

# Marion FBLA students earn awards at regional conference



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FBLA Southern Area award winners are pictured. Front: Drew Ebelhar, Caitlin Isbell, Kileigh Rousey, Ashley Buffington, Dustin Dukes, Justin Brown and Aaron Adeoye. Second row: Jarrod Arnold, Cody Simmerman, Chandler Short, Braci Dutton, Cody Richert, Ryne Meyer and Joel Hesketh. Third row: Andy McTaggart, Austin Montgomery, Felipe Cuartas, Taylor Stoocklin, Nick Cavaness and Cameron McCurdy. Not pictured: Brandon Brown, Kelsey Hubbs, Kris Kilpatrick, Haley Kirby, John Sharpe, Melissa Sharpe and Hope Watson.

CARBONDALE — Marion High School Future Business Leaders of America students left the Jan. 9 Southern Area Conference with a host of honors.

Felipe Cuartas and Andy McTaggart were named the Southern Area president and treasurer for 2009-2010 with a campaign managed by Nathan Dorris and Orion Smith.

First-place awards included — McTaggart (Accounting I), Kileigh Rousey (Banking and Financial Systems), Caitlin Isbell (Business Law), Dustin Dukes

(Computer Problem-Solving), Cody Richert (Entrepreneurship), Jarrod Arnold (Global Business), Nick Cavaness (Management Decision-Making), Taylor Stoocklin (Marketing) and Kelsey Hubbs and Joel Hesketh (Web Site Development).

Second-place awards included — Cuartas (Management Decision-Making) Justin Brown (Computer Problem-Solving), Austin Montgomery (Economics), Cody Simmerman (Global Business), Kris Kilpatrick (Marketing), John Sharpe

(Applications), and Brandon Brown (Technology Concepts).

Third-place awards included — Melissa Sharpe (Accounting I), Haley Kirby (Banking and Financial Systems), Drew Ebelhar (Cyber Security), Hope Watson (Intro to Business Communication), Chandler Short (Intro to Parliamentary Procedure), Ashley Buffington (Job Interview), Ryne Meyer (Parliamentary Procedure), Braci Dutton (Public Speaking I) and Cameron McCurdy (Technology Concepts).

## Unity Christian School second quarter honor roll

### High Honors

Cole Absher  
Elizabeth Ballard  
Victoria Ballard  
Anna Bartle  
Adam Blake  
Cierra Bratten  
Gabriel Brown  
Cheldee Bruton  
Devin Chen  
Madeline Douglas  
Morgan Douglas  
Kalli Dover  
Kameron Dover  
Eric Frizzell  
Ethan Funk  
Justin Funk  
Hunter Hancock  
Braden Heuring  
Maliri Holmes  
Marissa Holmes  
Kara Jarvis  
Ethan Johnson  
Jacob Johnson

Kassandra Jones  
Gavin Jordan  
Hunter Jordan  
Jim Keller  
Will Keller  
Morgan Kendrick  
Jacob Marrs  
Alecia Mathis  
Braydn Maberry  
Alexandra McVicker  
Ashley McVicker  
Grace Pape  
Rebecca Pape  
Jared Ponton  
Luke Rebman  
Clayton Reed  
Amanda Reynolds  
Jacob Robbins  
Janeari Robbins  
Sam Sikon  
Michael Skurat  
Megan Walters  
Bryce Wiley

### Honors

Madison Arnold  
Madeleine Cravens  
Olivia Cravens  
Mallori Edwards  
Dylan Engle  
Matthew Frizzell  
Noah Hall  
Michelle Hammonds  
Jeanie Harmon  
Jacob Haseker  
Joshua Haynes  
Hannah Humphrey  
Colton Lezu  
Trevian Marvin  
Erica Mathis  
Tyler Oakley  
Jacob Odum  
Jared Odum  
Joshua Pape  
Faith Quarles  
Brock Renshaw  
Jessica Renshaw  
Braden Rice

Cicely Robbins  
Levi Summers

### Honorable Mention

Mariyah Bruton  
Damian Campbell  
Brendon Davis  
Mackenzie Edwards  
Jodi Harmon  
Lily Holland  
Mary Anne Hostetler  
Brooke Lindhorst  
Olivia McDannel  
Derrick Montgomery  
Lauren Odle  
Jeremy Osinga  
Tayler Parrish  
Landon Sanders  
Moelle Shelton  
Ciara Tanner  
Jadin Tanner  
Jonathan Wicoff

## Agape Christian High School second-quarter honor roll

### High Honors

Joanna Allen  
Erin McCree  
Patrick Miller  
Natalie Nordstrom  
Ashley Dietz  
Brooke Mayberry  
Susanna Winecoff  
Sam Coe

Jared Funk  
Josh Lannom  
Jayci Noble  
Kristiana Nordstrom  
Kayla Pierce  
Cassidy Mayberry  
Abby McDannel  
Rachel Renshaw  
Lindsay Sanders

Stephanie Wicoff  
Caleb Akin  
Nate Blair  
Ali Crowden  
Zack Kilpatrick  
Lindsey Luehr  
Jordan Merkel  
Josh Tebbens  
Hilary Racey  
Luke Rankin

Jordan Stanton  
Emily Goff  
Haley Holland  
LeeAnn Jones  
Sarah Lannom  
Malory Paisley  
Rachel Stroud  
Christopher Wheatley



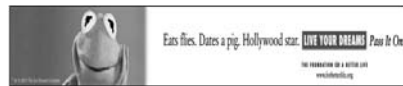
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## MHS students win VFW Voice of Democracy awards

Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1301 awarded three Marion High School students monetary awards for entries in the Voice of Democracy Scholarship.

Sarah DePuy received first place in the local competition and fished third in the 15th District's third-place award.

Megan Crider finished second and Criss Trammell finished third. High school juniors and seniors wrote and recorded a broadcast script on a patriotic theme for the VFW competition. This year's students focused on benefits of American veterans' service and sacrifice.



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Kay Roberts-Smith discusses proofreading items with Longfellow Elementary students.

## Author visits Longfellow

### Students' writings to be exhibited at Marion Carnegie Library in February

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MARION — Longfellow Elementary students met an author to celebrate the completion of their Young Writer's Workshop two weeks ago. Tennessee native Kay Roberts-Smith — a retired teacher who wrote two children's books — showed youth how to improve writing skills.

"I'm having a great time being back in the classroom," Roberts-Smith said. "I don't have

to stay and grade papers. I just get to enjoy the children."

Roberts-Smith dove into writing later in life after attending a workshop. That workshop pushed her to put life experiences into two books.

"It awakened something in me I'd never know what was inside," she said.

Longfellow students in second through fifth grade will display books they wrote and illustrated at Marion Carnegie Library in February.

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# Fond farewell

Skyline Academy students experience Japanese culture before student returns to native land after five years in U.S.A.

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On Monday, youth at Skyline Academy in Marion bid adieu to classmate Ami Yamashita, whose family completed a five-year stay at AISIN. The preschool and kindergarteners spent part of the day learning Japanese culture. Clockwise from right: Ian DeWitt shows off a piece of origami, Margaux Bruce colors her kimono and Chase Austin takes pride in a kimono he made.



# HHS students involved in U of I Theaterfest

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Casey Hubbard, a Herrin High School junior, wears special effects makeup at Theaterfest.

Eight students from Herrin High School traveled to the University of Illinois in early January to take part in the 2009 Illinois High School Theaterfest.

They attended workshops relating to dance, improvisation techniques, dialect, make-up and prosthetics.

Herrin High School's own Angie Fisher performed in the All-State production of "Hairspray." She played a council member on the Corry Collin Show. About 1,000 Illinois high school students applied to the show. Four hundred were granted auditions and only 35 landed parts in the production. She was the first Herrin student ever to do so.

"It was the best time of my life," bubbled Fisher as she recalled the experience. "I fell to my knees and started crying when I came into the lobby and saw my best friend Anna," said Fisher when she explained how much it meant to have other Herrin students get to see one of her performances.

Herrin seniors Anna Purcell and Jillian Barron also qualified for the All-State Improvisation performance. Their tryouts were during the Theaterfest, mixed in between workshops entitled "Fun with Blood and Guts" and "Acting with Your Teeth and Toenails,"

just to name a few. "My favorite were the dance classes," shared Katie Butler, a Herrin freshman.

"I loved the dialect class," said Allison Spiller, a junior. "We learned how to memorized, without actually memorizing how to say it."

Chaperones Jamie Wilson, a speech coach and co-director of the Herrin play, and Michaelann Stanley, the Herrin speech and French teacher also enjoyed themselves at the conference. "I chose 2 kids from each grade. I looked at the speech team and who were most successful with that. Since it was an overnight trip, I also considered behavior as a qualifying factor," said Wilson.

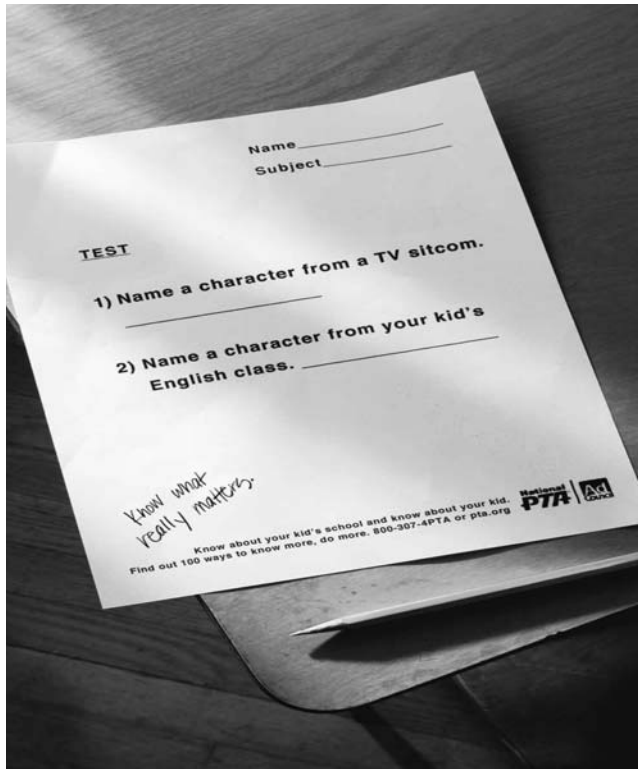
"I was actually really sad when it (the conference) ended," expressed Casey Hubbard, a junior. She added that most of the people she met there are now keeping in touch via MySpace and Facebook.

These shoes were found 46 yards from the crash caused by a drunk driver. Carissa Deason was thrown 30 yards and not even her father, a doctor, could save her.

Friends Don't Let Friends Drive Drunk.



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