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News Highlights

- Poquis Teaches AP Teachers
- Worrell Wins Admission Into Honor Society
- McCann and Reardon Named National Merit Semifinalists
- JROTC Finished Second in Competition
- One hundred thirty-four students earn Advanced Placement Recognition

English department chair and Advanced Placement (AP) English teacher, **Theresa Poquis**, is working for the second year with the *Virginia Advanced Study Strategies* program to teach AP skills to students in areas of Virginia where AP programs are new. She has taught in Richmond, Montpelier, and Roanoke and will be working with school systems in Woodbridge and Hampton in the coming months.

Special education teacher, **Joy Worrell**, was inducted into the *George Mason University Chapter of the Honor Society* of Phi Kappa Phi, the nation's oldest, most selective, and most prestigious all-discipline honor society on 30 September at the Mason Campus. She had a 4.0 in her Masters of Leadership Education/Administration Degree which prompted her invitation to the honor society.

Seniors, **CJ McCann** and **Ian Reardon**, were recently named National Merit Scholarship Semifinalists. Senior, **Amanuel Mekonnen**, was also named as a National Achievement Scholarship Semifinalist. All three awards are based on their scores on the PSAT exam.

The **Hayfield JROTC Raider Team** finished 2nd at the *Frederick Douglas Brigade Best of the Best* competition. The placement allows the team to be in the

running to compete in the regional competition this spring. The team included Erik Kovatch, Justin Ong, Mohammad Ansari, Micah Lucas, Taylor Payne, Kyle Frego, Anthony Reid, Gabriel Rodriguez and Alexander Winnard.

One hundred thirty-four students at Hayfield Secondary School have earned *Advanced Placement Scholar Awards* in recognition of their exceptional achievement on AP Exams. **Clauda Acha** also qualified for the *National AP Scholar Award* by earning an average score of 4 or higher on a five-point scale on all AP Exams taken, and scores of 4 or higher on eight or more of these exams. Thirty-four other Hayfield students qualified for the AP Scholar with *Distinction Award* by earning an average score of at least 3.5 on all AP Exams taken, and scores of 3 or higher on five or more of these exams. These students are **Rumsha Ahmed, Shanice Artis, Lauren Baetsen, Hannah Bernstein, Laura Biver, Jacob Brisson, Joshua Clarington, Matthew Collins, Cory Fish, Elkin Girgenti, Daniel Halse, Brian Heilbronner, Judy Hong, Daquan Hurt, Kirsten Kessler, Ayan Khera, Kazz Laidlaw, David Lichtman, Christopher McCann, Michael Monaco, Chrissy Oetjen, Lola Ojabowale, Erin Patrick, Kathleen Pulver, Sean Riedl, Kaitlin Savage, Jessica Schultz, Ashley Self, Christopher Smith, Ruth Solomon, Cory Spera, Sean Townsend, and Julia Zukowski.** .