

GCMS Academic Team wins District Governor's Cup; GCHS finishes runner-up

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The Green County Middle School Academic Team recently won the Kentucky Association for Academic Competition 19th District Governor's Cup. Their overall point total in the different areas, including Written Assessment (Math, Science, Social Studies, Language Arts, and Arts and Humanities), Composition, Future Problem Solving, and Quick Recall was 60.5. District results for the middle school: Written Assessment – Math (Presley Kessler – 3rd and Carter Malone – 4th), Science (Grayson Judd – 2nd and Jonathan Eastes – 3rd), Social Studies (John-Conner Pannell – 2nd and Matthew Estes – 4th), Language Arts (Matthew Estes – 1st, T.J. Davis – 4th and Skyler Akin – 5th), Arts and Humanities (John-Conner Pannell – 1st, Alexis Hoosier

- 3rd, and T.J. Davis - 4th); Composition - (Skyler Akin – 1st, Lanika Edwards - 2nd, and Carter Russell - 3rd); Future Problem Solving – Green County (2nd) – Karson Willoughby, Akela Davis, Lanika Edwards, Skyler Akin, and Graicy Rayburn, alternate; Quick Recall – Green County (1st) – John-Conner Pannell, Carter Russell, Alexis Hoosier (Capt.), T.J. Davis, Matthew Estes, Grayson Judd, Presley Kessler, Carter Malone, Kaylee Sharpe, Jonathan Eastes, Zachary Tenney, Lanika Edwards, Skyler Akin, Cager Jeffries, Shawn Lee, and Graicy Rayburn.

These students will represent GCMS at regional competition. Coach Jasmine Barnett said, "I am extremely proud of my middle school team as they are very young. Most of my test takers were 6th grade students. My Quick Re-



Photos submitted

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call team starters are comprised of 6th and 7th graders. To win a district title at their age level is quite impressive. I look forward to coaching this team in the years to come!" "I was pleased with the FPS placement since they are new and dealt with a difficult future scenario. In Composition to have a

first, second, and third placement was absolutely outstanding. I am very proud of these young writers. I expect them to do well at region," said Coach Brenda Hall. The Green County High School Academic Team placed second in the 16th District Governor's Cup. Their overall point

total in the different areas was 48.5. District results for the high school: Written Assessment – Math (Matthew Shoopman – 1st and Ayden Olson – 4th), Science (Matthew Shoopman – 1st and Claire Goff – 5th), Social Studies (Bryar McCubbins – 3rd, Caleb Shuffett – 4th, and Ryder Saddler – 5th), Language Arts (Claire Golf – 2nd and Sienna Akin – 3rd), Arts and Humanities (Jada Cross -1st and Kiley Bradshaw – 5th); Composition - (Anna Warf – 2nd, Houston Hodges – 4th, and Sienna Akin – 5th); Future Problem Solving – Green County (2nd) – Bryar McCubbins, Caleb Shuffett, Maddie Crowder, and Reagan Phelps; Quick Recall - Green County (2nd) – Matthew Shoopman (Capt.), Jada Cross, Bryar McCubbins, Claire Goff, Caleb Shuffett, Kaleigh Files, Ryder Saddler, Sienna Akin, Kiley Bradshaw, and Anna Warf. These students will

represent GCHS at regional competition. "This is a team I've seen work hard to grow. Only having been together as a team for two years they have overcome obstacles and become very competitive. I cannot wait to see how they progress in the years to come," said Coach Jasmine Barnett. "I was very pleased with the high school writers. We were able to have all our writers place and they will be moving on to regionals and I feel they will do a good job there also. The FPS team did well. A few little errors cost them some points, but given the difficulty of the topic that is to be expected. We will get those corrected and they should do very well at region," said Coach Brenda Hall. Members of the coaching staff are Jasmine Barnett, Head Coach; Mildred Dominguez, Assistant Coach; and Brenda Hall, FPS and Written Composition Coach.



Photo by Clevis Jeffries

The Green County High School Quick Recall team, seated from left, Bryar McCubbins, Matthew Shoopman (Capt.), Jada Cross, and Claire Goff were in competition Tuesday, January 23, at Metcalfe County High School. The team placed second.



Jada Cross scored in the top 10 in the state in Written Assessment for Arts and Humanities.

'23 Jim Claypool Art, Conservation Writing Contest announced

Winners from among 42,000 entries

The talent of Kentucky's students was on display this week as entries for the 2023 Jim Claypool Art and Conservation Writing Contests were judged and winners were announced. The annual competitions include an art contest for students in

kindergarten through fifth grade and a writing contest for students in grades six through 12. The Kentucky Division of Conservation, in partnership with the Kentucky Association of Conservation Districts and the Kentucky Farm Bureau, coordinates and provides resources for the contest. The 2023 theme, "Keeping it Wild! Sustaining Kentucky's Native Wildlife," helped students from across the state learn more about

the importance of wildlife conservation in Kentucky. The students then use the knowledge they have gained about the environment and transform it into creative artwork and essays. The Conservation Writing Contest, which was introduced in 1944, had over 12,000 entries from 73 counties in this year's contest. The state and area winners are below:

State 1st place - Emma

Sanders, Hart County State 2nd place - Varshitha Ramesh, Franklin County State 3rd place - Jakub Gluszek, Oldham County The Jim Claypool Art Contest, which was introduced in 1974, had almost 30,000 entries from 75 counties. The state and area winners are below: 1st place - Gloria Lee, Jefferson County 2nd place - Ella

Sanders, Hart County 3rd place - Isabella Chapman, McCracken County Area 1 - Grace Munoz, Calloway County Area 2 - Kaitlyn Green, Muhlenberg County Area 3 - Abbey Herald, Green County Area 4 - Laney Gardner, Oldham County Area 5 - Kaius Terry, Carroll County

Area 6 - Avery Long, Boyle County Area 7 - Kimber Salyers, Casey County Area 8 - Jaxton Marshall, Johnson County Area 9 - Benjamin Edwards, Harlan County The students will be recognized by their local conservation district. Their entries can be viewed at: <https://eec.ky.gov/Natural-Resources/Conservation/Pages/Art-and-Writing-Contest.aspx>

CU receives grant from Robert W. Plaster Foundation

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Campbellsville University has been awarded a grant from the Robert W. Plaster Foundation. The grant will go toward the construction of a new academic building that will house the School of Business, Economics and Technology at Campbellsville University. Dr. Benji Kelly, vice president of development, said, "We are grateful for the Robert W. Plaster Foundation partnering with Campbellsville University. Their financial support for our School of Business will allow CU to offer an education in a first class facility and improve the experience for our business students."

The Robert W. Plaster Foundation's mission, according to its website, "is to expand educational access and promote the virtues of the American Free Enterprise System through named capital projects." Plaster established the foundation that bears his name in 1983. The Robert W. Plaster Foundation stands on four cornerstones that guide their decisions to support projects: promoting educational opportunities for students, empowering students for success, promoting free enterprise and continuing Plaster's legacy. Since his passing in 2008, the Robert W. Plaster Foundation has continued his mission to help students in southwest

Missouri and the surrounding region get a better start in life with a high quality, affordable education. "We believe Robert W. Plaster would be quite pleased for his foundation to name the School of Business and Entrepreneurship at Campbellsville University, a beacon of light guiding students as they prepare for their lives in faith, family and work," said Jason Hannasch, executive director for the Plaster Foundation. "And we applaud all other supporters of this project at Campbellsville University, which will provide world-class facilities for faculty and students to study business and free enterprise. And of course, we cannot wait to see what Camp-

bellsville University students accomplish!" Plans for the new academic building to house the School of Business, Economics and Technology include the following features: An innovation tank that will foster interdisciplinary and collaborative work A trading lab designed to equip the university's student investment team in managing an assigned portion of the university's endowment and that will provide technology and a setting for instruction in investing A community forum that will serve as a meeting place for business leaders and also provide space for student research presentations and business proposals Versatile office

space on both floors with large niches for open workspace and gathering areas. Innovative classrooms that will provide open space, versatile furnishings and the latest tools to maximize teaching and learning A computer learning lab with high-tech instructional space that includes the latest equipment and teaching tools for those using technology in the business world A virtual learning equipped with state-of-the-art virtual tools (such as VR, AR and Robotics) Six large spaces that can open together to create an exposition area for conferences, business fairs and large campus/community events. "The Plaster Foun-

ation funds place CU in a fortunate position to begin financially the dream of creating a facility for our School of Business, Economics and Technology (SOBET)," Dr. Donna Hedgepath, Campbellsville University's provost and vice president for academic affairs, said. "Currently, the SOBET is our largest school, yet has the smallest space for students to participate in class and collaborate. The new building will provide a state-of-the-art space that our students deserve, where they will thrive. Our CU business graduates are poised to function as leaders in an ever-changing, global business world."