



MUSTANG MANNERS

Myers Park High School is implementing a new program under the Charlotte Mecklenburg Schools **Positive Behavior Intervention and Support system**. We have altered the name to reflect our school culture. **Mustang Manners (PBIS)** is a program that works to educate all students on socially appropriate behaviors, thus strengthening the bridge between improved behavior and improved academic progress. Studies have shown that there is a significant link between behavior and academics.

Our school has designed an incentive program to encourage all students to make positive social and academic choices. We have solicited support from feeder neighborhoods and Charlotte businesses to assist us in this endeavor. We are proud to announce that the Barclay Downs community will spearhead the community partnership component by sponsoring the month of September. The Charlotte Bobcats, Carolina Panthers, Charlotte Knights, Charlotte Checkers, Lance, Sports Clips, Wendy's, Bojangles', Lowe's Motor Speedway, and the U.S National White Water Center are some business partners that have also contributed to this effort.

We will conduct drawings quarterly to recognize deserving students who have remarkable attendance and behavior records. We are still in need of incentives to reward students who have demonstrated positive social and/or academic growth. If you would be willing to donate items or have suggestions, please contact Carlos Grant at 980-343-5800 ext 288 or email him at carlos.grant@cms.k12.nc.us.

Mission Statement:

To create a consistent and positive environment that reinforces and rewards positive behavior.

Goals:

- **Decrease discipline referrals by increasing teacher involvement in the behavior process**
- **Increase student achievement by decreasing time spent on student discipline.**
- **Decrease OSS (Out of School Suspensions) and district level hearings by increasing positive student behavior**
- **Increase positive social/life skills**
- **Increase communication within the school and with the community**



**OUR MUSTANG MANNERS STUDENTS
FOR 2008**

February

Lich Rahlan

Lich is a Montagnard refugee from Vietnam. In America, her life story continues to be hard. Lich translates for many in the Montagnard community, and carries a lot of weight on her shoulders. She takes her grades very seriously, and seeks every opportunity to get help and improve them. Grades are a constant struggle due to her limited education in Vietnam, but she dreams of going to college one day. Mrs. Tenbroeck, her ESL teacher, says her smile and quiet demeanor reflect a person who has matured early and experienced more than most Americans will ever know

Many thanks to the Carolina Freedom Foundation for sponsoring Student of the Month of February.

January

Jatoria Mason

“She rises above a number of negative influences on a daily basis. She expects a great deal of herself and shows a maturity not always seen at this age. Most of all she is kind and genuine. No false fronting and she does not turn her back on those in need.”

Amy Doster



“She is the first student into the room, sits down and immediately begins working on her warm-up. If she doesn't finish an assignment she asks to take it home and always brings it back the next day. She has a can do attitude and when we have been working on a difficult assignment which she grasps and completes quickly, she is willing to help others. Amy is turning out to be a fine student with a caring attitude.”

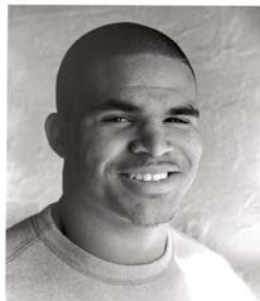
Many thanks to the First Ward Community for sponsoring our January awards to these winners!

December
Shaquana (Quana) Jackson
nominated by Ms. Starnes



She is the student that gets to class early for help, and stays after school if there is something more she can do to help her grade. She is a leader in the classroom; the type that challenges others to do their best while helping those who are in need. In addition to her leadership in the classroom, Quana is a leader on the court as a member of the Myers Park Varsity basketball team. Her transformation to a motivated overachiever has been remarkable and she is most certainly deserving of this award.

Brian Johnson
nominated by Mrs. Jenkins



He has been attending tutoring, working both before and after school with his teachers and has pulled up all of his grades. When Mrs. Jenkins (Assistant Principal) told him he had been selected to attend the Bronco Nagarski program on Monday, Dec 5th his first question was about making up missed work! He has made a tremendous transformation into a wonderful young man, despite negative pitfalls that surround him daily. He is a great football player who is working diligently to acquire a Division I scholarship.

Many thanks to Jane and Gary Green for sponsoring the December Mustang Manners award with a cash donation for each of our winners.

November

In recognition of those who have shown the most improvement in math:

Octavia Perkins

nominated by Aaron Whitecotton



Kyara Anderson

nominated by Christina Helms



Josh Richter

nominated by Stephen Cook

Many thanks to True Colors - Scholl Sales and Service for sponsoring the November Mustang Manners award with a donation of Best Buy gift cards for each of our winners.

October

Solmas Gusenova



She is a senior, and a refugee student from Russia. Solmas is one of the most organized and motivated students I've taught. She always takes the initiative to help other students who don't understand the material. When working in groups, Solmas is expert at facilitating and involving all students in the group. She has done an amazing job adjusting to life here in the United States, while maintaining and respecting her own culture.

Nomination by: Julia Tenbroeck

Many thanks to Brown and Glenn for sponsoring the October Mustang Manners award.

September

Stephanie Marquez

Stephanie was nominated by Ms. McKibbin who cites Stephanie for her help with other Spanish speaking students. "Because of her hard work all of them are very successful in this course which may otherwise seem overwhelming. She eagerly participates in class and never misbehaves. She is a model student in all areas and is extremely deserving of such an honor."

Many thanks to the Barclay Downs neighborhood for sponsoring our Mustang Manners award for September.

