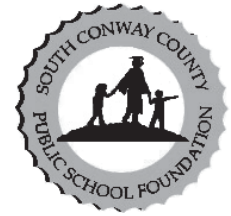


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2010 RACE TO THE FUTURE DATE SET

FUNDS TO PURCHASE COMPUTERS AT MORRILTON HIGH SCHOOL



RTTF Speaker, Jerry Adams

On Tuesday evening, September 21st, the South Conway County Public School Foundation will host the 11th Annual "Race to the Future" Fundraising Event. Funds raised during this year's campaign will be used to purchase computers and equipment at Morrilton High School for the new Digital Communications courses beginning this fall.

The program of study will include courses in Web Design, Multimedia Applications and Production, Computerized Business Applications, and Desk Top Publishing. The new program is intended to

build linkages with the IT community and designed for entry level, technical, and professional careers related to the design, development, support, and management of hardware, software, multimedia, and systems integration services.

The hardware and software requirements for Digital Communications are extensive and expensive. The cost estimate to fully equip the Digital Communications classroom is approximately \$73,000.

The South Conway County School District applied for and received a grant in the amount of \$39,312.50 to assist in off-setting some of the costs associated with the startup of this program. Funds raised during the Race to the Future Campaign will go toward the remaining cost.

This year's guest speaker is Jerry Adams, President/CEO of the Arkansas Research Alliance, a new economic development non-profit modeled on the very successful Georgia

Research Alliance. It's primary focus is to leverage university-based job-creating research in Arkansas.

Mr. Adams is retired from Acxiom Corporation and recently stepped down as the chair of Accelerate Arkansas but continues to serve on the organization's executive committee. He has also served as chair of the EAST Initiative and the Southern Technology Council. Mr. Adams is passionate about education having served on the Governor's Blue Ribbon Committee for Higher Education and currently serving on the Board of Visitors at the University of Arkansas at Little Rock.

You will find ticket information inside this newsletter and we encourage you to return your order quickly and to make plans to join us on September 21st as we support the efforts of the South Conway County Public School District to prepare our students for the challenges of tomorrow.

Upcoming Event

**11th Annual
Race to the Future
Tuesday
September 21, 2010
6:30pm
Morrilton High School
Cafeteria**

SOUTH CONWAY COUNTY DISTRICT BENCHMARK SCORES INCREASE

State results from the 2010 Augmented Benchmark Exam showed more students scored proficient or higher for another annual increase in math and literacy performance within the district. The following are some examples of outstanding performance by our teachers and students:

Grade Three - 94 percent of the students tested proficient or higher in math. A 3 percent increase

Grade Four - 85 percent of the students tested proficient or higher in literacy. A 2 percent increase.

Grade Five - 85 percent of the students tested proficient or higher in literacy. A 9 percent increase.

Grade Six - 80 percent of the students tested proficient or higher in literacy. A 4 percent increase.

Grade Seven - 77 percent of students scored

proficient or higher in literacy. A 10 percent increase.

Grade Eight - 96 percent of the fifty-five 8th grade students who took the Algebra I exam scored proficient or higher.

Morrilton High School - 79 percent of the one hundred and forty students tested scored proficient or higher on the end of course geometry exam.

We are proud to report that the South Conway

County School District scores above the state averages in most areas. In the few areas where the district does not it is only slightly below the average.

The South Conway County Public School Foundation congratulates the district on their performance and pledges to continue to support its efforts towards excellence in the future.

MHS QUIZ BOWL TEAM WINS STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

The Morrilton High School Quiz Bowl team won the Class 5A State Championship on Saturday, April 24, in a 300-210 victory over Little Rock Mills. The game was broadcast live from the studios of AETN in Conway. The team received a total of \$3,200.00 in scholarships.

MHS team members include seniors Allison McVey (captain), Bailey Knapp, Tyler Priest, Chase Stobaugh, Paul Thomas, Chelsea Harmon, Devin Cornwell, and Taylor McElroy.

The team went to the AETN studios on Friday, April 23, for an orientation and tour of the studios. Team members were treated to a catfish buffet lunch, followed by a run-

through of procedures for the Saturday tournament. On Friday evening, a banquet was held for all teams participating in the state championship games at the Clinton

Presidential Library in Little Rock, sponsored by AETN and the Arkansas Governor's Quiz Bowl Association.

Tyler Priest and Chase Stobaugh were each

named to the All-State Team and were invited to play in the Arkansas Governor's Quiz Bowl Association All-Star games.



Visiting the Clinton Presidential Library are Morrilton High School Quiz Bowl team members (front row from left)—Bailey Knapp, Taylor McElroy, Allison McVey, Chelsea Harmon, (back row from left)—Chase Stobaugh, Tyler Priest, Devin Cornwell, and Paul Thomas.

DEVIL DOG REUNION REPORT

For the first time, the Morrilton High School Cafeteria was the site of the Devil Dog Reunion Brunch. The new location was enjoyed by all. The 11th Annual Brunch celebrated the MHS Class of 1960 as the newest members of this "golden" group. Members, teachers, staff, and friends of all classes that graduated at least 50 years ago are invited to this gathering.

As usual, alumni come from all over the United

States with Nelson Oliver, Class of 1960, from Los Angeles, CA, being recognized for traveling the longest distance. Sarah Del Fiser again kept up her tradition of representing the earliest class present. Julienne Dow Hall and her husband, Richard, of Texarkana, Texas, were recognized for being married the longest. The Oliver and Bridgmans were recognized for having a number of family members present.

Bill Stacks, Class of 1953, and past president of the SCCPS Foundation, served as emcee.

Plans are already underway for next year's reunion brunch to be held on Saturday, May 21, 2011, with the Class of 1961 being welcomed into this special group.

For more information or to add your name to this list, please contact Bea Lasater Thompson at 501-354-4003 or Jeanne Ring Ellis at 501-354-2149.



This Season's Home Devil Dog Football Games

- 9/17 Dogs vs Searcy
 - 9/24 Dogs vs Alma
 - 10/8 Dogs vs Greenbrier
 - 10/22 Dogs vs Harrison (Homecoming)
 - 11/5 Dogs vs Central Ark. Christian
- (all games begin at 7:30 pm)

WHY SHOULD YOU BE A FRIEND OF THE FOUNDATION?

Friends of the Foundation are very important. Funds gained through Friends of the Foundation help us continue to fund important projects within the South Conway County Public Schools. Your support through the Friends program also

shows your personal commitment to raising the bar on education in the Conway County area. We believe that the Foundation's influence has been instrumental in convincing the district to step-out and try new approaches to education.

Help us continue to influence education in this area by becoming a Friend of the Foundation today!

The SCCPSF is a 501(c)(3) organization, and your donations are tax deductible!

Did you know that all the money raised by the South Conway County Public School Foundation goes to fund much needed equipment and materials for our schools?

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MHS STUDENT WINS NATIONAL TALENT COMPETITION

Austin Duvall, who will be a junior at Morrilton High School this fall, won first place in the special talent competition at the 30th annual National Beta Club Convention in Louisville, Kentucky. The convention was held June 30-July 3 at the Kentucky International Convention Center. Duvall played a medley of "Grey Eagle" and the "Orange Blossom Special" on the fiddle, representing Arkansas in the competition as the first place winner from the Arkansas Beta Club Convention last January.

The MHS quiz bowl team finished second in the national quiz bowl

competition. Their only loss was to Dunbar High School from Kentucky in the championship game. Seniors Allison McVey (captain), Tyler Priest, Chase Stobaugh, Paul Thomas, and Chelsea Harmon, made up the MHS team.

In academic testing competitions, Tyler Priest placed fourth in the national social studies competition. Allison McVey placed eighth in the national English competition.

Cody Crowell, Arkansas State Beta Club President, represented Arkansas in the opening ceremony of the convention. Other MHS stu-

dents attending the convention were P. J. DeHart, Kenny Gibbons, Kaylen Johnson, Elizabeth Jones, Josh Kelley, Ashley Martin, Hannah Mason, Salena McCoy, Montel McKey, Jordan Parks, Lexie Sisson, and Maci Tanner.



Austin Duvall

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