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**Zoey Little**, Pam Hill Scholarship



# Asheboro CITY SCHOOLS

2018-19 ISSUE



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# 2018-19 DISTRICT HIGHLIGHTS



**Introducing Dr. Aaron Woody**  
*Dr. Aaron Woody was named superintendent of schools by the Asheboro City Board of Education on July 17. With a robust instructional background, over 20 years in public education, and a heart for service, Dr. Woody took the helm on July 18. Please help us welcome, Dr. Aaron Woody!*

Dear, ACS community,  
I want to start by sharing my sincere gratitude for the kindness, encouragement, and support during this transition. I am both humbled and honored to have been selected to serve on behalf of students and teachers in Asheboro. I believe in the work happening in our schools and I believe in our people.

While our district is steeped in many wonderful traditions, one of the greatest gifts we have is the opportunity to re-examine and evaluate our practices and ourselves. In the coming school year, our team will reinforce these traditions, we will focus on teaching and learning, and we will set greater expectations for excellence.

This year, we are "all in." We are committed to ensuring safe and inviting learning spaces where students may become emotionally healthy and academically proficient. We will continue to support our teachers, students, and families in order to engage, inspire, and empower each other. We will continue our current initiatives, while also creating new innovative commitments for every student, every day.

Thank you,  
Aaron Woody, Ed.D.

**Academic Growth Awards**  
At the November 2018 meeting of the Asheboro City Board of Education, all eight schools were recognized for meeting or exceeding growth standards established by the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction. It was noted Asheboro City Schools was one of only three across the state where all schools achieved this prestigious honor.



**NAMS Celebrates 50 Years**  
Students, families, staff, and community members participated in the 50th year anniversary celebration at North Asheboro Middle School. The school celebrated with a Spirit Week, a memory display, and a special program featuring the NAMS band and chorus. A Sock Hop topped off the celebration!

**Top 10 School District**  
In October 2018, Asheboro City Schools was recognized as a Top Ten School District for achieving one of the highest graduation rates in 2018 across the state of North Carolina. The Class of 2018 had a four-year cohort graduation rate of 92.7 percent, an all-time high in the history of Asheboro City Schools. The distinction was awarded by state superintendent, Mark Johnson, to celebrate school district performance and the progress made over the last 10 years of ensuring more students earn a high school diploma across the state.



**AHS Addition Groundbreaking**  
On Friday, November 2, 2018, a groundbreaking ceremony was held at Asheboro High School to celebrate the official start of a \$21.5 million addition project. Thanks to the generous support from the Randolph County Commissioners, the addition, which is set to open by the end of the 2019-20 school year, will be a state-of-the-art learning facility with new classrooms, a multi-purpose commons area, and expanded room for the school's rich cultural arts programs.



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**AHS Student Writer**  
Inspired by a love of writing, Ariana Tatum, sophomore at Asheboro High School (fall 2018), wrote and published her first novel, titled "World of Secrets." The novel tells the story of Kamber Lucan, a 17-year-old girl living in a young country with dominating government officials and laws who, following a number of events, begins to see her world in a whole new light. Tatum wrote the novel between June and October 2017 and was published by Page Publishing.



**Otero, State Wrestling Champ**  
Asheboro High School's Lindsey Otero secured third place at the first ever North Carolina High School Athletics Association's (NCHSAA) Women State Wrestling Championship in February 2019. Ms. Otero is the first female wrestler state placer in the history of Asheboro High School and Randolph County.



**U.S. Presidential Scholar**  
In May 2019, Asheboro High School senior, Isaac Diaz, was awarded the prestigious United States Presidential Scholar recognition. Of the 3.6 million seniors expected to graduate in May 2019, only 5,200 qualified for the 2019 Presidential award, and just 161 were awarded. The White House Commission on Presidential Scholars selected Diaz based on his academic success, artistic and technical excellence, essays, school evaluations and transcripts, as well as evidence of community service, leadership and demonstrated commitment to high ideals.



**McKee Selected for GSYO**  
North Asheboro Middle School eighth-grade student (fall 2018), Robert McKee, was selected by competitive audition to play the tuba for the Greensboro Symphony Youth Orchestra (GSYO) in the fall of 2018. Mr. McKee was the one and only tubist selected to play for the orchestra.



**SCHOOLS**

- 1 Early Childhood Development Center
- 5 Elementary Schools
- 2 Middle Schools
- 1 High School
- 18.4 Avg. K-5 Class Size

**PERSONNEL**

- 637 Employees
- 361 Teachers
- 100% Qualified Staff
- 40% Advanced Degrees
- 10% National Board Certification

**ACS BY THE Numbers**

**GRADUATE INTENTIONS**

- Community College/Trade School
- Four-year University
- Employment
- Military
- Other

\*Class of 2019



Danielle Hunter from Donna Lee Loflin Elementary School was named the 2019-2020 Asheboro City Schools Teacher of the Year.



Phil Homiller from Asheboro High School was recognized as an Inspirational Leader at the University of North Carolina - Greensboro's inaugural celebration of excellent educators across the state.



Shameeka Wilson was named the Asheboro City Schools 2018-2019 Apple of Excellence Outstanding First-Year Teacher.