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School News

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South Charlotte

The Intermezzo Awards, a new scholarship foundation serving students in the Charlotte area, has named 15-year-old BriAnn Browders the winner of the charity's first essay competition.

The Intermezzo Awards rewarded BriAnn, a student at the dance school Order My Steps, with two tickets to MOMIX, a modern dance performance event that will take place at the Charlotte's Blumenthal Performing Arts Center in February.

Countryside Montessori School will host open houses at all three of its campuses in the University Area 2-4 p.m. on Feb. 27.

Parents can tour classrooms, meet teachers and administrators and learn about the benefits of Montessori education at all levels. Details: 704-549-4253.

West Mecklenburg High School student Jasmine Kirby is one of three students in the state chosen to attend the 2011 Disney's Dreamers Academy with Steve Harvey and Essence Magazine.

The program is designed to inspire youths to dream big and motivate them to get started on their career paths. Since transferring to West Mecklenburg, Jasmine's grades have improved dramatically. She is active in the Tobacco Reality Unfiltered Club, Health Occupational Students of America, the Key Club and cheerleading, and she also serves as student council treasurer. Jasmine hopes to attend college to study forensic science and open her own private investigative agency.

Trinity Episcopal School will open its doors to rising kindergarten through eighth-grade students (ages 5-14) for its annual Wildcat Summer Camp program from June 27 to July 29.

The school will offer full-day camp options over one-week periods on its First Ward campus.

The full-day program includes five weeks (parents may register their children for one week or all five) and involves activities and field trips related to weekly themes. Breakfast and snacks are included in the total cost each week. For camp fees, descriptions and more, visit www.tescharlotte.org or call 704-358-8101, ext. 246.

Central Piedmont Community College's Global Issues forum, together with the World Affairs Council of Charlotte, will host Fredrik Stanton on the college's Central Campus.

Stanton will discuss his latest book, "Great Negotiations: Agreements that Changed the Modern World," and the eight key episodes from history that best demonstrate modern diplomacy. The event will take place 11 a.m.-12:45 p.m. on Feb. 24, with a book signing following the presentation. The event is free and open to the public, but an RSVP is required. Details: 704-330-6595; nadine.russell@cpcc.edu.

Covenant Day high school students and faculty will visit the Haitian town of Jeremie from Feb. 19-26 to work with the town's orphanage, school and medical clinic.

School students and faculty have visited Haiti the past four years. The team plans to set up a computer lab to be used by the school, providing computer and Internet training to the teachers as well. The team also will implement a program to provide regular vision care for the orphans.

Davidson Elementary student Alexis Solorzano recently won the top award and a cash prize of \$250 in the 6-and-younger age category from ArtStamps, a fundraising company that turns student artwork into U.S. postage stamps.

These stamps are then sold by students to raise funds. Details: www.artstamps.com/fundraising.

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The Stench Bots, Poplin Elementary's robotics team, placed second out of 69 teams in the research category of a statewide competition in Greensboro on Jan. 29.

The team, in its first year, worked to design and build a robot. They also used a computer program that allowed their robots to complete specific tasks. The robots, built from Legos, are part of the First Lego League organization. The Stench Bots will compete against other Union County Public School robotics' teams at the March 19 competition at Weddington Middle School.

About 105 eighth-graders from Sun Valley Middle got a firsthand look at the inner workings of the federal government thanks to a visit from Congresswoman Sue Myrick (Republican, 9th Congressional District) on Feb. 7.

Students gathered in the school's media center to listen to Myrick discuss her role in Washington and address some current issues students were curious about.

Marvin Ridge High School invites qualified rising juniors from Union County high schools to apply to the school's international baccalaureate program.

Admission is highly competitive and based on specific criteria stated in the application. Applications can be downloaded at the school's website. Details: ann.yochem@ucps.k12.nc.us.

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