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## Agriscience Fair Winners

The Animal Science pathway dominated Washington Park's Annual Science Fair by having three projects tie for first place. The projects were:

Are animals right or left paw dominate? Stefanie Taylor and Meredith Veverka

Aquaponics vs. Hydroponics. Allison Wilshire and Syanne Britton

How smart is your snake? Kearsten Teets and Johnathon Harmon

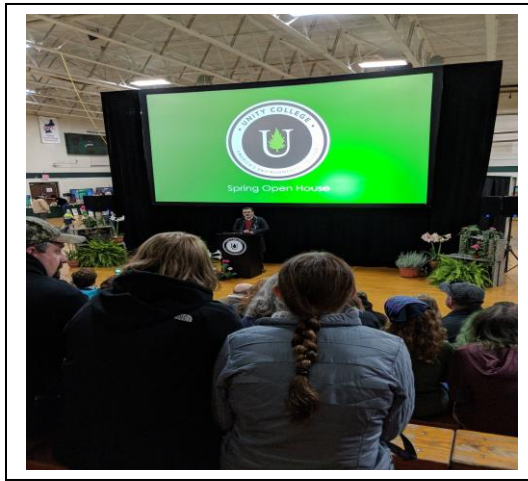


## Students Selected for Internships

Congratulations to the following students for being selected to intern for the Boys and Girls Club Farm program this summer: Jasmine Harris, Marwan Whitsett, Destinee Orr, Jaycea Childers, Keyonte Kern, and Andrea Bush! These students will learn how to start, operate and grow their own business using their horticultural experiences. They will grow produce in on-site gardens and greenhouses and then sell the items at Cleveland-area farmers markets. In addition, the students will be involved in a variety of landscaping projects at the Broadway Club.

## Pathway Selection

All rising sophomores will have the opportunity to take Agriculture, Forestry, and Natural Resources this Fall and will learn about all three of the pathways offered at WP before choosing their pathway.



## Students Explore College Opportunities

Animal Science students led by Mr. Tuggle recently visited Unity, Maine to attend Unity College's Spring Open House! Unity College's liberal arts curriculum is built upon a unique framework of sustainability science — the first of its kind in the nation.

## Thank You & Recognitions

### From the Animal Science Pathway:

Mr. Grove for all his help and support with the program.

Ms. Johnson for keeping everything under control while Mr Tuggle is away.

Mrs. Stanton for always helping with anything and everything.

Mr. Hale for his timely action towards anything that needs attention in the room.

Mrs. James for helping coordinate and send the students and Mr Tuggle to Maine (students first time on a plane).

Ms Cox for being a rockstar at all she does and the constant requests we have, we will miss you next year.

Mr. Bell for his help/support/encouragement throughout the day.

Ms. Jackson (Mikayla's

mom) for her continued support and carrot donations.

Ms. Wellman's class for always helping feed/clean/maintain and interact with the animals.

Mr & Mrs Wilshire for always being supportive of the program and everything they do!

**We couldn't do all we are able to without the continued support of the staff and these great individuals!**

### From the Horticulture Pathway:

Thank you to Mrs. Thornton and Mr. Tuggle for helping so tremendously in the greenhouse as we prepare for Spring!

Thank you Ms. Cox for processing all of our purchase orders and for fielding calls from the public as well as all of the other things she does to keep us running!

Thank you to Mr. Al for watering on the weekends and all he does to keep the greenhouse running.

Thank you Mr. Hale and Mr. Hale's crew for all they do for us above and beyond their normal duties. From running soil, helping us receive shipments, and keeping the boilers going – we would be lost without you.

Thank you to Mrs. Cooper and Mr. Dave for their help in keeping our facilities clean and for tackling the job of maintaining the Park!





## Partnership with the Ohio Pollinator Habitat Initiative

Washington Park is partnering with the Ohio Pollinator Habitat Initiative to germinate Common Milkweed, a native Ohio plant. Milkweed is the only host plant for the Monarch butterfly for egg laying and caterpillar rearing and also serves as a food source for Monarchs and other pollinators. The disappearance of milkweed across the U.S. has contributed to the 80% decline of the eastern monarch butterfly population over the last 20 years. Our milkweed seed was collected by members of the public from across Ohio and will arrive at Washington Park next week!

## Students Receive Scholarships to Attend Camp Canopy

Washington Park will be sending five students to Camp Canopy this summer where they will concentrate on forest ecology including silviculture, tree identification, and forestry products. Keyonte Kern, Arrontion Brown, Curtez Marks-Coker, Brian Branch, and William Johnson completed an essay and were chosen as scholarship recipients by the Cuyahoga Soil and Water Conservation District. They will travel to Camp Muskingum on Carroll County the week of June 10<sup>th</sup>!

## Student Recognitions

**The following students are recognized for their hard work and development within their pathways.**

Horticulture:

Sophomores: Janya Brazzel, Tyrell Prater, Keyonte Kern

Juniors: Destiny Cochran, Maliek Pollard, Janaisha Hightower

Animal Science:

Sophomores: Dayson Gay, Sierra Meadows, Aaliyah Harrison, Jada Davison, Kara Bass

Juniors: Allison Wilshire, Da'sha Evans, Nijel Harper, Makayla Jackson, Jessica Froelick, Kamon Bouldin

Seniors: Kaleea Richardson

## Animal Science Students Receive Industry Certification

Students in the Animal Science pathway are working on getting certified for a national Canine Level 1 certification in class!

## Kiwanis Club Donation

Each year the Horticulture pathway supports local organizations in the community through the donation of plant materials. Students donated Jade trees and other plants they propagated for the local Kiwanis Chapter pancake breakfast raffle.

## Important Dates

- **FFA State Convention, May 3<sup>rd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup>**  
Washington Park's FFA Officers will be attending State FFA Convention in Columbus, Ohio.
- **Washington Park Spring Sale, May 17<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup>**  
Students will market and sell flowering annuals, vegetables and herbs, as well as a variety of hanging baskets!
- **Earth Day Planting Project, April 24<sup>th</sup>**  
Students will complete a student driven project where they selected varieties of fruit trees for planting at Washington Park!
- **Last Day of School, May 24<sup>th</sup>**  
Enjoy your summer break and good luck in your summer internships! Have a great summer!