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# **Anthonette J. Ward**

Community Engagement Officer

**June 9, 2022**

# SPS Alumni: Skylar Old, NRHS c/o 2018

- Graduated a semester early from Old Dominion University with honors in December 2021
- 4.0 GPA through the Darden College of Education and Professional Studies
- Previously worked full-time as a teacher's aide throughout SECEP alternative schools



# Leadership Academy for Potential Principals (LAPP) Cohort

## Participants:

- Angela Bell, KFHS
- Stevie Green, LHS
- Lawren Lee, LHS
- Ashley Skinner, NRHS
- Denzel White, NRHS
- Angela McElroy, NRHS
- Valerie Smith, KFMS
- Johnathan Creekmur, JFKMS
- Corey Hamlin, JYMS
- Courtney Branch, BTWES
- Cristine Pisani, HPES
- Sabrina Lee, SWES
- Cynthia Devers, SAO



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PUBLIC SCHOOLS

# Project Lead The Way 2021- 2022 Distinguished Schools: NRHS, LHS

- NRHS: Engineering
- LHS: Biomedical Sciences
  
- The PLTW Distinguished School recognition honors schools committed to increasing student access, engagement, and achievement in their PLTW programs. To be eligible for the designation, Lakeland and Nansemond River had to have at least 75 percent of the student body participating in at least one PLTW Launch module and had to offer at least one PLTW Launch module in each grade (K-5) during the 2020-21 school year.





# CCAP Culinary Arts Students Meet World Renowned Chef Malcolm Mitchell

The Suffolk Public Schools College & Career Academy at Pruden showcased student talent during their Culinary Arts Performance Based End of the Year Luncheon. This event highlighted the benefits of combining experiential learning with 21st Century Workplace Readiness Skills. Students transformed "The Venue" from a classroom into a fine dining restaurant environment.

Our SPS students had the chance to cook a cuisine with World Renowned Chef, Malcolm Mitchell. The menu consisted of Scallops, Braised Lamb, Aged New York Strip, Garlic Potato, Honey Glazed Carrots, Brioche Bread Pudding, and Goat Cheese Ice Cream.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OmTwLxHsNj4>



# WHRO: PBS Kids Writers Contest Winner



**1st Place**  
**Kyla Jaramillo**  
*"The Princess and the Potion Maker"*  
**Nansemond Parkway Elementary**  
**Suffolk, VA**



**2nd Place**  
**Willow Young**  
*"Helping the Earth"*  
**Kilby Shores Elementary**  
**Suffolk, VA**

**First Place:** Kyla Jaramillo, Nansemond Parkway, 1<sup>st</sup> Grade

**Second Place:** Willow Young, Kilby Shores Elementary, 1<sup>st</sup> Grade

## **Honorable Mention**

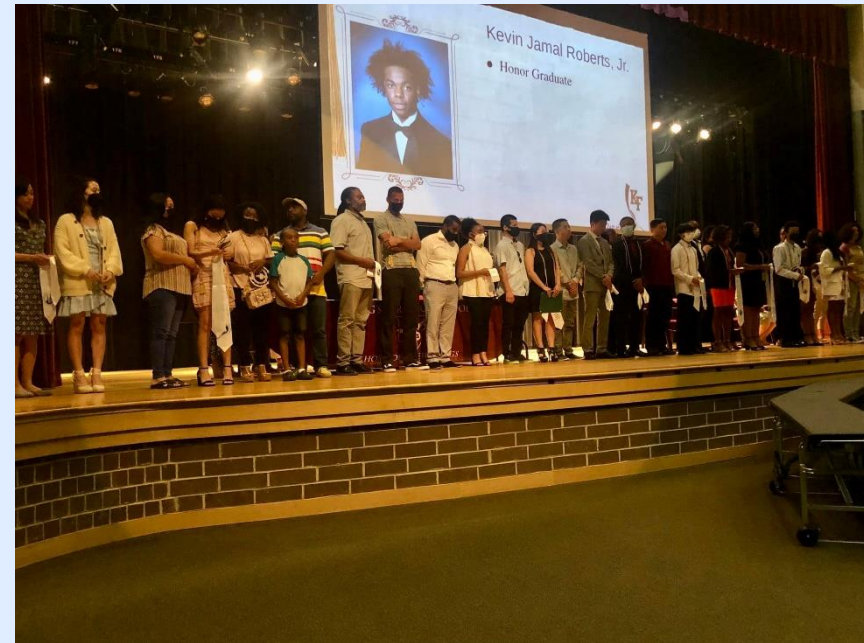
Warren Braswell, Nansemond Parkway, 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade

Kalani Brown, Virtual Virginia (Northern Shores Elementary), 5<sup>th</sup> Grade



# LHS, KFHS, NRHS: Senior Awards Night

LHS, KFHS, & NRHS received over \$13 million in scholarship awards.





# Athletic Wins!

- NRHS Women's Outdoor Track – 2022 Class 5B State Champions



- NRHS Girls Softball – 2022 Class 5B Region Champions



# May Teacher Spotlight

Vincent Pisani, NSES  
Wayne Rau, MBJES  
Herbert Emerson, CCAP  
John Burket, LHS  
Judith Flick, MBJES  
Keri Dudley, CES  
Carol Payton, FBES  
Michelle Byrd, MBJES  
Linda Ellis, JYMS



<p><b>Vincent Pisani</b> NSES</p> <p>Mr. Pisani has been instrumental in helping elementary Health and PE staff across the district by serving as a resource for activities and equipment ideas. He is always willing to spend time with members of his department and support their professional growth. He runs an engaging program and leads various community based events. Thank you, Mr. Pisani, for all your hard work!</p> 	<p><b>Wayne Rau</b> MBJES</p> <p>Mr. Rau engages his students in authentic learning experiences in his science class. This year he has taken on various leadership roles to ensure students are given many different opportunities to engage in the content. He organized and led MBJES STEM Night for families to engage in hands-on learning. Thank you for always going above and beyond, Mr. Rau!</p> 	<p><b>Herbert Emerson</b> CCAP</p> <p>Dr. Emerson teaches cybersecurity technology courses where he engages students in innovative and creative opportunities that expose them to the latest technology trends in coding. Through his lessons, Dr. Emerson ensures students are prepared for the workforce. We appreciate you, Dr. Emerson!</p> 
<p><b>John Burket</b> LHS</p> <p>Mr. Burket continually seeks opportunities to grow as a teacher leader and create learning experiences for his students that bring mathematics to life. He has provided meaningful, constructive feedback to improve mathematics district assessments and has demonstrated a willingness to continually grow by taking part in VDOE initiatives. We are happy to have Mr. Burket as part of the math team!</p> 	<p><b>Judith Flick</b> MBJES</p> <p>Ms. Flick has a true passion and gift for working with young children. The positive relationships she has built is seen in her students' smiling faces. She engages her students with critical thinking and offers them choice. Ms. Flick allows data to drive her decisions. She has developed a successful co-teaching partnership, providing seamless instruction for the students. Ms. Flick is an asset to the Early Start team!</p> 	<p><b>Keri Dudley</b> CES</p> <p>Ms. Dudley has energized her class in the world of poetry by using mentor texts to engage students in poetry. The students use the text as a springboard to be creative and write original poems. She even arranged a Poetry Tea to celebrate the students' poems! Ms. Dudley's budding class of poet laureates found their voices because of her passion for literacy. We are grateful for all she does!</p> 
<p><b>Carol Payton</b> FBES</p> <p>Mrs. Payton has dedicated herself to art education in Suffolk Public Schools for over 20 years. Students' art projects are on display all over FBES, showing collaboration, individual talent and giving the school a beautiful sense of "home." Her passion for art shows through in all she does. Her kindness and collaborative nature make her a role model for all. Thank you for all you do, Mrs. Payton!</p> 	<p><b>Michelle Byrd</b> MBJES</p> <p>Ms. Byrd is passionate about ensuring that students have learning experiences that allow them to connect and think critically about social studies content. The energy and enthusiasm that she brings to teaching is often matched by her students' willingness to engage in class discussions and activities. Ms. Byrd is a true bright spot at MBJES!</p> 	<p><b>Linda Ellis</b> JYMS</p> <p>Ms. Ellis, gifted education teacher, has a great rapport with students, staff, and stakeholders. She engages her students in project-based learning, incorporating skills needed to succeed on SOL tests. Ms. Ellis is also a team player supporting and guiding students through the Tidewater Regional Governor's School application process and being an active participant during Gifted Advisory meetings. She demonstrates great patience when working with students. Thank you for all you do, Ms. Ellis!</p> 

 **Teacher Spotlight**  
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