



Greetings, Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools Families!

As we begin a new month, we continue to celebrate the outstanding accomplishments of our students and staff.

Original artwork by five Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools students earned medals in the Scholastic Art Mid-Carolina Region competition. These artists have been selected by Adams Outdoor Advertising to showcase their pieces on billboards around Charlotte in March and April. Their artwork also will be on display at the Mint Museum Uptown with other Scholastic Art and Writing medalists from our region, which includes 27 counties in North and South Carolina. Congratulations to:

- Ninarika Bist, Ardrey Kell High School (Selena Tell, teacher)
- Hex Rivas, Mallard Creek High School (Viloki Patel, teacher)
- Haden Turnage, Myers Park High School (Lisa Holder, teacher)
- Giovanni Wilches, Northwest School of the Arts (Bryan Wilson, teacher)
- Alexis Young, East Mecklenburg High School (Tinashe Vincent, teacher)

Students in the hospitality pathway at West Mecklenburg High School recently completed a comprehensive internship program with the Ritz Carlton, Marriott and Westin hotels. The students logged in more than 1,800 hours of experience and learning, giving them firsthand insight into the hospitality industry. Thank you to the Ritz Carlton and Marriott for providing this wonderful opportunity for our students.

To stay up to date on all of the great things happening in our schools, please visit the [Excellence Without Exception](#) section of our district website. There, you can read about all the work happening in our district in support of our pillars of excellence – academic, people, operational and engagement.

Applications for Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools [Pre-K programs](#) are now being accepted for the 2025-26 school year. Give your child a bright beginning that leads to endless possibilities for the future.

It's budget season, and we are offering families and the community opportunities to learn about our operating budget and process. Mark your calendars to attend one of the following sessions:

- March 5 – 6 to 7:30 p.m. at Irwin Academic Center (*Media Center*)
- March 6 – 11 a.m. – Virtual Session (*Join at: bit.ly/CMSBudgetMarch6*)
- April 2 – 6 to 7:30 p.m. at J.M. Alexander Middle School (*Media Center*)

Last month, we celebrated National School Counseling Week. School counselors are essential to helping our students thrive academically, socially, and emotionally. They also help students enroll in the most rigorous courses, ensuring that they graduate enrolled, enlisted or employed. Congratulations to our School Counselors of the Year:

- Laura Mena, Winding Springs Elementary School
- Christina Brown, Mint Hill Middle School
- Alison Graves, William Amos Hough High School

The Charlotte-Mecklenburg Board of Education will meet for its regularly scheduled meetings this month on March 11 and March 25. The meetings begin at 6 p.m. at the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Government Center, 600 E. 4th Street. School construction project update sessions are planned for Billingsville Montessori on March 13 and Marie G. Davis on March 27. Visit our district website at www.cmsk12.org for times and locations. As a reminder, March 31 is a teacher workday/student holiday.

Thank you for your continued commitment and dedication to the children, families, and staff of Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools. We are grateful for your support and honored to educate your children.

In service and partnership,

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