Hannah Cottrill	Ripley Middle School
	Andrew Francis	Ravenswood Middle School
	Rayna Pinson	Ripley Middle School
	Landon Wolfe	Ripley Middle School
	McKenzie Yarbrough	Ripley Middle School
Jefferson	Nicholas Bennett	Harpers Ferry Middle School
	Nathanson Gageby	Wildwood Middle School
	Collin Guedel	Shepherdstown Middle School
	Mollie Hanscom	Wildwood Middle School
	Jessica Wolfe	Shepherdstown Middle School
	Brendan Zampino	Harpers Ferry Middle School



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<b>County</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>School</b>
Kanawha	Holly Black	Charleston Catholic High School
	Emma Carpenter	John Adams Middle School
	Isabella Cinco	Charleston Catholic High School
	Madison Deweese	Sissonville Middle School
	Margaret Glover	John Adams Middle School
	Abigail Hill	Sissonville Middle School
	Cameron McCoy	Mckinley Middle School
	Jackson Morris	John Adams Middle School
	Thomas Pauley	Mckinley Middle School
	Grace Peyatte	John Adams Middle School
	Susan Prigozen	Elk Valley Christian School
	William Raines	Hayes Middle School
	Seyed Shams	Mountaineer Montessori
Luke Surface	Sissonville Middle School	
Lewis	Chloe Butcher	Robert L Bland Middle School
	Noah Hamrick	Robert L Bland Middle School
	Jalen Sprouse	Robert L Bland Middle School
Lincoln	Robert Adkins	Hamlin Pk-8 School
	W. Aidan McCloud	Guyan Valley Middle School
	Megan Stanley	Duval Pk-8 School
Logan	Tristan Burgess	Logan Middle School
	Erik Cochrane	Man Middle School
	Hayden Farley	Chapmanville Middle School
	William Kirkendall	Chapmanville Middle School
Marion	David Darrah	Fairview Middle School
	Broderick Hall	Fairview Middle School
	Carmela Lilly	Fairmont Catholic
	Aidan Smith	Fairmont Catholic
	Jessie Wade	Mannington Middle School



<b>County</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>School</b>
Marshall	Abbigale Carney	Cameron High School
	Cheyenne Conner	Cameron High School
	Riley McIntyre	Moundsville Middle School
	Chloe Yocum	Cameron High School
Mason	Gaberielle Corbin	Point Pleasant Jr/Sr High School
	Colby Price	Point Pleasant Jr/Sr High School
	Ryan Tatterson	Point Pleasant Jr/Sr High School
	Austin Weikle	Point Pleasant Jr/Sr High School
McDowell	Richard Gibson	Sandy River Middle School
	Savannah Hickman	Sandy River Middle School
	Devon Mullins	Sandy River Middle School
Mercer	Sophia Lipscomb	Princeton Middle School
	Derrick Modad	Bluefield Middle School
	Ices Prince	Glenwood School (K-8)
	Katherine Webb	Pikeview Middle School
Mineral	Eric Guy, Jr	Keyser Middle School
	Eric Harvey	Keyser Middle School
	Hunter Powell	Keyser Middle School
	Amaya Runion	Keyser Middle School
Mingo	Sebastian Chafins	Williamson Pk-8 School
	Drew Lee	Williamson Pk-8 School
	Wyatt McCoy	Williamson Pk-8 School
	Hunter Runyon	Williamson Pk-8 School
Monongalia	Katelyn Blosser	South Middle School
	Nolan Cook	South Middle School
	Alice Guo	Suncrest Middle School
	Elijah Hall	South Middle School
	Elena Kurov	Suncrest Middle School
	Julia Leyden	South Middle School
	Rachel Shockley	Mountaineer Middle School



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<b>County</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>School</b>
Monroe	Elijah Amos	Peterstown Middle School
	Lauren Ballard	Mountain View Elementary & Middle School
	Brianna Smith	Peterstown Middle School
Morgan	Brent Baker	Warm Springs Middle School
	Cain Michael	Warm Springs Middle School
	Katlynn Rossignol	Paw Paw High School
Nicholas	Braden Adkins	Richwood Middle School
	Zachary Carpenter	Summersville Middle School
	Abigail Lucas	Summersville Middle School
Ohio	Noah Blair	St Michaels School
	Braeden Keen	Bridge Street Middle School
	Elizabeth Wolf	St Michaels School
	Luke Wright	St Michaels School
Pendleton	Shyanna Frazier	Pendleton County Middle/High School
	Emilee Teter	Pendleton County Middle/High School
Pleasants	Thomas Powell	Pleasants County Middle School
	Noah Stover	Pleasants County Middle School
Pocahontas	Hunter Curran	Green Bank E-Middle School
	Aidan Madison	Marlinton Middle School
Preston	Kiley Christopher	Central Preston Middle School
	Haley Hart	Terra Alta/East Preston School
	Alex Mayne	Rowlesburg School
	Gracie Sypolt	Terra Alta/East Preston School





<b>County</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>School</b>
Putnam	Paige Bradley	Hurricane Middle
	Kaden Fields	Hurricane Middle
	Austin Kile	George Washington Middle School
	Carter Leadmon	Hurricane Middle
	Matthew Olivero	Hurricane Middle
	Ryan Williams	Winfield Middle School
Raleigh	Briyonna Godbey	Shady Spring Middle School
	Austin Jamison	Shady Spring Middle School
	Joshua Lovell	Shady Spring Middle School
	Lacy Meadows	Shady Spring Middle School
	Keynan Richardson-Cook	Beckley-Stratton Middle School
	Matthew Williams	Trap Hill Middle School
	David Young III	Shady Spring Middle School
Randolph	Anna Crumm	Elkins Middle School
	Braxton Kenney	Elkins Middle School
	Annmarie Raschella	Elkins Middle School
	Izaak Whetsell	Elkins Middle School
Ritchie	Charles Copeland III	Ritchie County Middle School
	Lance Nutter	Ritchie County Middle School
	William Windom	Ritchie County Middle School
Roane	Elijah Eastman	Spencer Middle School
	Zane Tanner	Spencer Middle School
	Zachary Taylor	Spencer Middle School
Summers	Hallie Rodes	Summers Middle School
	Darrell Sharp III	Summers Middle School
	Logan Willis	Summers Middle School
Taylor	Alynn DeNike	Taylor County Middle School
	Katelyn Detamore	Taylor County Middle School
	Cameron Wiles	Taylor County Middle School



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Tucker	Clay Poling	Tucker Valley E Middle School
	Amara Snider	Tucker Valley E Middle School
Tyler	Garrett Ammons	Tyler Consolidated Middle School
	Michael Phillips	Tyler Consolidated Middle School
	Ardynn Weekley	Tyler Consolidated Middle School
Upshur	Amelia Pearson	B-U Middle School
	Dade Riley	B-U Middle School
	Aidan Wilson	B-U Middle School
Wayne	Brandon Frazier	Ceredo-Kenova Middle School
	Ashton Pack	Wayne Middle School
	Baylee Parsons	Wayne Middle School
	Stanton Perry	Wayne Middle School
	Kayla Pratt	Ceredo-Kenova Middle School
Webster	Hayden Chapman	Webster County High School
	Logan Fletcher	Webster County High School
	Dakota McMillion	Webster County High School
Wetzel	Adalyn Conaway	Long Drain School
	Andrew Heil	New Martinsville School
	Faith Yoho	New Martinsville School
Wirt	Mikayla Bailey	Wirt County Middle School
	Brooklyn Rood	Wirt County Middle School
Wood	Marimo Akita	Edison Middle School
	Jonathan Daggett	Edison Middle School
	Carter Eddy	Edison Middle School
	Natalie Gillis	Edison Middle School
	Kelsey Golden	Jackson Middle School
	Alec Holbert	Jackson Middle School
Anna Martin	Jackson Middle School	
Wyoming	Mia Flaim	Pineville Middle School
	Katelyn Green	Pineville Middle School
	Austin Helmandollar	Oceana Middle School



# 2018 HONOREES

Eric Akers  
Barboursville Middle School  
Cabell County

Daniel Gatts  
Cameron High School  
Marshall County

Maynard Hay  
Wayne County Middle School  
Wayne County



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