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Choir Students to State

FCCLA

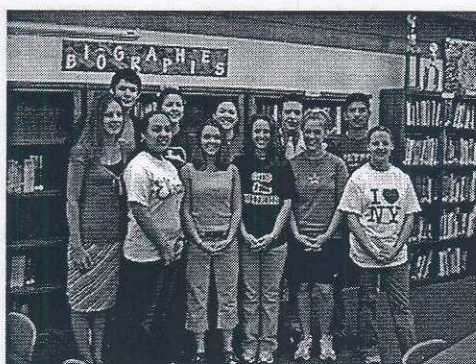
Several Commerce Choir Students for the solo and ensemble will attend a contest to be held in Oklahoma City on April 20 and 21, 2005 at Shawnee. Students would have needed a one rating to receive this honor.

The students who will be going are Tyler Thulin, Jennifer Cooper, Jaquelyne Wilson, Josh Fanning, Salvador Prado, Sarah Riley, Elixandra Ortiz, Brandi Taber, Jessica Bauer, Amerber Jones and Kari Bunch.

William Rogers is have the opportunity to compete in the State Instrumental contest on April 19th. He will be performing a tenor saxophone solo.

The band will be having a spring concert on May 10th at NEO which will include the High School and Middle School bands as well as the choir.

Four Commerce students were chosen for the 4-State Honor Band at Pittsburg State University. The Concert will be on May 6 at 7:00 pm at Memorial Auditorium in Pittsburg. The students who have been invited are Angel Riggs, Wes Childers,



Choir Group



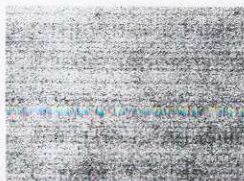
William Rogers

Skyler Austin, and Salvador Prado.

The Commerce chapter of FCCLA attended the State Rally in Oklahoma City on April 7 and 8. Twenty-three students and 4 adults heard a motivational speaker and attended other interesting sessions. They also toured the Federal Reserve Bank where they were searched before going in. They were then given a shredded bag of money valued at approximately \$165. Overall it was a great trip and a terrific learning experience for all of the students.

FCCLA students also went to one of the largest Medieval fairs held in the state of Oklahoma. Thirty-three students went to Norman on April 1st to experience this event.

**Do not
forget the
Prom on
April 22 at
the NEO
Ballroom.**



ACT

On Saturday, April 9th 25 Commerce students went to NEO to take the ACT test. There were seven seniors, sixteen juniors, and two sophomores. This is the largest number of Commerce students to take this test during one testing period.

The school has been working hard to encourage and help all students take the ACT test before they graduate. We were also encouraged that four of these students were re-taking the test in hopes of increasing their score. Students who receive a 30 or more on the test will be given scholarships worth a great deal.

We are proud of our students who wish to improve themselves and are encouraged by the sign of maturity this decision shows.

Students have been given several opportunities to get help preparing for the test. The school also has copies of practice tests that students may check out or use in the High School Computer Lab. Students can practice the test as many times as they want in order to study the type of questions they will be asked.

Art Contest

Art has entered the *House of Rep* contest at Muskogee as well as a brushed pastel contest at Grove.

Tournament

The 6th Annual Mickey Mantle Wooden Bat Classic will be held April 12 - 16 at the baseball field. Games will begin Tuesday at 4:30 and conclude on Saturday.

Tom Treash will be the main attraction at the Opening Ceremonies. He will throw out the first ball and will



sign autographs at 4:00.

The team is also offering a

chance to win an autographed wooden bat signed by this year's team.

More Testing

All students who are enrolled in American History will be tested on April 29th and the Algebra I students will be tested on April 28th.

Honor Roll Students

All A List

Seniors:

Skyler Austin, Nick Cook, Sarah Riley, Rachel Walker, and Kade Witten.

Juniors:

Jocelyn Delano, Tahnee Perry, Angel Riggs, and Whitney Teeter

Sophomores:

Alicia Adams, Jessica Bauer, Jared Dopp, and Blake Tedlock

Freshman:

Blanca Martinez, Shala Pannell, and Miranda Smith

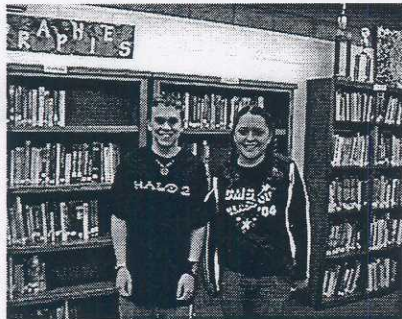
Testing

This is the time of year when students are stressed out and ready for the end of school but it is also the time of year when they are given end of instruction tests. Passing these tests may become part of the graduation requirement over the next few years.

Teachers have been working with students to help them prepare for the types of questions they will be asked as well as reviewing materials that they have taught throughout the year.

The English II End of Instruction tests will be given to all students who are currently enrolled in English II. These tests will be administered on April 26th and 27th. These same students will also take the Writing test on April 18th and 19th.

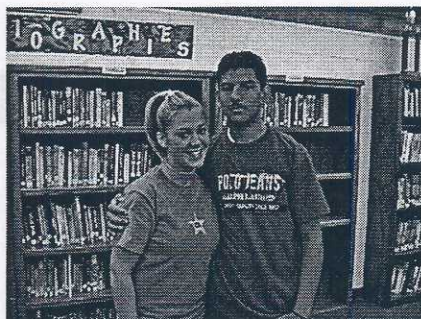
Students of the Month



December

Matthew Morrison is the son of Scott and Sue Morrison. He is active in Band, Science Club, and SADD

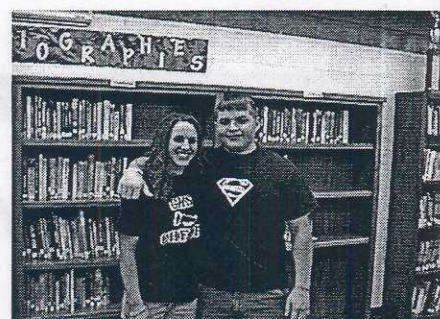
Mirand Smith is the daughter of Jesus and Lana Nino. She is active in band, color guard, art, Gifted and Talented, and works with the After School Program.



February

Amber Jones is the daughter of Steve and Diana Hartman. She is active in basketball, softball, FCA, SADD, the science club, choir, and Student Council.

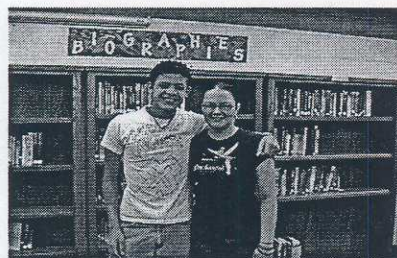
Salvador Prado is the son of Fredis and Guadalupe Prado. He is active in band, choir, the Spanish club and Fellowship of Christian Athletes.



March

Jessica Bauer is the daughter of Dennis and Jan Bauer. She is active in Student Council, Choir, FCA, TSA and Softball.

Trent Kisee is the son of Clint and Louise Kisee and Bill and Kathy Conrad. He is active in baseball, football, and weightlifting. He is also in TSA and FCA.



January

Manuel Aguilar is the son of Piedad and Noe Aguilar. He is active in track, band, FCCLA, and Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

Amber Cundiff is the daughter of Don and Judy Cundiff. She is active in Science Club, National Honor Society, and FCCLA.

These students are selected by the teaching staff for their outstanding work and attitude during school.

National Honor Society

Every spring the best of Commerce students become eligible for induction in the National Honor Society. Students must have at least a 3.0 GPA in order to apply. Students must also fill out a packet containing information such as clubs and organization, leadership roles, citizenship activities and information to help a committee of teachers select students who should be allowed to join this group. Students may not apply until the spring of their Sophomore year. Students may also apply during their Junior year if they were not selected the first time.

Students must work during the time they are a member gathering service points in order to stay in this elite group. Students may get these points by doing community service projects such as working with Head Start or school service projects such as helping a teacher with a bulletin board or reading to elementary students.

The new group of students selected this year for this honor are Alicia Adams, Kendra Allman, Jessica Bauer, Martha Cordova, Blake Tedlock, Jarred Dopp, and Kelly Thrower.

The members also raised \$200 for St. Jukes Hospital this year.