

MIDDLE SCHOOL HONORS DAY—2008-09

Academic Awards:

Each year the faculty presents awards to students in the eighth grade class who have excelled within each academic subject. These students have set excellence as their goal and through their leadership in the class have encouraged others.

Eighth Grade Awards:

English – Ward Archibald

Mathematics – Frank Dubose

Science – MacKinsey Cole

French – Aashni Patel

Spanish – Sam Clements

Latin – Emily Pee

World Geography – Caroline Sanders

Drama – Jeremi Clemons

Studio Art – Emily Pee

Physical Education - Girls – Sarah Whatley; Boys – Taylor Allen

Strings – Lucy Barsness

Band – Jessica Gross

Citizenship

The Middle School Citizenship Award is awarded annually to a student who demonstrates friendship and civility in an exceptional way. The Middle School Citizenship Awards are given to an eighth grade boy and girl whose contributions to our community are recognized through a positive attitude and a genuine support of others. This year's recipients exemplify the tradition of Excellence with Honor through their genuine care and concern for others in all areas of school life.

The 2009 Middle School Citizenship Awards are presented to:
MacKinsey Cole and Frank DuBose

National Geography Bee:

Each year all eighth grade students participate in the school geography bee sponsored by the National Geographic Society.

Jason Fern

Spelling Bee:

Athens Academy participated in a state spelling bee along with other schools in the Georgia Independent Schools Association.

Jason Fern, MS Spelling Bee Champion

Max Ruston, runner-up

NATIONAL LATIN EXAM :

All eighth grade Latin students participate in the National Latin Exam.

Cum Laude: Henry Dwyer, Houston Gaines
Magna Cum Laude: Aaron Conley
Maxima Cum Laude & receiving a silver medal: Jimmy Robinson

NATIONAL FRENCH EXAM

All eighth grade French students participated in the National French Exam.
Certificate of Merit: Aashni Patel, Emily Anne Hansford, Caroline Sanders

NATIONAL SPANISH EXAM

Eighth Grade Spanish students participated in the National Spanish Exam, level 1. This year our students competed in different categories – putting them in direct competition with other students who have had similar amounts of experience with the language. The following students performed at an exceptionally high level on this National exam:

In the regular category:

Bronze Medalist: Ward Archibald

Honorable Mention Awards: Joshua Netter, Abby Woodard, Melissa Corry, Bryant Shirreffs

In the Outside Experience Category:

Bronze Medalist: Sam Clements

Honorable Mention Awards: Lucy Barsness, Rachel Bonet, Nicholas Masciadri, Caroline LaBoon, Taylor McDonald, Forrest Liedberg

GEORGIA MATHEMATICS LEAGUE:

Each year all MS students participate in the math competition set forward by the Georgia Mathematics League. The students with the highest scores represent the schools on three teams, entering competition with schools throughout the state. Students, as I call your names, please come forward to receive your certificate.

Sixth Grade: This team placed 3rd in the region and 12th in the state of Georgia in competition with 92 schools. Members of this team: Mary Glenn Dillard, William Leverett, Saad Bashir, Nathan Fechheimer, Sean Murphy, and Jason Papadopoulos.

Seventh Grade: The team placed 2nd in the region and 12th in the state out of 99 participating schools. Members of this team are: Alois Cerbu, Zachary Kittrell, Charles Lankau, Christopher Marbut, Zander Mason, Darshan G. Parikh, Matilda Segal.

Eighth Grade: This team placed 2nd in the region and 4th in the state in competition with 98 schools. Members of this team are: Ward Archibald, Joshua Netter, Max Ruston, Jason Fern, Aaron Conley, Jason Hatfield, and Nick Rorabaugh.

AMERICAN MATHEMATICS COMPETITION

Seventh and eighth grade students participated in this competition along with over 170,000 students from 2200 schools. Athens Academy was awarded a School Certificate of Merit for an outstanding team score.

First place in the school: Max Ruston

Second: Ward Archibald

Third: Nick Rorabaugh

Fourth: Carter Ball

Other top ten finishers: Charles Lankau, Frank Dubose, Jason Hatfield, Bobby Marshburn, Aashni Patel, Zander Mason, Patrick McArdle, Joshua Netter, and Donald Templeman.

The Jon and Sara Godwin Awards for Penmanship

In 1999 Dr. and Mrs. John Godwin established an endowment which places special emphasis on cursive writing skills during the formative years. This Endowment provides instructional materials and awards for excellence in penmanship for Lower and Middle School students.

Rhea Chatterjee and Lewis Clarke

DUKE TALENT SEARCH

Fifty students at Athens Academy, 85% of the seventh grade, recently qualified for the Duke University Talent Identification Program. Qualification required scores at or above the 95 percentile on verbal or mathematical sections of nationally normed tests approved by Duke's program for academically gifted students. These students were given the opportunity to take the SAT or ACT. Based on their performances on one of these tests 16 students have received additional recognition.

STATE RECOGNITION: The following students received State Recognition for their outstanding performances on the SAT: Davis Bell, Alois Cerbu, Ian Dawkins, Claudia Evaristo, Connor Guess, Shannon Hodgson, Zachary Kittrell, Charles Lankau, Annabelle Martin, Zander Mason, Patrick McArdle, Darshan G. Parikh, Max Ruston, Matilda Segal, Matt Swan, and Nilu Vyas.

In addition, Max Ruston received Grand Recognition by Duke University for his exceptional performance on the SAT.