

### May 16, 2014 - Staunton City Schools Tip Sheet

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#### LEE STUDENTS RECEIVE TECHNICAL HONORS AND AWARDS

The Valley Vocational Technical Center held its National Technical Honor's Society Annual Induction ceremony on May 8 in the auditorium at Wilson Memorial High School. It is quite an honor to be inducted into the Honor Society – an honor that is bestowed upon only a few students in VVTC's career and technical education programs each year. The honorees are selected by their teachers with criteria based on merit, achievement in their chosen field, and contribution to the success of their class. This year, two students from Robert E. Lee High School were selected and honored at this ceremony -- Selina Beaudin for the Culinary Arts program, and Samantha Williams in the field of Criminal Justice. Each student was awarded a pin, a certificate and a special tassel to wear at graduation.

On May 13, the Rotary Club of Staunton-Augusta County held their Technical Awards Banquet at VVTC to honor the best and brightest students in the career and technical education fields. Samantha Williams of Robert E. Lee High School was recognized for her outstanding efforts in the Criminal Justice Department at Valley Vocational Technical Center. Samantha was presented with a scholarship from the Rotary Club and was one of six students honored by the Club at this event.



Samantha Williams, Robert E. Lee High School senior, is inducted in the National Technical Honor Society.



Selina Beaudin, senior at Robert E. Lee High School, is inducted in the National Technical Honor Society.

### WARE STUDENTS VISIT FARM

Fifth grade students from Ware Elementary School took a field trip to Meadowcroft Farms in Swoope this week. The purpose of the field trip experience was to learn about harvesting fruits and vegetables to make jams, jellies, and pickled products. Students investigated the entire process of generating a finished product -- from harvesting, to cooking and bottling, and finally, to pricing and shipping.

While there, students were asked to complete a recording sheet dealing with how much of each ingredient was needed to create peach jelly, and to use proportional reasoning to figure out how much of each ingredient was needed to make a batch of jelly. Students applied their knowledge of metric conversion and volume to determine how much product could be shipped in differently sized containers and at what cost. The students enjoyed a beautiful day on the farm and the opportunity to apply their math knowledge of fractions, metric measurement, and volume to a real life business situation.



Destiny Stickley and Karleigh Wilt calculate ingredients needed for a batch of jelly.



Blake Simmons, Jordan Gaylor, and Justin Bales work on their recording sheets.

### SCHOOL BOARD HONORS STUDENT LIAISON

Robert E. Lee High School senior, Alyssa Goff, was honored by the School Board at their regular monthly meeting on May 12. This was Miss Goff's last official meeting as the student liaison to the School Board before she graduates on June 7. She was selected by the Robert E. Lee High School student council association for the past two school years to serve in this capacity. School Board members thanked Miss Goff for her faithful attendance and participation at the monthly school board meetings, for her willingness to speak out and ask questions, and for her leadership at Robert E. Lee High School. The Board wished Miss Goff well in her future endeavors and presented her with a certificate and a gift as a token of appreciation for her dedicated service.



Ronald Ramsey, School Board Chair, presents a gift and certificate to Robert E. Lee High School senior, Alyssa Goff, in appreciation for her service as student liaison to the School Board.

### LOCAL BUSINESSES RECOGNIZED

At their May 12 meeting, the Staunton City School Board recognized the 2014 Business Honor Roll. The School Board is keenly aware of the key role that local businesses and organizations play in supporting the community and the schools. These efforts are greatly appreciated and come in many forms, such as support of extracurricular activities, provision of mentorship opportunities, and in-kind or financial contributions to various programs, events, and scholarships. The School Board annually shows their appreciation to area businesses and organizations for their contributions to the school division by naming them to School Board's Business Honor Roll. Representatives from approximately sixty businesses and organizations were invited to be present at the School Board meeting to receive an award plaque in appreciation of the many and varied ways they have contributed to the schools during the 2013-2014 school year.

Additionally, the top contributor in each of three areas -- athletics, mentorship opportunities, and general contributions -- were also nominated to the Virginia School Boards Association's Business Honor Roll. Those named to the VSBA 2014 Business Honor Roll were Valley Honda, Monica Wilson Photography, and Jimmy John's Gourmet Sandwiches. "We are pleased to have so many local businesses that partner with our schools to support various projects and initiatives, as well as provide ongoing support for our athletic teams," said Mr. Ramsey, Chair of the Staunton City School Board.



Scott Simon of Valley Honda accepts the Business Honor Roll plaque from School Board Chair, Ronald Ramsey.



Monica Wilson of Monica Wilson Photography accepts the Business Honor Roll plaque from School Board Chair, Ronald Ramsey in recognition for her contribution to the mentorship program at Robert E. Lee High School.



Jill Midgett of Jimmy John's Gourmet Sandwiches receives the Business Honor Roll plaque from School Board Chair, Ronald Ramsey in recognition for contributions to the school division.