

## **Rich Township Headliners & Newsmakers** ***Raising the Bar***

March 18, 2010



- ✚ **Congratulations** are in order to **Rich Central Senior, Janae Smith**, who made 2<sup>nd</sup> Team on The Sun-Times All-State Girls' Basketball Team. Click [here](#) to see the entire list. Smith also received an Honorable Mention on the list of Class 3A and 4A All-State Girls' Basketball Teams, as voted by a statewide panel of sports writers and broadcasters. Click [here](#) for the entire list.
  
- ✚ A special thanks to **Rich East's Bob Abrams** for his diligence in securing a \$830,000 technology grant that will allow each **Rich East** student to have a laptop next year!
  
- ✚ **Congratulations** to Mrs. Stacy Neat and the **Rich South High School Color Guard Team** who brought in **1<sup>st</sup> place honors** in Dance, Majorettes, Flag and Solo during regional competition in Lake Station, Indiana. The State competition will be held on March 20. Rich South Stars and winners are:
  - *Dance Team*: Diamond Powell, Antoniece Gray, Lamonica Thompson
  - *Majorettes*: Ashley Walker, Tiffany Morton, Cassandra Thurman
  - *Flags*: Ebony Hampton, Aleyia Jennings
  - *Solo Competition*: Ashley Walker (Baton)  
Tiffany Morton (Military March)
  
- ✚ **A round of applause** to **Rich East** student artist, **Katheryn Caldwell** who won *Best of Show* for Rich East during the 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Regional High School Art Exhibit held at South Suburban College. **Rich South Art Students** who had their art work on display were: Demetrius Carter, Delante Cooper, Asia Dye, Jaymar Hardesty, Joycelyn McCall, Antonio Melbourne, Cassandra Redding, Amethyst Rogers, Edward Sampson, Denise Snow, Oluwafunto Sode, Janee Spruille, Antwon Thomas, Dominique Tolbert, and Tatyanna Watson.
  
- ✚ **Registration for Summer School 2010** is now open. For further information regarding fees, course offerings, deadline dates, transportation, [click here](#).
  
- ✚ **Graduation is Near!** If you are a District 227 employee with a graduating son or daughter, and would like to personally hand your senior his/her diploma during the graduation ceremony, please contact:
  - Tracy Lett-Hill @ Rich South, [tlettill@rich227.org](mailto:tlettill@rich227.org)
  - Debra Witt @ Rich Central, [dwitt@rich227.org](mailto:dwitt@rich227.org)
  - Nancy Pawluk @ Rich South, [npawluk@rich227.org](mailto:npawluk@rich227.org)

- ✚ The **Rich South Drama Club** will present *Ordinary People* at 7:30pm in the Rich South Auditorium on Thursday, March 18<sup>th</sup> and Friday March, 19<sup>th</sup>. For more information, please contact Jack Mayer at [jmayer@rich227.org](mailto:jmayer@rich227.org).
  
- ✚ **Attention 2010 Retirees:** If you haven't returned your retirement questionnaires, along with a headshot photo, please forward them to Cynthia Pizzimenti by Friday, March 19. Responses and photos are needed for inclusion in the program booklet. The Retirement Celebration will be held on **Friday, April 30 at the Odyssey in Tinley Park**. An updated list of retirees is as follows:
  - Viola Baecher – Rich Central Social Worker
  - Sharon Creamean – Rich East Art
  - Ray DeLaRosa – Rich Central Custodian
  - Gregory Fash – Rich Central Applied Technology
  - Praseela Feltenstein – Rich South Special Ed
  - Nicolette Gabrysiak – Rich Central FCS
  - Deborah Hardwick – Rich South Voc Ed/Business
  - William Hayes – Rich Central Foreign Language
  - Gloria Holman – Rich East Art
  - Howard Hunigan – Superintendent
  - Linda Kaminski – Rich Central Foodservice Manager
  - Margaret Knight – Rich East Math
  - Joan LeBeau – Rich East Business
  - David Levin – Rich Central Media Center
  - Celeste Nelson - District Administrator
  - James Rutledge – Rich East Instructional Assistant
  - Cynthia Stelzer – Rich East Physical Education
  - Arlene Touretz – Rich Central Career Resource
  - Mark Zaban – Rich East Math
  
- ✚ **Congratulations to Rich Central student, Simisola Alalad, is an Illinois State Scholar.** Alalade is ranked #2 in her class, has a GPA of 4.43 and scored a 29 on the ACT exam.
  
- ✚ **Rich East's** Family and Consumer Sciences Department will offer a "Play-School" for children between the ages of 3-5 from March 2 through May 14, from 12:45 pm – 3:00 pm. The cost is FREE! For more information, please contact Ms. Wilks at [awilks@rich227.org](mailto:awilks@rich227.org).
  
- ✚ **The following students** represented District 227 at The Black Creativity Career Bowl competition at the Museum of Science and Industry on February 19: Tangie Smith (Rich South), Tionna Harris (Rich South), Steve Burnette (Rich Central) and Jean-Luc Clark (Rich East). The students earned \$300 for their participation.
  
- ✚ **Congratulations** to the **Rich South Boys' Varsity Basketball** team and **Coach Scot Ritter** on winning a share of the SAC championship -- only the second in school history, as well as breaking the Rich South record for the most wins in one season at 22-4!
  
- ✚ Advisor of the **Rich Central Business Professionals of America (BPA)**, **Cori Irvin**, helped to lead her students to victory during the 2010 BPA State Leadership Conference March 4-6 in Oak Brook. **Evette Rudolph** won 1st place in *Prepared Speech* and **Kevin Teague** took 3rd place in *Advanced Office Systems & Procedures*. Based on their

performance, both Evette and Kevin qualify to attend the 2010 Business Professionals of America (BPA) National Leadership Conference, which will be held May 5-9 in Anaheim, CA. Other competitors in the state conference included: **Leah Chatmon, Shondell Coleman, Brittany Davis, Alexess Jones, Lisa Kwarteng, Fuschia Miller & Dorrian Neeley**. Alexess Jones placed 5th in *Prepared Speech* and Shondell Coleman was awarded the \$250 *Quam Gbajabiamila Memorial Scholarship*. Rich Central also won two Special Recognition Awards for involvement in the Special Olympics and Member Recruitment.

- ✚ For his **BPA accomplishments, Kevin Teague**, a Richton Park resident, will receive a proclamation from President Rick Reinbold of the Village of Richton Park during their Village Board Meeting on **Monday, March 22** at 7:30pm in the Richton Park Village Hall.
- ✚ **Rich East** will host **Saturday morning classes** on March 19th. Classes include cooking, math, reading, wellness, fitness, and computers. The FREE Classes will be offered from 8am to 11pm and are offered to all members of the Rich East community.
- ✚ The following **Rich South** students have qualified for **State BPA** including Krystal Bailey, Darren Burks, Taylor Doyal, Shanita Hall, Dennis Royster, Shaniqua Taylor and Whitney Taylor.
- ✚ A special thanks to **Rich Central Media Center Director, David Levin**, who helped facilitate a grant for Rich Township High Schools from the *Illinois State Library's School District Library Grant Program*, designed to supplement a district's school library program budget. This year, the winning amount will be \$3039.50 which will continue to pay for the very popular *SIRS Researcher*, an online information database that provides magazine and newspaper articles for student assignments.
- ✚ **The following Rich South** basketball players have been named to the All-Conference team: Darryl Hervy, Macari Brooks, Pierre Brooks, Tyrone Allen, Donavan Willis (Honorable Mention).
- ✚ The next **Board of Education** meeting will be **Thursday, April 1<sup>st</sup> in the Rich East Media Center.** For a full schedule of upcoming meetings, [click here](#).



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