

# “Reaching for Success!”



## KIDS of HONOR®

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### Special points of interest:

- ◆ Service to Others
- ◆ Pictures from Winter Events
- ◆ Connection Club Events!
- ◆ Y.E.A.H.'s Accomplishments

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## KOH Spring Happenings...and Not-Happenings!

Spring is in the air and with it brings a banner new year for Kids of Honor! I am excited to announce The Community Foundation of the Eastern Shore presented Kids of Honor with the 2009 Richard A Henson Award of Excellence, because of our 100% graduation rate and proven track record. The award was a huge surprise and honor for me. Even my Mother-in-Law kept it secret. We are humbled, honored, and re-energized.

This is an exciting time of year for Kids of Honor. All 25 of our seniors are on track to graduate from high school! We wish them luck. Let's hope those scholarships come through!

Winter snow challenged our students. Testing is complete and the final marking period

has arrived as school drags into mid-June to make up lost snow days. We anticipate a ferocious spring fever epidemic this year, so please encourage our young people to stay engaged in school!

Please welcome Amanda Hailey to the Kids of Honor staff. She and Reva keep our programming and office functioning. Amanda grew up in Salisbury and is a graduate of both WI-HI and Salisbury University. Amanda loves being able to combine her communications degree with her passion for helping youth in the community. "Kids of Honor is a great organization," she says. "I love coming to work each day!"

What's Not - Happening? The April Fool's Not-Happening Ball! Everyone is

invited, but no one will attend. Join our non-committee or just don't come to the event. Either way it'll be fun and thanks to Long & Foster, 100% of the proceeds will be able to go directly to Kids of Honor programming. Sara Mattingly, our SU intern is in charge of everything that's "Not-Happening!"

We've packed a lot of information into this newsletter! No matter what's happening or NOT, we can always use extra hands (and dollars), so please join the fun!

Paula Morris,  
Board Chair &  
Founder of Kids of Honor

## “Springing” Into Action

Happy Spring everyone! I don't know about all of you, but I'm happy to put all that snow behind me.

Please let me take a moment to introduce myself. My name is Amanda Hailey and as the new Program and Office Director at Kids of Honor, many of you are getting to know me at our monthly celebrations and Connection Club events. If I haven't met you yet, I WILL and am looking forward to it! I'm very excited to be a part of Kids of Honor!

I would like each of you to join me in wishing Kristi Richardson all the best in her future endeavors. We miss

you Kristi!

Thank you to everyone who brought canned goods to our recent Connection Club pool party event at the YMCA. We had a lot of fun!

We have LOTS of exciting events and projects planned in the months ahead, including a Connection Club field trip to the Smithsonian Museums in Washington D.C. on May 8th! We are planning our year end celebration, which will feature a "Hoops for Haiti" basketball tournament to benefit the victims from the recent earthquake, and a book drive to benefit the Village of Hope.

I would like to acknowledge

all of our Y.E.A.H. kids who are hard at work on their mini movies. They are doing it all! Writing, acting, directing and editing films all centered on the importance of graduating from high school! We will be showing these films in either May or June.

As always, please feel free to contact me anytime. I can be reached at 410-422-KIDS or [ahailey@kidsofhonor.org](mailto:ahailey@kidsofhonor.org).

Amanda Hailey,  
Program and Office Director

# FAMILY PAGE



## Tips for Busy Parents

MVParents.com offers a daily tip for busy parents; below are a few:

- ★ Always encourage your child to keep trying when he or she feels like a failure. Even disappointments can help children learn a lot about how to achieve their goals.
- ★ Write your child a note expressing your love and your belief in her or his ability to overcome a problem, take on a specific challenge, or accomplish a dream.
- ★ Promote peace in your household by reminding your child that it starts with each one of us. Teach problem solving and getting along with others early in life.
- ★ The next time your child seems inspired by a teacher or a subject

in school, write that teacher a note or e-mail to say thanks for helping your child learn and develop.

- ★ Help your children learn to value learning by supporting their schoolwork, having lots of books around your home, going to parent-teacher conferences, and talking in upbeat ways about how great it is that they are learning so much.
- ★ We live in a rush-rush society, and our kids sometimes need us at the “worst times.” Within reason, put your parenting first and do what’s right for your family, then worry about the rest of the world.
- ★ Make sure that each child in your family has regular responsibilities

around the home. Increase this as they mature so that they grow up knowing they are competent and capable.

- ★ Choose a favorite quote, poem, or photo that reminds you to be kind to others and post it somewhere where your whole family can see it regularly.
- ★ Listen for times when you can acknowledge your child being kind toward another person, doing a great job, or making the best of a situation.
- ★ If you want more good parenting advice, check out MVParents online at: <http://www.mvparents.com/>

## Asset of the Issue

### SERVICE TO OTHERS

One of the foundational cornerstones for success in Kids of Honor is service to others. We believe that active participation in the community is an important part of youth development, and we’re not the only ones! The Search Institute recommends at least one hour of community service per week, and has named service as a building block for healthy youth development.

Community service might seem like a difficult thing to fit in your schedules between school, friends and family, but there are so many ways you



can give back, and have fun while doing it! And, you don’t have to wait for an official Kids of Honor service day to help. Are you into sports? Gather friends and family and participate in a walk or run for charity. If you’re an animal lover, consider volunteering at a local animal shelter, or just volunteer to watch your neighbor’s pet when they are out of town!

We know organizing transportation, or fitting these events in your busy schedule, can be difficult. But, there are a number of things you can do to help others right at home! You can bake cookies for an elderly neighbor, or make cards and send them to hospitalized children, nursing home residents or servicemen overseas. These are

just a few ideas for ways you can give back to others. Serving your community is really as simple as taking the time to put a smile on someone’s face.

We promise, once you experience that satisfaction, you will want to continue thinking of ways to brighten others’ days and improve the community!

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 \* For more information on \*  
 \* Search Institute, and a complete list \*  
 \* of the 40 Developmental \*  
 \* Assets, visit [www.search-institute.org](http://www.search-institute.org) \*  
 \* or call Kids of Honor for a \*  
 \* free pamphlet! \*  
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# KIDS IN ACTION



*Spotlight on our partner site Garland Hayward  
Youth Center, featuring Latoshia Bailey!*

**How many students are in your Kids of Honor program at GHYC?**

*There are a little over 80 students currently in the program.*

**What grades are the students in?**

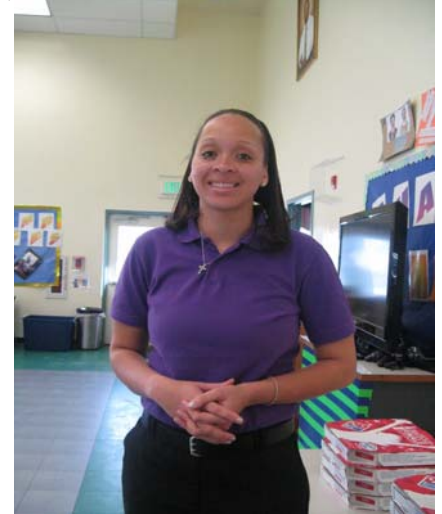
*Students range in grades 1st—12th!*

**What is the importance of having a partnership with KOH for you?**

*Character Development and graduation are a key piece. This puts forth a goal for them. [The students]*

**What do you get back from the kids in return for your programming?**

*They make me laugh. They always provide a reason for me to be doing what I'm doing.*



**CONNECTION CLUB EVENTS**

**MAY**

**SMITHSONIAN  
MUSEUM TRIP!**

Join us for an action packed day  
in Washington D.C.!

On Saturday, May 8th we will be  
taking a bus trip to the  
Smithsonian Museums!  
Check your mailbox for  
invitations and further  
information!

**JUNE**

**“HOOPS FOR HAITI”  
END OF YEAR CELEBRATION AND  
BOOK DRIVE TO BENEFIT  
VILLAGE OF HOPE!**

On Saturday, June 19th we will have our SPECTACULAR End of  
Year Celebration honoring ALL Kids of Honor and our Graduates!  
We will be having a cookout to celebrate PLUS hosting a basketball  
tournament, *Hoops for Haiti*, to raise money for victims of the Haiti  
Earthquake on January 12, 2010 PLUS a book-drive to benefit  
Village of Hope! Check your mailbox for invitations and more  
information!

**Kids of Honor is on Facebook!**

**Check us out!**

**<http://www.facebook.com>**

**Group Name Kids of Honor. Join our Group!**



You are invited to a **Kids of Honor** Extravaganza!  
 This is our second annual **“Not-Happening Ball.”**  
 The catch is you have to buy a ticket, but you don’t have to come!  
 There is no tuxedo to rent, dress to buy, babysitter to hire!



In fact, it is a **“Non-Event”** where you can stay home and enjoy your family.  
**Kids of Honor** saves on catering, decorations and entertainment, so 100% of your donation supports our programs.

Please come and support **Kids of Honor** at our  
**“April Fool’s Not - Happening Ball.”**

To purchase a ticket, please call the Kids of Honor office or go online to our website at [www.kidsofhonor.org](http://www.kidsofhonor.org) and click on the donate button!

- Single ~ \$30
- Couple ~ \$50
- Table of 10 ~\$200

For more information check out our Kids of Honor Facebook page and go to events!  
 This “Non-Event” is courtesy of Long and Foster Realtors of Salisbury.

**Kids of Honor would like to thank the following community members who graciously donated between**

**September 19, 2009—March 1, 2010**

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## Viva Espresso's Kids of Honor Coffee Tasting Evening!

Come join us at  
Viva Espresso's  
Coffee Tasting!

*Taste three different  
kinds of coffee. Light  
appetizer, entrée, and  
dessert included!*

**When: May 18th at  
6:30 p.m.**

**Where: Viva Espresso  
105a East College Ave.  
Salisbury, MD. 21804**

**Cost: \$25.00 per person**

*Enjoy a sampling of some  
delicious coffees! Share  
your passion for coffee  
and help Kids of Honor  
empower youth to  
graduate  
from high school!*

*R.S.V.P. to Viva Espresso  
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Viva Espresso or online  
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Viva Coffee Night in the  
description tab.  
[www.kidsofhonor.org](http://www.kidsofhonor.org).*

*Hurry! Seating is  
limited!*



## Youth Excelling in Academics with Honor

By Reva Oliver

Since the start of the 2010 school year, YEAH members have become like family to one another.

During the first half of the school year, YEAH members got involved in Junior Achievement and expanded their knowledge on business ethics. After completing an eight week series of activities and exercises, each YEAH member received a certificate of completion from Junior Achievement.

Students were informed they would begin filming mini movies upon their return to school from winter break

During the first few weeks, the students focused on storyboarding and learning about their roles as writers, actors, producers, and editors.

During their snow days off, YEAH students completed their scripts and were ready to film. Each group was given a central theme, which is also our mission at Kids of Honor: "To Empower Youth to Graduate from High School."

Each group created a script describing various challenges young people have to overcome in order to graduate and achieve their personal goals.

YEAH students will produce and star in their mini movies, which are set to premier in either May or June.

# Tips for Teens!

## Surfing the Internet

By Kellie Mooney

How could we survive without the Internet?

We use it for homework, research, finding out the latest news, and socializing with friends and family. Even though these things are all important, the internet offers lots of ways to waste time—and even get into trouble.

The most important rule is to stay as anonymous as possible. There are some pieces of information you should never give out on the internet such as:

- Full name
- Home address
- Social Security number
- Phone number
- Credit card numbers

Think carefully before making an email address. Use letter and number combinations that will not disclose whether you are a male or female.

On Facebook or MySpace, post only information that you are comfortable with others seeing and knowing about you. Many people can see your page, including your parents, your teachers, the police, the college you might want to apply to next year, or the job you might want to apply for in five years.

Remember that once you post information online, you can't take it back. Even if you delete the information from a site, older versions exist on other people's computers.

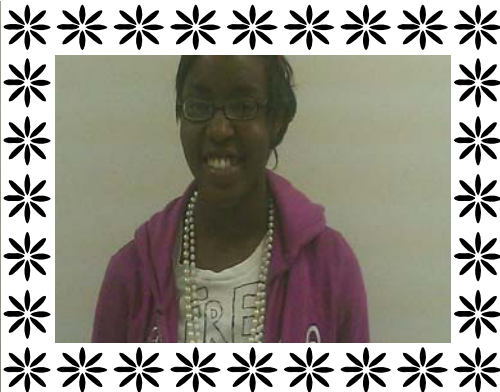
You just need to be aware of possible dangers, use common sense and caution, and you will be in control!



# FEATURED STUDENT

By Reva Oliver

Kids of Honor's featured student is a young lady who inspires us to work hard at our mission. Introducing...



Name: Nkongho B.

School: Wicomico Senior High

Grade: 11

Favorite Food: Spaghetti

Favorite TV Show: Real World

Favorite Subject: Journalism

### What are your future goals?

*Get accepted in to a 4 year university to major in journalism with hopes of becoming a magazine editor.*

**Inspirational Quote:** *"If you are content to be simply yourself and don't compare or compete, everyone will respect you."*

### How has the YEAH club affected your life in a positive way?

*I don't think anything is impossible anymore. I know I have resources to do things that I thought I couldn't do before.*

### How important do you think after-school programs are?

*I think they are very important because it gives kids a place to go and keep them out of trouble, occupied, especially when you don't play sports.*

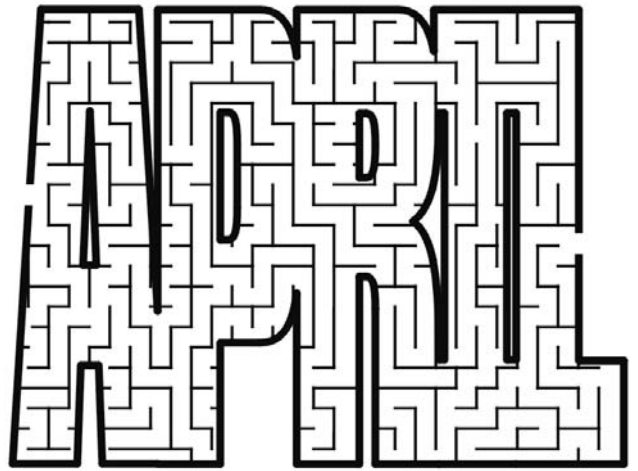
### What does Kids of Honor mission statement mean to you?

*More than the statement itself, it means that I can also graduate from college- so it (high school graduation) is just a small portion of what it could be.*

# kids' corner

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