

Principal's Message

continues...

Seniors will complete Attendance Waiver requests on May 1st. Ninth, tenth, and eleventh grade students will complete Attendance Waiver requests on May 18th.

A few issues that I want to mention that students and parents need to know: Summer School packets will be available in Student Services beginning May 1st to register for summer school. We will offer APEX classes on the SHS campus. Courses are also offered through the Polaris Program at Etowah East this summer. The dates for summer school are June 11th through June 29th. Upcoming juniors or seniors who are considering Dual Enrollment must see their counselor immediately. The deadline for fall participation has passed (an e-blast was sent to parents with the deadline in March and it was also posted on the SHS website). The deadline for applying for Spring 2018 and Summer 2018 was e-blasted to all parents and it is also posted on the SHS website. Any online course that a student is considering taking this summer must have prior approval. Students must see their counselor for this approval. Any online credit to be considered for promotion to the next grade must be received in Student Services by July 27, 2018.

I hope that everyone had a safe and restful Spring Break and has returned ready for a successful finish for this school year.

Sincerely,
Elliott Berman

President's Volunteer Service Award

Alana Neely, an eleventh grader and Beta Club and National Honor Society member at Sequoyah High School, has been honored for her exemplary volunteer service with a President's Volunteer Service Award. For this distinction, Alana received a President's Volunteer Service Award certificate and a congratulatory letter from the President.



The award, which recognizes Americans of all ages who have volunteered significant amounts of their time to serve their communities and their country, was granted by The Prudential Spirit of Community Awards program. Sequoyah nominated Alana for national honors this fall in recognition of her volunteer service.

Drama Awards Night

By Tori Turk

The 2018 Drama Awards Night will be April 19th at 7:00 pm in the theatre. Awards given will include Best Dramatic Actor/Actress, Best Musical Actor/Actress, Most Energetic, Most Outstanding Thespian, and many more! The officers will present a skit depicting our favorite memories of the 2017-2018 season, as well as Officer's Choice Awards. We will also announce the upcoming officers and watch the always anticipated slideshow that will HOPEFULLY reveal... drumroll please... THE SHOWS FOR NEXT YEAR! Join us and dress your best; wear anything from formal to Sunday attire. If you have not updated your thespian points, do it NOW! This will be a fun night, one that you do not want to miss!



Officer Applications!

By Max Kountz

Do you want to be an Drama Club Officer for the 2018-2019 school year? You can either pick them up now at the meeting or during the day from Mr. Parker. Make sure you have filled them out BEFORE March 27th which is two weeks from today. The officers will be announced on Awards Night, so be sure to come!



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Sequoyah FCCLA Students Earn Honors at State Leadership Conference

Sequoyah High School FCCLA (Family Career and Community Leaders of America) joined over 1,800 middle and high school students in attending the Georgia FCCLA State Leadership Conference in Atlanta Georgia on March 9-11, 2018. Students “Channeled Their Inner Leaders” by attending general sessions, workshops and competing in different Competitive Events.



Pictured above Hannah Becker and Mackenzie Mitchell

Mackenzie Mitchell earned the Statesmen Award. The Statesmen is an individual event recognizing members for their knowledge of Georgia FCCLA. Prior to State Leadership conference, Lauren Deaton and Peyton Whitley placed in FCCLA online proficiency tests. Lauren Deaton earned 1st place in Etiquette and Peyton Whitley earned 2nd place in Fashion Design. Mackenzie, Lauren, and Peyton were all recognized on stage at the FCCLA State Leadership Conference.



These students showcased not only their knowledge, but their leadership skills in FCCLA State Competition.

Pictured to the left Peyton Whitley and Lauren Deaton

Literary Team

For the first time in school history, the Sequoyah High School Literary Team is the 2018 Georgia 6A Literary State Champions. Thirty-one 6A high schools participated in the 2018 Georgia High School Literary Team Competition. On March 8th, the Sequoyah HS Literary Team won the Area Literary Championship and advanced to state completion. On March 17th, Sequoyah HS won the high school 6A Georgia Literary Championship. Sequoyah students placed in every literary event in which they competed, including: Dramatic Interpretation, Extemporaneous Speaking, Boys Quartet, Solo, Girls Trio, and Dramatic Interpretation.

- Boys Quartet – 1st Place: Jace Nichols, Patrick Fagan, Daniel Tye, Aaron Whittle
- International Extemporaneous – 1st Place: Max Frye
- Girls Trio – 2nd Place: Corinne Wallick, Maddie Bends, Kelsey Bryant
- Girls Solo – 2nd Place: Corinne Wallick
- Boys Solo – 3rd Place: Patrick Fagan
- Dramatic Interpretation – 3rd Place: Tori Turk
- Argumentative Essay – 4th Place: Ashley Adams

Creekview’s Literary Team was runner-up, so it was a very good day for Cherokee County!



Alumni Update

- **Ashley Rutkowski** (2013) has accepted a summer position at Texas Shakespeare (Costumes) and then heads down to Orlando to participate in the Disney College program in Costumes. She also had several interviews for graduate schools during SETC.
- **Zack Goulet** (2004) is now a senior writer/producer for OWN (The Oprah Winfrey Network)
- **Siobhan Collins Brumelow** (2002) has recently been promoted to Associate Artistic Director at Elm Street Arts Center in Woodstock.
- **Hayley Harkins** (2013) has a role in Berry College’ Theater Company’s production of The Dining Room, April 12-15 & 19-22.

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Sequoyah Automotive Technology Successful at Skills USA Competition

The Sequoyah Skills team competed March 23rd and March 24th. For the first time in school history, we have a State Champion in the Automotive Service Technology Contest. Spencer Mann competed in the Automotive Service Technology Contest, run by BMW, Subaru, Honda, and Mercedes Benz. There were ten stations. Each station had a scenario at that the student had to perform the following: interpret the directions, show proper procedure, and demonstrate knowledge in each area. These stations were unknown until the time of the contest. There was some TOUGH competition, including the defending state champion from last year. Manufacturers judged each station and Spencer's overall score gave him the title of State champion. Spencer will now represent the state of Georgia June 25-29 in Louisville, Kentucky.

Jacob Allred finished third in Power Service Technology. This is small engine technology, small landscaping engines. Honda and Briggs and Stratton sponsored this and contestants had 10 stations. Jacob had the third best score and still has two more years.

We are so proud of these young men!!



Jacob Allred and Spencer Mann



SHS Student Elected to Serve on the 2018-19 Georgia DECA Executive Officer Team

Hanna Palmer, a junior, will serve as the Vice-president of Hospitality... and is the first Sequoyah High student ever selected to serve at the State level of DECA, the student marketing association. The school's chapter is the 17th largest in the State.

DECA's Executive Officers are elected by the student members to provide leadership for the upcoming academic year. They represent more than 219,000 members and develop a program in support of the organization's strategic plan.

In her role, Hanna will be responsible for: planning, organizing, and implementing a statewide project to increase existing chapters' activities and membership levels and to establish new chapters in schools; creating a statewide membership campaign; and putting into practice the hospitality element of DECA.

She was recognized by the Cherokee County School Board and Superintendent of Schools at the Board's Feb. 15 meeting.

Laws of Life Essay Contest

Rotary International is a service organization which emphasizes education, values, high ethical standards, and service to others. Rotary Clubs across Georgia sponsor the Laws of Life essay contest, a character values and ethical literacy outreach program for high school students which provides the opportunity for students to reflect on the values and principles that mean the most to them. Each year, more than 40,000 Georgia high school students write a Laws of Life essay. Sequoyah students receiving recognition for their essays this year are:

9th Grade Winner no grade winner

- Honorable Mentions: Jessica Owen, Courtney Morris

10th Grade Winner no grade winner

- Honorable Mentions: Rebecca Stewart, Kaitlyn Ayral, Cassie

11th Grade Winner Kaylin Azaroff (Grade-level Winner)

- Honorable Mentions: Tatum Perry, Deina Howell

SW 12th Grade Winner Olivia Rexford (School Winner)

- Honorable Mentions: Loren Alyssa Cagle, Madeline Doevr

Our school winner wrote her essay about Chief Futral. Thanks to everyone who participated! Grade-level winners (requires minimum of 100 essays submitted per grade level) receive \$50. The school winner receives \$100.



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Sequoyah Singers Women

Sequoyah Singers Women, the most advanced choral ensemble at Sequoyah High School, performed at the 2018 American Choral Directors Association Southern Division in Louisville, Kentucky. They were selected to perform through a rigorous audition process from choral groups from eleven states, representing the best of hundreds of choral programs. Students in Sequoyah HS's choral /choir groups are regularly selected for GA All-State Chorus, Reading Chorus, and the Governor's Honors Program in Voice. Many students come into the choral program with no previous choral or vocal training. The Sequoyah Singers Women have received superior ratings at evaluations, festivals, and competitions in Georgia and around the United States.

Josh Markham is the Choral Director at Sequoyah HS in Canton, GA. He holds degrees in Music Education from Shorter College and the University of Georgia. Influential teachers include Martha Shaw, John Ratledge, Bill Caldwell, and Greg Hucks. The Sequoyah Singers Women and Sequoyah Men's Chorus have both been featured at GMEA conventions. In the past four years the Sequoyah Boys Quartet has won back-to-back state championships and two state runner-up finishes at the GHSA State Literary Meet. Mr. Markham has presented interest sessions at both GMEA and ACDA Southern Division. He serves as an AP Reader in Music Theory for The College Board and as a Rater for the Praxis Music Exam for ETS.

Victoria Hunter Wins First Place in The Cherokee County Optimist Club Deaf and Hard of Hearing Oratorical Contest

On Thursday, March 8th, Victoria Hunter, a Sequoyah High School student, delivered an outstanding speech that won her 1st Place in the Cherokee County Deaf and Hard of Hearing Oratorical Contest sponsored by the Optimist Club. Victoria will compete in a District Competition on April 28 in Rome, Georgia, at Berry College where she has the chance to win a \$2,500 college scholarship.



National Spanish Honor Society

Sequoyah High School's very own National Spanish Honor Society started off 2018 with an act of kindness for others in South and Central America. Members of their society sold handmade bracelets for The Pulsera Project to fellow students in the school and other members of the community. Each bracelet was handwoven by South and Central American artists to raise money for their community's education and businesses. National Spanish Honor Society sold the bracelets for a two-and-a-half-week period, sold 298 bracelets, and had an overall profit of \$1,490. All the profit these students raised was sent back to the communities of the artists that made them. On behalf of the National Spanish Honors Society, thank you to everyone that participated in the sales and helped the communities of Spanish-speaking countries!

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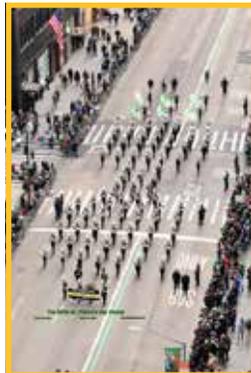
The Sequoyah Bands and Orchestra programs were evaluated at the Large Group Performance Evaluations in March. All groups received superior ratings for performance and sight reading. They are now preparing for their Spring Concert on May 4, 7pm, at First Baptist Church Woodstock.

Four instrumental music students participated in the All State Band and Orchestra event in Athens, Georgia March 1 – 3. All State Band participants were David Haugen and Brittani Gerkin on clarinet, and Jace Rettig on oboe. Lizzie Williams participated in the All State Orchestra on bass.

The Marching Band of Chiefs were honored to participate in the St. Patrick's Day Parade in New York City. 91 band members and 16 adults spent five days in New York. They enjoyed many activities, including Radio City Music Hall, Ellen's Stardust Diner, Madame Tussaud's Wax Museum, the 9/11 Memorial, School of Rock Broadway Musical, a dinner cruise, and walking around the city. The highlight of the trip was walking down 5th Avenue in the parade.

The Sequoyah Winter Guard teams have been participating in local competitions, and are preparing for the SAPA National Championship in Chattanooga at the end of Spring Break.

Thank you for your continued support of the Sequoyah **Instrumental Music Program.**



Regional Technical Fair

Sequoyah had 2 students - Joey Casteel and Tyler Richards place 1st at the regional technology fair on Saturday. First place winners compete at the state technology fair in Macon in March 10.

Joey placed first in Digital Game Design. Tyler placed first in Project Programming. This is Tyler's second trip to state. Last year he placed 2nd in state

Michael Hughes also competed and placed second in Digital Game Design (behind Joey)

Sequoyah students have competed in the fair for the past 3 years and have qualified at least 2 for state each of those years



Sequoyah Wrestlers Finish Eighth in the State

Sequoyah High School Wrestling has once again broken through to state placement after an 11 year drought. The team finished 8th in the state individual placers and coaches include (Left to right) Assistant Coach Chuck Childress, 132 lb 5th Place Bryce Leatherwood, 170lb 5th Place Justin Poole, 106 lb 5th Place Carson Throne , Head Coach Chuck Patterson, 113lb 3rd Place Christian Small, Assistant Coach Zach Jones. What a year, the future is bright.



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Sequoyah High School Speech and Debate Team

2018 National Speech and Debate Tournament: June 17-22

The Sequoyah HS Speech and Debate team is proud to announce three students will progress to the 2018 National Speech and Debate tournament in Fort Lauderdale this June. They will represent the Speech and Debate Northern Georgia District in their event areas.

Rebekah Carnes and Maddie Doerr won 1st place for Duo Interpretation. Rebekah Carnes also won 1st place for Humorous Interpretation, but will be competing in Duo Interpretation with Maddie Doerr at nationals. Noah Campbell won 1st place in Big Questions Debate and will be competing in this category at nationals. Noah Campbell is in the first photo. In the second photo from left to right are Maddie Doerr and Rebekah Carnes.



Varsity Speech and Debate State Championship: March 2nd- 3rd

The Sequoyah HS Speech and Debate team finished its 2018 season competing at state. The team qualified 19 students for the Varsity Speech and Debate State Championship Tournament held March 2nd-3rd at Lassiter High School in Marietta, GA. Sequoyah Debate students included: Caleb Crayton, Nyla Crayton, Andrew Doerr, Patrick McKenzie, Jack Forbes, Jack Scrivner, Natasha Ambriz, Valerie Ambriz, Bailey Eison, Alyssa Kirby, Max Frye, and Elijah Moore competing in Public Forum and Lincoln Douglass debates. Sequoyah Speech students included: Rebekah Carnes (Humorous Interpretation and Duo), Maddie Doerr (Impromptu and Duo), Katie Brown (Program of Oral Interpretation), Ben Lowry (Extemporaneous Speaking), Kaitlyn Pulse (Dramatic Interpretation), Alina Wargacki (Original Oratory), and Scott Benefield (Humorous Interpretation).

Public Forum Debate students Caleb Crayton and Nyla Crayton won 2nd place overall in the state for Public Forum. In addition, Nyla Crayton was recognized as 8th speaker and Caleb Crayton was recognized as 2nd speaker in the state. Speech participant Scott Benefield earned 6th place in Humorous Interpretation. Finally, Rebekah Carnes was the state champion earning 1st place in Humorous Interpretation.

More than 50 students participated on the team this year, competing in tournaments throughout the state and at the national level at Glenbrooks in Chicago, Emory in Atlanta, and Harvard in Boston. Mr. Matt Bartula and Mrs. Katie Maher, Sequoyah High School teachers, are the coaches for the team.



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News from Student Services – April/May Issue 2018

Scholarships: Let Mrs. Fort or Mrs. Intravia in Student Services know by April 14 about scholarships that you are accepting so we can recognize you at our annual Scholarship Reception. We can't recognize you if we don't know about it!

Seniors: You've almost made it!

- Request your final transcript for the college you will be attending. Instructions will be in the senior packet you will receive at the senior meeting on April 20 at 8:30 a.m. in the theatre.
- Enjoy your graduation festivities!

Juniors and Sophomores: How to have a fun yet productive summer

- Make up any deficient credits through summer school or online
- Visit colleges you're thinking of applying to
- Take some practice tests for SAT and ACT through <http://sat.org> (see practice links, i.e. Khan Academy) or through Kaplan at <http://kaptest.com> Sometimes Kaplan offers free practice sessions.
- Participate in a summer program through a college or other venue (apply now for it!) See the Resources section under Student Services on the SHS website.
- Do community service
- Get a part-time job
- Enjoy spending time with your family and friends
- Prepare for next year!

Freshmen: One year down, three to go

- Make up any deficient credits through summer school or online
- Continue or get started with quality extracurricular activities such as community service, a part-time job, sports, church activities, etc.
- Enjoy spending time with your family and friends

Sequoyah High School Students are Teen Leadership Cherokee Graduates

Four Sequoyah High School tenth graders were among the nineteen tenth graders from throughout the county, that graduated from the Cherokee County Chamber Of Commerce's Teen Leadership Cherokee Program on Thursday, March 27, 2018. Teen Leadership Cherokee is a leadership building program sponsored by the Cherokee County Chamber of Commerce for twenty tenth grade students. Eighty to one hundred tenth grade students are recommended by high school principals for the program each year. The tenth-grade students that are recommend go through an interview process with members of the Cherokee County Chamber of Commerce as part of the selection process to identify the twenty students who are selected to participate in Teen Leadership Cherokee. The Sequoyah HS students who are graduates of the Teen Leadership Cherokee Class of 2018 are in the attached photo. From left to right is Katherine Williams, Alyssa Kirby, Taylor Jackson and Emma Gelatt. Alyssa Kirby was also selected by the Class of 2018 to speak at the graduation ceremony.



Young Georgia Author's Fair

Sequoyah High School students are county winners in the **Young Georgia Authors Writing Competition**.

Lauren Pfitzenmayer is the 12th grade county winner and Delena Howell is the eleventh grade county winner. Their works will advance to state competition. They were given Principal patches by Principal Berman in recognition for accomplishments.

A few spots are left!



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Tome Student Literacy Society Win Big at TomeCon

The Sequoyah Chapter of the Tome Literacy Society competed at their annual TomeCon conference at UNG Gainesville on Tuesday, March 13, to great success. The team may be small, but they are knowledgeable and determined and walked away with top medals in the statewide literacy contest. The SHSTome chapter consists of Abby George, Elaine Williams, Lux Jordan-Thunderrock, and Isabelle Torek and is sponsored by Elease Franchini, Media Specialist. They won in 8 out of 17 events and earned Third Place Chapter of the Year due to total points earned.

The TOME Student Literacy Society is a club that meets every other Monday in the media center after school. The mission of Tome Student Literacy Society is to “promote multiple literacies among 4th-12th grade students across the United States through: service; collaboration; competition-based club activities; and clean, entertaining, encouraging literature.” They students read from the required 20 Tome It List books, compete in various literacy competitions throughout the year including reading bowl and complete a service project for the community based on a theme from one of the books. This year SHS made fleece blankets for children in hospitals through Project Linus.

At TomeCon Abby George and Elaine Williams were inducted into the Tome Honor Society – Tau Omicron Mu Epsilon because of the number of competitions entered, hours served in a library, and competitions won in the past. They will be able to wear the medal at graduation. Abby George singlehandedly took on teams of 5-10 students and out buzzed them in Reading Bowl and took second place! Elaine Williams, Lux Jordan-Thunderrock, Abby George, and Isabelle Torek all medaled for first place in Digital Scrapbook as a chapter. Isabelle Torek earned a first place medal for her Graphic Novel entry. She took third in It List Fan Art. Abby George earned first for Techfolio, second in Book Print Video, and second in App Creation. Elaine Williams and Abby George earned third place in Library Video. Congratulations to them all!



Outstanding Student Achievement Award

On Saturday, February 10, 2018, Sequoyah Senior Victoria Turk was awarded the 2018 **Outstanding Student Achievement Award** from the Georgia State Thespian Conference.

Outstanding Student Achievement Award recognize students who exemplify the ideals of the Georgia Thespians. To be eligible, a candidate must be in good standing with the International Thespian Society and an active member of his/her school Thespian Troupe (must be in grades 9-12).

Only two students in the state receive this award each year. Students must be nominated by their teacher. Victoria received a plaque and a \$200 scholarship!

Georgia Thespians is an affiliated branch of the International Thespian Society, chartered in 1927. It is affiliated with the Educational Theater Association, or EdTA.

Victoria, or Tori, is the daughter of Lynn Turk of Woodstock & the late Michael Turk. Tori is the president of the SHS Drama Club, Sequoyah Thespians Troupe #4739. She has been involved in every production at Sequoyah her four years of high school, as well as community theater around the state. This year she was the leader behind the creation of Sequoyah's Improv Group.

Congratulations Tori!



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2017-18 Sequoyah Swims & Dive Team

By Jordan Weems

This year's season was quite a successful one with records broken and championships won. The Sequoyah girls team finished 9th at the 2018 GHSA State Swim & Dive Meet placing higher than any other Cherokee County team. Four seniors on the women's team – Ansley Davis, Kristina Friedrichs, Rachel Renner, and Jordan Weems – have been essential components of this success.

Kristina Friedrichs has been the Cherokee County Invitational Meet Champion in the 50 Free for the past four years and the Champion in the 100 Free for the past three years. She broke the County record during the 2018 season in the 50 Free and 100 Free. Improving on her County Championship times at the GHSA 6 – 7A State Swim & Dive Meet, Kristina won 2nd place in the 50 Free (23.65) in the 6A division and 3rd place overall breaking the Sequoyah High School record for that event (23.65). Kristina also broke the 100 Free record at the same meet with a time of 51.83. Next fall, Kristina will be swimming for the University of Colorado.

Rachel Renner defended her State Championship title at the 2018 GHSA State Swim & Dive Meet. As Rachel is Sequoyah's first diver, she set the record board bar very high with a score of 527.45 at the 2017 GHSA State Meet. Upon graduation, Rachel will start her collegiate diving career with the University of Tennessee.

Jordan Weems also contributed to the point total at the state meet by finishing 7th in the 100 Free (54.47) and 8th in the 100 Back (1:00.51). Jordan currently holds the Sequoyah High School record in the 100 Back with a time of 58.23. Sophomore Emma Gelatt also finished well at the state meet finishing 7th in the 200 Free (1:57.22) and 12th in the 50 Free (25.56).

The 400 Free Relay Team of Emma Gelatt, Ansley Davis, Jordan Weems, and Kristina Friedrichs placed 3rd at the state meet in the 6A division and the same group won the event at the 2018 Cherokee County Invitational Meet.

With these four strong senior girls graduating this year, sophomore Emma Gelatt is poised to take on a leadership role. She will be helped by freshman Grant Davis who will certainly bring excitement to the 2018-19 season. Davis broke two Sequoyah High School records this past year in the 200 Free (1:46.01) and 500 Free (4:56.98).



Let's get this party started! Warming up for the state swim meet.



SHS Girls State Swim & Dive Team members supporting 2x State Diving Champ Rachel Renner



2018 State Diving Champ, Rachel Renner



Kristina Friedrichs – 50 Free – 3rd Place at the State Meet and our County Champ in the 50 & 100 Free K



County Champs – 400 Free Relay

And it's over! Last high school race for these seniors!