

ACEC Inducts First Group Into National Honor Society

Anson County Early College is proud to announce the establishment of a National Honor Society Chapter on their campus. This national organization recognizes outstanding high school students who have demonstrated excellence in service, scholarship, leadership, and character. The inductees will be running the Toys for Tots drive at ACEC during the fall semester and Relay for Life in the spring, while being required to conduct a minimum of four hours of community service each month. The Early College chapter is directed by Kristin Park and Jennifer Buckingham, teachers at the school.

The premier chapter of Anson County Early College's National Honor Society inducted its first members on Tuesday, October 20 on the campus of South Piedmont Community College. The criteria for acceptance into the new chapter include a minimum 4.2 GPA in both college and high school classes combined, a history of service and leadership, as well as teacher approval in the area of character. The faculty council made the ultimate decision once all criteria had been met. Anson County School Superintendent Mr. Michael Freeman attended the ceremony where he charged the inductees to continue to be leaders, while expressing his pride for these pioneers for ACEC.

Of the students inducted only one, Katelyn Teal, was already an established member. The other students honored were Mary Bowers, Erin Kelley, Eukela Little, Mili Nguyen, McKayla Ricketts, Hannah Ross, Emily Dalrymple, Kathryn McRae and Katelyn Stovall.

The faculty and staff of ACEC are extremely proud of our students' achievements, and look forward to watching this new program grow.



PPES Students, Staff and Families Show Tremendous Generosity

Peachland-Polkton Elementary School held a Toys for Tots drive and a canned food drive throughout the month of November. Our students brought in 564 toys to donate to Toys for Tots. Toys for Tots is a program run by the United State Marine Corps Reserve which distributes toys to children whose parents cannot afford to buy them gifts for Christmas. The program was founded in 1947 by reservist Major Bill Hendricks. There is a local Toys for Tots Chapter in Anson County which can be reached at 704-848-4412.

PPES students also donated 3,829 cans of food to the Feed My Lambs Ministry in Wadesboro.

PPES Student Audrey Hyatt Won Christmas Card Design Contest

The Anson County Board of Education and District Administration proudly recognized Miss Audrey Hyatt, a fifth grader at Peachland-Polkton Elementary School, at their December 14 meeting. Audrey won the annual Christmas Card Design Contest. Audrey's design will be printed on the front cover of the district's 2015 Christmas Card.



School Maintenance Incorporating Energy Saving LED Lighting

Anson County Schools Maintenance Department has started a phase-in of LED lighting in certain areas of our schools. Recent price reductions and availability of LED lighting has given ACS an energy savings option when repairs are made. The LED bulbs have (on average) three times the life expectancy with about a 70% reduction in energy usage compared to the fixtures we are targeting. Our long term goal is to convert all applicable lighting to LED.



AHS YCC Stem Academy Students Help Toys for Tots

Anson High School YCC STEM Academy students spent three weeks collecting donations for Toys for Tots! Students collected well over 100 toys for local children in need!



Kindergarteners Visit Rotary Planetarium and Science Center

During December the Rotary Planetarium and Science Center hosted all of the kindergarten children in the county to a special program. Students were able to have a hands-on experience in the animal room with the reptiles, and they were treated to a fulldome planetarium show, *One World, One Sky*, hosted by Sesame Street's Big Bird!

Following the program Planetarium Director Mrs. Wendy Efird read her favorite Christmas book, *The Polar Express*. A surprise visit was made by Santa Claus where he gave each child a book, donated by the Anson County Partnership for children, and a silver bell necklace to celebrate the season.



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