

# Cougar Express



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## Tri-Cities Region FBLA Fall Conference

News Correspondent: Mrs. Teresa Johnson



On Tuesday, November 12, 2019, the member of the Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) along with Mrs. Airon Grim, Mrs. Shanita Glaspie, and Mrs. Teresa Johnson, attended the Tri-Cities Region FBLA Fall Conference at Chesterfield Technical Center in Midlothian, Virginia. The guest speaker was Mr. Jonathan Miller Young, Director of Corporate Relations at the Reginald F. Lewis College of Business at Virginia State University (VSU) and a member of the

School Board in the City of Richmond. Regarding the latter, Mr. Young was elected to the Richmond School Board in November 2016, in a four way race. Mr. Young's responsibilities at VSU include initiating, cultivating, and strengthening relationships with industry for the purpose of business/academic collaboration.

The students also had an opportunity to attend workshops. Listed below are the workshops and their presenters.

**Mr. Peyton Anderson, Coordinator of Professional Learning, Chesterfield County Public Schools—#Lego4Scrum: Agility in business through transparency, inspection, and adaptation**—This session gave the students an introductory glimpse into Agile work management by experiencing the process in building an entire town out of Lego bricks. The students were able to innovate, create, and grow as an individual and team member .

**Ms. Megan Angstadt, Special Event Manager, ASK Childhood Cancer Foundation—Project ASK**—Project ASK is a non-profit organization that strives to help make life better for children with cancer, in our central Virginia Community. Since 1982, the Virginia Chapters of the Future Business Leaders of America have supported ASK as a State Service Project. From the moment of diagnosis through treatment and beyond, ASK is there to provide emotional, financial, and educational support to families. This year our Tri-Cities Region collected donations of gift cards or gas cards for Project ASK and one craft or bead kit. Ms. Angstadt shared with the students how they can support Project ASK.

**Ms. Kristen Callan, Student Wellness Specialist Chesterfield County Public Schools—Success Without Stress**—Is stress limiting your success???? The students learned some techniques to manage stress. From brain boosts to proper sitting, the students left the session more equipped to deal with what life may send their way.

**Mrs. Julianna Keeling, CEO, Terravive—Entrepreneurship**—As co-founder of a start-up company, Terravive, Ms. Keeling's session provided students with awareness about how the usage of environmental goods could assist with improving the lives of people and their environment.

**Virginia State University Phi Beta Lambda Members—Team-building**—This session provided the students with techniques to increase their team-building skills.

The students enjoyed attending the workshops and received a great deal of information.

### Dates to Remember

**February 14, 2020**  
Professional Development  
1/2 day for students

**February 17, 2020**  
President's Day Holiday  
Schools/Offices Closed

**March 2, 2020**  
Interims Sent Home

**March 5, 2020**  
Parent Teacher Conference  
1/2 day for students

**March 26-27, 2020**  
Third Nine Week Tests

**March 30, 2020**  
Beginning of Fourth Nine Weeks

**April 3, 2020**  
Report Cards Sent Home

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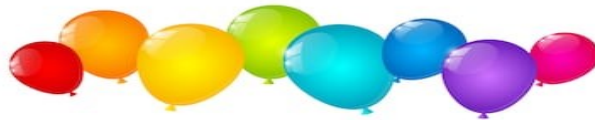
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# Students Receive MOS and Business Office Certifications

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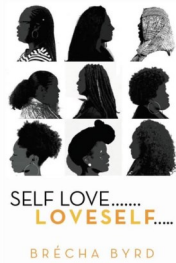
I'm proud to announce that the following students enrolled in Dual Enrollment Introduction to Microcomputers, Design, Multimedia, or Office Administration received certifications as Microsoft Office Specialists (MOS) in PowerPoint 2016 or Word 2016: **Ajah Lee** (PowerPoint and Word), **Corben Wiseman** (Word), **Kristina Godette** (PowerPoint), **Parish Smith** (PowerPoint and Word), **Jade Pitts** (PowerPoint), **DaReyon Howell** (Word), **Makayla Steele** (Word), **Kristina Godette** (Word) and **Tai Gutierrez** (PowerPoint).

I'm also proud of the following students who are enrolled in Office Administration who received the Express Employment Professionals Business Office Technology Certification: **Kayla Johnson**, **Bethany Parson**, and **Jade Pitts**.



# Surry County High School Senior Writes A Books

News Correspondent: Bre'cha Byrd



I'm a currently a senior, and I wrote a book titled "*Self Love Love Self*," a book that is dedicated to every girl in this world and gives them tips on how to love themselves. My book is being told through the eyes of a girl who's on her journey to self love. On this journey, she shares what she's experienced and what she's seen others experience as well. Self love is so important, and this book is here to help us along the way.

Order now at Barnes & Noble, Amazon, or AuthorHouse! Go follow @selfloveselfbook on Instagram!

# Physical Education Students Go Bowling

News Correspondent: Monica Gilchrist

On Thursday, December 12, 2019, the Physical Education (P.E.) Department took a field trip to Williamsburg, VA. Students enrolled in grades nine, ten and Advanced PE classes went bowling at the American Machine and Fondry (AMF) Lanes . They had an enjoyable day and ate lunch at Chick- fil-A in Williamsburg, VA.



## Exceptional Education Program Students Are Busy

**News Correspondent: Patsy Jones**

Students in Mrs. Jones' Exceptional Education program took their annual field trip to South Park Mall in Colonial Heights, Va. in December. They were able to utilize the money management skills that they have been learning in class regarding retail stores.

This year, along with learning about money management, Mrs. Jones' students are participating in a recycling program which is new to the high school. Students eagerly go around the building on Fridays, along with Mrs. Monica Gilchrist and Tyrell Newby, and collect paper-made items, weigh them, and graph the amount collected. They benefit from this experience by taking a shopping trip to South Park Mall. After their shopping experience, they are treated to Chick-fil-A for lunch.

Mrs. Jones stated, the recycling program in combination with the shopping trip, is an awesome experience for my students.

Hailey Ware spoke about shopping: "I liked handing the cashier money and getting things back that I wanted."

Marcus Charity also said "I like going around and collecting papers to help the environment. It's also nice to stop by Mr. Pierce's class to see the animals while recycling."

The *Sussex and Surry Dispatch* is scheduled to come in February to feature the school's recycling program in the local newspaper. My students are really excited about that!



## Students Visit Chrysler Museum in Norfolk, Virginia

**News Correspondent: Jennifer Creef**

The Photography and the Yearbook class took a trip to the Chrysler Museum and also toured the Neon District in Norfolk Virginia. The classes took photographs throughout the day for their portfolio and for pages in the yearbook. The experience really helped students with understanding different forms of art, be it in a museum or out in the streets.



## Students Placed In Annual Bowling Tournament

**News Correspondent: Monica Gilchrist**

Surry Special Olympics Area -21 had its annual Bowling Tournament on December 8, 2019. Our athletes had an enjoyable day of bowling and lunch at the Franklin Bowling Alley. We competed against Franklin. Our students came in first and second place!



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Thank You

The Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) would like to thank, Mrs. Eunice Gay, a retired teacher of Surry County Public Schools, for being the top seller of their citrus fruit and cheesecake fundraiser!

## FBLA Students Participate in Project Joy



News Correspondent: **Teresa Johnson**



Each year, the Surry County High School Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) participate in Project Joy. "Project Joy" is an organization for less fortunate children in Surry County organized by The Department of Social Services that gives out snowmen to represent a child through a number. The snowman contains a list of the clothing the child needs. This year the students brought gifts for a family of four for the holiday season.

## Students Visit College of William & Mary Law School

News Correspondent: **Shanita Glaspie**



On November 8, 2019, SCHS U.S. History and Business Law students traveled to the College of William and Mary Law School with chaperones Mrs. Stukes and Mrs. Glaspie. Students got an opportunity to tour the nation's first law school. Caitlyn Rowland, Randashia Evans, and Victorya O'Connell all agreed that the highlight of the trip was the interaction with second and third-year law students and the panel discussion. While Joshua Pierce, Ayana Baily, and Jernae Warren collectively agreed, they felt that entering The St. George Rare Book Room was priceless. Overall, students enjoyed learning about the College of William and Mary's admission requirements and the importance of completing internships before graduating from college.

# Principal's Message

Dear Cougar Family:



**Giron Wooden, Jr.**  
Principal

As we start 2020 and end the first semester, I cannot help but feel extremely grateful to be a part of such an amazing high school and school division. The past year has brought with it challenges that will affect the Surry County community for years to come. As a "Cougar Family" we have been able to support one another when needed and continue the work of educating our children. Often times it has been our students who have truly supported us during our time of need, and for that I am proud to live and work in a community that instills such core values in its young people. As we start the second semester of the academic year, I would like to welcome our Interim Superintendent Mr. Stanley O. Jones as well as wish Dr. Michael Thornton a happy retirement. It is my belief that our students are on track to achieve great things again this year, in and out of the classroom. As Principal, I ask for your continued support of our students and our exceptional faculty and staff, that we may be able to do the work necessary to improve our school every day, in every way.