

Anson County Students Win Civitan Scholarships

Four Anson County students - two from Anson High, one each from Anson Early College and Anson New Tech - received \$1,000 scholarships from the Wadesboro Civitan Club at Monday night's awards ceremony. These four graduates were chosen from 22 qualified candidates.

D'Angelo Gatewood, an Anson High student from Wadesboro, plans to study mathematics at UNC-Chapel Hill. He was named the Larry Thompson Civitan Scholar. Aisha Jabeen, also from Wadesboro, is a student at Anson Early College. She received the Hank Drake Civitan Scholarship to study biology at UNC-Charlotte. Kayla Jones, an Anson New Tech student from Peachland, plans to study nursing at Richmond Community College before transferring to a four-year school. She was named the Larry Crandell Civitan Scholar. Krystal Tillman, an Anson High student from Morven, was awarded the James Martin Civitan Scholarship. She plans to study Psychology and Business at UNC-Charlotte.

All of the applicants were well-prepared academically for a college career, but according to Sandra Pliescott, Chair of the Civitan Scholarship Committee, these four stand out for their willingness to take on leadership roles in their churches, schools and clubs, or showed outstanding commitment towards bettering their community.

Beverley Getzen, who made the presentations on behalf of the Civitans, reminded the students that these scholarships represent more than the contributions of 32 Civitans. They were funded through small gifts from hundreds of their neighbors who bought Civitan Christmas wreaths and fruitcake, birthday calendars and hot dogs, or who bought tickets for last fall's rubber ducky races.

The Civitan Scholars are pictured here, from left, Krystal Tillman, Aisha Jabeen, D'Angelo Gatewood and Kayla Jones.



Anson Early College Puts on a Terrific and Entertaining Variety Show

Lights! Sound! Action! The curtain rose for Anson County Early College students as they presented their Variety Show on Friday, March 14 at the Ansonia Theatre in Wadesboro. For the past few months ACEC students and faculty were busily getting ready for the big event. ACEC students of all grades (9th through 12th and super-seniors) were involved in some aspect of the Variety Show, whether on stage, constructing the sets and props, ushering guests, or helping with backstage and technical needs.

Students' talented performances included singing solos and duets of popular songs, playing the guitar, playing the piano, a student-choreographed and performed cultural Hmong dance, a praise dance, a baton twirling routine, a performance by the JOY quartet, a midget skit, and a fashion show by the children of ACEC staff. In-between acts entertainment was hosted

by eight ACEC students, including two graduating super-seniors Corey Hamilton and Corn Hamilton. Our hosts also honored their beloved teachers by sharing humorous stories and presented teachers with funny, yet fitting awards.

The Early College initiative requires all Early College students to take part in a formal presentation outside of school. This year, as in the past, students addressed all aspects of interdisciplinary principles and 21st century skills (required by the Common Core Standards and the New Schools Project of North Carolina) throughout the process of this production.

ACEC wishes to thank the Anson Arts Council for their continued support for the arts. ACEC faculty and students are very proud of the success of their production - especially for the spectacular performance of the students! And know that all their hard work has paid off. Hope to see you there next time!

Pictured above, Jacob King, Zach Gardner, Colton Snodgrass with a little help from Ava Gardelle, Amber Thomas, Jesse Short put on a dance. Pictured above right is Naly Lor.



Anson County Educators Attend NCAE Convention

On Friday, March 21st and Saturday, March 22nd, the 44th annual NC Association of Educators convention was held at the Hickory Metro Convention Center in Hickory, NC. Members representing the Anson County Association of Educators were Dannie Montgomery,



President, Angelia Blakney, Vice-President, Krista Herold, Treasurer, and Karen White and Juanita Webster, local representatives.

The annual convention is the largest gathering of NCAE members. NCAE's mission is "To be the voice of educators in North Carolina that unites, organizes, and empowers members to be advocates for education professionals, public education and children."

Pictured here are, from left, Angelia Blakney, Dannie Montgomery, Karen White, Krista Herold and Juanita Webster.

Wadesboro IGA Label Savers Program Helps Raise Funds

Wadesboro IGA has announced the launch of IGA Hometown Label Savers, a new community-based marketing program that encourages community non-profit organizations to collect IGA Exclusive Brand product barcodes in exchange for funding towards organizational needs.

It's easy to participate in IGA Hometown Label Savers:

- Eligible non-profit organizations submit a mail-in application to the IGA Hometown Label Savers team
- Once approved, the organization is posted on the IGA Hometown Label Savers microsite, accessible at www.wadesboroiga.com or at www.iga.com, letting shoppers know they can start collecting IGA Exclusive Brand barcodes in support of their cause.
- Organizations collect bundles of 500 IGA Exclusive Brand barcodes from shoppers and submit them to IGA USA in exchange for a \$15 donation good towards organizational needs.

"Wadesboro IGA has always been community-conscious and with IGA Hometown Label Savers we can give back to the organizations that mean the most to the Anson community," store owner Christ Sanford said. "There are a number of organizations that play a vital role in this community. IGA Hometown Label Savers provides us the opportunity to show our support so they can continue their good work. I invite all charitable organizations, schools and non-profits to register and participate in our IGA Hometown Label Savers program. Stop in the store today and we can help you get started, or visit www.wadesboroiga.com or www.iga.com for more information."

Individuals can also bring IGA product barcodes by Wadesboro IGA where collection containers have been set up for Anson County Domestic Violence Coalition (ACDVC). ACDVC is a local non-profit organization that helps victims and survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault.

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