

**"THE BEST WAY  
TO PREDICT  
THE FUTURE IS  
TO CREATE IT."**

*- Abraham Lincoln*



Dear Friends of Red Clay,

Thank you for your generous support of Red Clay schools this past year. We accomplished a great deal in 2014-15 and I am thrilled to share our successes in this Annual Report. Some highlights include:

- Seeing the results of our strategic focus on college and career readiness as we cut the dropout rate in half, and increased the high school graduation rate from 78 percent to 90 percent in just four years.
- Making significant performance gains at three high-need schools to exit state support programs and help students and teachers thrive in their classrooms.
- Delivering on our promises from the 2012 Capital Referendum—such as the grand reopening of the Cab Calloway School of the Arts theater—and watching the community turn out once again to support students in the 2015 Operating Referendum.

As we reflect on achievements like these, we also look to the future with stories of inspiring Red Clay alumni featured throughout this report. From a Division I Student Athlete to a second-year medical student to an aspiring TV writer, each of the graduates took a different path to success, with each serving as a reminder of all that is possible with a Red Clay education.

*Mervin B. Daugherty*

Mervin B. Daugherty, Ed.D.  
Superintendent





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*our*  
**PURPOSE**

**MOTTO**

Preparing Today for Tomorrow

**MISSION**

Providing the environment, resources and commitment necessary to ensure that every student succeeds

**VISION**

Red Clay will be recognized as a leader in increasing achievement and improving outcomes for all students

**STRATEGIC GOALS**

- >> Highly Effective Educators
- >> Early Literacy
- >> Closing the Achievement Gap
- >> College and Career Readiness
- >> Parent and Community Engagement

**CORE VALUES**

- >> High Expectations for All
- >> Continuous Improvement
- >> Meaningful Collaboration
- >> Rich Diversity





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Secondary schools reached new heights in 2014-15 with students exceeding targets for college and career readiness across Red Clay. The district's dropout rate hit a low of 2 percent, almost half of what it was three years ago, while the high school graduation rate climbed from 78 percent to 90 percent.

Schools saw more students taking advanced coursework. In the first year of a districtwide dual enrollment program—a partnership with the University of Delaware and Delaware Technical & Community College—students paid a nominal fee to take college courses while still in high school. More than 170 students enrolled in nine rigorous classes throughout the district, taking advantage of the opportunity to earn college credits before they graduate high school.

The numbers of students in AP classes also rose in 2014-15 with 1,525 students in 106 courses (up from 1,324 students in 100 courses in 2013-14).

To help students succeed in such advanced courses, Red Clay offered the AVID study skills class to students taking AP or dual enrollment classes for the first time. “The higher-level classes not only help students get a head start in their college career, which is an obvious benefit, but students also benefit from being involved in a class that offers college-level content by developing skills that they will take with them to college,” said Sam Golder, Director of Secondary Schools.

SAT scores climbed in 2014-15 as well. Red Clay increased the percentage of students earning a score of 1550 or higher from 39 percent in 2012 to 43 percent in 2014. The percentage of students earning a 1550 in the state was at 19 percent in 2014.

Red Clay showed further improvement through career readiness programs with an estimated 6,500 middle and high school students enrolled in Career and Technical Education classes and 28 career pathways in place across the district.





# *krittika* MADADI

*Second-Year Medical Student, St. George's University*  
CONRAD SCHOOLS OF SCIENCE, CLASS OF 2011



TO MS. BLANCO,  
I SAY THANK YOU  
FOR SPENDING ALL  
THOSE HOURS AFTER  
SCHOOL WITH ME AND  
SEEING SOMETHING  
SPECIAL IN ME. YOU  
MADE ME A BETTER  
STUDENT IN SO MANY  
WAYS.

#### WHEN I KNEW I WANTED TO BE A DOCTOR:

My favorite subject was always math because my mom was a math teacher, but I liked the challenge of science. In 4th grade we had an assignment where we had to draw a picture of what we want to be when we grow up, and I drew a doctor. My mom still has the picture to this day!

#### WHAT I LOVE MOST ABOUT WORKING IN GERIATRIC MEDICINE:

I love the science behind it, the mystery of it, the challenge, but more than anything it's the people. Ever since high school when I started volunteering for Hospice, I've always loved talking to older patients and hearing their stories.

#### THE ONE TEACHER I WILL NEVER FORGET:

Debbie Blanco, who believed in me so much that she nominated me for the Edward Malin Scholarship.





### *Business Leaders Play Principal for a Day*

“Great positive energy” were the words Delaware Technical and Community College President Mark Brainard used to describe the Thomas McKean HS community during his visit to the school on October 10. Acting as **Principal for a Day**, Brainard listened to students present the morning announcements, visited the Highlander Cafe for a cup of coffee and breakfast and followed Principal Brian Mattix into classrooms and a staff meeting.

The Principal for a Day program was first introduced in 1993 to foster working relationships between business leaders and educators. Created by the Delaware State Chamber of Commerce, it provides opportunities for business leaders to experience the challenges and rewards of running a school and preparing students to become part of the future workforce.

Altogether, 24 Red Clay schools participated in the Principal of a Day program throughout the month with visits from the following Robert Andrzejewski; Deborah Bagatta-Bowles, YMCA; Rob Belfiore, EDiS Company; Bob Bird, Home Instead Senior Care; Mark Brainard, Delaware Technical and Community College; Kevin Broadhurst, Comcast; Dee Cairo, Excel Business Systems; John Fleming, Small Business Administration Delaware; Michael Freda, EDiS Company, Tony Furr, Delaware 87ers; Martha Gilman, Gilman Development Company; Anne Hogan, Girl Scouts; Rita Hollingsworth, Bank of America; Ralph Kuebler, The Partnership, Inc.; Denny Nealon, Barclaycard US; Michael Schwartz, Legal Shield; Fred Sears, Delaware Community Foundation; Mark Stellini, Assurance Media; Cheryl Strootman, Costco; Robert Turner, Arthur J. Turner Scholarship Foundation; Peggy Vavalla, DuPont; R. Thomas Wagner, Jr., State Auditor; Enid Wallace-Simms, Delmarva Power; Rod Ward, CSC; Katie Wilkinson, Fulton Bank; and Kimberly Williams, State Representative.



### *Stuffing the Bus for Students in Need*

In August, the Wilmington Blue Rocks and RE/MAX Associates partnered to **Stuff the Bus** with school supplies for Red Clay students. With a school bus parked in front of Frawley Stadium for the team's doubleheader against the Salem Red Sox, fans were encouraged to donate school supplies and literally stuff the bus with as many supplies as possible. “This partnership is one that we are really excited about,” said Brian Radle, Blue Rocks Director of Advertising Sales. “While back-to-school shopping is in full swing, we can all take this opportunity to help local students in need, be able to catch one more Blue Rocks game, and have a lot of fun in the process!”

Once the bus was stuffed, Blue Rocks mascot Rocky Bluewinkle joined RE/MAX agents to deliver the supplies to students. “Red Clay is very appreciative of the opportunity to partner with the Blue Rocks and RE/MAX Associates on behalf of our students,” said Superintendent Mervin Daugherty. “This event will help to ensure that all students have the necessary materials for a successful start to the new school year.”

### *Delaware Day Kick-Off at North Star Elementary School*

Jeffrey W. Bullock, Secretary of State, was on hand to make the announcement and officially kick off the **2014 Delaware Day Competition** at North Star ES. Open to all 4th-grade classes in the state, the contest has seen more than 9,000 students enter to compete.

“The Delaware Day competition is the hallmark of the 4th-grade experience,” said North Star ES Principal Jenine Thomas.

Three Red Clay schools earned awards in the competition. From William C. Lewis Dual Language ES, students in Layla Cordwell and Gena Cawthray’s classes won the George Read Signer Award and the Artistic Merit Award. Margo Miller, teacher at North Star ES, helped her students tie for the Gunning Bedford, Jr. Signer Award. Richardson Park ES students in James Bencrowsky, Teresa Coates, Sara Corcoran and Courtney Kalbach’s classes won the Artistic Merit Award.



honors for

# EDUCATORS

26 TEACHERS WERE RECOGNIZED FOR THEIR WORK WITH THE DELAWARE TEACHERS' INSTITUTE. RED CLAY HAD THE HIGHEST NUMBER OF EDUCATORS PARTICIPATING IN THE PROGRAM, WHICH PRODUCED OVER 55 CURRICULUM UNITS IN 2014-15.

BRANDYWINE SPRINGS SCHOOL

SONIA SAUNDERS

THE CENTRAL SCHOOL  
MARGARET WATSON

CONRAD SCHOOLS OF SCIENCE

KAREN BROWN  
KATELYN CHIOLAN  
MONICA CORRIGAN  
JANET DEAN  
MICHELLE HILBECK  
ASHLEY MILLER  
MICHELLE NORTHSHIELD  
ALICIA OLEKSY  
BARBARA PRILLAMAN  
MELISSA TRACY

HENRY B. DU PONT MS  
TERRI EROS  
MATTHEW ROBINSON

HIGHLANDS ES  
NICOLE DIROCCO  
ALEXANDRA FEELY  
KATHLEEN GORMLEY  
ELLEN MULSHNOCK

MOTE ES  
STELLA EVANS

NORTH STAR ES  
KRISTIN BECKER

RICHARDSON PARK  
LEARNING CENTER  
MICHELLE FINEGAN

RICHEY ES  
ELLEN SHACKELFORD

SKYLINE MS  
APRIL HIGGINS

THOMAS MCKEAN HS  
KATHLEEN FAGAN  
STEPHANIE MATSON  
TRAVIS WHARTON

MEGAN FIORAVANTI, RN, NCSN, WAS NAMED THE 2015 DELAWARE SCHOOL NURSE OF THE YEAR. WITH 18 YEARS OF EXPERIENCE IN RED CLAY, FIORAVANTI WORKED AT ALEXIS I. DU PONT HS BEFORE TRANSITIONING TO THE MEADOWOOD PROGRAM IN 2014-15. AN ADVOCATE FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH INTELLECTUAL AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES, SHE IS THE DSNA LIAISON FOR THE DIAA SPORTS MEDICINE ADVISORY COMMITTEE, A JOHNSON & JOHNSON SCHOOL HEALTH LEADERSHIP FELLOW, A RECIPIENT OF THE CARON INSTITUTE'S MEDICAL PROFESSIONALS AWARD, A NOMINEE OF THE WHITE HOUSE CHAMPIONS OF CHANGE FOR PUBLIC HEALTH AND PREVENTION AND A 2013 RECIPIENT OF THE CHRISTIANA CARE HEALTH SYSTEM NURSING EXCELLENCE AWARD.

STEPHANIE ARMSTRONG, PRINCIPAL OF BRANDYWINE SPRINGS SCHOOL, RECEIVED LOVE2EDUCATE'S 2015 CELEBRATING WOMEN IN EDUCATION AWARD.

SUPERINTENDENT MERVIN DAUGHERTY RECEIVED THE 2014 NATIONAL EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP AWARD AT THE ANNUAL JOBS FOR AMERICA'S GRADUATES CEREMONY.

TEACHERS DENISE WATSON (HENRY B. DU PONT MS) AND TIFFANY WYRE (THOMAS MCKEAN HS) WERE ALSO HONORED WITH JOBS FOR DELAWARE GRADUATES AWARDS IN 2014-15.

TEACHERS SUSAN EVELAND (BALTZ ES), CHRISTINE KENNEDY (DELAWARE COLLEGE PREPARATORY ACADEMY), MELISSA TRACY (CONRAD SCHOOLS OF SCIENCE) AND STACIE

ZDROJEWSKI (RICHEY ES) WERE PICKED FOR THE 2014-15 COMMON-CORE FOCUSED DELAWARE DREAM TEAM.

THE DELAWARE ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY PRESENTED VICTOR LEONARD, SCIENCE TEACHER AT ALEXIS I. DU PONT HS, WITH THE 2015 LUTHER PORTER EDUCATOR AWARD.

EDUCATORS KRISTINE MURPHY (CAB CALLOWAY SCHOOL OF THE ARTS) AND JOHN KULESZA (CONRAD SCHOOLS OF SCIENCE) WERE NAMED THE 2015 SMARTDRIVE CO-TEACHERS OF THE YEAR.

WARNER ES KINDERGARTEN TEACHER OMEKA MUMFORD WAS SURPRISED WITH AN EXTREME CLASSROOM MAKEOVER IN THE EDTV SPECIAL, CLASS ACT. "OMEKA IS ONE OF THE MOST DEDICATED TEACHERS

I HAVE EVER SEEN," SAID COLLEAGUE VALERIE HALL, WHO JOINED FRIENDS, FAMILY AND COMMUNITY MEMBERS IN TRANSFORMING THE SPACE JUST IN TIME FOR THE NEW SCHOOL YEAR.

MIKE PAGE, SCIENCE TEACHER AT ALEXIS I. DU PONT HS, WAS AWARDED A \$25,000 GRANT FROM LOWES HOME IMPROVEMENT FOR RENOVATIONS TO THE SCHOOL'S NATURE CONSERVATORY.

TAYLOR DOMENICI (HERITAGE ES) WAS NAMED THE 2015 DELAWARE HISTORY TEACHER OF THE YEAR BY THE GILDER LEHRMAN INSTITUTE OF AMERICAN HISTORY.

SONIA SAUNDERS (BRANDYWINE SPRINGS SCHOOL) RECEIVED THE 2014-15 DISTINGUISHED TEACHER AWARD FROM THE

DELAWARE GEOGRAPHIC ALLIANCE AND THE NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR GEOGRAPHIC EDUCATORS.

THE DELAWARE ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGISTS NAMED GABRIELLE KOURY (CAB CALLOWAY SCHOOL OF THE ARTS) THE 2015 DELAWARE SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGIST OF THE YEAR.

MARK PRUITT (CONRAD SCHOOLS OF SCIENCE) WAS SELECTED AS DELAWARE'S 2014-15 SECONDARY PRINCIPAL OF THE YEAR.

THE MIDDLE STATES COUNCIL FOR SOCIAL STUDIES PRESENTED KAREN COOPER (NORTH STAR ES) WITH THE 2015 COLLINS-SKINNER AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING ELEMENTARY SOCIAL STUDIES TEACHING. CURRICULUM SUPERVISOR REBECCA REED RECEIVED THE

HARRY J. CARMAN AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING SOCIAL STUDIES ACHIEVEMENT.

MATH TEACHERS KATHLEEN GORMLEY (HIGHLANDS ES) AND MICHAEL REITEMEYER (JOHN DICKINSON HS) WERE STATE FINALISTS FOR THE 2015 PRESIDENTIAL AWARDS FOR EXCELLENCE IN MATHEMATICS AND SCIENCE TEACHING.



# heather MIKLES

*Film and Media Arts Major, Chapman University*  
CAB CALLOWAY SCHOOL OF THE ARTS, CLASS OF 2015



I WILL ALWAYS  
REMEMBER MR. MIKI  
FOR TAKING THE TIME  
TO SHOW HOW MUCH  
HE CARED. HE WENT  
ABOVE AND BEYOND  
TO SUPPORT ME AND  
MY AMBITIONS 100  
PERCENT.

#### MY DREAM JOB IS:

To be a showrunner, which is the person responsible for the day-to-day operations of a television series. Showrunners wear so many different hats, from preproduction to working with the network to being on set with the actors. They get to be involved in every single aspect of the show.

#### THE BEST THING ABOUT MY TIME AT CAB WAS:

The people. The entire faculty was so nurturing and caring and they always pushed me to achieve my best. I know I would not be the person I am today without every single person I met through that school.

#### BIG SCREEN OR SMALL SCREEN?

I have always been interested in television because you really get to know your characters and go into much more depth with them over four or five seasons compared to just 90 minutes of a movie. And with shows like Breaking Bad and Game of Thrones, we're reaching a golden age in television where it's being regarded as a high art just like film.





# going GREENER

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IT HAS BEEN A FANTASTIC EXPERIENCE WATCHING TEACHERS EMPOWER STUDENTS TO TAKE OWNERSHIP OF OUR GREEN INITIATIVES," SAID LINDEN HILL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL NATHAN PALKOVITZ.

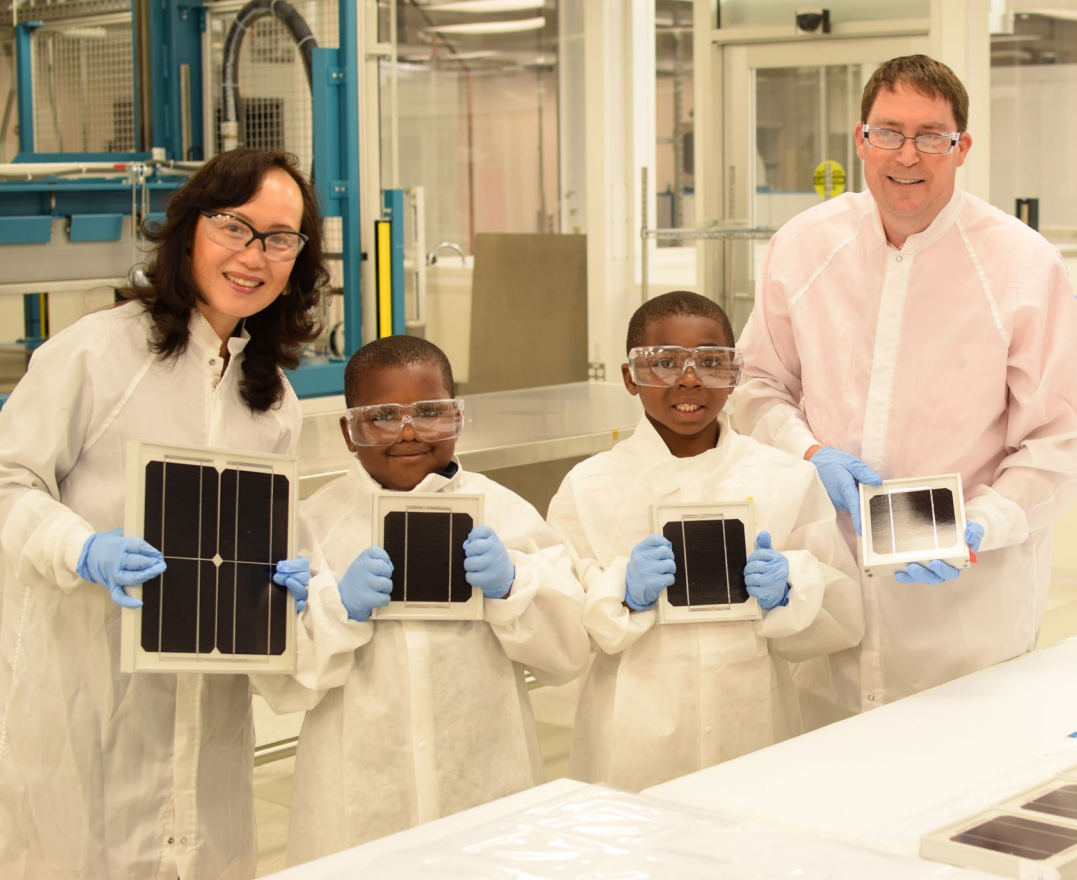
Red Clay earned three Top Ten finishes in the **2015 Energy Star Battle of the Buildings** competition. High schools ranked 6th nationally with an energy use reduction of 11.1 percent, elementary schools placed 7th with a reduction of 10.6 percent and middle schools finished 9th with a 9.9 percent reduction. Red Clay schools beat the competition by reducing energy use through innovative ideas and hard work. Nationally, the entire class of competitors saved over \$50 million in utility bills.

Red Clay facilities supervisor Keith Redman, teacher Sharon Burkett and volunteer Gloria Cooke were awarded a **\$56,000 recycling grant** from the Delaware Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control and the Recycling Public Advisory Council. With funds from the School District Universal Recycling Grant and Low Interest Loan Program, Red Clay purchased recycling bins for classrooms and recycling training materials for students and staff.

Linden Hill Elementary School was one of only three schools in the state to receive the **U.S. Department of Education's 2015 Green Ribbon Schools Award** for reducing environmental impact and costs, improving health and offering environmental education. Using the three pillar model of environmental responsibility and wellness, Linden Hill students and staff have worked hard to protect and preserve their environment and learn life lessons about how to be responsible citizens. Applauding their achievements, U.S. Senator Tom Carper said, "I am proud that three Delaware schools were honored with the Green Ribbon Schools Award for their efforts to reduce the schools' environmental impact while teaching students about environmental stewardship. The steps they have taken can be modeled by other schools not only in Delaware but around the nation."







### *A Vision to Learn*

A California-based company provided free eye exams and free glasses to elementary school students in low-income communities throughout the fall. **Vision to Learn** founder Austin Beutner joined Governor Jack Markell, U.S. Senator Chris Coons and Elena Delle Donne, a Delaware native and WNBA Rookie of the Year for the Chicago Sky, at Shortlidge Academy to distribute glasses to 35 students.

The Vision to Learn van continued on to Baltz ES, Marbrook ES, Mote ES, Richardson Park ES, Richey ES and William C. Lewis Dual Language ES where students were tested and given free glasses if needed. For many students it was their first pair but for some it was a chance to get a stronger prescription or replace a broken pair. "It's like looking through a magnifying glass!" said one student.

### *Family Author Night A Big Success*

In February, Red Clay kicked off I Love to Read Month with seven distinguished authors on hand for **Family Author Night** at Brandywine Springs School. Children's book authors Peter Catalanotto, Carmen Agra Deedy, Shelley Gill, Kelly Starling Lyons, Jerry Pallotta, Antonio Sacre and Donna Washington participated in a panel in which they discussed the importance of reading before sharing their own stories about what motivated them to become writers. They also presented snippets of their work to an enthusiastic crowd of several hundred.

After the presentation, panel members stayed to sign books for children who were eagerly awaiting the chance to meet some of their favorite authors. The night was a huge success, with many students asking about next year's event.

### *Healthier, Hunger-Free Schools*

The 2014-15 school year brought a new federally funded meal program to 19 Red Clay schools. Through the USDA's Community Eligibility Provision program, students attending Alexis I. du Pont HS, Alexis I. du Pont MS, Baltz ES, The Central School, Forest Oak ES, Henry B. du Pont MS, Highlands ES, John Dickinson HS, Marbrook ES, The Meadowood Program, Mote ES, Richardson Park ES, Richardson Park Learning Center, Richey ES, Shortlidge Academy, Stanton MS, Thomas McKean HS, Warner ES and William C. Lewis Dual Language ES were able to eat school breakfast and lunch at no cost to the student or the district.

As part of the **Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010**, the program offers a number of benefits including reduced administrative costs in preparing, distributing and processing annual free and reduced meal applications; streamlined meal service; no school meal debt; no overt identification of student eligibility; and alternative meal options such as Breakfast in the Classroom and Grab & Go.

### *Celebrating Hispanic Heritage*

William C. Lewis Dual Language ES went all out to celebrate **National Hispanic Heritage Month**. Members of the school's planning committee organized a series of informative and engaging events to provide rich learning opportunities while homeroom teachers helped students research information about Spanish-speaking countries. Classes learned about Hispanic culture through dance and song and Hispanic art projects decorated the hallways throughout the school.

The week culminated with a grand parade with students wearing traditional costumes, waving small flags they made in class, and singing traditional songs they learned from their music teacher.

Families gathered to see their children perform at the Cool Springs Reservoir and parents catered a Hispanic food tasting event where students sampled dishes from different cultures. Students also danced to Latin music courtesy of a gracious Lewis parent.







# *cj* JONES

*Division I Student Athlete & Graduate of Boston College*

ALEXIS I. DU PONT HIGH SCHOOL, CLASS OF 2010

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I THANK COACH  
MARTIN FOR SEEING  
THE TALENT IN ME  
AND GIVING ME THE  
CONFIDENCE I NEEDED  
TO GO OUT THERE AND  
TRY NEW THINGS.

**WHY I AM GRATEFUL TO COACH MARTIN:**

Tim Martin was my middle school coach and also my mentor. He was very hard on us as players and as students, but it brought out the best in all of us. He always taught us to try new things and never give up. He's the one who told me to try out for the track team and I ended up becoming the state champion.

**THE KEY TO MY SUCCESS:**

My parents played a huge role in my education. They were active in the PTA, helped out on field trips and volunteered at school events. They were always there for me at my games and in the house, helping me with my homework. Their support is what got me to where I am today.

**MY ADVICE TO STUDENTS OF ANY AGE:**

Always ask for help and don't be afraid to take risks. Sometimes failure is the best way to learn.





## Cab Calloway Innovators Named Best in Nation

In February, a student team from Cab Calloway School of the Arts was named Best In Nation in the **Verizon Innovative App Challenge**, a national competition in which students develop a mobile application concept to address a specific need in the school or community.

Comprised of students Emily Bravo, Joy Lyn, Javon Kitson, Minji Kong, Julia Menardy, Adam Udovich, and advisor Steven Field, Team Avocado developed an app called VirDoc (Virtual Doctor), which allows users to dissect and interact with subjects without having to actually cut into an animal or cadaver.

At the surprise announcement, team members received Samsung tablets and a \$20,000 grant for their school to develop STEM-related programs. As one of only eight teams across the nation to receive the award, they were also given an opportunity to work with Master Developers from the MIT Media Lab and present at the National TSA Conference in Dallas. "Today you've made parents proud, teachers proud, students proud, and most importantly, you've made Delaware proud," said Verizon Sales Manager Brad Schultz.



## Future Health Professionals Place First in State

In March, students from the Conrad Schools of Science HOSA organization took top honors in the state competition for Future Health Professionals. Seniors Laura Alexander, Kaitlyn Delaney, Madison Gearhart and Rachel Nowocin earned first place with a video called Concussion Discussion.

Airing on EDTv, YouTube and the morning announcements at Conrad, the PSA aims to educate the public about preventing, recognizing and treating concussions. The team presented their video at the **HOSA National Leadership Conference** in Anaheim, California, in June.

Students Jennifer Hayes, Sarah Kautz, Samantha Stocksdales and Molly Wisniewski also competed at the state level, taking second place in a very close HOSA Bowl final round. The Rare Disease Day event team of Alexis Bradley and Ana Perez was awarded third place for research on Idiopathic Infantile Pyoderma Gangrenosum.

# our DISTRICT

## ON TRACK TO GRADUATION

### ON TRACK IN 9TH GRADE

Percent of 9th graders earning the credits necessary to be on track to graduate from high school in four years



### FOUR-YEAR GRADUATION RATE (CLASS OF 2014)

Percent of students who graduate from high school within the traditional four-year timeframe



### FIVE-YEAR GRADUATION RATE (CLASS OF 2013)

Percent of students who graduate from high school within five years



### SIX-YEAR GRADUATION RATE (CLASS OF 2012)

Percent of students who graduate from high school within six years







# *our* PROGRAMS

RED CLAY STUDENTS HAD ACCESS TO MORE ADVANCED OFFERINGS THAN EVER WITH 1,294 STUDENTS ENROLLING IN AT LEAST ONE AP OR IB CLASS.

- AP ART HISTORY
- AP BIOLOGY
- AP CALCULUS AB & BC
- AP CHEMISTRY
- AP CHINESE LANGUAGE & CULTURE
- AP COMPARATIVE GOVERNMENT & POLITICS
- AP COMPUTER SCIENCE
- AP ENGLISH LANGUAGE & COMPOSITION
- AP ENGLISH LITERATURE & COMPOSITION
- AP ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE
- AP EUROPEAN HISTORY
- AP ITALIAN LANGUAGE & CULTURE
- AP HUMAN GEOGRAPHY
- AP LATIN
- AP MACROECONOMICS
- AP MICROECONOMICS
- AP PHYSICS I, II & C
- AP PSYCHOLOGY
- AP SPANISH LANGUAGE & CULTURE
- AP STATISTICS
- AP STUDIO ART DRAWING
- AP U.S. GOVERNMENT & POLITICS
- AP U.S. HISTORY
- AP WORLD HISTORY
- IB BIOLOGY
- IB CHEMISTRY
- IB ENGLISH
- IB FRENCH
- IB HISTORY OF THE AMERICAS
- IB MATHEMATICAL STUDIES

- IB MATHEMATICS
- IB PHYSICS
- IB SPANISH
- IB THEORY OF KNOWLEDGE
- IB VISUAL ARTS

244 STUDENTS PURSUED COLLEGE CREDIT THROUGH DUAL ENROLLMENT PROGRAMS WITH DELAWARE TECHNICAL AND COMMUNITY COLLEGE, THE UNIVERSITY OF DELAWARE AND WILMINGTON UNIVERSITY.

- ANATOMY & PHYSIOLOGY
- BUSINESS
- COLLEGE MATH & STATISTICS
- COMPOSITION & RESEARCH
- CRIMINAL JUSTICE
- CRITICAL READING & WRITING
- ECONOMIC ISSUES & POLICIES
- ENERGY & SUSTAINABILITY
- ENGLISH COMPOSITION I
- FIRST YEAR EXPERIENCE
- HUMAN HEREDITY & DEVELOPMENT
- MEDICAL TERMINOLOGY
- NUTRITION
- PHILOSOPHIES OF LIFE
- RENOVATION & CONSTRUCTION
- SOCIAL & CULTURAL ANTHROPOLOGY
- SOCIOLOGY

CAREER PATHWAYS REACHED ROUGHLY 6,500 MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS IN 2014-15.

- ACCOUNTING
- ANIMAL SCIENCE
- AUTOMOTIVE TECHNOLOGY
- BIOMEDICAL SCIENCE

- BIOTECHNOLOGY
- BUSINESS & BANKING
- COMMUNICATIONS
- COMPUTER SCIENCE
- CULINARY ARTS & HOSPITALITY
- DIGITAL MEDIA
- DRAFTING & DESIGN
- EARLY CHILDCARE EDUCATION
- ENGINEERING
- FAMILY & CONSUMER SCIENCE
- GRAPHIC DESIGN
- HEALTHCARE
- MARKETING
- NURSE ASSISTANT
- PERFORMING ARTS
- PHYSICAL THERAPY
- PLANT & HORTICULTURAL SCIENCE
- RADIO & TV BROADCASTING
- ROBOTICS
- TEXTILE DESIGN
- VETERINARY TECH

OUR MOST POPULAR AFTERSCHOOL ACTIVITIES WERE:

- ART CLUB
- ATHLETICS
- BAND & CHORUS
- BEST BUDDIES
- BRICKS FOR KIDS
- CHESS CLUB
- DRAMA CLUB
- FFA
- GIRLS ON THE RUN
- HOMEWORK CLUB
- LEGO LEAGUE
- MATH LEAGUE
- NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY
- NUMBERS BEE
- ODYSSEY OF THE MIND
- ROBOTICS
- SCIENCE OLYMPIAD
- STUDENT AMBASSADORS
- TUTORING
- VIDEO CLUB
- YEARBOOK CLUB



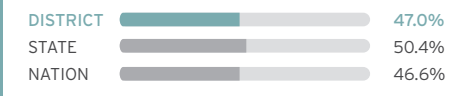


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## ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE & GROWTH

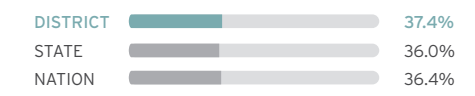
### PROFICIENCY IN ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS

Percent of students who are on grade level in English Language Arts



### PROFICIENCY IN MATHEMATICS

Percent of students who are on grade level in Mathematics



### PROFICIENCY IN SOCIAL STUDIES

Percent of students who are on grade level in Social Studies



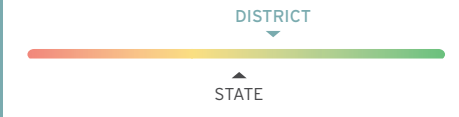
### PROFICIENCY IN SCIENCE

Percent of students who are on grade level in Science



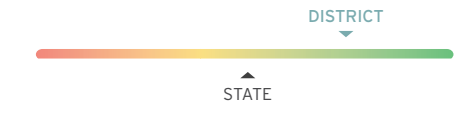
### GROWTH IN ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS

The relative academic progress that students are demonstrating in English Language Arts



### GROWTH IN MATHEMATICS

The relative academic progress that students are demonstrating in Mathematics



## Wilmington University Brings Early College to Alexis I. du Pont High School

In the fall, Red Clay and Wilmington University signed an agreement to launch an **Early College Academy** at Alexis I. du Pont HS in the 2015–16 school year.

In a partnership that will offer Wilmington University classes to high school students, the Early College Academy differs from other dual enrollment programs in that students will follow a scripted sequence of classes for their four years of high school, allowing them to earn enough credits to enroll as a sophomore at Wilmington University.

“Schools throughout the state are offering dual enrollment classes, but this brings it to another level,” said Alexis I. du Pont HS Principal Kevin Palladinetti.

## Mandarin Chinese Classes Study Abroad in Hangzhou

Jake Borns (Alexis I. du Pont HS) and Zachary Black, Madison Northshield, Xander Opiyo, Fidel Rodriguez, Sean Sullivan and Gianni Thornton (Conrad Schools of Science) were among 20 students chosen by the Delaware Department of Education to study in China expense-free, thanks to a partnership with the Wanxiang Group, China’s largest auto parts manufacturer.

For one month in the summer, the students studied at the company’s facility in Hangzhou, where they took daily language classes to further their Mandarin Chinese skills. They also visited local schools, participated in cultural activities, toured sites of science and technology companies and developed a multimedia presentation about their experience, which they presented to state officials and business leaders upon their return.





# autumn CARTER

*Executive Director, California Common Sense*  
THE CHARTER SCHOOL OF WILMINGTON, CLASS OF 2007

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IN MS. LOBER,  
I FOUND A MENTOR,  
A ROLE MODEL AND  
A CASE STUDY IN  
HOW TO OFFER AND  
ELICIT PASSION.

#### WHAT I WOULD SAY TO STUDENTS WHO ARE STRUGGLING IN SCHOOL:

Each of us has strengths. Identify and cultivate your strengths, and use them to enrich some area of your life or the lives of those in your community. Also, find a passion and pursue it diligently. When we work to excel where we are passionate, it becomes easier to approach areas that are naturally more challenging for us.

#### WHAT I LOVE ABOUT MY JOB:

I love that my job is different every single day and that I work with a team that is passionate about our work. As a think tank focused on long-term state policy challenges and solutions, we have the opportunity to think about the future. But on the flip side, we're also fighting to cut through the politics of today that often keep us stagnant or falling behind.

#### MY FAVORITE QUOTE:

"Far better it is to dare mighty things, to win glorious triumphs, even though checkered by failure, than to take rank with those poor spirits who neither enjoy much nor suffer much, because they live in the gray twilight that knows not victory nor defeat."

– Theodore Roosevelt, 1899





# more awards and HONORS

33 HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS FROM CAB CALLOWAY SCHOOL OF THE ARTS, THE CHARTER SCHOOL OF WILMINGTON AND JOHN DICKINSON HS WERE CANDIDATES FOR THE **2015 U.S. PRESIDENTIAL SCHOLARS PROGRAM** BASED ON THEIR ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN ACADEMICS OR THE ARTS. CHRISTINA STIEBRIS AND ROHITH VENKATARAMAN WON THE PRESTIGIOUS AWARD, NAMING DAVID BROWN AND CHERYL POTOCKI AS THEIR MOST INFLUENTIAL TEACHERS.

76 RED CLAY STUDENTS FROM ALEXIS I. DU PONT HS, ALEXIS I. DU PONT MS, BRANDYWINE SPRINGS SCHOOL, CAB CALLOWAY SCHOOL OF THE ARTS, THE CHARTER SCHOOL OF WILMINGTON, CONRAD SCHOOLS OF SCIENCE, JOHN DICKINSON HS, HENRY B. DU PONT MS, SKYLINE MS AND STANTON MS RECEIVED **MICHAEL C. FERGUSON SCHOLARSHIPS** FOR THEIR OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE ON STATE ASSESSMENTS IN MATH AND READING.

HENRY B. DU PONT MS AND THE CHARTER SCHOOL OF WILMINGTON WERE STATE CHAMPIONS IN THE **2015 SCIENCE OLYMPIAD**. ALEXIS I. DU PONT HS, BRANDYWINE SPRINGS SCHOOL, CAB CALLOWAY SCHOOL OF THE ARTS, CONRAD SCHOOLS OF SCIENCE, DELAWARE MILITARY ACADEMY AND SKYLINE MS ALSO COMPETED AND PLACED IN THE TOP 10 IN THEIR EVENTS.

VALEDICTORIANS DEREK BISCHOFF (CONRAD SCHOOLS OF SCIENCE), HELEN CEPEDA (THOMAS MCKEAN HS), ERIN MILLER (CAB CALLOWAY SCHOOL OF THE ARTS) AND DAVID XU (THE CHARTER SCHOOL OF WILMINGTON) WERE FEATURED IN **6ABC'S ANNUAL BEST OF THE CLASS**.

BRANDYWINE SPRINGS SCHOOL RECEIVED A **2015 SUPERSTARS IN EDUCATION AWARD** FOR A 7TH-GRADE BUSINESS NETWORKING EVENT IN WHICH STUDENTS SHOWCASED BUSINESS PLANS AS FUTURE ENTREPRENEURS.

NORTH STAR ES WAS NAMED ONE OF THE **TOP 50 ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS IN THE NATION** BY THEBESTSCHOOLS.ORG.

14 SENIORS WERE NAMED **2015 SECRETARY'S SCHOLARS** IN RECOGNITION OF THEIR ACADEMIC SUCCESS, SCHOOL LEADERSHIP AND COMMUNITY SERVICE:

ALEXIS I. DU PONT HS  
CHRISTA DIEHL  
JEREMY SOJA

CAB CALLOWAY SCHOOL OF THE ARTS  
ZOEY GREEN  
ERIN MILLER

THE CHARTER SCHOOL OF WILMINGTON  
OWEN PORTH  
MILES WANG

CONRAD SCHOOLS OF SCIENCE  
DEREK BISCHOFF  
ALEC TRAN

DELAWARE MILITARY ACADEMY  
ELLEN DUDZINSKI  
JAMES TRENTHAM

JOHN DICKINSON HS  
HABIBULLAH ASLAM  
EMILY RAGAN

THOMAS MCKEAN HS  
HELEN CEPEDA  
JESSICA GRIFFITH

15-YEAR-OLD MULTI-INSTRUMENTALIST PYERCE LATEEF OATES (PIANO MAJOR AT CAB CALLOWAY SCHOOL OF THE ARTS) HAD THE HONOR OF PERFORMING AT THE **2014 GOVERNOR'S AWARDS FOR THE ARTS**.

TECHNOLOGY TEAMS FROM ALEXIS I. DU PONT HS, CAB CALLOWAY SCHOOL OF THE ARTS, THE CHARTER SCHOOL OF WILMINGTON, CONRAD SCHOOLS OF SCIENCE, JOHN DICKINSON HS, HENRY B. DU PONT MS AND THOMAS MCKEAN HS COMPETED AT THE **2015 STATE TSA CONFERENCE**.

THE **2014-15 SMARTDRIVE STUDENTS OF THE YEAR** WERE KRISTIAN HRISTOV (CAB CALLOWAY SCHOOL OF THE ARTS) AND PHOEBE BALASCIO, DESIA RANSOM AND PLEASANT WILLIAMS (ALL OF CONRAD SCHOOLS OF SCIENCE).

CONRAD SCHOOLS OF SCIENCE FRESHMAN MEGAN JONES PLACED FIRST IN THE STATE IN THE **2014-15 DISABILITY HISTORY AND AWARENESS MONTH POSTER CONTEST**.

STUDENTS FROM CAB CALLOWAY SCHOOL OF THE ARTS, THE CHARTER SCHOOL OF WILMINGTON, CONRAD SCHOOLS OF SCIENCE,

HERITAGE ES, NORTH STAR ES AND SKYLINE MS TRAVELED TO MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY TO COMPETE AT THE **2015 ODYSSEY OF THE MIND WORLD FINALS**.

THE CHARTER SCHOOL OF WILMINGTON'S MATH MODELING TEAM PLACED IN THE TOP 5 PERCENT IN THE NATION FOR THE **2014-15 MOODY'S MEGA MATH CHALLENGE**.

THE **DELAWARE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION AND THE FUND FOR CHILDREN'S LITERACY** PRESENTED RED CLAY SCHOOLS WITH 60 LITERACY GRANTS WORTH OVER \$76,000. WINNERS WERE BALTZ ES, BRANDYWINE SPRINGS SCHOOL, FOREST OAK ES, HERITAGE ES, HIGHLANDS ES, LINDEN HILL ES, MOTE ES, NORTH STAR ES, RICHARDSON PARK ES, RICHEY ES, SHORTLIDGE ACADEMY, WARNER ES AND WILLIAM C. LEWIS DUAL LANGUAGE ES.

RED CLAY STUDENTS EARNED SEVERAL AWARDS IN THE **2014-15 DSEA HUMAN AND CIVIL RIGHTS CONTEST**. FOCUSING ON THE THEME OF HEROES WHO INSPIRE, SUDHA ANILKUMAR (CAB CALLOWAY SCHOOL OF THE ARTS), JULIA BOUTON (JOHN DICKINSON HS), ERICA CAMPUZANO (ALEXIS I. DU PONT MS), SAUL

GOMEZ (JOHN DICKINSON HS), DAQIRA LANCASTER- NAVARRO (ALEXIS I. DU PONT MS) AND VALERIA SMITH (JOHN DICKINSON HS) TOOK TOP HONORS. IN WRITING IN ART, AWARDS WENT TO CAMERON JONES (RICHEY ES) AND SARVAGNYA KOMPELLA (CAB CALLOWAY SCHOOL OF THE ARTS).

3 ROBOTICS TEAMS FROM THE CHARTER SCHOOL OF WILMINGTON AND JOHN DICKINSON HS PLACED AT THE **2014-15 DIAMOND STATE FTC CHAMPIONSHIP**.

6 ALEXIS I. DU PONT HS STUDENTS WERE NAMED TO THE **2014-15 JUNIOR BOARD OF THE DELAWARE ASSOCIATION OF TEACHERS OF ENGLISH**, THE STATE AFFILIATE OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF TEACHERS OF ENGLISH: CHAIR CALANN EDWARDS, VICE CHAIR ERIN MURPHY AND JUNIOR BOARD MEMBERS OLIVIA EASTBURN, MADELINE GEIST, MATTHEW MCLEAN AND JACOB PETIT DE MANGE.

RED CLAY HIGH SCHOOLERS EARNED A NUMBER OF HONORS IN THE **2015 HISPANIC STUDENT RECOGNITION PROGRAM**: MICHAEL BRANT (CAB CALLOWAY SCHOOL OF THE ARTS) WAS NAMED OUTSTANDING HIGH SCHOOL

STUDENT OF THE YEAR, EMILY BRAVO (CAB CALLOWAY SCHOOL OF THE ARTS) WAS RECOGNIZED AS A STEM RISING STAR, JENNIFER LOPEZ (THOMAS MCKEAN HS) WON THE ATHLETICS AWARD, NICOLE MEJIA (CAB CALLOWAY SCHOOL OF THE ARTS) WON THE LIVE UNITED COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD, JAIRO RODRIGUEZ (CAB CALLOWAY SCHOOL OF THE ARTS) WON THE ARTS AWARD AND VICTOR ROJAS (THE CHARTER SCHOOL OF WILMINGTON) WON THE STEM AWARD.

3 RED CLAY PLAYWRIGHTS WERE SELECTED AS FINALISTS IN THE **2014-15 DELAWARE YOUNG PLAYWRIGHTS FESTIVAL**: HANNAH BIENER AND CHARLES TEAGUE (THE CHARTER SCHOOL OF WILMINGTON) FOR THEIR WORK, "ED AND COOP," AND DYLAN LANG (CAB CALLOWAY SCHOOL OF THE ARTS) FOR "DARKNESS: A HAPPY SAPPY EXTRAVAGANZA!"

13 STUDENTS WERE HONORED IN THE **DELAWARE PTA'S 2014-15 RECOGNITIONS CONTEST** FOR THEIR WORK IN DANCE, FILM, LITERATURE, MUSIC, PHOTOGRAPHY AND VISUAL ARTS: ESHA BOLAR (LINDEN HILL ES), MARIANNA CAMPBELL (HERITAGE ES), ABIGAIL CUSHING (HERITAGE

ES), LEA FROST (NORTH STAR ES), SOWMYA JANAKI (DELAWARE MILITARY ACADEMY), ELLEN MCINTYRE (HENRY B. DU PONT MS), SAREENA MODI (NORTH STAR ES), SHAYLA MODI (HENRY B. DU PONT MS), ADARSH RAMAMURTHY (LINDEN HILL ES), ETHAN SEIFERT (HERITAGE ES), AUTUMN SHAHAN (HERITAGE ES), AARUSH SUDAMALLA (NORTH STAR ES) AND GREGORY TOALA (HERITAGE ES).

THE **EMBASSY OF SPAIN** NAMED WILLIAM C. LEWIS DUAL LANGUAGE ES THE **2014-15 NATIONAL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL OF THE YEAR** FOR ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE.

STANTON MS EARNED SECOND PLACE IN THE **FOOD BANK OF DELAWARE'S** FIRST-EVER SCHOOL BREAKFAST CHALLENGE FOR ITS EFFORTS TO INCREASE CHILDREN'S ACCESS TO BREAKFAST.

ALEXIS I. DU PONT HS, CAB CALLOWAY SCHOOL OF THE ARTS, THE CHARTER SCHOOL OF WILMINGTON, CONRAD SCHOOLS OF SCIENCE, HENRY B. DU PONT MS AND SKYLINE MS DOMINATED THE **2015 DELAWARE MATH LEAGUE COMPETITION** WITH 13 FIRST PLACE FINISHES, 13 PERFECT SCORES AND 17 TEAM AND INDIVIDUAL AWARDS.



STUDENTS FROM CAB  
CALLOWAY SCHOOL OF THE  
ARTS, CONRAD SCHOOLS OF  
SCIENCE, FOREST OAK ES,  
LINDEN HILL ES, MARBROOK  
ES, NORTH STAR ES AND  
SKYLINE MS EXCELLED AT  
THE 2015 NUMBERS BEE.  
COMING IN FIRST PLACE  
WERE SHRAVAN BALAJI,  
SUSHMA BOYAPATI, DANIEL  
LEE, ADITYA MUDGAL, AADHI  
NARAYAN AND RISHITH  
RAMAMURTHY.

NORTH STAR ES, HENRY B.  
DU PONT MS, HERITAGE ES,  
LINDEN HILL ES AND SKYLINE  
MS COMPETED AT THE 2015  
DELAWARE GEOGRAPHIC BEE  
WITH TOM MROZ (HENRY B.  
DU PONT MS) TAKING 2ND  
PLACE IN THE STATE.

STUDENTS FROM CAB  
CALLOWAY SCHOOL OF THE  
ARTS AND HENRY B. DU  
PONT MS TOOK HOME 20  
GOLD KEYS AND 28 SILVER  
KEYS AT THE 2015 REGIONAL  
SCHOLASTIC ART AND  
WRITING AWARDS. AT THE  
NATIONAL COMPETITION,  
AVANI YATAVELLI WON A  
SILVER MEDAL.

MIDDLE SCHOOLERS  
RYAN O'MALLEY (CONRAD  
SCHOOLS OF SCIENCE) AND  
ALEX SATINSKAS (SKYLINE  
MS) WON THE SPIRIT AWARD  
AT THE 2014 STUDENT MOCK  
ELECTION CONVENTION AT  
LEGISLATIVE HALL IN DOVER.

ATHLETICS

ALL-STATE

CROSS COUNTRY - BOYS  
- KEVIN MURRAY  
- KIERAN TUNTIVATE,  
CO-RUNNER OF THE YEAR

FIELD HOCKEY  
- PAIGE DIGUGLIELMO  
- DARA SPAVLIK

FOOTBALL  
- QUADREE HENDERSON

GOLF  
- ESTHER PARK

LACROSSE - GIRLS  
- ALEXANDRA MASH

SOCCER - BOYS  
- JIM CONNOLLY  
- DAVID RHOADES

SOCCER - GIRLS  
- PAIGE DIGUGLIELMO  
- KAITLYN SIBERSKI

SOFTBALL  
- ERIN ANDERSON  
- ALEXIS NOVOTNY

SWIMMING - BOYS  
- HENRY ROGATZ  
- BRETT SAUNDERS  
- CONNOR SWEENEY

- MARK WELLBORN  
- KYLE WESTON

SWIMMING - GIRLS  
- CAITLYN BLAKE  
- ALICIA DIAZ  
- LILY DUBROFF  
- MADISON NORTHSHIELD  
- TESSA SLOCOMB

- EMMA THOMAS  
- BROOKE TRAVIS

TENNIS - BOYS  
- BRETT SAUNDERS

TENNIS - GIRLS  
- KELLIE CARLSON  
- NEHA DIVI

TRACK & FIELD - BOYS  
- ELIJAH AGWU  
- KIERAN TUNTIVATE,  
PLAYER OF THE YEAR

TRACK & FIELD - BOYS  
INDOOR  
- KEVIN MURRAY  
- STEFANO PINEDA  
- KIERAN TUNTIVATE

TRACK & FIELD - GIRLS  
- NICOLE HARRIS

TRACK & FIELD - GIRLS  
INDOOR  
- ANNA NOWAK

VOLLEYBALL  
- OLIVIA DIMAIO,  
PLAYER OF THE YEAR  
- SYDNEY FULTON  
- VICTORIA TAYLOR

7 TALENTED RED CLAY  
ATHLETES PARTICIPATED IN  
NATIONAL SIGNING DAY.

BASEBALL  
REGAN HIDALGO  
- WILMINGTON UNIV.

FOOTBALL  
QUADREE HENDERSON  
- UNIV. OF PITTSBURGH

WESLEY JONES  
- NORFOLK STATE UNIV.  
JUWAN MORROW  
- LEHIGH UNIV.

SOCCER  
DAVID RHOADES  
- GEORGIA SOUTHERN UNIV.  
MEGAN MCCORMICK  
- GEORGE WASHINGTON  
UNIV.  
MADDIE SHOCKLEY  
- LIU BROOKLYN

REPRESENTING RED CLAY  
AT THE 60TH ANNUAL  
DFRC BLUE-GOLD ALL-STAR  
FOOTBALL GAME WERE  
QUADREE HENDERSON  
(ALEXIS I. DU PONT HS),  
JALEEL HEYWARD (THOMAS  
MCKEAN HS), JUWAN  
MORROW (DELAWARE  
MILITARY ACADEMY),  
MATTHEW OLIVER (THE  
CHARTER SCHOOL OF  
WILMINGTON) AND DARYL  
SMITH (JOHN DICKINSON HS).

2014-15 DIAA STATE  
CHAMPIONS IN  
SPORTSMANSHIP  
- ALEXIS I. DU PONT HS  
- THE CHARTER SCHOOL OF  
WILMINGTON  
- CONRAD SCHOOLS OF  
SCIENCE  
- THOMAS MCKEAN HS

KIERAN TUNTIVATE (THE  
CHARTER SCHOOL OF  
WILMINGTON) WAS SELECTED  
AS GATORADE'S PLAYER OF  
THE YEAR FOR DELAWARE  
BOYS CROSS COUNTRY.

155 RED CLAY MUSICIANS  
MADE IT INTO ALL-STATE  
BANDS AND CHORUSES IN  
2014-15.

ALL-STATE JUNIOR  
CHORUS

RUBY ANDERSON  
JAIME BAKER  
RYAN BARRELL  
WYNTER BARTLEY  
SOPHIA BLOCK  
ALYSSA DIMAIO  
TRISTAN DONOVAN  
MOLLY ERDMAN  
ZACHARY FINN  
EMMA-LEE FURROWH  
ANDREA GALLIMORE  
ALENA GEARING  
JINAY JAIN  
JACQUELYN JANOCHA  
LILLIAN JANOCHA  
JOSHUA JONES  
PJ KAIN  
EMILY KING  
JACOB KLINE  
CARNELL LOFTON  
MARGARET LOUDEN  
RYAN MCGUIRE  
DYLAN MONCREIF  
QUINN MURPHY  
KEVIN NANA SINKHAM  
GABRIEL NOVAS  
LUCIA PASTOR  
SARAH RAGAN  
SARAH ROSSI  
SWETHA SANKAR  
MARISSA SMITH  
ANNA STEIN  
JORDYN STROMAN  
JACK TAYLOR  
PHILIP WETZEL  
ELISE WILLIFORD  
ALLISON ZIEGLER

ALL-STATE SENIOR  
WOMEN'S CHORUS

ALEXANDRA BISHOP  
LYDIA COLE  
KEYZIA DELCOLLO  
COLLEEN FLICKINGER  
LOUISA GONSECKI  
EMILY MARTIN  
LYNDIE MOE  
AMBER PICARD  
EMILY POLECARO  
SANSSKRUTY RAYAVARAPU  
KAITLYN SMITH

ALL-STATE SENIOR  
MIXED CHORUS

RACHEL DHAR  
AARONREY EBREO  
AARON FRESOLONE  
REBECCA HEINZ  
MICHAEL HEMPHILL  
ELLIE HOCKING  
LUKE KOVAL  
WILLIAM LANDIS  
DYLAN LANG  
DANIELLE MARTIN  
NOLAN MOSS  
RAHUL NAIDOO  
EMI OKA  
RACHEL RAGAN  
FRANCISCO RIOS-  
RODRIGUEZ  
BRANDON SIMEONE

ALL-STATE JUNIOR BAND

MARGARET BOUNDS  
CONOR BRADIGAN  
OLIVIA BRUBAKER  
GRACE BUCKALEW  
CHRISTINA CHEN  
ANGELA CHO  
DENNIS CHU  
VICTORIA DENG  
JUSTIN FISHER  
SIDDHARTH GANGRADE

IAN GOODWIN  
BRENDAN GREEN  
JONATHAN HAIMOWITZ  
BENJAMIN HESS  
ELENA HU  
PJ KAIN  
DANIEL KENNAN  
SARAH KLABUNDE  
MATTHEW KOHAN  
JOANNA LEE  
TARA LENNON  
LAUREN MARTIN  
MAYLIS MELENDEZ  
MADISON MIGLIORE  
MIYU MUDALAMANE

KIRSTEN SCHOCK  
MICHAEL SHEEN  
YUNSIK SHEEN  
ZACHARY SIMONDS  
KOFI TEMENG  
VASITA VOVVETI  
ERIN WALKER  
ALEX YE  
ALEXANDER YOU  
JONATHAN ZHANG

ALL-STATE SENIOR BAND

IAN ALEJANDRO  
HANNAH BEINER  
JOHN BOUNDS  
ANDY CHEN  
MATTHEW COMOLLO  
JOSHUA GROSS  
COLIN HORGAN  
OWEN HUGHES  
MICHAEL LAN  
EZRA LEE  
VIVIAN LO  
KATHERINE LONG  
MATTHEW MCLEAN  
ROBERT MCLEAN  
NATHANIEL MCQUEEN  
JACK MECCA  
ISMAEL MELENDEZ  
SAM MINKER

SHINBEE PARK  
SYDNEY PROCAK  
BRIAN RUETHER  
EMILY SHUMOSIC  
NATALIE SYLVA-BROWN  
ARTHUR WANG  
DERIAN WILLIAMS  
EMILY WOOD  
BEN XING

ALL-STATE  
JAZZ ENSEMBLE  
JOHN BOUNDS  
NATALIE SYLVA-BROWN

ALL-STATE ORCHESTRA  
IAN ALEJANDRO  
ZOE BARA  
CHITRAKSH BHATT  
HUI-HSUAN CHEN

HANNAH CHO  
BRENNAL HALLIGAN  
EDDIE HUANG  
CHRISTINA KIM  
GRACE KIM  
SHARON KUNG

RYAN LAW  
RENEE LI  
BRYCE MCDOWELL

KATE MINKER  
DANIEL PARK  
ALEXANDER TAM  
ANDREW VOGTS  
JASMINE WANG  
JESSICA WANG  
JACK WERB  
ZIHAN WU  
BENJAMIN XING  
CATHERINE YU  
ALBERT YUAN  
KATHRYN ZANG  
YANJIN ZUO



*Science Teacher Tami Soltow  
Named Red Clay’s Finest*

Tami Soltow, science teacher at Alexis I. du Pont HS, was named the **2015 Teacher of the Year** for Red Clay. “I am a teacher, then attorney, now a teacher again who never lost her love for teaching and was influenced back into the classroom. My first influence was my 8th-grade science teacher, Mr. Ronald DeMuro,” Soltow said.

“One Friday after a test was passed back, Mr. DeMuro pulled me aside and asked why I was doing so poorly in class. I gave him several untrue reasons and he simply asked me if I knew that girls in the 7th and 8th grades often have lower grades in math and science classes because they feel peer

pressure not to do well. When I finally told him that I just wanted my friends and the boy who sat next to me to like me, he said these words I will never forget, ‘Tami, you are smart and cannot change that. Why would you want to? You can help others but don’t hurt yourself.’”

Tami was honored with her peers and fellow building-level Teacher of the Year winners Maurice Baptiste, Jody Beck, Alice Beckman, Maggie Brady, Sonja Cicconi, Allyson Cohen-Sherlock, Nicole Domski, Kathleen Gormley, Sean Griffin, Kathleen Hamilton, Lauren Irwin, Equetta Jones, Courtney Kalbach, Cathie Kennedy, Leigh Longenecker, Erin McCloskey, Erin Metrisko, Cindy Morris, Jenna Parke, Sarah Pohlman, Holly Schnittger, Amy Smith, Marie Solum, John Thompson, Kendra Todd-Dixon, Melissa Tracy and Justine Wood.



*A Path Forward for Priority Schools*

In January, the Red Clay Board of Education approved improvement plans for Highlands ES, Shortlidge Academy and Warner ES, three schools identified as **Priority Schools** by the Delaware Department of Education. Based on a “community campus” model, the plans call for Shortlidge to serve grades K-2 and Warner to serve grades 3-5 beginning in the 2015-16 school year. This change will allow the district to concentrate services and supports for students in the two schools.

The campus model is the most sweeping change in the improvement plans, which were developed by stakeholders at each school. Teams held planning sessions and public information meetings throughout the fall before presenting their plans in December. Covering a number of ways to raise student achievement and address the needs of the whole child, the plans include strategies such as extended instructional time, an infusion of new technology, small group learning, increased training for staff and a partnership with the University of Virginia’s Partners for Leaders in Education.

*Early Childhood Program Earns  
Stars for Success*

Red Clay marked a milestone in its journey to excellence as the Early Childhood Program at **Richardson Park Learning Center** earned a Level 4 achievement rating from Delaware Stars for Early Success.

By setting the quality rating that guides Delaware families seeking the best program for their children, Delaware Stars helps early learning programs shine and sends a message of commitment to high-quality education for young learners.

Programs can achieve up to five stars as they commit to, improve and maintain quality. The 2014-15 school year is Richardson Park Learning Center’s first year partnering with Delaware Stars.





# *brent* HALL

*Radio Production Major, Kent State University*  
THOMAS MCKEAN HIGH SCHOOL, CLASS OF 2014



MY MOM ALWAYS  
PUSHED ME TO BE MY  
BEST IN EVERYTHING  
I DID, THE WHOLE WAY  
THROUGH SCHOOL.  
WHATEVER I LEARNED  
IN CLASS, SHE  
REINFORCED AT HOME.

**MY PERSONAL HERO:**

My mom. As a teacher, she taught me the value of an education.

**THE ONE TEACHER I WILL NEVER FORGET:**

My elementary school teacher, Jill Szymanski, had the biggest impact on me. One of the most important things she did was make us practice writing every single day. For someone going into English communications, I've got to say that's where it starts, and I thank her for that.

**IF I HAD TO DESCRIBE THOMAS MCKEAN HIGH SCHOOL IN ONE WORD, IT WOULD BE:**

Extraordinary.



# A GRAND REOPENING

THE CAB CALLOWAY SCHOOL OF THE ARTS THEATER HAD ITS GRAND REOPENING IN OCTOBER, FOLLOWING A 12-MONTH CLOSURE TO ALLOW FOR EXTENSIVE RENOVATIONS AND ENHANCEMENTS TO THE AUDITORIUM, STAGE AND SEATING. THE NEW THEATER WAS CHRISTENED BY A HARD HAT EVENT FEATURING CURRENT STUDENTS, ALUMNI AND A PERFORMANCE BY INTERNATIONALLY RENOWNED PIANIST ETHAN BORTNICK.

THE RENOVATED SPACE FEATURES NEW SEATS, NEW CARPETING, ENHANCED CEILING AND AISLE LIGHTING, MORE LEGROOM, A NEW SCREEN, DIGITAL PROJECTION AND A STATE-OF-THE-ART DIGITAL SOUND SYSTEM.

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THE NEW THEATER IS ONE OF SEVERAL PROJECTS THAT WAS MADE POSSIBLE BY TAXPAYER SUPPORT IN THE 2012 CAPITAL REFERENDUM. PHOTO BY EDIS.





# *our* DISTRICT

## OUR BUDGET

OPERATING BUDGET	\$218 MILLION
INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICE	62%
OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE	11%
ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS	7%
SUPPORT SERVICES TO STUDENTS	5%
FOOD SERVICES	4%
STUDENT TRANSPORTATION	4%
OTHER	4%
INSTRUCTIONAL SUPPORT	3%
PER PUPIL EXPENDITURE	\$12,368
2014-15 TAX RATE	1.771

## OUR STUDENTS

TOTAL ENROLLMENT	18,046
ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNER	10%
LOW INCOME	34%
SPECIAL EDUCATION	12%
SCHOOL ATTENDANCE RATE	94%

## DISTRICT EXPENDITURES

STATE/LOCAL OPERATING	76%
TUITION	9%
DEBT SERVICE	5%
FEDERAL PROGRAMS	5%
NUTRITION	4%
MATCH TAX	1%

## SOURCES OF REVENUE

LOCAL	38%
STATE	55%
FEDERAL	7%

## ETHNIC DISTRIBUTION

AFRICAN AMERICAN	22%
AMERICAN INDIAN	0.2%
ASIAN	6%
HISPANIC/LATINO	24%
MULTI-RACIAL	2%
WHITE	45%

## OUR EMPLOYEES

TOTAL NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES	2,249
TEACHERS	1,118
INSTRUCTIONAL SUPPORT	260
MAINTENANCE	195
SECRETARIES	189
FOOD SERVICE	179
PUPIL SUPPORT	149
ADMINISTRATORS	124
LIBRARIANS	19
OTHER	16

## OUR SCHOOLS

TOTAL NUMBER OF SCHOOLS	31
ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS	16
MIDDLE SCHOOLS	7
HIGH SCHOOLS	7
OTHER SCHOOLS	4

## OUR TEACHERS

BEGINNING TEACHER SALARY	\$42,774
BACHELORS	57%
MASTERS	42%
DOCTORATE	1%

## ACADEMIC FACTS

NUMBER OF GRADUATES	1,237
GRADUATES ATTENDING COLLEGE	87%
SCHOLARSHIPS OFFERED	\$34 MILLION
AVERAGE SAT SCORE	1504
TOTAL AP & IB ENROLLMENT	2,600
AP EXAMS SCORING 3+	68%
AP SCHOLARS	397
TOTAL DUAL ENROLLMENT	275
NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY MEMBERS	529
NATIONAL MERIT RECOGNITIONS	102





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**SCHOOLS**

**E L E M E N T A R Y**

- Anna P. Mote ES
- Austin D. Baltz ES
- Brandywine Springs School
- Delaware College Preparatory Academy
- Evan G. Shortlidge Academy
- Forest Oak ES
- Heritage ES
- Highlands ES
- Linden Hill ES
- Marbrook ES
- North Star ES

- Richardson Park ES
- Richey ES
- Warner ES
- William C. Lewis Dual Language ES
- William Cooke Jr. ES

**M I D D L E**

- Alexis I. du Pont MS
- Brandywine Springs School
- Cab Calloway School of the Arts
- Conrad Schools of Science
- Henry B. du Pont MS
- Skyline MS
- Stanton MS

**H I G H**

- Alexis I. du Pont HS
- Cab Calloway School of the Arts
- Charter School of Wilmington
- Conrad Schools of Science
- Delaware Military Academy

- John Dickinson HS
- Thomas McKean HS

**O T H E R**

- First State School
- James H. Groves Adult Education HS
- Meadowood Program
- Richardson Park Learning Center



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