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HONORING
THE 2016 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.



Michael J. Martirano, 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 85-year honor and tradition continues.





GOLDEN HORSESHOE PROGRAM

MAY 6, 2016

- 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 open to theatre

- 9:45 a.m. Opening Ceremony and Induction Ceremony
 Culture Center Theatre

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

- Opening: *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

- Induction: Michael J. Martirano, Ed.D.



GOLDEN HORSESHOE PROGRAM (CONTINUED)

- Readers: Dr. Monica Beane
 Executive Director
 Office of Educator Effectiveness and Licensure
- Gloria Burdette
 Coordinator
 Office of Middle/Secondary Learning
- Joe Geiger
 Director
 WV Archives and History
- 11:45 a.m. Reception
 Students and Guests
- 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
 Laidley Field



2016 GOLDEN HORSESHOE STUDENT WINNERS

County	Name
Barbour	Autumn Edmond Zachery Hart Gabrielle Kittle
Berkeley	Revan Buan Mikhaela Ferguson James Humen James Lamp Hailey Martz Monica Power Matthew Price Jasmine Reese John Riordan John Sloan
Boone	Noah Jarrell Bryce Keith Wesley Kimler Austin Trail
Braxton	Marilyn Hosey Peyton Smith Jamie Yoder
Brooke	Ashley Arca Maxwell Camilletti Riley Mcallister
Cabell	Peter Burbery Claire Fulks Justin Holley Hunter Kirtley Nathaniel Lawson Ashton Scarberry William Turman
Calhoun	Logan Carpenter Karlie Whited



2016 GOLDEN HORSESHOE STUDENT WINNERS

County	Name
Clay	Hunter Jones Carly Osborne Dalton Salisbury
Doddridge	Madison Heflin Alexander Siegl
Fayette	Jadyn Allen Adam Gill Caleb Morton Travis Scarbrough Betty Watson
Gilmer	Rhea Finley Kandus Sumpter
Grant	Levi Huffman Mikayla Kopf Dawson Tingler
Greenbrier	Casey Bennett Matthew Canaan Peyton Pack Scott Perry
WV School for the Deaf	Isaiah Damiani
Hampshire	Paige Chaney Taylor Richman Ethan Sowers
Hancock	Madeline Lengthorn Isabel Loch Alyssa Russell Katie Webster
Hardy	Isabella Henderson Thomas Williams Mark Wratchford II



County**Name**

Harrison

Ariana Foster
Owen Hess
Jackson Jacobs IV
Sophia McMillion
Savannah Perkins
Vincent Pinti
Andrew Ramsey

Jackson

Alexander Gwynn
Ethan Shockey
Jilliann Throneberry
Addison Wilkinson

Jefferson

Quinlan Keys
Evan Miller
Nicholas Olsen
James Sammons
Haley Shuman
Joshua Shupe

Kanawha

Anthony Billanti
Jayden Blaylock
Andrew Casingal
Walker Combs
Michael Fox
Brandy Hall
Whitney Hughes
Jacob Jones
Levi Kincaid
Connor Mann
Duncan McGee
Kendyl Monday
Ryan Richards
Emily Rinick

Lewis

Jacob Carder
Isaac Hall
Kassandra White

2016 GOLDEN HORSESHOE STUDENT WINNERS

County	Name
Lincoln	Amelia Goodwin Godwin Dylan McCormick Joshua Phillips
Logan	Joshua Bartram Dorian Kenne Zachary Lowes Kalee Vernatter
Marion	Victoria Blickenstaff Katherine Dillon Sophia Flower Conner Linger Zachary Morphew
Marshall	Ethan DiPasquale Kaylee Gray Jourdan Jasenec Adam Marquart
Mason	Ethan Elias Peyton Jordan Aidan Sang Wyatt Stanley
McDowell	Bailey DeHaven Christian Freeman Blake Lockhart
Mercer	Jackson Ball Nolan Mangus Zachary Martin Kyle Shrewsbury Darian Spaulding Austin Stapleton



County**Name**

Mineral

Hayden Faulk
Evan Matlick
Daniel Owens
Carlton Shoemaker

Mingo

Trace Clark
Zachary Cox
Erick Fitchpatrick
Donald Robinson

Monongalia

Emma Gray
Kyle Hawthorne
Zachary Lemaire
Maeve Leyden
Tyler Robertson
Van Tran

Monroe

Kaleb Ganoë
Sarah McClure
Robert Sparks

Morgan

Jaymie Adkins
Cole Morris
Leah Reed

Nicholas

Jenna Cooper
Shade Rader
Macy Ward

Ohio

Carmen Alexander
Michael Dague
Alexander Magruder
Maxim Schmidt

Pendleton

Ashton Heavener
Katelyn Scott

2016 GOLDEN HORSESHOE STUDENT WINNERS

County	Name
Pleasants	Peyton Oliver Hunter Thomas
Pocahontas	Charity Warder Trevor Wilson
Preston	Megan Noss Shawn Shultz Molly Sphar Lorn Wolfe
Putnam	Sydney Cain Aaron Cobb Madison Goff Brian Lauerman Ryan Parsons Ethan Smith
Raleigh	Grant Davis Rachel Feldhake Laken Kincaid Shelby Meador Madison Miller Emogene Redden Zachary Ward
Randolph	Isabella Karlen Taylor McKinnie Natalie Teter
Ritchie	Isaiah Guess Andrea Kirk Brady Reed
Roane	Abigail Evans Jackson Mace Chloe Sotomayor



County**Name**

Summers

Zachary Bowling
Alexis Garansuay
Jessica Moore

Taylor

Quincy Copeland
Joseph Dingeldein
Jacob Freeze

Tucker

Nathan L. Davis
Stacey Moore

Tyler

Creed Ammons
Sarah Hashman
Benjamin Stackpole

Upshur

Tarani Day
Stella Ullman
Caitlyn Wendling
Kassidy Wilfong

Wayne

Javan Christian
Benjamin Fortner
Allen Lin
Dustin Sturdivant
Addison Wilson

Webster

Sierra Davis
Michael Mccartney
Jereamiah Mccourt

Wetzel

Walter Joy
Logan Norris
Karina Patel

Wirt

Gabriel Adams
Natalie Wells

2016 GOLDEN HORSESHOE STUDENT WINNERS

County

Name

Wood

Ryan Daley
Matthew Lebo
Gracie Lowers
Leah O'Donnell
Aidan Roberts
Elizabeth Sexton
Andrew Shaw
Benjamin Vierheller

Aidan

Wyoming

Jacob Bishop
Matthew Caldwell
Nicolette Hall
Chloe Hatfield



2016 HONOREES

Joshua Caldwell
Hurricane Middle
Putnam Cabell County

William Tibbetts
Point Pleasant Junior/Senior High School
Mason County

Nicholas Belmont
Summersville Middle
Nicholas County

Recognition of 1943 Golden Horseshoe Winner
Lucille Freeland Hartsell



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