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CROSS KEYS HIGH SCHOOL
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ATLANTA, GA 30319
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PRINCIPAL

9 Week Progress
Reports Issued

March 19th, 2014



Mr. Everett Laing

Mr. Everett Laing Voted CK 2014 Teacher of the Year

The CK Faculty and Staff voted **Everett Laing**, Special Services teacher and department leader, as the CK Teacher of the Year.

Laing has been teaching Special Services at CK for ten of his fifteen-year teaching career. He chose the Special Services area because he felt it was a more challenging teaching area for him to help students achieve both academically and socially.

Laing is very honored to have been chosen to represent CK as Teacher of the Year.

He said, "The best thing about working at CK is the diversity in the student population and the honor of working with all the students and some of the most caring and dedicated teachers in DeKalb County."

Laing will go on to compete at the district level for District Teacher of the Year.

Ms. Tai Jordan Voted CK 2014 Education Support Professional of the Year

The CK Faculty and Staff selected **Tai Jordan** as Education Support Professional of the Year.

Jordan is the CK bookkeeper, managing State and Federal funds that the school gains based on enrollment. In addition, she manages the bank accounts for each organization of the school.

Jordan said what she enjoys most about her job is her "interaction with the staff." Her goal is to "treat everyone fairly and with respect."

Jordan is grateful to CK Faculty and Staff for selecting her.

"I feel extremely honored. It is a great feeling to know that your co-workers look at you in such a positive light," she said humbly.

Jordan will continue on to compete at the district level for Education Support Professional of the Year.



Ms. Tai Jordan

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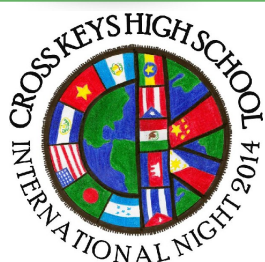
Cross Keys High School was named a **2014 AP Access and Support School** and **2014 AP Stem School** by the Georgia Department of Education on Monday, February 24, 2014.

***AP ACCESS & SUPPORT SCHOOLS:** Schools with at least 30% of their AP exams taken by students who identified themselves as African- American and/or Hispanic and 30% of all AP exams earning scores of 3 or higher.

***AP STEM SCHOOLS:** Schools with students testing in at least two (2) AP math courses and two (2) AP science courses (AP Calculus AB, AP Calculus BC, AP Statistics, AP Biology, AP Chemistry, AP Environmental Science, AP Physics B, AP Physics C, AP Computer Science).



Key Notes



*The
Visual Arts
Department
presents...*

Cross Keys

International Night

Wednesday, April 30, 2014

5-7pm

For more information, follow

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SkillsUSA Region 3 Competition

By Glenda Bonds

On February 7, Cross Keys High School SkillsUSA attended Georgia Region 3 Competition at Atlanta Area Technical College. Over forty members attended and participated in competition.

The competition included such contests as Prepared Speech, First Aid/CPR, Plumbing, etc. Cross Keys had four first place winners, five second place winners and four third place winners. All first and second place winners will advance to State Competition.

Itzel Cisneros commented, "Although I placed third, I will enter a State Contest and try to advance to National Competition."

Among some of the winners were Jedry Gaitan, First Aid/CPR; Dominique Wilson, Plumbing; T'Mera Francis, Prepared Speech; Pin Design, Kevin Gonzalez; and two teams of seven members that will advance to State Competition.

ENGLISH Monique Whorton, CK English Teacher and Gifted Liason, was selected as one of seven recipients nationally for The College of Wooster's "Excellence in Teaching" award.

Whorton was nominated by Brenda Khor, CK Class of 2013 Alumnus and Posse Scholar freshman, at The College of Wooster, located in Wooster, Ohio.

Khor nominated Whorton by writing a short statement about the contribution Whorton made to Khor's preparation for college.

Whorton attended a Banquet Ceremony at Wooster on February 20, 2014. Mrs. Monique Whorton

While there, Whorton visited the campus and met with personnel in charge of the Posse Scholarships.

She also was able to have dinner with not only Brenda, but fellow Posse Scholars: CK Class of 2013 Alumnus and Wooster freshman, Andrew Conaway; CK Class of 2012 Alumnus, sophomore David Morrow, son of CK Coach and English teacher David Radford; and senior Antwan Cham-



SOCIAL STUDIES

David Clark, CK Social Studies Teacher, is reading novels, advanced history, and philosophy books into the microphone at the studios of ListenUp.com Audiobooks in Atlanta. Mr. Clark's recorded narration of popular books are now available on Amazon's Audible App. Titles include: *Can Animals Be Moral? A Sense of the Enemy*, and *The Singing and Dancing Daughters of God*. He says, "It is great fun taking a difficult book and then reading it carefully into the microphone for other people to hear and enjoy. It pays pretty well, too." ListenUp Audiobooks has studios in Atlanta, GA. that produce high-quality spoken word books for sale online by the original publishers.



Future Business Leaders of America

State Qualifiers

- Cristian Padilla & Auston Alderman, Global Business: **1st Place**
- Winda Khor, Computer Applications: **1st Place**
- Cristian Padilla, Economics: **3rd Place**
- Vina Vo, Economics: **4th Place**
- Other notable finishes include.....
- Gladys Guzman & Tham Hoang, Digital Design & Promotion: **1st Place**
- Alex Ortiz, Impromptu Speaking: **5th Place**
- Ja'Leia Johnson, Public Speaking 2: **3rd Place**

Michael Green, FBLA Sponsor, wishes to thank Mr. Smiley, Mr. Clark and Mrs. Hesse

*Wish FBLA
Good Luck as they
compete to bring
home Best in the
State on March 14th*