

February 2024

1. _____ of _____ won the _____ Spelling Bee, which was held on January 31 at _____. He will compete in March at the Carolina Panthers Spelling Bee. The top four finishers in the regional bee will receive invitations to advance to the Scripps National Spelling Bee. _____ of _____ was the runner-up.
2. _____ (partnered with NextGen) won the “Are You Smarter Than a Gaston County Fifth Grader?” competition. _____ earned second place, and _____ took third place. Sponsored by the Gaston County Education Foundation, “Are You Smarter” is a popular annual event that pairs businesses and organizations with elementary schools in a fun game show format. Proceeds go toward the Ron L. Ensley grants for teachers to fund innovative classroom lessons and projects.
3. _____ from _____ received a Gold Key award at the Scholastic Art and Writing Awards for her piece, “Bartholomew.” _____ of _____ earned an honorable mention for her work, “Chamelieonized Chameleon.” _____, a senior at _____, was recognized with a Silver Key award for her piece, “Acceptance.” Barr and Caicedo will have their artwork showcased in March at the Mint Museum in uptown Charlotte.
4. The following students were named semifinalists for the prestigious University of North Carolina Morhead-Cain Scholarship: _____ Ben _____
5. _____ had more than 140 students participate in the all-county high school band clinic on February 9-10 at _____. Students were chosen for the band clinic through an audition process. _____ from _____ conducted the symphonic band, and Dr. Ben Jones, an _____ graduate who is teaching at Catawba College, conducted the wind ensemble.
6. Piedmont Lithium provided the following grants to educators in _____ :
_____, \$1,500;
_____, \$2,500; _____, \$1,000;
_____, \$1,250; _____, \$2,378; and
_____, \$1,243.
7. _____ senior _____ is a regional semifinalist for the prestigious Jefferson Scholarship at the University of Virginia.

8. _____ hosted the South Central All-District Band Clinic, which featured more than 300 outstanding student musicians from across the Charlotte region. The following students from _____ were chosen for the all-district band:

_____ ; _____ , _____ ; _____ , _____ ; _____ , _____

13. _____ juniors _____ and _____ participated in the 75th annual Mars Hill University Choral Festival.

14. The _____ relay team of _____, _____, _____, and _____ won the 3A state swimming championship in the 200-yard medley relay. They also placed third in the 400-yard freestyle relay. In addition, _____ finished second in both the 200-yard individual medley and the 100-yard _____