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HONORING
THE 2015 WINNERS
OF THE
GOLDEN HORSESHOE
PROGRAM



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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.



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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 some 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 84-year honor and tradition continues.





GOLDEN HORSESHOE PROGRAM

MAY 1, 2015

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

- Trumpet
Fanfare George Washington High School
Mark Hardman, *Director*
- Opening: Robert “Joey” Wiseman
Assistant Director
West Virginia Department of Education
- Presiding: Betty Jo Jordan
Executive Assistant to the
State Superintendent of Schools
West Virginia Department of Education
- Welcome: Michael J. Martirano, Ed.D.
State Superintendent of Schools
West Virginia Department of Education
- Address: The Honorable Earl Ray Tomblin
Governor of West Virginia
- Senator Shelley Moore Capito
United States Senate
- Induction: Michael J. Martirano, Ed.D.



GOLDEN HORSESHOE PROGRAM (CONTINUED)

Readers: Dr. Monica Beane
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11:45 a.m. Reception
Students and Guests
Upper Rotunda, State Capitol Building 1

1 p.m. Capitol Tours (*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 motor coach to remote parking at
Moose Lodge



2015 GOLDEN HORSESHOE STUDENT WINNERS

County	Name
Barbour	Ariel Jones Gage Poling Anna Ruf
Berkeley	Anthony Abrahamian Allison Berg William Fries Kyle Hoover Noah Jankowski Zander Kjar James Rinker Kala Sizemore Taylor Swiger
Boone	Brooke Burns Sara Chambers Piper Cook Grace Thompson
Braxton	Brady Bender Garrett Perkins Sydney Skidmore
Brooke	Emily Donley Killian Donley Jacob Tober
Cabell	Sydney Adams Joseff Gardner-Bowen Irene Javier Andrew Lewis Isabelle Litteral Matthew Luck Zadokite Wood
Calhoun	Jeremy Parsons Destiny Wager



2015 GOLDEN HORSESHOE STUDENT WINNERS

County	Name
Clay	Olivia Legg Heather Sears James Summers
Doddridge	Andrew McKinney Jamila Wright
Fayette	Chasity Ballenger Chase Berry John-Daniel Franklin Trevor Harrell Isaiah Turner
Gilmer	Logan Phares Kaylene Snyder
Grant	Reagan Hartman Elizabeth Ours Shawna Weatherholtz
Greenbrier	Grace Cornelius Rosa Ketchum Victoria Rose Aja Saldana
WV School for the Deaf	Jacob Hundley
Hampshire	Hayden Burns Nicholas Graham Alexis Ravenscroft Sean Smith
Hancock	Austin Alexander Cole English Joseph Jelski Kristina Neely



County**Name**

Hardy

Ean Carr
Aden Funkhouser
Destiny Mongold

Harrison

Hailie Davis
Brooke Driscoll
Alanna Lowther
Tristan Nolte
Vincent Pinti
Gunnar Webb

Jackson

Megan Barnett
Michael Lough
Serena Swann
Jacob Tanner

Jefferson

Kaylee Branson
Killian Butera
Kiya Dagg
Angela Kretzer
Peyton Lavallee
Daisy Levine

Kanawha

Alexander Anderson
Wesley Butler
Justin Counts
Lindsey McCoy
Nicholas Means
Trevor Poore
Johnathan Rabel
Catherine Stodola
Michael Stuck
Taryn Thompson
Lauren Volk
Olivia Ward
Rhett White

2015 GOLDEN HORSESHOE STUDENT WINNERS

County	Name
Lewis	Brice Johnston Ryan Overton Makenna Spangler
Lincoln	Ashley Adkins Jacob Hall William Loftis
Logan	Caylin Booth Noah Ellis Nicholas Halley Madison Webb
Marion	Haydn Anderson Darby Criss Abbie Denham Lucas Retton Wyatt Simons
Marshall	Jakob Gardill Tyler Hill Brandon Neiswonger Johnathan Simms
Mason	Dalton Coleman Allison Henderson Samantha Sturgeon Madelyne Vanmatre
McDowell	Kendall Ball Emily Mullins Farrah Mullins



County**Name**

Mercer

Matthew Akers
Jacob Barton
Ryan Burks
Matthew Kinzer
Bethany Mays
Grace Sherwood

Mineral

Agape Barrett
Ashleigh Burgess
Dominic Shultz
Trevor Witt

Mingo

Eric Dillon
Payton Fitchpatrick
Dustin Jarvis
Seth Jude

Monongalia

Elizabeth Cathell
Alia King
Noah Sampson
James Shockley
Hannah Vorndran
Margaret Warner

Monroe

Channing Carr
Brayden Davis
Jacob Foster

Morgan

Katie Caperton
Keagn Green
Benjamin Michael

Nicholas

Kate Belmont
Hannah Dorsey
Brayden Hornsby
Madison Spencer

2015 GOLDEN HORSESHOE STUDENT WINNERS

County	Name
Ohio	Abigail Jones Emma Magruder Olivia Simons Kathryn Smith
Pendleton	Phillip Hull Jessica Stevens
Pleasants	Josie Brothers Addie Furr Wyatt Shultz
Pocahontas	Colton Massey Logan Woodruff
Preston	Brooklyn Bolyard Thomas Conner Drue Schneider Keslie Warnick
Putnam	Adam Cook Thomas Donovan Brianna Fernandez Ellie James Jenna Sargent Brooke Welch
Raleigh	Griffin Aliff Jacob Anderson Seth Hughes Justin Lovell Sachet Sachdeva Tristan Sears Alison Young
Randolph	Emma Chua Michael DiBacco Scott Fox Aodhan Minney



County**Name**

Ritchie

Haley Mitchel
Michael Sammons
Samuel Summers

Roane

Dylan Hammack
Carley Jarrell
Jeffrey Proctor-Kinsley

Summers

Marcella Aguilar
Bailey Fortner
Emily Harris

Taylor

Kaden Moore
Hunter Neel
Trevor Swiger

Tucker

Julia Burnside
Zane Myers

Tyler

Dylan Seckman
Noah Smith
Alaina Thompson

Upshur

Anthony Cutlip
Tyler Sikarskie
Seth Warner

Wayne

Nicholas Bowen
Benjamin Browning
Broderick Clark
Sarah Ferry
Braden Ross

Webster

Andrew Holcomb
Parker Stout
ShaiAnne Williams

2015 GOLDEN HORSESHOE STUDENT WINNERS

County

Name

Wetzel

Cameron Melott
Jordan Stackpole
Noah Wade

Wirt

Bradley Hall
Sophia Steigleder

Wood

Benjamin Barbarito
Phillip Essenmacher
Jackson Hudkins
Andrew Larsen
Bryce Moore
Hunter Tate
Nathan Winger

Wyoming

Dalton Blake
Michael Elkins
Taylor McKinney
Bradie Vance



2015 HONORARIES

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Independence High School
Raleigh County

Angel Conley
Fairview Middle School
Marion County

Paula J. Rothwell
Retired Teacher
Brooke County

Thomas W. Boothe
Green Bank Elementary-Middle School
Pocahontas County

Kathy Williams
Jackson Middle School
Wood County

Recognition of 1945 Golden Horseshoe Winner
Alice June Martin Poling



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