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Manual students among nation's top Greek scholars

Kudos to **Cynthia Shiroma**, Latin Club sponsor at duPont Manual High. Shiroma led five Manual students in July to the National Junior Classical League Convention in San Antonio, Texas. The students were among 1,600 Latin students from 48 states. Shiroma's sophomore student was honored with a first-place award on the Greek 3 exam, and two students were honored with a second-place award for their scrapbook. The student who won first place also was honored with a first-place national award last year for her performance on the Greek 2 exam.

Kudos to employees at Chenoweth Elementary. The school was one of ten schools recognized for outstanding teaching and learning conditions. Chenoweth's teaching and school leadership practices will be shared as a model of the state's best practices. The selection was based upon the school's 2015 Teaching, Empowering, Leading and Learning (TELL) Kentucky Survey results, school safety, and student achievement scores. The survey was administered among all of Kentucky's public school teachers and principals in March, and the winners were selected after a three-phase evaluation process. Chenoweth received a certificate and a 4-foot by 6-foot banner.



Kudos to **Rhonda Jacobs**, English/language arts teacher, and **Jeremy Anderson**, goal clarity coach, at Myers Middle at Waggener High. At the beginning of the school year, Anderson spearheaded a One Book–One School initiative where all students at Myers read *A Long Walk to Water* in their advisory groups. *A Long Walk to Water* is based on the true story of the lives of two young people in Sudan during the Second Sudanese Civil War. After the students read the book, Jacobs arranged for Abraham Aluel and Solomon John from Norton Healthcare to come speak to the students about their experiences. Both Aluel and John survived the war and are 2 of the 125 Lost Boys of Sudan who now live in Louisville. John reminded students that "No matter the difficult life you've been through, you can still find something to do and make your life mean something." Students at Myers were excited to connect their reading to real life and they asked meaningful and heartfelt questions after the men's presentation. News organizations from WHAS11, WLKY, and WAVE3 covered the event. To view the



Above, members of the Moore Traditional school Air Force JROTC present the colors at the UofL and Samford football game on Sat., Sept. 26.

Kudos to retired **Maj. Alexander D. Curtis**, United States Air Force, and to retired Master SGT. **Tyrone Williams**. The two coordinate the Air Force Junior Reserve Officers Training Corps (AFJROTC) at Moore Traditional School. It is the district's only AFJROTC. Four cadets from Moore's Flyin' Mustangs served as the Color Guard Team that presented the flag during the playing of the National Anthem and "My Old Kentucky Home" before the kickoff of the Sat., Sept. 26, football game between University of Louisville (UofL) and Samford.



Above, seventh-grade students at Academy @ Shawnee celebrate their Maker of Merit Award at the Louisville Mini Maker Faire.

Kudos to **Eric Bookstrom**, science teacher at Academy @ Shawnee. Bookstrom's seventh graders built a model of an animal cell that is approximately 20 billion times larger than an actual cell. The idea was to make a model that people could walk into and then give them a guided tour, explaining what each part is and what it does to help keep the cell alive. Students learned from making the model and demonstrated their mastery of the standard or learning target by giving the tours. The school was invited to participate in Louisville's Mini Maker Faire on Sat., Sept. 19, and students shared the model with the community. Several students volunteered to spend their Saturday helping to set up and maintain the cell. The students were honored with a Maker of Merit Award.

Kudos to **Carrie Mateja**, librarian at St. Matthews Elementary. Mateja was honored as leading one of four Kentucky schools to victory in the KYReads Summer Reading Contest. St. Matthews will receive a free one-year subscription to an online resource provided by companies that partner with MetaMetrics. Kentucky students were challenged to submit their Pledge to Read for the summer on the [Find a Book, Kentucky website](#) between May and August. Participants pledged to read 33,991 books during the summer, and Kentucky was number one in the nation in summer reading pledges.

for the third year. In addition to St. Matthews Elementary being a winner, Farnsley Middle ranked in the top ten of the state's competition.

Educators at Shacklette Elementary are finding success and enthusiasm with the school's Positive Behavioral Interventions & Supports (PBIS) practices. A series of videos are being used to teach and promote PBIS practices at Shacklette. To read an article about the effort, [click here](#). To view videos that the school uses, [click here](#). For more information about PBIS, send an email to Lauren Dowell at lauren.dowell@jefferson.kyschools.us.

Kudos to **Stephen Tyra**, retired principal at Bowen Elementary. Tyra was honored with the Service Award for School Administrators at the Kentucky Association of School Librarian Conference Luncheon on Sat., Sept. 19. The award recognizes and honors the administrators who have made worthy contributions to the operation of effective school library media services and to stimulate planning, implementing, and support of the library services in the school.

Kudos to the Academy @ Shawnee, which has partnered with the National Air & Space Education Institute. This new relationship means that the Academy @ Shawnee has expanded its aerospace offerings to include aeronautics technology, aerospace manufacturing technology, aerospace engineering, and unmanned aerial systems technology. These programs, added to the school's existing Project Lead The Way (PLTW) pre-engineering program and its Part 141 Flight School, make Academy @ Shawnee truly unique in middle and high school aerospace education. The Air & Space Academy is America's leading provider of aeronautic and aerospace-based educational programs for students in high school. Shawnee students will have abilities to earn a private pilot's license, gain access to flight simulators, enjoy courses that are hands-on and project-based, earn college credits, have access to the school's Aerospace Maker Space Lab, and gain technical and mentoring support from aerospace professionals. For more information about the new agreement and opportunities, send an email to Will Vander Meer at william.vandermeer@jefferson.kyschools.us.

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