

ADE DAILY NEWS CLIPS

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Dumas ALE teachers, students of the second term announced (Pine Bluff Commercial)

DUMAS — The Dumas School District Alternative Learning Environments has announced its students and teachers for the second term.

- Hector Guerra was named the Central PREP Student of the second term because of the strides he made behaviorally and academically since his enrollment in the program.
- Dione Poole is the elementary ALE teacher of the second term. Poole is known as a highly motivated educator. ALE Director Dexter K. Lee sometimes refers to her as the “tennis shoe teacher” because each time he visits her classroom, Poole is usually on her feet, working with students, sometimes covering a different subject area with each pupil, while maintaining control of her classroom. Poole’s daughter, Makendra, noted her mother’s fight against diabetes, including multiple comas, didn’t hold her down.
- Carlos Castillo has been selected the Target PREP Junior High Student of the second term. A ninth-grade Bobcat football and baseball player, Castillo also excels academically and transitioned back to Dumas Junior High School in January.
- Dejaun Beeman is the Target PREP High School Student of the second term. Beeman has learned to own his decisions and face consequences. He has transitioned back to Dumas New Tech High School.
- ALE Civics/Economics instructor Allison Shepherd has been named the Secondary Teacher of the second term. She organized two special projects in the fall. In November, one project was the large metal turkey and a table full of “what I am thankful for” notes written by TP students. In December, three pastel Christmas trees brightened the campus entrance.

Also recently, the ALE reported that a group of Reed PREP students were rewarded for their good behavior. They attended a field experience at the Delta Rivers Nature Center in Pine Bluff. The pupils were able to touch a live alligator and hear about the importance of land and water conservation. They even watched eagles being fed. After the nature center, the students were treated to lunch at Wendy’s. This activity was funded in part by a grant from the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission.

Education notebook (Arkansas Democrat-Gazette)

NLR cancels talk on construction

The North Little Rock School District has canceled a public forum originally announced for 6 p.m. Monday at the Lakewood Middle School auditorium to update the public on the status of its district wide school construction and renovation program.

Gerald Cound, the district's director of facilities management, said Friday that district leaders, in consultation with its consultants for the building program, decided that they needed more information before holding a forum.

Hall High student top poetry reader

Mandy Nguyen, a 10th grader at Little Rock's Hall High School, was named state champion at the Poetry Out Loud: National Recitation Contest, held earlier this month at Pulaski Technical College in North Little Rock.

She recited "The Maid's Lament" by Walter Savage Landor, "Momma Said" by Calvin Forbes and "The Obligation to be Happy" by Linda Pastan.

Nguyen will receive \$200 from The Poetry Foundation and an all-expense-paid trip to Washington, D.C., to compete for the national championship in April. Her school will receive a \$500 stipend for the purchase of poetry books.

In all, 21 students participated in the Arkansas competition, each having been selected as recitation champions in their high schools. They recited works they selected from an anthology of more than 400 classic and contemporary poems.

Heidi Peterson, a 12th grader at Bentonville High School, was named first runner-up and received \$100, with \$200 for her school library.

Three finalists were also recognized for their performances: Jalen Bell, a ninth grader at Bell Academy Home School in Rogers; Jiya Janowitz, a 10th-grader at Jasper High School; and Jonah Rudkin, a 10th-grader at eStem Public Charter High School in Little Rock.

The Arkansas Poetry Out Loud competition was presented by the Arkansas Arts Council in partnership with the National Endowment for the Arts and The Poetry Foundation. State partners are the Arkansas Department of Education, Department of Arkansas Heritage, University of Arkansas at Little Rock, Pulaski Technical College and Communication Plus+ Interpreter Services, Inc.

Pupil's film set to air on C-SPAN

C-SPAN has named Kye Masino, an eighth-grade home-school student from Hot Springs, a third-prize winner in C-SPAN's national 2013 StudentCam competition.

Kye will receive \$750 for his documentary, *GOVERNMENT WASTE*, about the expenditure of taxpayer money and the federal deficit, which will air on C-SPAN on April 3 at 7:50 a.m. CDT.

The national competition, now in its ninth year, invited middle and high school students to produce a five- to eight-minute documentary on a national policy issue.

This year, students were asked to answer the question, "What's the most important issue the president should consider in 2013?" In response, C-SPAN received 1,893 video submissions from more than 3,500 students in 44 states and Washington, D.C.

Kye is one of 146 students from across the country to win a prize. There is one grand-prize winner, two first-prize winners, eight second-prize winners, 16 third-prize winners and 48 honorable mentions.

The 75 winning videos may be viewed at [www.c-span.org/ studentcam](http://www.c-span.org/studentcam).

Two win Advanced Placement awards

Rachel Davis, a senior at Southside High School in Fort Smith, and Xin Sun, a senior at Pulaski Academy in Little Rock, are the state winners of the 2012-13 Siemens Awards for Advanced Placement, a program of the Siemens Foundation administered by the College Board.

The Siemens Awards are \$2,000 scholarships to the top male and female student in each state in Advanced Placement science, technology, engineering and mathematics courses.

Davis has taken 11 Advanced Placement courses in her high school career. She is a National Merit Scholarship semifinalist and is planning a career in medicine.

Sun has taken a total of 14 Advanced Placement courses. He is planning to study mathematics and computer science in college with plans for a career as a computer scientist.