Buncombe County Schools
Congratulations to our 2019 Top Scholars!

T.C. Roberson High
Sami Mohammad Al-Aidy
Ashlyn Grace Blakely
Bryn Alexis Copenhaver
Emily Kate Fine
Caroline Quinn Hemphill
Hope Beamer Ingram
Ryan Thomas Kirby
Emily Chae Young Lim
Dillon Paul McDowell
Devin Ryder Simmons
Keely Aidan Simmons
Grace Alexandra Stanek
Noah Christopher Steciuk
Ashley Ann Teague
Amy Lee Webster

Clyde A. Erwin High
Dorothy Allen
Elaina Noelle Anders
Jaiden Reece Bartley
James Caleb Colesasure
Edward Andreas Fowler
Nicholas Anthony Johnson
Bailey Elizabeth Justice
Savannah Joy Kefalas
Emma Ione Loveland
Kaitlyn Nicole Messer
Madeline Nicole Parker
Alisha Dolores Penland
Brianna Michelle Roberts
Dafne Alexia Garcia Sanchez
Carlee Raquel Willis

North Buncombe High
Joe Isaac Bullman
Jennifer Amarilis Chum
Shelby Rose Clark
Laura Ruth Deaver
Maxander Thomas Destino
Kayna Leigh Emory
Skyler Brooke George
Sheyla Naomi Hernandez-Ortiz
Benjamin Atticus Johnson
Jessica Rae McKee
Molly Ann Moran
Makenzie Ann Rink
Hailey Marie Rumbough
Matthew Wilson Shaw
Madison Alexia-Rae Yearout

Charles D. Owen High
Andrew Vaughan Banzhoff
Sara Lynne Bassett
Rachel Lauren Beaver
Josie Mathews Davis
Gabriel Onaxis Dimenna
Chesney Cooper Gardner
Michael Boris Gun
Wyatt Joseph Lehman
Grace Elizabeth Martin
Kaitlin Renee Morris
Mikayla Renee Rice
Katelyn Genevieve Rogers
Graham Scott Roy
Anna-Kate Self
Chloe Marie Stiles

Martin L. Nesbitt, Jr.
Discovery Academy
Garrett Riley Inman
Maia Louise Judd
Zachary Tyler Moss
Nataliya Synka
Abbey Mae Walter

Buncombe County
Early College
Diana Constantin Botnar
Jordan Phyllis Jian Dennison
Alison Rae Gaddy
Anna Kathleen Hawkins-Ross
Cheyenne Elizabeth Warren

Enka High
Kristen Taylor Allison
Neely Adara Bennett
Emily Mariah Cruz-Rubio
Sharon Elizabeth Donahue
Tristan Eckley
Lauren Renai Elliott
Layla Anne Fistos
Israe Jacob Manley
Benjamin Robert McCulloch
Camille Rene Powers
Kristen Elizabeth Rhinehart
Madison Lee Rogers
Amber Michelle Rousseau
Kayla Grace Stokoe
Alexis Malee Taylor
Sarah Marie Vyvyan

A.C. Reynolds High
Joanna Grace Barham
Jacob Michael Bratton
Catherine Alexandra Chianese
Mitchell Alexander Cross
Elizabeth Claire Curley
Anayancy Guzman
Kendall Paige Henretta
Drew Daniel Johnson
Grace Marie Mayer
Sadie McNair
Audrey Eugenia Xiajie Meigs
Lea Anne Reilly
Olivia Wade Senor
Lucas Colley Wiley
Madison Bryce Wommack
2019 Top Scholar Awards Banquet
The Renaissance Asheville Hotel
April 30, 2019 | 6 p.m.

Introductions & Welcome
Ms. Susanne Swanger, Associate Superintendent

Inspiration
Neely Bennett
Top Scholar, Enka High School Class of 2019

Neely Bennett is a senior at Enka High School, a Pisgah Scholarship recipient, and plans to study Engineering at the University of North Carolina at Asheville. She has played volleyball for five years, performed with Enka’s choral and drama programs, and sings with New Hope Bluegrass Gospel.

Dinner

Introduction of Speaker
Mr. Nathan Allison, Principal of T.C. Roberson High School

Keynote Speaker
Dr. Darin J. Waters
T.C. Roberson High School Class of 1985

Dr. Darin J. Waters is an Assistant Professor of History and Special Assistant to the Chancellor for Community Outreach and Engagement at the University of North Carolina at Asheville where he teaches courses in American history, North Carolina History, Appalachian History, African American and Brazilian History. He also specializes in the history of race relations in both the United States and Latin America. Dr. Waters received his doctorate from The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in 2012.

Presentation of 2019 Top Scholar Awards

T.C. Roberson High School
Mr. Nathan Allison, Principal & Ms. Amy Churchill, District Board Member

North Buncombe High School
Dr. Samantha Sircey, Principal & Ms. Ann B. Franklin, Madam Chair and District Board Member

Martin L. Nesbitt, Jr. Discovery Academy
Ms. Heather Brookshire, Principal & Ms. Donna Pate, At-Large Board Member

Enka High School
Ms. Tonya Robinson, Principal & Mr. Max Queen, District Board Member

Clyde A. Erwin High School
Mr. Gregory Bailey, Principal & Mr. Pat Bryant, District Board Member

Charles D. Owen High School
Ms. Meg Turner, Principal & Ms. Margaret Buchanan, District Board Member

Buncombe County Early College
Dr. Donna Lanahan, Principal & Ms. Donna Pate, At-Large Board Member

A.C. Reynolds High School
Ms. Doris Sellers, Principal & Ms. Cindy McMahon, Vice Chair and District Board Member

Closing Remarks
Ms. Ann B. Franklin, Madam Chair, Board of Education
Dr. Tony Baldwin, Superintendent

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