



# GOOD NEWS



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***Cincinnati Public Schools is proud to highlight district achievements and community support.***

### **Taft IT High School Highlighted at Harvard University Conference**

Taft Information Technology High School Principal Anthony Smith was asked to be a presenter at the Fifth Annual Research to Practice Conference sponsored by The Achievement Gap Initiative at Harvard University. Taft IT was selected for the significant progress it has made to raise student achievement. Mr. Smith gave a presentation about the successes his school has seen using project-based learning across the curriculum. The conference was held at the end of June at Harvard University.

### **Riverview East Teacher Wins National Teacher Award**

Barbara James, a teacher at Riverview East Academy, is the recipient of the 2009 Time Warner Cable National Teacher Award. She was among only 22 teachers recognized nationally for using the power of cable television's technology and high-quality programming in the classroom. Ms. James received a \$2,000 cash grant, and Time Warner also gave a technology grant of \$3,000 to Riverview East. Congratulations to Ms. James.

### **Walnut Hills Student Receives Merit Scholarship**

Genevieve Romanello, a recent graduate of Walnut Hills High School, was among 2,000 winners of the latest round of National Merit Scholarships financed by colleges and universities. She will receive between \$500 and \$2,000 each year for up to four years of study. Genevieve will attend Miami University in Oxford and study business.

### **CPS Establishes Athletic Hall of Fame**

Dave Dierker, athletic director for CPS, announced the creation of The Athletic Hall of Fame of the Cincinnati Public Schools to recognize the district's rich heritage of nurturing outstanding athletes who have gone on to become outstanding citizens. Nominations are open to all male and female athletes and coaches, living or deceased, who have been out of high school for at least 10 years and have distinguished themselves in interscholastic athletic competition as part of a CPS high school team. Nominations will be accepted until Sept. 30, 2009. Forms can be found at <http://www.cps-k12.org/athletics/halloffame.pdf>.

### **Green Acres Arts Center to Sponsor Field Trips for Oyler Students**

The Green Acres Arts Center will sponsor 36 field trips for Oyler School students to experience fine arts programming. In fact, every grade level will be treated to four trips to the arts center during the 2009-10 school year. The effort is among the many benefits Oyler's community learning center partners have been able to offer the students.

**If you have Good News you would like to share, please forward it to Dawn L. Grady at [gradyda@cps-k12.org](mailto:gradyda@cps-k12.org). Thank you!**