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HONORING  
THE 2017 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 5, 2017**

- 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

- 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:          Steven L. Paine, Ed.D.  
                          *State Superintendent of Schools  
                          West Virginia Department of Education*
- Address:            The Honorable Jim Justice  
                          *Governor of West Virginia*
- 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 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 bus to remote parking at Laidley Field



# 2017 GOLDEN HORSESHOE STUDENT WINNERS

<b>County</b>	<b>Name</b>
Barbour	Katriana Beckwith Michael Ervin Chandler Poling
Berkeley	Laasya Chennuru Rowan Eubanks Marissa Heiner Olivia Hobbs Logan Lee Isaac McCarthy Mary-Katherine Morris Sydney Rapp Anna Elizabeth Riordan Nina Saluja
Boone	Adrianna Ballard Brayden Flippen Ty McClung Billy Mullins, Jr.
Braxton	Conner Bragg Drew Duffield Lauren Keplinger
Brooke	Nikki Earnest Ethan Robey Brenna Weir



# 2017 GOLDEN HORSESHOE STUDENT WINNERS

<b>County</b>	<b>Name</b>
Cabell	Ramsey Ash Elaina Blickenstaff Matthew Burdette Andrew Castle Peyton Levi Bryson Potter Elijah Stevens
Calhoun	Ronnie Laughlin Philine Lippmann
Clay	Caleb Atha Kynika Bloom Tanner Faulkner
Doddridge	Alyssa Barnes Sara Singer
Fayette	Joseph Brasse Cy Persinger Bethany Starsick Virginia Weatherford Brendan Zackoski
Gilmer	Paige Arbogast Caliegh Cawthon
Grant	Grant Brill Tyler Saville Jacob Whetzel
Greenbrier	Oryan Collins Zachary Ellis Case Hall Jayden Osborne



**County****Name**

WV School for the Deaf

Alessandra Vacchio

Hampshire

Doran Bauer  
Mikayla Freeman  
Nevin Ludwick

Hancock

Samantha Antol  
Kayla Baselj  
Alexia Davis  
Sean Lauritzen

Hardy

Rayne Metzger  
Trevor Southerly  
Perry Whetzel

Harrison

Evan Anderson  
Easton M. Cahill  
Elliot Fitzgerald  
Anna-Eileen Forinash  
Corinne Lalama  
Zachary Lambert

Jackson

Davis Haynes  
Houston Kessell  
Sarah Smith  
Savanna Stolper

Jefferson

Quinn Arzt  
Ethan Harner  
Kate Hefner  
Jonathan Leavelly, Jr  
Michael Swisher

# 2017 GOLDEN HORSESHOE STUDENT WINNERS

<b>County</b>	<b>Name</b>
Kanawha	Sydney Beckett
	Emma Cimino
	Stephen Hinkley
	Stephen McCollam III
	Cassidy Melancon
	Jackson Monk
	Abigail Patterson
	Emma Starcher
	Elijah Stowers
	Lukas Summers
	John Ward
	Nathan Whitman
Darcy Witt	
Lewis	Emma Cayton
	Joseph Derico
	Emily Herron
Lincoln	Devin Dreher
	Natalie Fout
	Michael Neace
	Lory Stevens
Logan	John Grimmett III
	Jaden Keith
	Kristen Scites
	Andrew Tomblin
Marion	Chase Duckworth
	Aaron Kovack
	Jocelyn Maxwell
	Kate Merritt
	Avery Ryan



**County****Name**

Marshall

Reagan Gray  
Walter Heitz  
Elizabeth Murrin  
Zara Zervos

Mason

Luke Blain  
Wyatt Bryan  
Skyler Putney

McDowell

Madison Hairston  
Dylan Lester  
Caleb Proffitt

Mercer

Ashlynn Bailey  
Timothy Laxton  
Matthew Williams  
Lake Young

Mineral

Trenton Burns  
Jacob Logsdon  
Xander Shoemake  
Hannah Slaughter

Mingo

Thomas Booth  
Justin Hall  
Erika Murphy  
Tyler Newsome

Monongalia

Madison Hunter  
Patrick Koon  
William McClellan  
Grant Palmer  
Katherine Pilcher  
Geoffrey Swisher  
Amanda Wang

## 2017 GOLDEN HORSESHOE STUDENT WINNERS

<b>County</b>	<b>Name</b>
Monroe	Jenna Foster Harley Graham Keiran McClaugherty
Morgan	Phoebe Hogbin Erin McLaughlin Carson Stotler
Nicholas	Payton Brown Jonathan Cook Dylan White
Ohio	Giulio Gentile Margaret Hartzell Hunter Midcap Lucia Perri
Pendleton	Benjamin Burgoyne Jay Wright Tompkins
Pleasants	Lara Fetty Aaron Stull
Pocahontas	Logan Hively Silas Riley
Preston	Zack Colebank Arabella McCloud Cloey Moore Bailey Wilt
Putnam	Aiden Bernard Brady-Allen Davidson Madisyn Johnson Owen Kimberling Lizbeth Magana Luke Samples





**County****Name**

Raleigh

Nicholas Joynes  
Anthony Pompie  
Isaac Raines  
Nicholas Reidmiller  
Jackson Trump  
Ilya Vitvitsky  
Nevaeha Wheeler

Randolph

Sheridan Bonner  
David Defibaugh  
Teidhgan Minney  
Aidan Row

Ritchie

Joden Juilfs  
Holden McCloy  
Gideon Mossor

Roane

Kendra Green  
Tristan Pettit  
Savannah Unger

Summers

Lori Anglas  
Ashton Basham  
Makayla Gross

Taylor

Roan Dworaczyk  
Jason Gainer  
Riley Moore

Tucker

Abbie Eakle  
Lindsey Hull

Tyler

Aaron Moore  
Abigail Thompson

## 2017 GOLDEN HORSESHOE STUDENT WINNERS

<b>County</b>	<b>Name</b>
Upshur	John Bohman II Autumn Cutright Olivia Spencer
Wayne	Joshua Brumfield Chase Jackson Karli McCloud Andrew Spaulding Dylan Tate
Webster	Hannah Carpenter Hannah Hamrick Anthony McCoy
Wetzel	Rachel Bates Jacob Kuhn Makayla McDougal
Wirt	Austin Dille Logan Powell
Wood	Jenna Boice Cecelia Fatta Joey Ferch Nathaniel Marks Bradon Nguyen Lauren Sexton Brett Vanmeter
Wyoming	Dante Brooks Jordan England Madyson Redden Ronald Toler



## 2017 HONOREES

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*Retired*  
*Nicholas County*

Ernest K. Dotson  
*Berkeley County*

Sarah Harris  
*Belington Middle School*  
*Barbour County*

Kelly Heidenreich  
*Sissonville Middle School*  
*Kanawha County*

*Special Recognition of 1940 Golden Horseshoe Winner*  
Marion Mace

*Special Recognition of 1941 Golden Horseshoe Winner*  
Ellen Ramsey

*Special Recognition of 2002 Golden Horseshoe Winner*  
Tommy Nester



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