

# AND THAT'S A WRAP!

HICKORY PUBLIC  
SCHOOLS

JULY 1, 2019



## Hickory High School

- Number of graduates: 248
- Number attending 4-year university: 115
- Number attending community college: 82
- Number going into the military: 4
- Scholarship money earned: \$ 4.5 million



## Hickory Career & Arts Magnet High School

- Number of graduates: 27
- Number attending 4-year university: 7
- Number attending community college: 11
- Number going into the military: 1
- Scholarship money earned: \$913,735

\*\*\*The statistics above do not include the number of graduates entering the workforce; but we understand that several graduates have immediately started new employment.



# Additional good news...

The **Red Carpet** Employee Celebration announced the 2019 HPS Teacher of the Year, Jerrica Dula, the Principal of the Year, Jeff Hodakowski, and the Golden Apple Classified Employee of the Year, Christian Carter. Recognition also included Volunteers of the Year, Retirees, and Service Awards. Congratulations to all!



(Left and below) The 2019 HPS Teacher of the Year, Jerrica Dula, is overjoyed with excitement and receives keys to a new car from Mike Johnson's Hickory Toyota. She is joined by members of the HPS Board of Education along with Superintendent, Dr. Adell & Assistant Superintendent, Dr. Whiteside.



(Left:: The new Principal of the Year is joined by (L-R) Superintendent, Dr. Robbie Adell, Laurie Hoover with Vanguard Furniture, and Chair of the HPS Board of Education, Dr. Bryan Graham. Vanguard provided monetary gifts for several of the evening nominees and winners.

Lower left: Golden Apple Winner of the Year!

Below: Retirees (L-R) -- Robin Townsend, Patricia Duffey, David Lail, and Carla Davis.



Welcoming everyone to the Red Carpet event (L-R), Ginger Robertson, Christie Alley, and Brittany Dixon. Not pictured: Tracy Sigmon, Personnel Officer--who led the event. She was busy getting everything in place!







## Congratulations to all school winners for

### Teacher of the Year! (L-R)

Melissa Heller, Jenkins Elementary  
 Marilyn Johnson - HCAM  
 Rebecca Gaffney - Northview Middle  
 Jerrica Dula - Oakwood Elementary, WINNER!  
 Lillian Presnell - Southwest Primary  
 Amber Nichols, HHS  
 Elizabeth Schreiber, Grandview Middle  
 Joshua Seabolt, Longview  
 Mary Kate Yestrumskas, Viewmont Elementary

### Congrats to all Golden Apple nominees:

Kimberly Peters, Grandview Middle, Sharon Abernethy, Jenkins Elementary, Christian Carter, Longview Elementary(WINNER!), Larry Conger, Hickory High, Mary Guy, Oakwood Elementary, Elaine Littlefield, Viewmont Elementary, Letitia Picklesimer, Hickory Career & Arts Magnet High (HCAM), and LaShanda Robinson, Northview Middle.



### Hickory Public Schools greatly appreciates the dedication from the Volunteers of the Year--representing each school!

(L-R) Teresa Schoellner, Grandview Middle, Stephanie Robinson, Oakwood Elementary, Betty Phillips, Longview Elementary, Nancy Lipe, Southwest Primary, Rene Leeper, Hickory High; Dr. Neal Gray, Viewmont Elementary, Nellottie Bishop, Northview Middle.

## Thank you for your service to HPS! 10, 15, 20, 25, and 30 years!







## Thank you for the recent gifts to Hickory Public Schools!

**Above left:** A wonderful new outdoor track was donated to Grandview Middle by LiveWell Catawba. The donation was valued at \$27,5000. The track is open to the community.

**Above:** Two lucky students at Viewmont Elementary received new bikes for their winning artwork on dental care. The gift was from Gaston Family Health Services which serves seven counties.

**Left:** 100 shoes were recently donated to HPS Student Services to help students in need. The wonderful gift was from First Security Insurance in celebration of their 100th anniversary.



## Winners of the 2019 Battle of the Books: Oakwood Elementary & Grandview Middle





## Rotary honors 2019 Wilmer Jenkins Teacher of the Year, Douglas Byrd & nominees



**CONGRATULATIONS!**

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### New Principals:

Rebecca Tuttle - Hickory High

Eric Puryear - Hickory Career & Arts Magnet High

Erin Sigmon - Southwest Primary

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**Wishing everyone a wonderful July 4th holiday and relaxing summer break!**

**REMINDER:**

**School starts for students on August 26, 2019.**