William King Surprised with Milken Educator Award

February 12th’s school assembly at BGHS was anything but ordinary when Dr. Jane Foley, Milken Family Foundation Senior Vice President, Milken Educator Awards, announced that William King, freshman principal, was the state’s Milken Educator Award winner. One of education’s most prestigious recognitions, the Award comes with a no-strings-attached cash prize of $25,000.

A self-described educational entrepreneur, William King is focused on student success. In his 12 years as an educator, King has held positions from instructional assistant to social studies teacher, curriculum coordinator, literacy coach and now freshman principal. A 1996 graduate of BGHS and an Eagle Scout, King was driven at a young age to achieve high goals.

As freshman principal, he oversees 9th grade studies, closely monitoring both teacher and student success. A data-driven evaluator, King collects information and shares it with fellow freshman teachers so that they can adapt their teaching practices.

King has helped develop many successful programs including the schools Jump Start, to ease freshman transition. He has worked to create a national day for school administrators known as No Office Day to focus on taking school administrators out of the office and back into classroom. He is the co-organizer of TeachMeet Nashville, TeachMeet Kentucky, and is currently working to start TeachMeets in other states. Plus, his interest in combining technology with teaching led him to implement the Bring Your Own Device program at BGHS where students can use wireless devices, such as smart phones, tablets and notebooks in class.

An innovator with vision and purpose, William King is leading BGHS students and faculty, parents and community into the future.

Bowling Green Independent Schools District Newsletter March 2014

BGISD Recommended for District Accreditation

Bowling Green Independent Schools hosted an AdvancED Quality Assurance Review Team February 24-26, that visited the district and schools to evaluate adherence to the AdvancED accreditation standards and to make a recommendation for national accreditation. Accreditation is a voluntary method of evaluation that involves both an internal and external review of the school district as a whole, including programs, culture and community.

The team was led by Dr. Julia Williams, a professor of education at the University of Minnesota Duluth. Dr. Williams presented the team’s report at a Special Board of Education meeting on February 26. In her comments she stated, “The very rigorous process of accreditation involves taking a hard look in the mirror with the lights on, and also allows visitors to take a look, too, and provide analysis and feedback.”

“What we saw was a remarkable district,” Dr. Williams told members of the Bowling Green Board of Education and guests present. “We have an incredible respect and appreciation for what you do.”

The team noted the following items of Powerful Practice related to the work in Bowling Green Schools:
• Bowling Green Independent Schools provides an exceptionally wide array of personnel to support the vision and mission throughout the system.
• Bowling Green Public Schools ensure excellence through careful monitoring and review of systematic processes for assuring strong alignment between the values of the district and those of potential employees, as well as providing structured support to mentor, develop and retain quality staff.
• Dedicated district and school leadership at all levels, deliberately with great intentionality, foster a culture consistent with the system’s purpose, direction, and administrative practices.
• Leadership engages stakeholders effectively in support of the system’s purpose and direction.
• Bowling Green Independent School District does outstanding work, and puts forth quality efforts to maintain facilities, maintenance, and organizational support.

In addition, the team noted one item of required action:
• Address technology by creating, implementing, and regularly evaluating the technology plan so that it incorporates a systematic refresh process, long-term sustained professional development for technology integration as well as a return on investment (ROI) evaluation. Incorporate benchmarks for implementation steps as a part of the technology planning process to give assurances that the system and its schools have a modern, fully functional technology environment.

Bowling Green Independent Schools will be developing plans to respond to and address the required action in the area of technology and will report to AdvancED its progress in addressing the team’s suggestions.

Overall, the team found that BGISD met the requirements for AdvancED Accreditation. The recommendation will be reviewed and acted upon by the national AdvancED Accreditation Commission with the official Accreditation Status to be granted at one of the twice yearly meetings, with the next in June.

Schools In-Session Thursday & Friday

To date, Bowling Green Schools have missed five days of school, with four days remaining to be made up. Therefore, Thursday and Friday, March 13th and 14th, will be used to make up two of the four days. These days were designated as makeup days in the 2013-14 calendar, approved in December 2012. The other two makeup days will be announced in the coming weeks.
KCTE Teachers of the Year

Congratulations to teachers Michelle McCloughan and Lauren Coffey, recently recognized as Teachers of the Year by the Kentucky Council of Teachers of English. Michelle McCloughan was named Elementary Teacher of the Year at the 2014 KCTE Conference. She is a fourth and fifth grade writing and literature teacher at T. C. Cherry Elementary and serves as Elementary Co-Director for WKU’s Writing Project. Lauren Coffey was awarded the Middle School Teacher of the Year Award at the 2014 KCTE Conference. She teaches 7th grade English at Bowling Green Junior High.

Four Purples Selected for Gatton Academy

Four BGHS sophomores have been selected to attend the Gatton Academy of Mathematics and Science. Juan Atehortua, Alex Gelderman, Whitney Heard, and Priyanka Sheth will spend their junior and senior years of high school living and taking coursework on campus of Western Kentucky University.

MathCounts Advance to State

The BGJHS MathCounts team competed in the regional tournament at WKU on Feb. 15th. The team consisting of Nupur Chhachhi, Max Conte, Ryan Dent, and Ronit Patel placed 2nd overall and will advance to the state competition on March 22nd in Louisville.

Individually, James Whitaker placed 3rd overall and will advance to the state competition. He also won a $500 scholarship for four years to WKU.

Max Conte, Liheng Cao, and Ryan Dent placed in the top 10 overall individually, Liheng Cao won 1st place in the countdown round at the competition and Ryan Dent came in 3rd in the countdown round.

BGHS Students Earn Recognition for National German Exam

Congratulations to the following students who recently competed with over 20,000 students in taking the National German Examination: Louis Buckley, Peyton Burt, Jae-Auna Hill and Hannah Rossi all received an achievement award.

Earning a bronze award were Jack Atkerson and Ashelya Robinson.

The following students achieved a silver award: Elissa Booras, April Draper, Chloe Games, Ryan Hughes, Claire May, Nathen Robinson, Jenna Ross, and James Swett.

Andrew Jones, Craig Redden, Terra Ross and Kalei Valery all received top honors. These gold award recipients out-performed 90% of test-takers nationwide.

Craig, Terra and Kalei are now eligible to compete with German students across the state for the grand prize, a study trip to Germany in July, 2014.

Forensics Team Competes in KESDA

Seven members of the BGJHS Forensics Team competed at the Kentucky Educational Speech and Drama Association’s State Tournament, held in Lexington March 6 - 8. All seven students were recognized for top 12 placements. Three won individual medals.

Chapel Tinius- Semi-Finalist in Declamation, Duo Acting, Impromptu Speaking, and Poetry

Cole Vaughan- 1st in Prose, 3rd in Interpretation of Literature, Semi-Finalist in Duet Acting

Darby Tassell- Semi-Finalist in Public Speaking

Khatelin White- 5th in Impromptu Speaking, Top Novice in Solo Acting

Leah Tabor- Semi-Finalist in Duo Acting

Ruthie Kesri- Semi-Finalist in Public Speaking, Top Novice in Impromptu Speaking

Truman Tinius- 2nd in Interpretation of Literature and Semi Finalist in Duet Acting

The team placed second overall in the small teams division (for teams with 20 or fewer entries).

Quad State Band at MSU

The following students participated in the Quad-State Senior High Band Festival February 20-22, at Murray State University: Holly Looper, Sara Rastoder, Andre Green, Jocelyn Buster, Amanda Salata, Gabby Hak, Sonora Schuck, Kate Hahn-Madole, Reed Crocker, Aidan Steiner, Andrew Sanford, and Jahem Perez.

Orchestra Students Earn Distinguished Ratings

Thirty students from BGHS and BGJHS participated in the KMEA 3rd District Solo & Ensemble Festival at WKU. All earned distinguished ratings:

Bowling Green High School

Lici Kanan & Rachel Wulff - Cello Duet

Abby Potter - Cello Solo

Bowling Green Junior High

8th Grade Orchestra - Ensemble (Chapel Tinius, Satera Bradley, Payton Clark, Chloe Kelley, ToNia Beavers, Thora Jackson, Abby Wells, Diane Appiasie, Emmi VanTrease, Jasmine Varner, Rebecca Miller, Maxwell Conte, Caleb Dotson, Thomas Smith)

Chapel Tinius - Violin Solo

Maxwell Conte - Cello Solo

Leah Hughes - Violin Solo

Grace Drexel - Viola Solo

Four ensembles of 6th graders also received distinguished ratings:

Gabby Hak, Ashley Ranger, and Amber Rasdall- Trio

Jasmine DuFord, Dalton Major, Caitlin Williams and Ronit Patel- Quartet

John Wulff, Kevin Eastman, Grace Drexel, Conner Twyman, and Leah Hughes- Quintet

Rachel Redden, Faith Hedges, Grace Drexel, and John Wulff- Quartet
Bowling Green City Schools Results from Academic Teams

Bowling Green High School

District Governor’s Cup 2nd Place
Quick Recall - 1st Place
Written Assessment - Mathematics: Pryanka Sheth - 1st Place; Sneha Chhachhi - 2nd Place
Written Assessment - Science: Ben Guthrie - 1st Place; Sneha Chhachhi - 3rd Place
Written Assessment - Social Studies: Ben Guthrie - 1st Place; Jessica Klusty - 3rd Place
Written Assessment - Language Arts: Pryanka Sheth - 3rd Place; Sonora Schuck - 5th Place
Written Assessment - Arts & Humanities: Jessica Klusty - 3rd Place

Regional Governor’s Cup 2nd Place
Quick Recall 2nd Place
Written Assessment - Mathematics - Sneha Chhachhi - 2nd Place; Priyanka Sheth - 3rd Place
Written Assessment - Science - Ben Guthrie - 1st place; Sneha Chhachhi - 2nd place
Written Assessment - Social Studies - Ben Guthrie - 2nd Place
Written Assessment - Language Arts - Priyanka Sheth - 5th Place
Written Assessment - Arts & Humanities - Jessica Klusty - 5th Place

Bowling Green Junior High

District Governor’s Cup Champions
Quick Recall: 2nd Place
Written Assessment - Mathematics - Maxwell Conte- 1st Place; Liheng Cao- 3rd Place; Ryan Dent- 4th Place
Written Assessment - Science - Nupur Chhachhi - 1st Place; Maunil Mullick- 3rd Place; Liheng Cao- 4th Place
Written Assessment - Social Studies - Nupur Chhachhi - 1st Place
Written Assessment - Language Arts - Benjamin Carter - 4th Place
Written Assessment - Arts & Humanities - Maxwell Conte- 3rd Place; Benjamin Carter - 3rd Place; Jessica Elson - 4th Place
Written Composition - Jessica Elson - 2nd Place; Sarah Hahn-Madole - 4th Place

Regional Governor’s Cup 2nd Place
Quick Recall: 3rd Place
Written Assessment - Mathematics - Maxwell Conte- 3rd Place; Liheng Cao - 4th Place
Written Assessment - Science - Nupur Chhachhi - 1st Place
Written Assessment - Social Studies - Nupur Chhachhi - 1st Place
Written Assessment - Language Arts - Benjamin Carter - 4th Place
Written Assessment - Arts & Humanities - Maxwell Conte- 3rd Place
Written Composition - Jessica Elson - 2nd Place; Sarah Hahn-Madole - 4th Place

The following students qualified to compete at the state level Governor’s Cup Competition in Louisville: Nupur Chhachhi, Benjamin Carter, Maxwell Conte, and Liheng Cao.

W. R. McNeill Elementary

Governor’s Cup Champions (50.5 Points)
Future Problem Solving 1st Place
Quick Recall 2nd Place
Written Assessment - Mathematics - Samuel Chang- 1st Place; Jason Zhang- 2nd Place; Tucker Strow- 5th Place
Written Assessment - Science - Abby Adams-Smith- 3rd Place (Tie); Drew Lawless- 3rd Place (Tie)
Written Assessment - Social Studies - Patrick Laufenburg- 1st Place; Drew Lawless- 3rd Place
Written Assessment - Language Arts - Sachl Barnaby- 1st Place
Written Assessment - Arts & Humanities - Megan Jones- 3rd Place; Abby Adams-Smith- 4th Place
Written Composition - Emma Hines- 3rd Place; Elizabeth Marsh- 4th Place

Potter Gray Elementary

Governor’s Cup 2nd Place (49.5 Points)
Future Problem Solving 2nd Place
Quick Recall 1st Place
Written Assessment - Mathematics - Eric Eastman- 4th Place
Written Assessment - Science - Maya Lebedinsky- 2nd Place
Written Assessment - Social Studies - Eric Eastman- 2nd Place; Miles Buchanan- 4th Place
Written Assessment - Language Arts - Ravynn Gardner- 2nd Place; Anna Neal- 3rd Place
Written Assessment - Arts & Humanities - Lexie Paszklewicz- 1st Place; Jacy Macy- 2nd Place
Written Composition - Anna Neal- 1st Place (Tie); Maddie Woodrum- 1st Place (Tie)

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GO PURPLES! Winter Sports Update:

BGHS Girls Basketball: District Champions, Regional Runner-Up, Season record: 22-6
BGHS Boys Basketball: District Champions, Regional Champions.
  • The BGHS Purples will play Knott County Central in the Whitaker Bank/KHSAA Boys’ Sweet Sixteen at
    on March 24 at Rupp Arena in Lexington.
BGHS Cheerleading: 4th Place UCA Nationals at Orlando, Florida
The BGHS Swimming Team won 9th consecutive Region 1 Title, Girls & Boys Combined
  • Mac Slattery was state runner-up in 100 Butterfly
  • Goodman Johnson was state runner-up in girls diving
  • Paige Fields won the National Guard KHSAA State Championship Best & Brightest Award

The following BGHS senior athletes have committed to continue their sports at the collegiate level:
  • Nacarius Fant will play football at Western Kentucky University;
  • Sarah Emily Woodward will run cross country at Austin Peay State University;
  • Lauren Wheeler will run cross country and track at the University of Memphis;
  • Ciara Scott will run cross country and track at Eastern Kentucky University;
  • Goodman Johnson will dive for the Western Kentucky University swim team;
  • Mac Slattery will swim at Western Kentucky University;
  • Seaton Shelton will commit to play baseball at Lincoln Trail College on Friday, March 14.

BGJHS 7th Grade Girls Basketball: SKMSAC Runner-Up
BGJHS 7th Grade Boys Basketball: SKMSAC Champions
BGJHS 8th Grade Boys Basketball: SKMSAC Champions

Upcoming Events:
March 14
End of Third Quarter

March 18
BGHS Juniors take ACT

March 20
6:30 p.m. BGHS International Coffee House

March 21-23
BGJHS Spring Musical: Bye, Bye Birdie

March 24 - 28
Preschool & Kindergarten Pre-Registration at all elementary schools

March 24
5:00 p.m. Parent Forum for Students Moving from Parker-Bennett-Curry to Dishman-McGinnis

March 25
6:00 p.m. BGHS Spring Band Concert

March 27
5:00 - 7:00 p.m. - BGHS College & Career Fair

March 31 - April 4
Spring Break

April 7
5:00 p.m. Parent Forum for Students Moving from Parker-Bennett-Curry to Dishman-McGinnis

Kindergarten & Preschool
PRE-REGISTRATION
March 24 - 28
Parents and guardians who plan to enroll their child/children in one of the Bowling Green City Elementary Schools for kindergarten or preschool may pick up an enrollment packet during the week of March 24 - 28, 2014. Kindergarten students must be five years old by October 1 to enroll.

BGJHS Presents:
March 21 & 22 at 7:00 p.m.
March 23 at 2:00 p.m.
BGJHS Auditorium
Tickets sold at the door.
$7.00 Adults; $4.00 students