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WEST VIRGINIA  
2019  
GOLF DAY



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HONORING  
THE 2019 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.



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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 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 88-year honor and tradition continues.







# GOLDEN HORSESHOE PROGRAM

**MAY 3, 2019**

- 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:          Carla Warren  
*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*  
  
Additional Greeting

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

Joe Geiger  
Director  
WV Archives and History

Dr. Andrea Lemon  
Coordinator  
Office of Middle & Secondary Learning

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

1 p.m. Capitol Tours (1 p.m. • 1:30 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



# 2019 GOLDEN HORSESHOE STUDENT WINNERS

<b>County</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>School</b>
Barbour	Mimi Ferguson	Belington Middle School
	Mathew Forsyth	Belington Middle School
	Rafe Riley	Belington Middle School
Berkeley	Maya Arana	Musselman Middle School
	Elizabeth Cushwa	Martinsburg South Middle School
	Andrew Davis	Saint Joseph Parish School
	Marysa Gonzalez	Saint Joseph Parish School
	Ashton Klein	Saint Joseph Parish School
	Audra Mann	Martinsburg South Middle School
	Michael Nichols	Hedgesville Middle School
	Lilly Reisenweber	Martinsburg South Middle School
	McPherson Stone	Spring Mills Middle School
Rachel Wangerin	Martinsburg South Middle School	
Boone	Emily Browning	Madison Middle School
	Olivia Cook	Madison Middle School
	Allison Price	Van Junior/Senior High School
	Nicole Robinette	Madison Middle School
Braxton	Kaylee Criner	Braxton County Middle School
	Kayleigh Mays	Braxton County Middle School
	Brehana Smarr	Braxton County Middle School
Brooke	Brady Mercer	Brooke Middle School
	Savannah Rice	Brooke Middle School
	Chelsea Walden	Brooke Middle School
Cabell	Hunter Gracey	Huntington Middle School
	James Gwinn	Barboursville Middle School
	Logan Jordan	Milton Middle School
	Robert McClellan	Barboursville Middle School
	Lucas Stanley	Milton Middle School
	Jackson Stewart	Barboursville Middle School
	Rowan Williams	Huntington East Middle School



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<b>County</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>School</b>
Calhoun	Joshua Hixon	Calhoun Middle/High School
	Ian Persinger	Calhoun Middle/High School
Clay	Christina Brown	Clay Middle School
	Zoey Rounsville	Clay Middle School
	Paris Williams	Clay Middle School
Doddridge	Isaiah Ash	Doddridge County Middle School
	Tyler Bunting	Doddridge County Middle School
	Allie Johnston	Doddridge County Middle School
Fayette	Madison Campbell	Midland Trail High School
	Jacob Lilly	Meadow Bridge High School
	Jacob McGuire	Collins Middle School
	Todd Perry	Midland Trail High School
Gilmer	David Brannon	Gilmer County High School
	Daisy Snyder	Gilmer County High School
Grant	Kierra Dent	Petersburg High School
	Jimmy Keplinger	Petersburg High School
	Harmony Schell	Petersburg High School
Greenbrier	Mackenzie Friend	Eastern Greenbrier Middle School
	Harley Mooney	Western Greenbrier Middle School
	Meagan Poticher	Western Greenbrier Middle School
	Alexandria Wills	Eastern Greenbrier Middle School
WV Schools for the Deaf and Blind	Noah Buckley	West Virginia School for the Blind
	Robert Wolford	West Virginia School for the Deaf
Hampshire	Samantha Cudlipp	Capon Bridge Middle School
	Justin Andrew Frazer	Romney Middle School
	Ryan Quick	Romney Middle School



<b>County</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>School</b>
Hancock	Hannah Buterbaugh	St. Joseph School
	Skylar Megee	Oak Glen Middle School
	Cullen Sloss	Oak Glen Middle School
	Shea Wimberley	Oak Glen Middle School
Hardy	Jarrett Carr	Moorefield Middle School
	Loy Kesner, II	Moorefield Middle School
	Sarah Weatherholt	Moorefield Middle School
Harrison	Jensen Clayton	Bridgeport Middle School
	Logan Dailey	Bridgeport Middle School
	Caden Hall	South Harrison Middle School
	Mitchell Hawkins	South Harrison Middle School
	Julian Orlando	Bridgeport Middle School
	Austin Peck	South Harrison Middle School
	Ewan Smith	South Harrison Middle School
Jackson	Blake Bibbee	Ravenswood Middle School
	Kaylee Donohew	Ripley Middle School
	Samantha Maxson	Ravenswood Middle School
	Jacquelyn Purkey	Ripley Middle School
Jefferson	Rivka Abelow	Shepherdstown Middle School
	Ryan Hefner	Harpers Ferry Middle School
	Layla Parker	Shepherdstown Middle School
	Evan Pearson	Harpers Ferry Middle School
	Joss Poteet	Wildwood Middle School
	Carter Wilson	Wildwood Middle School



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<b>County</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>School</b>
Kanawha	Raymond Keith	Charleston Catholic High School
	Miles Krompecher	John Adams Middle School
	Jordan Loew	Charleston Catholic High School
	Spandana Mekala	John Adams Middle School
	Sawyer Monk	Sissonville Middle School
	Lauren Mullins	Elkview Middle School
	Emma Seagle	Charleston Catholic High School
	Ryan Simpson	Sissonville Middle School
	Claire Smith	Charleston Catholic High School
	Kathryn St. Jean	John Adams Middle School
	Timothy Strickland	Elkview Middle School
	Juliana Veazey	Charleston Catholic High School
Patrick Ward	John Adams Middle School	
Lewis	Wyatt Burns	Robert L. Bland Middle School
	Madison Hall	Robert L. Bland Middle School
	Olivia Shiflett	Robert L. Bland Middle School
Lincoln	Keylea Elkins	Duval PK-8 School
	Maci Lunsford	Hamlin PK-8 School
	Caleb Romans	Guyan Valley Middle School
Logan	Luke Dingess	Chapmanville Middle School
	Anna Holstein	Logan Middle School
	Kinna Justice	Logan Middle School
	Kaleigh Tolliver	Man Middle School
Marion	James Armstrong	West Fairmont Middle School
	Devin Burnell	Mannington Middle School
	Adrianna Floyd	Mannington Middle School
	Leigha Floyd	Barrackville Elementary/Middle School
	Paris Thomas	Barrackville Elementary/Middle School



<b>County</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>School</b>
Marshall	Roman Gray	Moundsville Middle School
	Katrina Perry	Sherrard Middle School
	Braden Whitelatch	Our Lady of Peace School
	Sybil Willis	Moundsville Middle School
Mason	Blake Edmonds	Point Pleasant Junior/Senior High School
	Drake Gerwig	Point Pleasant Junior/Senior High School
	Amber Wolfe	Wahama High School
	Ian Wood	Point Pleasant Junior/Senior High School
McDowell	Brett Bailey	Mount View High School
	Faith Johnson	Sandy River Middle School
	Tracy Thomas	Sandy River Middle School
Mercer	Madeline Bailey	Bluefield Middle School
	Owen Bailey	Glenwood School
	Kaleb Meadows	Pikeview Middle School
	Ryan Mitchell	Bluefield Middle School
	Sara Reedy	Pikeview Middle School
Mineral	Nathan Armentrout	Frankfort Middle School
	Madelyn Fisher	Keyser Middle School
	Nathan Lange	Frankfort Middle School
	Victoria Smith	Keyser Middle School
Mingo	Madison Deskins	Lenore K-8 School
	Emma Hurley	Matewan PK-8 School
	Garic Roberts	Gilbert Middle School
	Jordan Sloan	Gilbert Middle School
Monongalia	Aiden Arnett	Mountaineer Middle School
	Samantha Carver	South Middle School
	David Clark	Mountaineer Middle School
	Thomas Giggenbach	Suncrest Middle School
	Carter Herron	South Middle School
	Megan Sheets	South Middle School
	Natalie Turner	South Middle School



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<b>County</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>School</b>
Monroe	Caleb Broyles	Peterstown Middle School
	Luke Fraley	Mountain View Elementary & Middle School
	Luke Jackson	Mountain View Elementary & Middle School
Morgan	Trent Ao	Warm Springs Middle School
	Emma Christie	Warm Springs Middle School
	Matthew Leasure	Warm Springs Middle School
Nicholas	Lydia Hamrick	Summersville Middle School
	Jolee Hanshaw	Summersville Middle School
	Clayton Lee	Summersville Middle School
	Brian Strickler	Summersville Middle School
Ohio	Mariana Alkhouri	St. Vincent de Paul School
	Landin Blakely	Warwood School
	Derrick Fortner	Triadelphia Middle School
	Nadia Szymialis	Bridge Street Middle School
Pendleton	Emma Daughtry	Pendleton County Middle/High School
	Evan Teter	Pendleton County Middle/High School
Pleasants	Kyle Jones	Pleasants County Middle School
	Tyler Wilson	Pleasants County Middle School
Pocahontas	Robert Pritt	Marlinton Middle School
	Mason Solliday	Green Bank Elementary-Middle School
Preston	Addison Bolyard	Rowlesburg School
	Lexi Jennings	South Preston School
	Dalaynie Myers	Central Preston Middle School
	Brianna Volkman	Terra Alta/East Preston School





<b>County</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>School</b>
Putnam	Isaac Arthur	Winfield Middle School
	Avery Carter	Winfield Middle School
	William Chen	Winfield Middle School
	Ian Linville	Hurricane Middle School
	Ethan Markins	Hurricane Middle School
	Payton Ocheltree	Hurricane Middle School
Raleigh	William Adkins	Park Middle School
	Blayne Cook	Trap Hill Middle School
	Maverick Gillespie	Park Middle School
	Nathaniel Lewis	Park Middle School
	Preston Mathew	Shady Spring Middle School
	Sophia Raines	Independence Middle School
	Sydney Vaught	Park Middle School
Randolph	Thomas Nixon	Elkins Middle School
	Clare Talbott	Elkins Middle School
	Emily Wanless	Elkins Middle School
	Lexus Workman	Elkins Middle School
Ritchie	Macy Hilvers	Ritchie County Middle School
	Heath Knight	Ritchie County Middle School
	Abigail Nichols	Ritchie County Middle School
Roane	Grady Fountaine	Spencer Middle School
	Karli Greathouse	Geary Elementary/Middle School
	Kenzie Litton	Spencer Middle School
Summers	Sarah Angell	Summers Middle School
	Emeli Cline	Summers Middle School
	Emily Richmond	Summers Middle School
Taylor	Chase Bucklew	Taylor County Middle School
	Isabel McCloy	Taylor County Middle School
	Cole Mooney	Taylor County Middle School



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<b>County</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>School</b>
Tucker	William Jacob DeVilder	Tucker Valley Elementary Middle School
	Corrinia Lipscomb	Tucker Valley Elementary Middle School
Tyler	Leah Cathers	Tyler Consolidated Middle School
	Havannah Lemasters	Tyler Consolidated Middle School
	Donald Shields, Jr.	Tyler Consolidated Middle School
Upshur	Bryce Cayton	B-U Middle School
	Nathan Cornett	B-U Middle School
	Ian Donnen	B-U Middle School
	Lakoda Lantz	B-U Middle School
Wayne	Jadyn Adkins	Ceredo-Kenova Middle School
	Alissa Davis	Buffalo Middle School
	Mason Ross	Buffalo Middle School
	Chace Thompson	Wayne Middle School
Webster	Emma Mustoe	Webster County High School
	Isaac Pyle	Webster County High School
Wetzel	Virgil Doiron	Short Line School
	Lucas Heddleson	New Martinsville School
	Cameron Riggenbach	New Martinsville School
Wirt	Meredith Cottrell	Wirt County Middle School
	Colin Debrick	Wirt County Middle School
Wood	Evan Cowan	Parkersburg Catholic High School
	Lillith Crichton	Parkersburg Catholic High School
	Lillian Floyd	Jackson Middle School
	Blake Lewis	Parkersburg Catholic High School
	Rohan Malik-Hamirani	Jackson Middle School
	Carter McMinn	Parkersburg Catholic High School
Logan Schartiger	Jackson Middle School	
Wyoming	John Ellis	Pineville Middle School
	Lilly Hill	Pineville Middle School
	Drake Jude	Oceana Middle School
	Alyssa Tilley	Pineville Middle School



# 2019 HONOREES

Christopher Bennett  
United Methodist Church Bellemead  
Mason County

Jack Runion  
Hurricane Middle School  
Putnam County

Tyson Harmon  
Wayne Middle School  
Wayne County



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