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HONORING
THE 2013 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.



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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 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 81-year honor and tradition continues.





GOLDEN HORSESHOE PROGRAM

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- 8:30 a.m. Registration
Upper Rotunda, State Capitol Building 1
- 8:50 a.m. Students line up
Capitol Steps – Riverside
- 9 a.m. Group Picture
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- 9:45 a.m. Opening Ceremony and Induction Ceremony
Cultural Center Theatre
- Trumpet George Washington High School Ensemble
Mark Hardman, *Director*
- Opening: Robert “Joey” Wiseman
Social Studies Coordinator
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: Mrs. Betty Jo Jordan
Executive Assistant to the State Superintendent
Office of Superintendent
- Induction: James B. Phares, Ed.D.



GOLDEN HORSESHOE PROGRAM (CONTINUED)

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

1 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. Tour of Capitol Building ends the day

3 p.m. Last KRT Trolley to Laidley Field



2013 GOLDEN HORSESHOE STUDENT WINNERS

County	Name
Barbour	Lindsay Blake Jacob Carr Liam Sanders
Berkeley	Grace Alvarez Kaitlyn Boyd Juneau Daggs Samantha Gray Jessica Hammersla Jessica Hogbin Gwendolyn Huff Ryan Snyder Katie Unger
Boone	Brianna Adkins Abigail Brown John Handley Jr Jessica Miller
Braxton	Emmanuel Backus Forrest Taylor Justin Vankirk
Brooke	Cody Anderson Nicholas Delancey Amanda Taylor
Cabell	Ella Cooper Brandon Duckworth Grace Kinder George McPhail Elizabeth Nilles Jasen Thaxton Joseph Touma
Calhoun	Karlie Johnson Adrienne Shimer



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County	Name
Clay	Zachary Myers Brennan Rhodes Ian Smith
Doddridge	Nicholas Morgan Colten Oliver
Fayette	Vanessa Coy William Fenton Seth Fox Noah Klingler Marcus Lively
Gilmer	William Greene Dalton Law
Grant	Skylar Dawson Clay Fritz Corey Secrist
Greenbrier	Shannon Brunzo-Hager Mackenzie Feamster Jacob Masters Jared Sykes
WVSB	John Cox
WVSD	Brooklyn Phares
Hampshire	Bradley Bommarito Makayla Gibson Cloyce Sowers
Hancock	Zachary Hannah Alvyn Hernandez Levi Mikula Joshua Ross



County	Name
Hardy	Nicholas Martin Katherine McCausley Sloan Williams
Harrison	Alexander Altenburg Donna Conaway Benjamin McKeen Fisher Rector Zackary Richards Mary Grace Tillman
Jackson	Jacob Brannon Anthony Jarvis Jedediah Westfall Jillian Wines
Jefferson	Matthew Moore Bailey Price Patrick Rao Johnathan Schattel Allyson Ward Avery Younis
Kanawha	Kenneth Burdette Nathan Harvey Hannah Hudson Olivia Montgomery Georgia Payne Emma Rhodes Jay Sheth Louisa Smith Bennett Tissenbaum Catherine Walker Kathryn Wantlin Lucas Weber Andrew Willis



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County	Name
Lewis	Allaina Hope Jaret Mullooly Alexander Scott
Lincoln	Kaleb Aldridge Karin Neace Brianna Nelson
Logan	Grace Bannister Abigail Lee Cassidy Lewis Brandon Wood
Marion	Austin Composky Elizabeth Kocsis Taylor Miller Andrew Slusser Devony Workman
Marshall	John Gardill James Mercer Jacob Nelson Angelica Starcovic
Mason	Emilee Hitt Sidney Ross Alexis Smith Siera Toles
McDowell	Jonathan Cardwell Shelby Mullins Savannah Phillips
Mercer	Mikaela Argyrakis Martha Ball Christopher Hawkins Katherine Hickman Tanner Veneri



County	Name
Mineral	Allison Beverlin Travis Borrer Thomas Clark, III Garrett Grose
Mingo	Evan Allen Ricky Ball Allie Cline Aerianna McClanahan
Monongalia	Zachary Gilpin Joseph Gutmann Thomas Lueckel Noah Spencer Robert Warner Chad Williams
Monroe	Astrid Fisher Matthew Meadows Samuel Womack
Morgan	Payton Brown Phillip Brown Matthew Carr
Nicholas	Ryan Belmont Luke Frame Jacob Grose Shelden Mullens
Ohio	Christian Beall Samantha Force Taylor Hartman William Sellers
Pendleton	Maria Pomales Ginny Woodward



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County	Name
Pleasants	Alice Nichols Veronica Saari
Pocahontas	Caleb Mullenax Brandon Wilfong
Preston	Nicholas Barlow Christopher Behneman Brandon Miller Abigail Waugh
Putnam	Shelby Bayliss Michael Carte Darin Lester Samantha Mayberry John McVey Alyssa Rittinger
Raleigh	Kayla Blankenship Landon Buckland Julia Henry Luke Keaton Kristen Miller Jacob Roark Ryan Young
Randolph	Cambrie Currence Jacob Earle Megan Morral Russell Ward IV
Ritchie	Sydney Campbell Sarah Cokeley Davi Stanley
Roane	Faith Bender Joseph Burch Thomas Wright



County	Name
Summers	Nathan Grimmett Nicole Lin Colton Willis
Taylor	Micah Harrison Jacob Higgins Skylaar Mease
Tucker	Kendall Gooden David Howell
Tyler	Dylan Harter Benjiman Pratt Trenton Smith
Upshur	David Gillum Andrew Nesselroade Jesse Skiles
Wayne	Taylor Adkins Jacob Cumm Kyle Powers Dakota Sanders Kendal Turley
Webster	Trace Durham Gavin Surbaugh
Wetzel	Anntwinette Fox Johnny Harter Justin Rice
Wirt	Allan Phillips Joseph Powell



2013 GOLDEN HORSESHOE STUDENT WINNERS

County	Name
Wood	Jackson Johnson Collin Kelly Logan Penn Jonathan Petty Jarrett Sampson Jackson Starkey Jerry Wang Benjamin White
Wyoming	Zachary Cook Erika Kissel Matthew Lester Jason Morgan



2013 HONORARIES

Mary Ann Allen
Hurricane Middle
Putnam County

Carol Foust
Shady Spring Junior High School
Raleigh County

Annie Lester
Pocahontas County

Robert B. Wolford
Romney Middle School
Hampshire County



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