

Gann Named National Merit Scholar

A George Mason student is picking up a prestigious \$2,500 scholarship to help pay for a college education that she hopes will one day land her in prison.

"There is a real need for teachers inside prisons and that's what I hope to become," GMHS senior Hannah Gann said after being selected from a group of more than a million students nationwide to receive this year's National Merit Scholarship.

Gann will study education at the University of Pennsylvania beginning in the fall. She felt her calling to be a teacher while working with at-risk students at Mount Daniel's Family Literacy summer program last year.

The scholarships, among the most prestigious in the nation, are sponsored annually by the Illinois-based National Merit Scholarship Corporation.



Hannah Gann shows off her National Merit Scholarship notice. Gann will attend University of Pennsylvania in the fall.

FCCPS Employees Honored



Maryel Barry (front left), the FCCPS Agnes Meyer Outstanding Teacher of the Year, and LaBryan Thomas (front right), the FCCPS Support Staff Employee of the Year, and their fellow nominees were honored Tuesday night at a reception at Mary Ellen Henderson Middle School. The nominees are (l to r) Mim McFarland, Jeanne Seabridge, Maria Shields, LV Bendolph, Marc Robarge, Tammy Chincheck and Alissa Stein. Nominees not pictured are Robert Jones and Nathan Greiner.

Thanks to the businesses that participated in Staff Appreciation Week by providing specials to FCCPS staff. They are: Apple Federal Credit Union; Art and Frame of Falls Church; Mary Ann Carlson, Independent Arbonne Consultant; Curves; Jazzercise; Tori McKinney, Keller Williams Realtor; Open Kitchen; Vantage Fitness.

FCC-TV Spotlight: Today's Air Force

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- Tuesdays and Thursdays at 7:30 a.m.
- Saturdays at 6:30 a.m.

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BIE Partner of the Week David Levri



School involvement: David donated the supplies and built the weather station for the Thomas Jefferson Elementary Outdoor classroom.

Why David is a BIE partner: "Carpentry is my business, so working on this project was a natural fit for me. It was fun to work with other volunteers to create something useful to help teachers and students to learn about weather."

For more information about sharing your expertise through the BIE Partnership, visit www.fccps.org or contact Marybeth Connelly at connellym@fccps.org.



Foundation Footnotes

Fundraiser at Quinn's raises \$600+ for FCEF



An assortment of collectibles and home goods was auctioned off on Monday evening, May 17th, at Quinn's Auction Galleries to raise funds for FCEF operations and programs.

Many attended the event to support the effort and view Quinn's unique showrooms in Falls Church City. David Quinn, GMHS Class of 1990, served as the auctioneer for the benefit night.

The Foundation is a registered 501(c)3 tax-exempt organization. For information about the Falls Church Education Foundation, visit www.fccef.org or contact Donna Englander at denglander@fccef.org.

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GMHS Pathway Brick Sale

Recognize a special person by ordering a brick in the BIE Brick Pathway at George Mason High School. Bricks are \$90.00, and will be engraved with your personal message. For information, contact Marybeth Connelly



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MASON THEATRE presents
A Midsummer Night's Dream
May 20-22
@ 7:30 p.m.
GMHS Auditorium

Calendar for May 20-27, 2010

Testing

- Now - 24 IB Exams (GM)
- Now - 28 PALS Post Test (MD/TJ)
- Now - 6/4 DRA/QRI Posttest (MD/TJ)
- Now - 6-4 SOL (TJ/MEH/GM)

May

- 20 7:00 p.m. 2nd Grade Orientation (TJ)
- 7:30 p.m. A Midsummer Night's Dream - (GM)
- 21 7:30 p.m. A Midsummer Night's Dream - (GM)
- 22 6:00 p.m. Relay for Life - (GM)
- 7:30 p.m. A Midsummer Night's Dream - (GM)
- 24 6:00 p.m. EIP/HEP (GM)
- 25 8:15 a.m. Special Education Parent Meeting (GM)
- 6:30 p.m. School Board Work Session (City Hall)
- 8:00 p.m. School Board Regular Meeting (City Hall)
- 26 5:00 p.m. Mt. Daniel Art Show and Dinner (MD)
- 6:30 p.m. ESOL Advisory Committee (CO)
- 7:00 p.m. Mr./Ms. Mason Competition (GM)
- 27 5:50 p.m. FCCPS Retirement Ceremony (MEH)
- 7:30 p.m. Family Life Education Advisory Committee (MEH)

For more calendar information, visit www.fccps.org/calendar.

- (MD) Mt. Daniel School (TJ) Thomas Jefferson Elementary
- (MEH) Mary Ellen Henderson Middle
- (GM) George Mason High (CO) Central Office



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