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TO: Member of the Hardin County Board of Education

FROM: Nannette Johnston

Superintendent

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SUBJECT: 2015 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) School

Barnes, Chase Central Hardin HS Berry, Kathleen John Hardin HS Brewer, Matthew Central Hardin HS Central Hardin HS Butora, Bryan Carlotti, Jessica North Hardin HS Crocker, Joseph Central Hardin HS North Hardin HS Emdee, Molly Feiler, Tatum John Hardin HS Fitzsimmons, Jacob Central Hardin HS Central Hardin HS Flanagan, Grace Hall, Blair John Hardin HS Hall, Grace Central Hardin HS Central Hardin HS Handel, Hadley Haynes, Emalee Central Hardin HS Heinrich, Christopher North Hardin HS Hodges, Anna Central Hardin HS Holtsclaw, Emilia John Hardin HS John Hardin HS Hutchinson, Alyssa Jones, Kavonte John Hardin HS Kasey, Garrett Central Hardin HS Kotarski, Michael John Hardin HS Lowe, Brittany Central Hardin HS Miller, William Central Hardin HS Nichols, Patrick Central Hardin HS Ochoa, Erykah North Hardin HS Quire, Patrick Central Hardin HS Rohrer, Rachel John Hardin HS Sheeran, Chloe Central Hardin HS Stark, Katrina Central Hardin HS Thurman, Kayla Central Hardin HS Timbers, Kloe Central Hardin HS West, Benjamin Central Hardin HS Whittaker, Eriko John Hardin HS Wiersema, Jana Central Hardin HS Wiggins, Holden John Hardin HS Wilson, Clara Central Hardin HS Wilson, Sydney Central Hardin HS