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HONORING
THE 2014 WINNERS
OF THE
GOLDEN HORSESHOE
PROGRAM



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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. By attending the Golden Horseshoe, recipients have proven that they can work, learn and achieve.

Golden Horseshoe Day is a special day - savor the moment. Best wishes for continued success in school and in life.



James B. Phares, 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 some 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 83-year honor and tradition continues.





GOLDEN HORSESHOE PROGRAM

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- 8:15 a.m. Registration
 Culture Center
- 8:50 a.m. Students line up
 Capitol Steps – Riverside
*Parents may take this time to tour the State Museum
on the over level of the Culture Center*
- 9 a.m. Group Picture
 Capitol Steps – Riverside
- 9:30 a.m. Doors to theatre will open
- 9:45 a.m. Opening Ceremony and Induction Ceremony
 Culture Center Theatre

Trumpet George Washington High School
Fanfare Mark Hardman, *Director*

Opening: Robert "Joey" Wiseman
 Assistant Director
 West Virginia Department of Education

Welcome: James B. Phares, Ed.D.
 State Superintendent of Schools
 West Virginia Department of Education

Address: The Honorable Earl Ray Tomblin
 Governor of West Virginia

Presiding: Robert Hull
 Associate State Superintendent of Schools
 West Virginia Department of Education

Induction: James B. Phares, Ed.D.



GOLDEN HORSESHOE PROGRAM (CONTINUED)

Readers: Dr. Monica Beane
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11:45 a.m. Reception
Students and Guests
Upper Rotunda, State Capitol Building 1

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 Trolley to Laidley Field



2014 GOLDEN HORSESHOE STUDENT WINNERS

County	Name
Barbour	Maddi Carpenter Brandon Messenger Johnny Williams
Berkeley	Grace Bridges Eden Canby Ashton Dill Solange Disasi Zachary Hammersla Abigail Hess Thabiso Mutumhe Cameron Palmer Christopher Salgado
Boone	Jacob Ferrell Karah Little Seth Mullins Christian Thompson
Braxton	Heath Cottrill Timothy Harman Logan Rose
Brooke	Jacob Huntzinger Ethan Secrist Mikayla Wood
Cabell	Hunter Adams Joshua Boling Adam Brumfield Anastasia Cook Theodore Cook Charity Leep Alec Phelps
Calhoun	Caroline Mccumbers Robert Twist IV



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County	Name
Clay	Joseph Dawson Laura Hundley David Tanner II
Doddridge	Logan Gogan Joseph Heckert
Fayette	Patrick Baisi Faith Bigelow Trevor Ford Broderick McDonald Jordan Nibert
Gilmer	Ruthann Cain Sada Wright
Grant	Madelyn Brewer John Monroe Kristin Wolfe
Greenbrier	Prahalath Anbu Bharathi Savannah Buckland Peter Kadel Zachary Ramsey
Hampshire	Isaac Boyce Emily Carl Trevor Shaffer Monica Werner
WV School for the Blind	Lucas Combs
WV School for the Deaf	Hunter Barrows
Hancock	Sean Gray Morgan Hicks Alessia Richmond Jonathan Wynn



County**Name**

Hardy

Autumn Ayers
Eathan George
Jeremiah Hines

Harrison

Norman Junkins III
Joplin Kehrer
Dylan McCullough
Kendall Robey
Chase Sfameni
Matthew Strange
Leon Wilson

Jackson

Elias Cope
Presley Fisher
Michael Morgan
Teresa Riffle

Jefferson

Nicholas Chapman
Emma Damm
James Frye
Parker Jackson
Max Ober
Eva Smith

Kanawha

Simon Agnew
Liam Bailey
Reuben Beasley
Payten Brown
Cora Dunlap
Jayvon Hall
Abbie Henry
Kiran Kesari
Jacob Levenson
Antonio Lim
Elizabeth Pile
Kelsey Reynolds
Mary Storrow Schulz

2014 GOLDEN HORSESHOE STUDENT WINNERS

County	Name
Lewis	Benjamin Harman Skylar Metz Robert Mitchell
Lincoln	Bradley Bragg Logan Christian Annie Pauley
Logan	Jacy Baxter Hunter Gibson Taylor Jarrell Savannah Toney
Marion	Maya Dalton James Dillon Rebecca Kocsis Adia Kolb Caden Suplita
Marshall	Cole Quigley Justin Schrack Trey Scott Wyatt Setterstrom
Mason	Colton Arrington Hayden Fetty Isaiah Pauley Christophe Potts
McDowell	Seth Cardwell Logan Kennedy Tyler Rotenberry



County**Name**

Mercer

Andrew Caywood
Cortney Hamilton
Rachel Johnson
Zachary Lawless
Makayla Mitchell
Kelly Neal

Mineral

Hosanna Barrett
Micah Buser
Nikki Cannon
Samantha Martin

Mingo

Kaitlyn Akers
Rachel Fox
Fallon Gallimore
Casey King

Monongalia

Victoria Dean
Emily Fisher
Joshua Harman
Everett Lester
Griffin Nordstrom
Ali Rai

Monroe

Bryce Dickerson
Kaleigh Maxey
Megan Miller
Remington Reece

Morgan

Christopher Dodson
Morgan Golden
Stephanie Golden

Nicholas

Andrew Cook
Eamonn Payton
Joseph Perry
Savannah Tinnel

2014 GOLDEN HORSESHOE STUDENT WINNERS

County	Name
Ohio	Nathan Blair Hannah Burgess Allison Holmstrand Jack Stryker
Pendleton	Jared Harman Madison Sites
Pleasants	Corbin Bussey Lindsay George Ryan McFarland Andrea Watson Spencer Wren
Pocahontas	Jacob Hise William Payton
Preston	Jacob Brookover Madison Crane Hunter Davis Desiree Fultz
Putnam	Michael Harvey Emily James Conor McEnany Luna Phalen Seth Polk Samuel Webster
Raleigh	Sirena Bennett Seth Buckland Chase Graham Meredith Gwinn James Higgins Zachary Meador Ryan Womack



County	Name
Randolph	Madison Bowers Hayden Long Cheyenne Swiger Lauren Wilmoth
Ritchie	Ivy Scoville William Siers Jonathan Wilson
Roane	Paige Davenport Christophe Deel Keira Shaffer
Summers	Jonathan Bennett Colton Cross Matthew Fleshman
Taylor	Louis James Latta Keith Skaggs Jarrett Toothman
Tucker	John Gherman Destiny Meador
Tyler	Colby Buchanan Rosana Smith Theodore Stackpole
Upshur	Benjamin Bohman Shelby Daugherty Gabrielle Epp
Wayne	Kelsea Adkins Ethan Cade Tanner Dixon Noah Hill Michael Moon



2014 GOLDEN HORSESHOE STUDENT WINNERS

County	Name
Webster	Ian Chapman Avery Clutter Waymon McCourt
Wetzel	Garret Babe Peyton Bassett Mackenzie Drake
Wirt	Addie Bailey Kyle Bentz
Wood	Anna Fatta Andrew Gnegy Jordan Mader Ian McKnight Wade Powers Akshay Sambandham Kaylyn Smith
Wyoming	Samuel Mack Bryce Nelson Kara Sandy Christian Weis



2014 HONORARIES

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Independence High School
Raleigh County

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Peterstown Middle School
Monroe County

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