

The Hampton Council of PTA/PTSAs held their annual banquet on May 13th to celebrate the successes of our PTAs and schools in the city of Hampton this 2007-08 school year. Many PTAs and individuals were recognized with special awards.

A \$1,000 college scholarship was awarded to a graduating High School senior from each of the four High Schools in Hampton. This is the most ever given thanks to generous donations from each of our PTAs and several local businesses including Howmet Corporation, Tysinger Motor Company, Bayport Credit Union, Lowes and Hampton Roads Educator's Credit Union. The scholarship winners were Rachel Goodwyn of Bethel High, Ryan Trimble of Hampton High, Yelizaveta Kuznetsova of Phoebus, and LeMeshia Moody of Kecoughtan.

The Primary school Volunteer of the Year was Tammy Falls of Barron Fundamental School PTA and the Secondary School Volunteer of the Year was Carrie Pollock of Kecoughtan High PTSA. Carrie also won as the Peninsula District PTA Volunteer of the Year as outstanding volunteer for all of Hampton, Newport News, York, Gloucester & Williamsburg.

PTA membership awards were given to the following PTAs: Aberdeen, Armstrong, Asbury, Barron, Bethel, Booker, Bryan, Cooper, Forrest, Hampton, Langley, Lindsay, Machen, Mallory, Merrimack, Moton, Tyler, Syms, Eaton, Jones, Tucker-Capps, Kraft, & Mary Peake. Mary Peake had the highest PTA membership % of all schools in Hampton and Lindsay Middle had the highest increase of all schools.

Red Heart Awards were given to the following PTAs: Langley Elementary, Barron Fundamental, Asbury Elementary, Jones Magnet Middle, Kecoughtan High, Phoebus High and Tarrant Elementary.

Outstanding Newsletter awards went to Jones Middle and Tucker-Capps Fundamental for 3rd place, Phoebus High for 2nd place and Asbury Elementary won 1st place.

The Spotlight Award for the most outstanding PTA program in a Primary school went to Barron Fundamenta for their AR program and for a Secondary school it went to Jones Magnet Middle School for their Volunteer Program.

Our PTA Champion of the Year award for Parental Involvement goes to the Hampton City Schools staff members that made the most significant contribution to the PTA and to increasing parental involvement within his/her school. This was previously called the Principal of the Year award but is now open to any staff member. This year's winner was Deanna McNeil, a 3rd grade teacher at Asbury Elementary.

Special awards for outstanding contributions to the PTA went to Ann Bane, Debby Martin, Linda Irby & Tiffany Sanzo.

Thanks to all the volunteers, teachers, students and PTAs for all they do for our Hampton City Schools!