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*The Bibb County School District Newsletter*



**BIBB COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**STRENGTH OF CHARACTER AND COLLEGE OR CAREER READY**

June 7, 2023

**Class of 2023 Honored with Graduation Ceremonies**



On May 24-26, more than 1,150 graduates from the Class of 2023 walked across the stage at the Macon Coliseum to graduate from Bibb County high schools. These students will now go on to enroll in college, get employed in careers or enlist in the armed forces. You can watch the graduation ceremonies here: <https://www.youtube.com/bibbschools>.



## VIP Academy Holds Inaugural Graduation



Congratulations to the inaugural graduating class of [Bibb County School District VIP Academy](#), the Class of 2023! You can watch the graduation here: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AYzI\\_iOOXWI](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AYzI_iOOXWI)





## District Launches Next Strategic Plan, #Built4Bibb

Today, we launched our new #Built4Bibb Strategic Plan. What's it all about? Let Superintendent Dr. Dan A. Sims fill you in! | By Bibb County School District | Facebook

The Bibb County School District unveiled the Strategic Design Framework outlining the path forward for the next 5 years, #Built4Bibb: More Victory Planned. District staff have worked diligently along with the Board of Education, the community, parents, employees, and most importantly, students to develop a plan that represents the voices of all those invested in this journey toward increased success for every student.

**Proposed Mission:** The BCSD maximizes student achievement and social-emotional well-being by building a sense of community in safe, equitable learning environments.

**Proposed Vision:** Students are empowered to learn, lead, innovate, and serve as productive and caring citizens within their chosen paths of success.

**Call to Action:** Built by Bibb: Empowered to Learn, Lead, Innovate, and Serve

The District and Strategic Plan Design Team members believe this mission and vision represent the current and pressing needs and dreams for Bibb's students and the community's work together to prepare every learner for college, careers and life.

Three key areas will guide the District's work under the strategic plan – **student achievement, staff effectiveness and stakeholder engagement**. All of this will create an environment where students take increased ownership for their learning. They will take on a **4ME** attitude and embrace every learning experience inside and outside our classrooms.

When students complete school, they will be empowered to make an executive decision as learners, leaders, innovators and servants of their communities to become matched and enrolled in a college or university, meaningfully employed in the workforce, motivated to enlist in the military or molded for entrepreneurship.



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**Teacher of the Year Finalists Surprised**



Congratulations to the Top 5 Finalists for 2024 Bibb County Teacher of the Year!

Kasaundra Kirkland, [Heard Elementary School HAWKS - Macon, GA](#)

Kimberly Barton, [Vineville Academy of the Arts](#)

Suneetha Panda, [Northeast High School](#)

Brittany Gonzales, [Rutland High School Storm Tracker](#)

Mitzi Heath, [Bibb County School District VIP Academy](#)

## International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma Program at Central High School Expanding



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Central High School is the only school in middle Georgia with an IB-diploma and IB-career program. MACON, Ga. - Central High School in the Bibb County School District will now offer a program that helps students begin their careers earlier.



We're excited to share that [IB at Central High School](#) received approval to expand its rigorous International Baccalaureate (IB) diploma program that allows students to earn college credit while still in high school! Starting next school year, [Central High School](#) students can be a part of the IB Career Pathways program, which means they can also receive certifications like [#CNA](#) through [Bibb CTAE](#) while completing the IB program, better preparing students like sophomore Merlin Ramirez-Perez for their dream career as a doctor!

## Family Fun Day Celebrates District's 150th Anniversary



Thank you to the families and community partners who joined us for the [Bibb County School District's](#) 150th Anniversary Family Fun Day and Fun Run at Carolyn Crayton Park! Team members served up more than 1,200 grilled hotdogs and hamburgers, fried fish and fruit pies! Live performances, book giveaways, educational activities, and health and informational resources were all part of today's successful event!

Thank you to all of the sponsors and supporters of the [Bibb County School District's](#) 150th Anniversary Family Fun Day and Fun Run on Saturday, May 20!

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Pamela Richardson



## Northeast Student Places 1st in State Special Olympics





Congratulations to [Northeast High School Bibb County Athletics](#) student Isaiah Smith for placing 1st in the 400-meter run at the State Special Olympics last month! He's pictured here with his coach/teacher, Ms. Schevetress Morgan.

## **Al Lucas Scholarship Winners Celebrated**





Congratulations to the Al Lucas Scholar Athletes for 2023!

Founded in 2005, this scholarship honors the memory of Al Lucas by providing college scholarships to scholar-athletes in Al's hometown of [Macon+Bibb County](#). In the last 18 years, the Al Lucas Memorial Scholarship has awarded 134 scholarships to student-athletes totaling \$133,000.

This year's recipients are exceptional student-athletes from Bibb County's public schools / [Bibb County Athletics](#).

Marrell Moffett - [Northeast High School](#)

Jalayzha Williams - Northeast High School

Christopher Martin - [Southwest High School](#)

Marshawn Harvey - [Westside High School: Home of the Seminoles](#)

Andrew McClendon - [Central High School](#)

Raylan Maddox - [Rutland High School Storm Tracker](#)

Kenyon Jabari - Howard High School

## Central High's Amber Lamar Named Counselor of the Year



Amber Lamar of [Central High School](#) was named Counselor of the Year for 2023-24.

## Springdale's Meagin Jiles is Media Specialist of the Year





Meagin Jiles of [Springdale Elementary School Macon, GA](#) was named Media Specialist of the Year for 2023-24.

## **District Recognizes First Social Worker of the Year**



Kimberly Pointer was named Social Worker of the Year for 2023-24.

## Student Artwork in Action!



A colorful poster for an art show. At the top, the text 'Parker Cloud' is written in a bubbly, red and blue font. Below it, the word 'and' is in a simple black font, followed by the word 'FRIEND' in large, multi-colored block letters. In the center is a cartoon illustration of a young boy with brown skin and black hair, looking up with a red heart above his head. He is surrounded by various blue and white clouds, some with red hearts, and a blue cloud with a question mark. To the right of the boy's head, the text '6-8pm' is written in red. Below that, 'Art Show!' is in large black letters, and 'Sat, June 17, 2023' is in green. At the bottom left, 'FREE Admission' is written in green. At the bottom right, there is a list of activities: 'Parker Cloud Products', 'Live Art Battle! Northeast vs Central!', 'Food & Beverages', and 'Music!'. The entire poster is decorated with various blue and white clouds and red hearts.

**Parker Cloud**  
and  
**FRIEND**

6-8pm  
**Art Show!**  
Sat, June 17, 2023

**FREE Admission**

- ☁ Parker Cloud Products
- ☁ Live Art Battle! **Northeast vs Central!**
- ☁ Food & Beverages
- ☁ Music!

**Location: 213 Clinton St, Macon, GA 31217**

[Northeast High School](#) art teacher Randy Heart, whose work has been featured in [Macon Magazine](#) and throughout [Macon+Bibb County](#), will host an art show June 17, with a live art battle between students from [Northeast High School](#) and [Central High School!](#) Come out and support our students!

**Vineville Academy Honors Former Students with Scholarships**



Vineville Academy of the Arts honored two former PANDA Nation students, [Central High School](#) Class of 2023 graduates Kahlil Harvey (left) and Henry Jennings (right), with \$500 scholarships toward their college tuition or materials and supplies. This annual scholarship is awarded in honor of Paulette Winters, the first principal of [Vineville Academy of the Arts](#), who passed away in 2012, to students who continue their fine arts career through middle school, high school, and beyond into their college and career pathways.

## Schools Recognized for iReady Classroom Curriculum





Last month, [Miller Fine Arts Magnet Middle School](#) was recognized for having the highest percentage of students who met their Typical Growth in Mathematics for the school year using the iReady Classroom Curriculum.

[H. G. Weaver Middle School](#) was also recognized for having the highest percentage of students utilizing the iReady My Pathway program consistently (average 45 minutes per week) to provide a focus on Personalized Learning and Individual Student Math Achievement for the school year. Congratulations to these schools!

## Heard Students Create Museum of Egyptian History



Fourth- and fifth-grade students in the gifted program at [Heard Elementary School HAWKS - Macon, GA](#) hosted their classmates and other visitors for the "Heard Museum of Egyptian History." This project, which culminated the classes' studies for the year, allowed students to showcase their knowledge in a variety of ways, from oral reports to visual art to a Minecraft representation of Egyptian architecture.

## Campus Police Celebrates Grade-Level Reading Success



Many students across BCSD are celebrating a successful year of Grade-Level Reading with our Campus Police! Recently, first grade students at [Southfield Elementary](#) celebrated with a pizza party!

## Cox Inspirational Student Heroes Celebrated





Congratulations to the 2023 [Cox](#) Inspirational Student Heroes of [Macon+Bibb County](#), who were recognized during an awards program! Cox Inspirational Student Heroes are honored for their resilience, determination, and grit!



**YouthBuild Program Students Complete Habitat Projects**



We are so proud to be a part of the [Macon+Bibb County](#) community! Students in the #YouthBuild program celebrated the dedication of a home they helped build with [Macon Area Habitat for Humanity](#)! YouthBuild is a pre-apprenticeship construction program, which serves as an opportunity for youth ages 16-24 to develop educational and occupational skills.

## **VIP Student Graduates with 2 Technical Certificates of Credit**





Hunter Faircloth graduated from [Bibb County School District VIP Academy](#) in May with a high school diploma and two Technical Certificates of Credit (TCC) in Aircraft Structural Technology at [Central Georgia Technical College](#), a feat made possible by his hard work and a unique pathway for high school students.

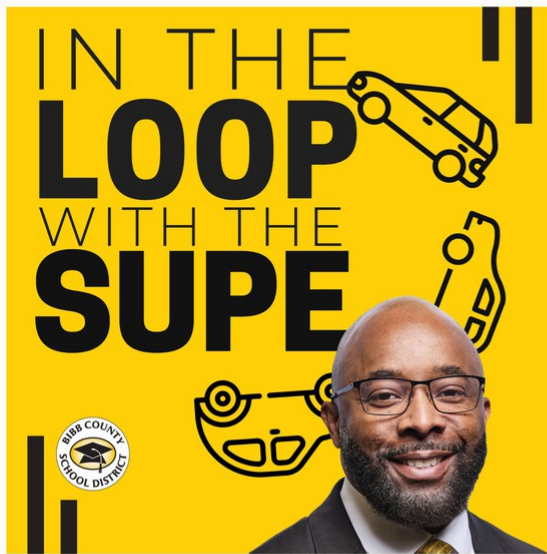
## **Stock Market Winners Recognized in Atlanta**



Congressional District 2 Winners of the Georgia Council on Economic Education's Georgia Stock Market Game, including students from [Miller Fine Arts Magnet Middle School](#) and [W. S. Hutchings College and Career Academy](#), were recognized at an award luncheon at the [The Fox Theatre](#). This year, Miller and Hutchings teams placed first among all the schools at their grade levels in Congressional District 2. Pictured left to right are Miller teacher Tony Washington, students Makayla Dawes and Jalen Williams, and Coordinator Dr. Fletcher Johnson on the way to the luncheon.



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