

Youth Development in Newport News Public Schools

In Newport News Public Schools, every student is expected to graduate *college, career and citizen-ready*. To accomplish this, NNPS students are exposed to experiences that will prepare them for their roles as learners, employees and contributing citizens in the 21st century. While academic accomplishments are important, young people need more than academics alone to become well-rounded, contributing adults. That is why the Academic Agenda, the NNPS strategic plan, includes youth development as one of three goals for all students. In addition to achievement and advancement, the NNPS Youth Development initiative is assisting students in growing their skills in leadership, citizenship and teamwork.

Youth development engages students in clubs, organizations and activities to increase the range of their experiences and their connection to school, and recognizes and supports youth leadership and mentoring.

Everywhere you look in Newport News Public Schools, you can find youth development in action. Today's STAR Awards Program highlights and celebrates how NNPS students are learning to make a big difference in their lives, in their schools and in their community.

College, Career and Citizen-Ready!

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PUBLIC SCHOOLS

STAR Awards

Students Taking Action and Responsibility

2022-2023 Secondary STAR Awards Luncheon

Newport News Marriott at City Center • Wednesday, April 19, 2023 • 11 a.m.

Welcome

Cameron Hibbler
Woodside High School Student
Master of Ceremonies

Remarks and Introductions

Lisa Surles-Law
Chairman
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Lunch

Reflections and Presentation of Middle School Awards

Jena Elziny
Ella Fitzgerald Middle School Student

Janaree Carter
Crittenden Middle School Student

Reflections and Presentation of High School Awards

Natalie Kahn
Menchville High School Student

Closing Remarks

Michele Mitchell, Ed.D.
Interim Superintendent
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Music provided by Woodside Jazz Band

2022 - 2023 STAR Honorees

Through service learning and volunteer activities, the members of these clubs and organizations are working to improve their schools and communities.

MIDDLE SCHOOL HONOREES

An Achievable Dream Middle

Young Men of Distinction (YMOD)
Hopeton Bailey
Omarsharee Holley
Chamar Sardik

Crittenden Middle

Animal Care Club
Jayden Flanagan
Avaiyah Robinson
Kayla Wilson

Cougar Morning Show

Aubrey Lee
Kenyan Randall
Sasha Skinner

Student Council Association (SCA)

Layla Mendoza-Mancera
Indigo O'Neill-Turner
J'Lynn Ulrich

Ella Fitzgerald Middle

Bloom

Kameron Cooper
Iy'onna Singletary
Fnu Zahra

Student Council Association (SCA)

Jena Elziny
Carlos Viamonte-Garcia
Aliviah Wiggins

Youth Volunteer Corps

Scarlett Anderson
Megan Carroll
Zion Pugh

Enterprise Academy - Middle

Youth Volunteer Corps

Destanee Reed
Kharmin Terry

Gildersleeve Middle

FCCLA (Family Career Community Leaders of America)

Valentina Davila
Bentley Manning
Rylee Smith

National Junior Honor Society (NJHS)

Abigail Limbaugh
Bentley Manning
Ava Riordan

Student Council Association (SCA)

Grace MacLuskie
Shantelle Muriithi
Grace Telfare

Hines Middle

Bloom

Leila Arrington
Na'Shae Bellevie'
Sydni Cofield

National Junior Honor Society

Sophia Fitzer
Destiny Frazier
Soren Hines

Student Council Association (SCA)

Ahryeil Croom
Talia Cunningham
Z'niyah Hall

Huntington Middle

Battle of the Books

Fredrick Freeman
Joseph Small
Jenelle Tann

Principal's Advisory Group

Estrella Galindo-Malvaez
Dermetrius Gurley
Dakaree Hammary

Passage Middle

Anchored4Life

Maya Buck
Paizley Holder
Tyla Matthews

Student Council Association (SCA)

Adriann Desanges
Naquan Fields
Breyanah McKee

Youth Volunteer Corps

Kalea Chavis
Jane Feng
Amani-Rose Kierstead

B.T. Washington Middle

BTW Cheerleaders

Brooklynn Harvey-Kendall
Mak'henzi Jackson
Tamara Smith

Youth Development Student

Ambassadors

Kenley Chambers
Elijah Dawson
Amani Prince

HIGH SCHOOL HONOREES

An Achievable Dream High

National Honor Society

Mia Goodrich
Abeni Jackson
Ayani Raiford

WHRO

Freddy Heath
Inaya Johnson
Jayda Morris

Denbigh High

Patriot Battalion JROTC

Camden Booze
I'Yannah Boyd
Ahjah Ponton

Principal's Advisory Group on Education

Jehdeiah Duncan
Ruger Jennings
Ethan Smallridge

Student Council Association (SCA)

Cheyann Blazek
Kendra Hofler
Ethan Smallridge

Enterprise Academy - High

STEM Club

Charles McKee
Victor Munoz Navarro

Heritage High School

Heritage NJROTC Unit

Jaylen Davis
Madison Davis
Nikkia Williams

Mentoring Group

Jordan Cunningham
De'ziah Tatum
Nigil Waiters

PRIDE

Malaya Burke
Nyree Frazier
Anaken McIntosh

Menchville High

Air Force JROTC

Caleb Chassard
Roman Gilbert
Alyssa Ware

Leaves for Luke

John Crain
Jaxon Kirsch
Matthew Swanenburg

Project Inclusion

Izabella Cename
Theodora Gouletas
Elizabeth McElfresh

Point Option/VLA

DECA

Julianna Karavias
Detren Meno
Emma Smith

Warwick High

Key Club

Nghi Loc
Kai-Tang Tseng
Razvan Verde

National Honor Society

Aurelie Flowers
Tiara Moss
Skylar Thompson

Youth Volunteer Corps

Jacob Everett
Susana Van Rijn
Laila Walker

Woodside High

Activities Support Students

Nena Case
Asher Hursey
Talik Jackson

National Honor Society

Abbie Phinney
Adrianna Swafford
Angelika Vera

Student Council Association (SCA)

Ariana Lee
Jeremiah Pipkin
Aniyah Wells

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Awards