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Class Notes: Business groups name Deasy CEO of the Year

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The Greater Prince George's Business Roundtable and the Andrews Business and Community Alliance awarded Prince George's County Public Schools superintendent John E. Deasy with the organizations' Outstanding CEO Award for 2008.

"I see this honor as the business community's way of recognizing the outstanding work of our students and faculty," Deasy said. "... I am extremely grateful for the county's business community and the vitally important roles that business leaders play in strengthening our students' education."

The organizations cited Deasy's efforts toward parent and community engagement programs, and the new financial incentives for teachers and administrators that will be introduced this school year.

"John Deasy hit the ground running and has not stopped since," said M.H. Jim

Estepp, president and CEO of the Roundtable and Andrews Business and Community

Alliance. "Every day, we see tangible improvements in the school system as a result of his work and the work of the exceptional staff he put in place."

The Andrews Business and Community Alliance is a group of business, public sector, faith and civic communities that advocate for Andrews Air Force Base. The Greater Prince George's Business Roundtable is an organization of business leaders who work to improve the county.

Young scientists shine at Bowie State

More than 40 Prince George's County students were chosen to enhance their science skills at the ExxonMobil Bernard Harris Summer Science Camp hosted at Bowie State University.

The camp, held July 6 to July 18, included field trips, interactive experiments and a competition in which students role-played as engineers.

The annual camp is free to students countywide entering the sixth-grade, seventh-grade and eighth-grade. Students must apply to the camp and have recommendations from their math and science teachers.

Bernard Harris is the first black astronaut to conduct a space walk.

The students who participated in the camp are: Joshua Allen (Samuel Ogle Middle School in Bowie), Adekunle Awojinrin (Samuel Ogle Middle School), 'Jaevon Bonner (Gwynn Park Middle School in Brandywine), Brianna Brown (Kenmoor Middle School in Landover), Alonzo Carter (Rockledge Elementary School in Bowie), Reginald Clemons (Brandywine Elementary School), David Dogan (Apple Grove Elementary School in Fort Washington), David Gilliam (Benjamin Tasker Middle School in Bowie), Jasmine Goode (Mattaponi Elementary School in Upper Marlboro), Karron Grant (Renaissance Christian Academy in Suitland), Derrick Harold (Ernest Everett Just Middle School in Mitchellville), Kiana Harris (Brandywine Elementary School), Rashad Henry (Renaissance Christian Academy), Tiari Hinton (Middleton Valley Academy in Temple Hills), Quincy Hoff (Woodmore Elementary School), Adrienne Holliday (Glenarden Woods Elementary School), Nadia Holness (Phyllis E. Williams Elementary School in Upper Marlboro), Akosua Johnson (Perrywood Elementary School in Largo), Brett Johnson (Northview Elementary School in Bowie), Lia Johnson (Thomas G. Pullen K-8 Arts Focus School in Landover), Margaret Jokoh (Greenbelt Middle School), Alexis Lancaster (Marlton Elementary School in Upper Marlboro), Lance Lewis (Montpelier Elementary School in Laurel), Jelani Lyda (Glenarden Woods Elementary School), Marcellus Major (Marlton Elementary School), Megalya Marquez (Thomas G. Pullen), Karel Marshall (George E. Peters Adventist School in Hyattsville), Monique McIntyre (Holy Trinity Episcopal Day School in Glenn Dale), Mckayla McLean (Grace Brethren Christian School in Clinton), Aaman Mengis (Heather Hills Elementary School in Bowie), Garrett Miller (Oakcrest Elementary School in Landover), Crystal Moore (EXCEL Academy Public Charter School in Riverdale), Dimitri Morake (Samuel Ogle Middle School), Malik Nelson (Heather Hills Elementary School), Susan Ojo (Walker Mill Middle School in Capitol Heights), Avri Parker (St. Ambrose Catholic School in Cheverly), Delmar Patterson (Robert Goddard French Immersion School in Seabrook), Naaila Phoenix (Thomas Johnson Middle School in Lanham), Daijah Proctor (Mattaponi Elementary School), Kendall Rankin (Kenmoor Middle School), Amber Roane (Lake Arbor Elementary School in Mitchellville), Marcus St. Paul (Holy Trinity Episcopal Day School), Kristin Waugh (Laurel Elementary School).

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