

# Good News...

Several Collegiate students placed in the annual Scholastic Arts competition. This is a regional juried competition and includes students in grades 7-12 from Henrico, Hanover, Chesterfield, Powhatan and Richmond schools and most of the independent schools in the area. Gold Key winners' work is sent to New York for the national competition.

Included among our winners this year are two 8th Graders, **Caitlin Crisp** and **Chase Lansing**, and 7th Grader **Emily Jones**. They all received Honorable Mentions, Caitlin and Chase for linoleum prints, and Emily for a pastel drawing. "I am so proud of them – Middle Schoolers rarely get regional recognition like this," says **Melanie Gorsline**, Middle School art teacher.

The following are Collegiate's winners:  
Gold Key: **Matt Cunningham** (9), **Melina Bezirdjian** (11), **Taylor Reed** (11)  
Silver Key: **Jonathan Belkowitz** (12), **Anne Forrest Hyslop** (10)

Honorable Mention: **Chase Lansing** (8), **Caitlin Crisp** (8), **Emily Jones** (7), **Chris DeCamps** (12), **Kirby Baltzegar** (10), **Linda Hume** (10), **Matt Wimbish** (11), **Glen Baker** (11), **Lauren Massey** (11), **Jason Cosby** (12), **Lee Hallberg** (12), **Danielle LeClair** (8)



*Patsy Hallett (left) and Beth Tracy coordinated the Lower School visit of composer Jason Freeman in January.*

Thanks to a generous contribution from a Collegiate grandparent, Lower School students have recently had the enriching experience of working with a composer, an opportunity coordinated by music teachers **Patsy Hallett** and **Beth Tracy**.

During the fall, students learned about composition and composers of different styles and periods. In December they were asked to vote on their favorite composition from a group of six young contemporary composers. These composers were graduate students, budding composers who have already won contests in this area. One composer, **Jason Freeman**, was selected, based on his piece "In-In-The." He was notified and arrangements were made for him to visit the school in late January.

On Jan. 25-26, Mr. Freeman worked with the Lower School students, telling of the creative process involved in writing music and sharing his life story as he realized his interest in composing. All students had an opportunity to "assist" him by providing their own ideas and suggestions for a new piece of music. This piece will be written specifically for the Lower School performance groups (4th Grade chorus, string ensemble, 4th Grade band) and will be premiered May 17 at the Spring Concert.

During Mr. Freeman's first visit, the students were exhilarated, not only by their participation and involvement, but by their

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ownership; they understood that they would forever be linked to this composition. The invaluable lessons learned by meeting such an artist will follow through in other areas as well, since the creative process is so important in all aspects of a student's education.

Mr. Freeman has now returned to New York City, where he is a doctoral candidate at Columbia University. He will return to our campus in May to help with the presentation of his work.



4th Grader **Brittany Flippo** and her sister, 1st Grader **Emily**, are both performing in the biennial Ashland Variety Show, a production the likes of which should be seen by anyone who is interested in taking the family for a night of good old-fashioned fun. The Flippo girls are participating with their parents in several musical numbers. The show will be held in Randolph-Macon College's Blackwell Auditorium on March 15-17.



6th Grader **Teddy Armstrong** was the winner of the Middle School spelling bee, and 8th Grader **Catherine Anderson** was the runner-up. Teddy won by spelling the word "vindicate." In the Independent School Bee on Feb. 20 at the Montessori School, he came in fourth out of 20.



Senior **Ashley Miller** was chosen by the Interfaith Council of Greater Richmond to be Collegiate's honoree for the council's Annual Brotherhood/Sisterhood Awards Program held Feb. 8 at Fifth Baptist Church. As one of 45 students honored – one from each area high school, Ashley was recognized for her efforts to improve human relations and inter-group understanding among her peers. Ashley is co-chair of the Collegiate Community Council, an Upper School organization which coordinates volunteer opportunities for students interested in community service.



On Feb. 6, Upper School English teachers **Roger Hailes**, **Mil Norman-Risch** and **Joanne Pratt** took the junior class to the National Gallery of Art in Washington, DC for a day of viewing and studying British and European art. The required junior English