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### Fayette-Ware Decathlon Makes History

Barbara Blackburn defines rigor as “creating an environment in which each student is expected to learn at high levels, and each is supported so he or she can learn at a high level, and each student demonstrates learning at a high level.” Fayette County Public Schools is working hard to create a learning environment where rigor is the expectation in each school and each classroom. Evidence of rigor can be found in our 2017-2018 state champion Academic Pentathlon team that continues to perform at a high level nationally in 2018-2019. Did you know about the academic success of Fayette-Ware’s Academic Decathlon team?

Academic Decathlon was founded in Tennessee at Haywood High School by principal Gordon Perry and teachers Glynn Bridgewater and George Norvell in the mid-1980s. For the past 20 years, the state competition has been dominated by teams from Jackson-Madison County and Haywood County. Last year, Fayette-Ware fielded its first high school Academic Decathlon team since the early 1990s and placed 7th in the state competition.

Under the leadership of Chancellor Dr. Diane Watkins and Decathlon coach Bryan Banks, more time, energy, and resources were given to this new program...and their efforts have paid off. I am proud to announce that our Wildcat Academic Decathlon team improved its state score by more than 7000 points and improved its state ranking from 7th to 2nd, qualifying for the national competition in the greater Minneapolis/St. Paul area. Fayette-Ware will be the first high school outside of Madison County to compete at Nationals since the late 1990s.

What is amazing about team members Terrence Lurry, Tucker Self, Zoe Crutcher, Kaitlynn Rice, Kelvin Finnie, Jack Cole, Gemya Hale, Abdulkarim Saleh, and Javier Celi is that all but one of these students are freshman and sophomores. I am equally proud of alternates Krystina Boyd, Asia Earle, Lauren Peppers, Kolbi Mason, Talia Scott, Kevin Austin, and Perry Ingram.

These students, along with our successful Pentathlon teams, truly have demonstrated “learning at a high level.” This is just another reason why more and more parents are choosing Fayette County Public Schools.



## Junior Rotarians Serving in April and May

During the school year, the Rotary Club of Somerville honors students who attend the club's weekly meetings to learn about the Rotary program and how it helps both the local and



international communities. The Junior Rotarians for the months of April and May are Zacchaeus Harvey and Haleigh McClellan.

Zacchaeus is the son of Myron and Toni Harvey. A senior at Fayette-Ware High School, he is active in many clubs, such as the English Club, the National Honor Society, the Interact Club, and the 21+ Club. Zacchaeus is also involved within the schools, volunteering during elementary field days and end-of-the-year festivals, at Beyond the Bell, and donating to Hope House. An excellent student, Mr. Harvey has taken all honors classes as well as dual enrollment math and English through UT Martin. Maintaining 3.7 GPA, Zacchaeus aspires to attend Bryan College upon graduation and major in business management and accounting.

Haleigh is also a senior at Fayette-Ware and is the daughter of Christopher and Stephanie McClellan. She attends Faith Free Will Baptist Church where she volunteers to help with events. Active in both the Beta and the English Clubs, Haleigh attends all honors classes at Fayette-Ware High School where she regularly maintains honor roll. Ms. McClellan has a GPA of 3.85 and plans to attend the University of Knoxville where she will study biology.

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## TNReady/EOC Testing

*Audience: All*

Fayette County Public Schools will be participating in TNReady/EOC testing April 10 - May 3 in grades 2 - 11. Students taking English I, English II, Algebra I, Algebra II, Geometry and Biology will test online beginning April 10. Students in grades 3 - 8 will begin testing April 15. English/Language Arts, Math and Social Studies tests will be administered via paper and pencil. Science is a field test and will be administered online for grades 5-8. Students in grade 2 will test in ELA and Math beginning April 22. Students are encouraged to arrive at school on time each day, bring #2 lead pencils and do their best.



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## Teacher Tuesdays Cancelled

*Audience: All*

The Teacher Tuesdays originally scheduled for April 9th and May 23rd will now be full days of school for students. Please make a note of this on your calendar.



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## Epic Career Fairs Expose Students to Choices

From elementary to the high school, students were exposed to multiple career options during their school Career Fair. Various businesses and career professionals were represented at the elementary level while college and postsecondary options were included at middle and high. Students were amazed at the variety of choices represented. What will they choose to be?



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## Tennessee Educator Survey Update

*Audience: Chiefs, Certificated Staff*

The Tennessee Educator Survey will close on April 19, 2019. [If you have not completed the survey, please click here.](#) Take a look at completion percentages by school as of 3/31/19:



Buckley-Carpenter Elementary: 90%  
LaGrange-Moscow Elementary: 64%  
Oakland Elementary: 95%  
Southwest Elementary: 82%  
East Junior High: 96%  
West Junior High: 90%  
Fayette-Ware High School: 82%

Will your school end with a 100% completion rate?

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## Lead On!

In order to keep our school district in the forefront, several school board members attended the National School Boards Association's Annual Conference and Exposition. Gaining fresh knowledge and the most up-to-date information will keep our board informed and allow our schools to continue moving forward in a positive direction so people will CHOOSE US!



**FW** FAYETTE-WARE  
**WILDCATS**  
STUDENT ATHLETE SPOTLIGHT

**KAYLIE MOODY**

**Class:** Sophomore      **Academics:** Honors English II,  
**Sports:** Soccer & Track      Honors Algebra 2, & Honors  
**Clubs:** Beta Club      Biology I  
**Church:** Saint Philip

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## HR Information

*Audience: All Staff*

If you are planning to retire or resign in 2019, please notify your supervisor immediately to obtain and complete a separation notice agreement. The separation notice can also be found on the FCPS website [here](#). It is extremely important for the district to be aware of the resignation or retirement as soon as possible. Thank you so much, and if you have any questions please contact [kathy.redditt@fcsk12.net](mailto:kathy.redditt@fcsk12.net).

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## 2019-20 Transfers

*Audience: All Staff*

If you would like to request a transfer to another location for the 2019-2020 school year, please click the attached link to submit your request. If you DO NOT wish to transfer, then you DO NOT have to take any action. If you have any questions, please contact Kathy Redditt ([kathy.redditt@fcsk12.net](mailto:kathy.redditt@fcsk12.net)) at CAB at 901-465-5260. [Please click this link to submit your transfer request.](#)



## Families CHOOSE US from the Start

Making the first school experience count is important to families and their children, and these families decided to CHOOSE US! Pre-K Family Engagement Nights were held on both ends of the district, at Oakland Elementary and Buckley-Carpenter Elementary, for upcoming and current pre-k children and their families. This year's luau-themed event featured games and activities, community resources and giveaways for families, snacks, and registration information. For more information on pre-k, call 465-5260. Make the right choice for your family and CHOOSE US!



## FCPS Named Heart Safe School District

During National Public Health Week, Fayette County Public Schools is pleased to announce that we have joined a community effort to place Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs) in all Fayette County Public Schools to make our schools safe for students, visitors, and employees. The most crucial components for saving a life in the event of a sudden cardiac arrest are the presence of someone who can perform CPR, access to an automated external defibrillator (AED), and established plans for how to respond to medical emergencies in schools. Well-implemented sudden cardiac arrest preparedness programs ensure the best chance of survival. We have been named a Tennessee Heart Safe School District by Project ADAM because we have established a cardiac emergency response program in all Fayette County Public Schools to help prevent the tragedy of sudden cardiac death.



STUDENT SCHOLAR  
**SPOTLIGHT**



## TERRENCE LURRY

**Class:** Sophomore

**GPA:** 4.0

**Clubs:** National Honor Society,  
Beta Club, & National Technical  
Honor Society, & ACT 21+ Club

**Academics:** Honors English II,  
Honors Algebra II, & Honors Biology I

**Honors/Awards:** Superintendent's  
List & ACT - 29

**Extracurricular:** Academic Decathlon

**FW** FAYETTE-WARE COMPREHENSIVE HIGH SCHOOL

## Wildcat Softball Gets First Win of the Season

Lady Wildcats traveled across the county to Rossville Christian for a non-district match up. Fayette Ware was down 2-0 in the first inning but Assistant Coach Billy Raymond encouraged the girls not to give up! After that, Wildcats started getting run after run. Lady Wildcats get first win of the season 17-4 over Rossville.



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## Wildcat Soccer Opens District Play With Win on the Road

On Tuesday, April 2nd, Fayette-Ware boys' soccer traveled to Ripley for the first district match of the season. Coach Duke changed the lineup slightly and the boys were playing well but despite numerous chances, they could not find the back of the net. It wasn't until the 30 minute mark that on a keeper error, junior Bobby Graves chased down the loose ball in the box, crossed it across the front of the goal where senior Hunter Morris shoots and scores. Then with less than 2 minutes in the half, senior Darwin Hernandez places a perfect shot in the far top corner from about 22 feet out. Wildcats lead 2-0 at the half! Senior Drew Duke added a PK and then junior Eli James added a goal to finish the game. Wildcats defeated Ripley 4-0 and were able to rotate the whole bench into the game! Fayette Ware is now 4-0-2 on the season!



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## Wildcat Soccer Plays Back to Back Nights and Only Gets One Win

Fayette-Ware Wildcats hosted Central Baptist on Wildcat Hill on Thursday, March 28th. Coach Duke was content with the play of his boys even though he said, "We can do better, it's just gonna take a little more time." Wildcats defeated Central 6-2. Scoring for FW were senior Drew Duke with 2, senior Hunter Morris 1, junior Bobby Graves 1, junior Timmyus Hill 1 and freshman Eric Garcia-Hernandez with 1. The following night, Friday, March 29th, Fayette traveled to Riverside High in Decatur County. This time the Wildcats were in a fight and the score went back and forth. Coach Duke stated, "In this game, we beat ourselves. Every time we took the lead, we let off the gas and Riverside would tie it back up." With 1 minute left in the game, Fayette let Riverside score to tie it 4-4. Scoring for the Wildcats were Drew Duke 1, Hunter Morris 2, and senior Darwin Hernandez with 1.

