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**TO:** Member of the Hardin County Board of Education

**FROM:** Nannette Johnston  
Superintendent

**DATE:** January 24, 2012

**SUBJECT:** 2012 Governor's Scholars

**ISSUE:** The Governor's Scholars Program is a stimulating, five-week, residential summer program for outstanding Kentucky high school students. Established in 1993, the program has been highly successful, offering a concentrated academic and personal growth experience for rising high school seniors who have demonstrated exceptional intellectual potential, high academic achievement and creative ability. The challenging, non-traditional experience balances a strong liberal arts program with a full co-curricular and residential life experience.

The Governor's Scholars Program seeks to:

- help exceptional high school students achieve their academic and personal potential and cultivate their leadership capabilities;
- expand students' horizons, develop their flexibility, creativity and critical thinking while heightening their sensitivity to future possibilities for themselves, Kentucky and society;
- stimulate, encourage, and reward excellence in Kentucky schools.

The program moves at a swift pace and advanced level, as the Scholars concentrate on concepts, theory, and discovery. The program offers students an opportunity to be responsible for their own learning. The academic program is designed for enrichment, not practice or advancement in special subjects. Governor's Scholars are expected to attend daily classes and to participate fully in the academic and intellectual life of the community.

Each student selects a Focus Area, participates in a Problem-Solving/Service Learning Area, and in a Governor's Scholars Seminar. The following students have completed the application process and their applications have been forwarded to the selection committee:

**Nominee(s)**

Adkins, Rachel  
Anderson, Jared  
Ball, Kendra  
Barrow, Brooke  
Brammer, Lauren  
Conner, Afton  
Durrance, Jessica  
Ellis-Reeves, Jansen  
Gani, Emily  
Goodin, Claire  
Hall, Katherine  
Hatler, Emina  
Ho, Jenni  
Jones, Cody  
Kimble, Michael  
Lafollette, Autumn  
Layson, Ailey  
Lewis, Tamaira  
Mahanna, Brittanie  
Nelson, Eric  
Norton, Joshua  
Patel, Hares  
Pfannenschmidt, Heather  
Price, Joshua  
Raj, Joseph  
Rivera, Kelly  
Serna, Aleczander  
Stith, Jane  
Tatro, Ryan  
Thompson, Caitlin  
Thompson, Olivia  
Vance, Aaron  
Wade, Shelby  
Wright-Sweet, Bonetta

**School**

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