

GRADUATE OF MERIT 2018

DEADLINES and MEETINGS

Tentative Dates in Italic

Wednesday, December 20

Application Deadline

(includes completed community service log)

Wednesday, January 17

Informational Meetings

8:45 a.m. – GHS

10:15 a.m. – CHS

12:00 p.m. – DRHS

1:45 p.m. – THS

Thursday, January 18

Informational Meetings – Make-Up

8:45 a.m. – THS

10:30 a.m. – DRHS

12:15 p.m. – CHS

1:45 p.m. – GHS

February 5-12

GOM Bio - Data Input

(Bio data link will be available on the GOM webpage – <http://www.pcs.k12.va.us/merit/>)

Friday, March 9

Above & Beyond Volunteer Award/Scholarship Application - Due to Guidance

(application enclosed)

Thursday, March 15
(tentative date)

Essel Propack Manufacturing Excellence Scholarship Application - Due to Guidance

(Application will be forwarded to Guidance & posted on GOM website early February)

Thursday, March 15
(tentative date)

IALR Scholarship Applications - Due to Guidance

(Application will be forwarded to Guidance and posted on GOM website)

April 9 *(tentative date)*

Acceptance Letters

Parents and students will be notified of candidate's acceptance as a Graduate of Merit. Letters will be sent regarding recognition ceremony/dinner and ticket information.

Wednesday, April 18

Attendance Response Card deadline

Tuesday, May 1

Tickets Issued (mailed to home address)

Thursday, May 17

Graduate of Merit Recognition Ceremony/Dinner
Averett University North Campus - 6:00 p.m.

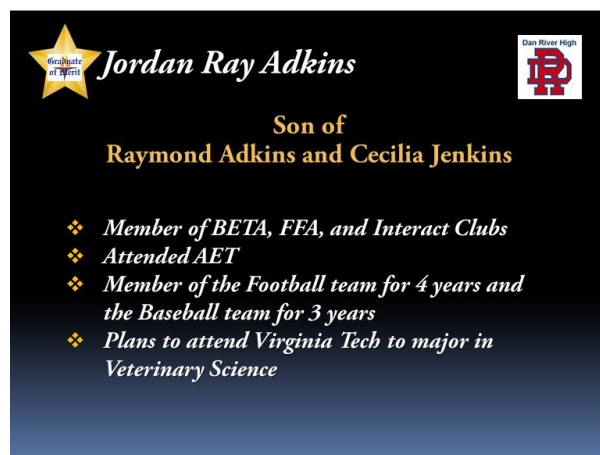
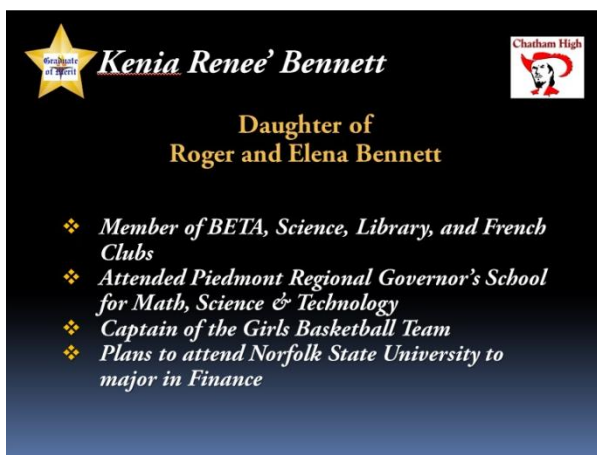
The GOM program has a new look for 2018!



Student PowerPoint



Student Bio PowerPoint (replaces videotape)



The GOM program will no longer be requesting images from students and photographers. PCS will be securing senior formals from Lifetouch.

The GOM program will no longer be videotaping students for biographies. Students will be requested to complete a GOM Bio form online.

Note: This office can assist in taking photographs of students who do not have senior year pictures. Please notify guidance and/or this office. E-mail tonda.finney@pcs.k12.va.us for assistance.

GRADUATE OF MERIT AWARDS/SCHOLARSHIPS

PRESENTED TO ALL GRADUATES OF MERIT:

At the recognition dinner:

- ★ Graduate of Merit certificate (mounted in wood plaque)
- ★ Graduate of Merit medallion (to be worn at Graduation ceremonies)
- ★ CD of the Graduate of Merit PowerPoints (shown evening of event)

In the mail during the summer:

- ★ 4 X 6 picture provided by Alan Dalton Photography (in presentation folder)
- ★ DVD highlights of the Graduate of Merit ceremony

AWARDS BASED ON GRADUATE OF MERIT FINAL AWARDED POINTS

Community Service Scholarships –

If funding is acquired, \$100 scholarships will be awarded based on final Graduate of Merit points awarded and ranked.

James E. McDaniel 212^o Award

Top Graduate of Merit recipient(s) will be awarded a \$500 scholarship based on Graduate of Merit points awarded and ranked. The number awarded will be based on funding secured.

Pinnacle Award

The highest ranked Graduate of Merit recipient shall receive the top award of the evening. Only one shall be awarded the Pinnacle Award based on the following tie-breaking scores listed in priority order.

Tie Breaker: *If a tie occurs between two or more recipients, the following tie-breaking scores listed in order shall be used to prioritize order of recipient(s):*

1. Overall G.P.A.
2. Attendance
3. Total Community Service Hours

SPECIAL AWARDS/SCHOLARSHIPS

Additional application process required. *The noted awards and scholarships will be available if funding is secured.*

Above & Beyond Volunteer Award/Scholarship Application

Application Deadline: March 9; Application enclosed and posted on web-site.

Each ***Above and Beyond Volunteer*** qualifying applicant shall receive a certificate and key chain. The two (2) top ranked qualifying applicants from each high school shall receive a \$500 scholarship.

The Institute for Advanced Learning and Research - \$ 500 scholarship

Application Deadline: March 15 (tentative); Application to be forwarded to Guidance and posted on web-site.

Essel Propack Manufacturing Excellence Scholarship - \$ 5,000 scholarship

Application deadline: March 15(tentative); Application to be forwarded to Guidance and posted on web-site.

Four (4) Essel Propack ME scholarships will be offered to Danville area students. (Only Pittsylvania County Graduates of Merit and Danville City Graduates of Distinction candidates may apply.)

COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY AWARDS

Availability of scholarships offered based upon confirmation of funds for 2018.

Recipients shall be GOM candidates who have applied and are committing to attend one of the following:

Averett University will be awarding \$500 per year (up to 4 years of enrollment at Averett University)

Liberty University will be awarding \$1,000 (payable over four semesters - \$250 each semester)

Danville Community College Educational Foundation will be presenting awards ranging from \$500 - \$3,000 (dependent upon DCC award allocations, coursework enrollment and completed financial aid status).

GRADUATE OF MERIT RECOGNITION BANQUET AND RECOGNITION CEREMONY

- WHEN:** Thursday, May 17, 2018
- WHERE:** Averett University North Campus
(Mount Cross Road past WalMart)
- TIME:** 6:00 p.m.
- WHO MAY ATTEND:** Graduate of Merit Recipient
- 2 guests (mother & father or 2 other guests such as parent & sibling, parent and grandparent, parent & friend, etc.)
- Graduate of Merit Sponsor
- Tickets will be issued.**
Seats will be reserved.
Unfortunately, no extra guests allowed.

SPONSORSHIP:

It is **not** the responsibility of the student or parents to acquire a sponsor. Students and parents may let their employers, organizations or churches be aware that the student is a Graduate of Merit candidate in case they are interested in sponsoring.

The PCS Instructional Department will be acquiring sponsors for students. Sponsorship letters and forms will be sent to area businesses, organizations and churches in late January.

Sponsorship forms may also be secured at

<http://www.pcs.k12.va.us/merit/index.html#Sponsorships>.

A student is not sponsored until the sponsor has confirmed with Ms. Tonda Finney the availability of student. (Contact via phone, e-mail, fax or mail.) Sponsorships will be secured on a first come, first serve basis. (Deadline March 1)

For further information, potential sponsors may contact Ms. Tonda Finney via e-mail at Tonda.Finney@pcs.k12.va.us or by phone at 434-432-2761 – Ext. 5007.

GOM BIO Data Directions

This information will be used for the Graduate of Merit recognition event PowerPoint.
Information shared will be displayed to guests as you are announced receiving your award.

1. **Complete Bio Data Worksheet** prior to entering data.
2. Bio data link will be available on the GOM webpage – <http://www.pcs.k12.va.us/merit/>.
3. **Window opens on February 5 and closes on February 12.**
4. **Click on “Student Bio”** at the top of the webpage to enter data.
5. **Submit only ONE (1) bio form.**
6. **Be concise with your answers.** (*Limited number of characters per field.*)
7. Make sure that everything is **SPELLED CORRECTLY**.
8. **PROOF before submitting.**
9. Once form is submitted, corrections to the online bio page are not possible.*

** College plans information from bio will be confirmed with students by Counselors in April prior to finalizing PowerPoint in case a change has occurred. This will also assist in confirming students who plan to enroll at Averett University, Danville Community College and Liberty University for scholarships.*

GOM BIO Data Worksheet

WINDOW: February 5–12, 2018

PERSONAL INFO				
	FIRST Name	MIDDLE Name	LAST Name	Suffix, if any (Jr., III)

School: This will be a drop-down box to select base school.

Off Campus: This will be a drop-down box to indicate if you attend AET, PGSMST or PCTC.

PARENTS Please provide your Parents Names as they wish to be acknowledged at the event.	Examples:	You may include courtesy titles (Mr., Mrs. or Ms.) at any time.
	If Married	Mr. & Mrs. John Smith OR John and Mary Smith
	If Separated or Divorced	John Smith and Mary Smith
	If one or more parents have remarried	Mr. & Mrs. John Smith and Mr. & Mrs. James Walker OR Mr. John Smith and Mr. & Mrs. James Walker OR John Smith and Mary Walker
	If one or more parents are deceased	John Smith and the late Mary Smith John and Jill Smith and the late Mary Smith
	Living with other than parents	Lillian Smith, Grandmother OR John and Lillian Smith, Grandparents

ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

Please list the top four (4) most notable high school accomplishments (academic, athletic, civic) you wish to have highlighted.

Examples:

Officer of and/or membership in clubs or teams, membership in outside organizations or clubs (soccer, church groups, dance, etc.), and other accomplishments of interest.

Accomplishment 1	Member of FFA, Science, Interact, BETA
Accomplishment 2	Member of Football Team for 4 years (Captain Sr. year); Cross Country for 2 years
Accomplishment 3	President of FFA and VP of BETA
Accomplishment 4	Mission trips to Tennessee and Puerto Rico

Accomplishment 1

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Accomplishment 2

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Accomplishment 3

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Accomplishment 4

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COLLEGE PLANS

Please provide the information below regarding your plans for continuing your education.
College plans will be confirmed in April prior to finalizing PowerPoint in case a change has occurred.

Where to you plan to attend college?

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Have you been accepted?

Yes No

Major/Field of Interest/
Career Goals

Please describe your career goals. For example: BS in Elementary Education, Business Administration with a concentration in Marketing, Microbiology, Occupational Therapist, etc.

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