

**BOARD AGENDA INFORMATIONAL ITEM**  
**was named the Gaston County Schools**

7. **Aedan Corcoran** of **South Point High School** and **Kieran Wood** of **Highland School of Technology** are recipients of the Annual Arrive Alive Scholarship Award presented by DeMayo Law.

8. **Gaston County Schools** had several school groups and PTO organizations participate in the annual Community Foundation Run in downtown Gastonia. The event featured a 5K run, a 2K fun walk, and other activities to help nonprofit organizations raise money.

9.7 The following **Highland School of Technology** students were nominees in the 2024 Blumey Awards: **Grey Radford** for Best Actor as Harry in *Mamma Mia!*; **Rebecca Hatton** for Best Actress as Donna Sheridan in *Mamma Mia!*; **Eric Cathey** for Best Supporting Actor as Sam Carmichael in *Mamma Mia!*; **Olivia Rushing** for Best

16. The following students received the Paul Fuller Scholarship, which is presented to a student who has been a part of the **Gaston County Schools** mentoring program: **Mya Rivers, Highland School of Technology, and Jensine Vasquez**

27. **Bessemer City Primary** media specialist **Sarah Putnam** organized the “Give Five, Take Five” program, which has provided every student with five books to read over the



43. **Highland School of Technology** senior **Avery Davis** received the William and Lee University Johnson Scholarship valued at \$376,000 over four years. The Johnson Scholarship is awarded to 44 incoming students each year.

44. **Lingerfeldt Elementary** received a donation of 32 pairs of shoes for students from Samaritan's Feet.

45. **East Gaston High School** freshman **Sunni Alford** was named a North Carolina Virtual Public School "Super Student."

46. **Forestview High School** senior **Riley Rouse** has been awarded the Strong Like AK Scholarship. To date, Strong Like AK has awarded \$25,000 to graduating seniors in **Gaston County Schools**. The scholarship program honors the legacy of Adam Kincaid by supporting students' futures.

47. **Gaston Early College of Medical Sciences** ninth graders engaged in community service projects that focused on addressing global issues locally. They organized "everything" drives, canned food drives, community gardens, community outreach, and fundraising activities. The projects supported local cancer services, food pantries, Mira Via, and underserved families. In total, the students collected 972 cans, \$104,304 feminine products, 172 hygiene products, and 40 clothing items, thus enabling them to provide assistance to 500-700 families. The students received guidance from their research methods teachers, **Angela Congelli** and **David Jones**, as well as support from the N.C. State Friday Institute.

48. **Hunter Huss High School** seniors **Kie.Ow.1ref24refEMC BTLBody j54refEMC BTLBody j4i) -00**

52. **Sherwood Elementary** wrapped up its “One School, One Book” reading initiative, which engaged both students and parents. The initiative culminated with an ice cream celebration. School media specialist **Christa Workman** organized the reading effort.
53. **South Point High School** junior **James Dover** was one of four students nationally to receive the Coolidge Scholarship. The Coolidge Scholarship, sponsored by the Calvin Coolidge Presidential Foundation, offers a small number of full-ride merit scholarships that cover tuition, room and board, books, and fees for four years of study at any accredited college or university in the United States.
54. **South Point High School** senior **Dawson Tobin** received an appointment to attend the United States Military Academy at West Point valued at \$250,000.
55. **South Point High School** senior **Jacob Echevarria Logan** received a scholarship valued at \$157,000 to attend Howard University.
56. The following **South Point High School** seniors received scholarships during the school’s awards ceremony: **Lauren Arthurs**, Lester Carpenter Scholarship; **Aedan Corcoran**, Lester Carpenter Scholarship; **Colin McAllister**, Lester Carpenter Scholarship; **Elle VanGastle**, Lester Carpenter Scholarship; and **Genevieve Ziemer**, Lester Carpenter Scholarship. In addition, **Jacob Echevarria Logan** was awarded the Delta Sigma Theta Scholarship; **Gabrielle Tracy**, Horatio Alger Scholarship; **Jay Crawford**, Daughters of the American Revolution Good Citizen Award; **Aedan Corcoran**, Theodore Drury Stowe Science and Technology Scholarship; **Genevieve Ziemer**, Perry Fewell Honorary Leadership Award; and **Makenna McCuen**, Christopher Marshall Stowe Scholarship.
57. **Stanley Middle School** had three teams place in the top nine in the state Envirothon competition. The students were among the top three highest scoring public school teams in the state. Teacher **Diana Baxter** coaches the team.
58. The Southwest Middle School Technology Student Association (TSA) performed well at the N.C. Technology Student Association State Conference under the theme “Evolution of Excellence.” They earned second place in the middle school tech bowl competition with team members **Kolaiah Grant**, **Kaydence Guy**, and **Naomi Ramirez** and took third place in the data science and analytics competition with **Ayanna Bernard**, **Tristin Grier**, and **Daira Elizabeth Vasquez Gonzalez** leading the way.
59. **Webb Street School** raised more than \$7,000 from the school’s annual plant sale. The money will be used to invest in the school’s transition academy. In addition, more than 500 people attended the school’s second annual art and auto show on April 27.