January 15, 2016

“Midnite Duet” by René Dickerson

THE FIFTH ANNUAL

Fine Art Benefit and Sale
at the Hippodrome
Dear Supporters and Friends,

This is the fifth year that MEGA Mentors has hosted the MEGA Mentors Fine Art Benefit and Sale at the historic Hippodrome Theater. This event has become one of the best art shows on the east coast. The fifth anniversary promises to be special, as you enjoy the largest selection of art offerings that we have ever brought to Richmond. In addition, our silent auction has gone viral. We are offering a huge selection of items from vacations to LED TVs and you can bid on them from your cell phone or iPad. We are happy to sponsor this event and elated that you have decided to join us.

For the past seven years, MEGA Mentors has held steadfast to the mission of “enhancing student success by providing positive experiences and role models to mentor, tutor and teach life and leadership skills”. We accomplish this through an established program based on four core values: Respect, Responsibility, Effort and Achievement. By reinforcing these concepts, we have seen improvement in student hope (optimism), self-efficacy, self-regulation and leadership. These attributes lead to a desire to succeed. In seven years MEGA has grown from one school and a handful of students to eight schools, over 500 students and 150 plus volunteers.

Our volunteers contribute time (over 30,000 hours) and resources because we believe public education is one of the most valuable assets in our community. We believe every student deserves the right to a quality education. We believe in working with public organizations, corporate partners, and non-profit organizations to bring resources and attention to increase student success. We believe “it takes a village to raise a child”. To that end, we continually work towards our vision “To make a positive, measurable difference in the lives of African-American and other under-represented students in Chesterfield County Public Schools.

Thanks to the numerous sponsors, contributors, Chesterfield Education Foundation and volunteers for allowing MEGA Mentors the opportunity to develop trustworthy environments to help students. We thank Chesterfield County Public School Board, administrators, teachers, counselors and students for believing in the MEGA mission and actively participating in the process. Your involvement and support have made the MEGA vision a reality.

Tonight, your participation and tax-deductible contributions will enable MEGA Mentors to continue our work towards improving student success. Please enjoy the event featuring world renowned artist René Dickerson. Also enjoy the spectacular artworks of other internationally renowned artists, the extraordinary MEGA silent auction, while you are surrounded by great music, great food, great friends, and the amazing ambience of the historic Hippodrome Theater.

To learn more about MEGA Mentors, please visit www.MEGAMentors.org or the Chesterfield Education Foundation www.cefva.org. Our students thank you. The schools we serve thank you. MEGA Mentors thanks you for helping us change lives, one student at a time.

Greg A. Cummings
President, MEGA Mentors
MEGA OCCASION

The 2016 Fine Art Benefit and Sale (FABS) marks the 5th annual fundraising event for MEGA Mentors. Once again we are hosted by Ron Stallings and his fantastic staff at the historic Hippodrome Theater in Jackson Ward. Held in conjunction with the Freedom Classic Festival, FABS is the signature Friday evening event that includes a weekend of festivities that culminate Sunday afternoon with a basketball clash between CIAA rivals Virginia Union and Virginia State.

The array of traditional, contemporary, abstract, original and printed art provide options for the novice art enthusiasts to the most sophisticated collectors seeking to expand their portfolio. Once again we will feature a Silent Auction with original art and a diverse assortment of fabulous items available for bidding. The event also features live musical entertainment, great food and refreshments.

By supporting FABS, you will directly impact the future of students in Chesterfield County Public Schools that participate in the MEGA program.

A special thank you to our generous sponsors, patrons, volunteer mentors, school coordinators and administrators, who make this event possible every year. And of course, we thank the art community and WaterKolours Fine Art (Danny Jenkins) for bringing this great selection of art to Richmond.

MEGA LINE-UP

Friday, January 15, 2016

Fine Art Benefit and Sale
The Hippodrome Theater, 7pm

Master of Ceremonies, Phil Daniel

Featured Artist and Guest Speaker, René Dickerson
Patrons will bask in the colors of vibrant Africa in his acrylics. Sway to the rhythms of life in his kinetic compositions and experience his passion with each sublime stroke of his brush. René’s paintings have much to convey. His canvases pay homage to the masters with illustrations and renderings that say, “I don’t paint like you, I paint with you.”

Document humanity through my universal view. In René’s paintings one may notice the light of Van Gogh, the less is more of Picasso, the surrealistic freedom of Dali and the warmth and passionate storytelling illustration of Jacob Lawrence. René’s mastery lies in his genius. Your genius lies in seeing his work. Our genius lies in suggesting that you do.

Silent Auction
Electronic bidding via smartphone on a diverse collection of unique gifts, electronics, original art, sports packages/memorabilia, travel and leisure options will be offered.

Musical Guest, JTucker
JTucker is back by popular demand to deliver smooth jazz, ballads and funky grooves for your listening pleasure.

All art is coordinated by WaterKolours Fine Art Galley

Sunday, January 17, 2016

Freedom Classic Festival
Richmond Coliseum, Doors Open at 4pm

Central Virginia archrivals Virginia State and Virginia Union Universities square off on the hardwood. Additional festival activities include a gospel showcase, a heart-pounding drumline competition, and an informative college fair.

MEGA students and parents will experience the festivities compliments of the Freedom Classic Festival.
The 5th Annual Fine Art Benefit and Sale
7:00PM, Friday, January 15, 2016
At
The Hippodrome Theater
Join Us For An Evening Of Fine Art & Fun

Such Artists As
• Woodrow Nash
• Heather Moss
• Lee White
• Mark Richardson
• Phyllis Stephens
• Lobyn Hamilton
• Charly Palmer
• Richard Mayhew
• Elizabeth Catlett
• William Tolliver
& Many More
THE ART OF RENÉ DICKERSON

BY GLEN MASON

What René Dickerson does with canvas, paint and a brush can be mesmerizing. He is a remarkable protean painter. Depending on one’s perspective of Fine Art his work borders genius. A masterful self-taught artist, René’s genius lies in his ability to share an innate gift for composition and color that many spend a lifetime trying to achieve or learn via theory.

Throughout his life there has not been media he has not pursued, or conquered. From pencils to watercolors, inks to oils, pastels to acrylics, Dickerson is able to tap into an inner creative methodology that allows him to render compositions with a suave color palette and capture a visualization that is uniquely his own.

Upon further study René evokes comparisons to the late expressionist painter and former professional football star, author and art professor Ernie Barnes. It’s an artistic period thing. They both appear to share a time traveling Raphaelian unique painting technique (or as more astute art critics acclaim neo-Mannerism). Mood appears to be another commonality albeit a cool, classy mood of a clear karma.

When I first saw Dickerson’s painting inspired by the Motown anthem “My Girl” being unveiled at a showing with the Temptations, it took me back to the bold imaginative cover of the Temptations’ “Wings of Love” album and the realistic mastery of “Awesome.” Dickerson did the cover painting of the 2001 tribute that featured the Otis Williams fronted Temptations as reliefs on Mount Rushmore. Appropriately Terry Weeks, Barrington Henderson, Ron Tyson and Harry McGilberry flank the affable, infallible second tenor Williams.

“There isn’t a room in my house that doesn’t have a René Dickerson oil painting in it,” said Williams, recently, when asked to comment on Dickerson’s body of work. “He is simply a great artist. René is a dear friend but more importantly he is an unsung, talented black man when it comes to fine art. He hasn’t gotten his just due.”

Though he was rushing to check in his hotel for a west coast performance, Williams wanted to make a statement about the body of work of his close friend. One of Dickerson’s paintings “The Motown Star Collage” hangs as a focal point among many of Williams and the Temptation’s awards and gold records. His attention to detail is uncanny. The painting even has motifs of the iconic labels of our youth Tamla, Motown, Gordy are included among the images of theatres, stages, studios, marquees, performance scenes and Motown’s collage of stars.

Gifted artists like Dickerson are the archetypes. For lack of a better metaphor consider René as a visual poet who captures dimensions from one end of the creative sub-consciousness to the reality of the finished painting. His body of work suggests he is capable of refreshing the potential of the unconscious mind, but in its unique way, there is order, a message and, ultimately, a two-dimension image with three-dimension reality.

The artist Dickerson was born March 12, 1951 and reared in Oakland, CA. He attended Hammarskjold (Dag) Elementary and James Madison Junior High School. After graduating from Castle Rock High School Dickerson was drafted by the U.S. Army. His artwork took him from serving in the Military Police (as an MP) to landing jobs as an illustrator on various Army assignments.

“As an illustrator I did the drawings for the post newspapers, and of course, I did a lot of drafting, photography, war games planning, played army on paper. Topography, photography, mapmaking, drafting,” Dickerson added.

What were the first pictures he drew as a child?

“I had to be four or five. I was always doodling,” said Dickerson. “I was fascinated with the Popeye and Warner Brothers cartoon characters. The work of the Fleischer Brothers on Superman and Popeye were almost three-dimensional with the use of color, shadow, highlight and cast shadow. I liked those cartoons. Their work was ahead of its time not like the somewhat flat computer-generated images of today,” he continued.

“My father was a big influence. He recognized at an early age that I had some kind of talent. He encouraged me. He’d buy pencils, watercolor sets, illustration pads and stuff. One of the most important things he did was to take me to a friends studio who was an artist when I was about seven,” René recalled. “Dad introduced me to a friend of his named Mr. Frank who was an oil painter. He was the first real, fine artist I would meet and I never forgot that. It was a validation! I knew then I wanted to be a painter. I could see myself doing THAT.”

That visit was the cathartic experience for the budding, future fine artist.

“There was a painting on an easel he was obviously working on. I knew then it was what I wanted to do. I wanted to make my living doing that! I saw his work in different places: barbershops, homes, beauty salons, around town.

“There was one teacher that I took to. She saw something in me.

“It was a free style assignment and I did these little characters I used to draw. I did this piece in a dry pastel. It’s the very first piece I did in school that I enjoyed doing,” Dickerson reflected. “She took me to her home in a commune in Berkley, CA. “She wanted her friends to see the drawing. It was just something I did, but she wanted to show it off to her roommate and friends. That’s when I knew I needed to do me.”

“I was always sketching and stuff. I drew pencil portraits almost anything. One of the things I really liked was the Motown sound like we all did back in high school and junior high. Everyone sung and listened to the Miracles. I would listen to their music then I’d sketch the Temptations, the Supremes. I found inspiration in the music.”

Dickerson said that his first “real show” was held in San Francisco. He was the first African-American to show at the Union Square Gallery in the Westin St. Francis Hotel.

“That’s where I first became friends with Otis. That was in 1996,” René remembered.

In the surrealistic painting “My Girl” Dickerson renders beauty as eternity.

“My Girl” is every girl and you’ll find her everywhere René would suggest. And, as one subtle homage to her and her beauty he paints the Temptations paying tribute in a field as golden as the gold lame tuxedos they wear rhythmically cross stepping. After all, the show goes on.
OTHER ARTISTS....

WOODROW NASH

PHYLLIS STEPHENS

LOBYN HAMILTON

OTHER ARTISTS....

EMERY FRANKLIN

MARK RICHARDSON

CARL CHRISTIAN

Artwork brought to you by WaterKolours Fine Art Gallery.

Additional art on display by Charly Palmer, Heather Moss, Richard Mayhew, Elizabeth Catlett, Debra Shedrick, Lee White, David Glover, and others.
The 2016 Silent Auction is the largest MEGA auction in 5 years. The items include vacation getaways, spa treatments, dance lessons, fitness instruction, yoga, sports memorabilia, lawn and garden and art. Two special works of art will be auctioned off. Our featured artist will unveil an original commemorative painting created for MEGA Mentors and Dr. Marcus Newsome created a special painting for the auction.

Don’t miss the WEBER grill raffle! Tickets are on sale at the Registration table and at the MEGA Information table. A sample of the Auction items are listed. Participate and enjoy the auction, raffle and events of the evening.

**ART ITEMS**
- Marcus Newsome painting of Martin Luther King Jr.
- René Dickerson original painting
- Artwork by Yvonne Cross (wife of Irv Cross, NFL Football announcer)
- Artwork by Larry Johnson (Cartoonist for the Boston Globe)
- Tim Reid limited edition autographed print
- Daphne Reid collection of her books and published items
- Jonathan Green framed prints

**APPAREL**
- Custom Alligator belt from Beecroft & Bull
- Alan Furs Velvet and Fur scarf

**ELECTRONICS & ENTERTAINMENT**
- 50 inch flat screen TV
- Outdoor Speakers
- Date night at Commonwealth Theater and Uptown Alley
- Richmond Jazz Festival weekend Passes with Parking
- Sky Zone Admission
- Afternoon out at Ironbridge Sports Park and El Patron Restaurant
- Sappori Restaurant, Howlett’s Restaurant & Tavern Giftcards

**EDUCATION**
- Annual VMFA Membership
- Achieve 3000 – Cloud based reading and writing
- John Tyler Community College Summer 2016 tuition
- Positive solutions Creative Think Tank

**HEALTH & FITNESS**
- Movement for Life Dance studio
- Design Performance Strength and Conditioning sessions
- Living Holistically – Yoga, Tai Chi, Meditation, Neorolinguistics

**SPA AND LEISURE**
- Party for 100 at the Historic Hippodrome
- Sona Med Spa
- Community Health Acupuncture
- Breckenridge Chiropractic
- Luminous Skin Care

**SPORTS**
- Golf packages at Chesdin, Jefferson Lakeside, Highlands, Birkdale, Stonehenge, NBC 12 Robert Trent Jones Golf Trail
- Richmond Flying Squirrels Porch Party - 24 persons game, refreshments, gifts
- Dr J. autographed basketball
- Autographed Baseballs and Football Jerseys

**TRAVEL**
- Barbados getaway
- Miami South Beach getaway
- Richmond River weekend staycation
A TRIBUTE TO DR. NEWSOME

Marcus J. Newsome was appointed superintendent of Chesterfield County Public Schools in 2006. With about 59,000 students, Chesterfield County Public Schools is among the 100 largest districts in the United States. Under Dr. Newsome’s leadership, Chesterfield County continues to enjoy a national reputation for high-performing, award-winning schools where test scores and graduation rates have reached all-time highs.

As the school division’s chief executive officer, Dr. Newsome is a child-centered educator who has implemented creative and innovative initiatives to promote student success. Thanks to his strong, calm and strategic leadership through the most challenging economic times in modern history, Chesterfield County Public Schools remains a first choice for families seeking a quality education for their children. Five Chesterfield County schools have been honored as National Title I Distinguished Schools, five schools have achieved National School Change Awards and four schools have been named National Blue Ribbon Schools. In 2010, the school division became the largest in Virginia to have all of its schools fully accredited for three consecutive years.

Dr. Newsome also owns the title of “visionary and founding member” of the MEGA Mentors organization. In the fall of 2009, he convened a meeting of a few community leaders to ask for assistance in providing positive role models for African American male students in Chesterfield County Public Schools. Since that initial meeting, Dr. Newsome has been an advisor, supporter, recruiter, cheerleader and advocate for the MEGA Mentors mission. His foresight and leadership has inspired a community volunteer movement called MEGA Mentors that remains committed to providing time and resources to students and schools in Chesterfield County.

Dr. Newsome’s current offices include chair-elect of the Bridging Richmond Board of Directors; chair of the Maggie L. Walker Governor’s School Superintendents Steering Committee; chair of the Metropolitan Educational Research Consortium; vice chair of the University of Virginia K-12 Advisory Council; member of the Smart Beginnings Greater Richmond Board of Directors; member of the Appomattox Regional Governor’s School Board; Virginia Association of School Superintendents Mentor Superintendent; America Association of School Administrators; member of the National Association of School Boards; member of the Virginia Association of School Boards; and member of the Administration of Supervision and Curriculum Development recently elected to the MEGA Mentors board of Directors. He is also proud of his service in children’s and youth ministry for more than 20 years.

He earned a doctorate in educational leadership from Bowie State University in Maryland, a doctorate in religious education from International Seminary in Plymouth, Florida, a master’s degree in administration and supervision from Bowie State University and a bachelor’s degree from Elizabeth City State University in North Carolina.

Dr. Newsome is married to a public school teacher, and they have three adult children.
In the fall of 2009, the Chesterfield County School Superintendent approached a few community leaders about the need to provide positive African American role models in Chesterfield County Public Schools to improve academic performance, graduation rates and reduce discipline issues. This request was the catalyst that ignited a movement and the formation of MEGA Mentors......Mentors Expecting Greater Achievement.

Today, MEGA has over 130 volunteers. From 2010 to 2015 MEGA has grown from 20 students to over 500. With the guiding principles of Respect, Responsibility, Effort and Achievement, the MEGA Mentors mission is to “Enhance student success by providing positive experiences and role models to mentor, tutor and teach leadership and life skills.” This is done by providing group and one-on-one mentors, increasing awareness of higher education and career opportunities, tutoring, college visits, field trips, cultural and social activities and parental engagement in student affairs. In 2010, MEGA began recognition of school and student achievement at the MEGA Annual Recognition Celebration. In addition to mentoring, MEGA began its Tutoring Initiative in partnership with Carver Middle School in 2012.

MEGA works in partnership with Chesterfield Public Education Foundation, Chesterfield County Public Schools, Virginia Mentoring Partnership, Virginia State University, John Tyler Community College, Communities in Schools and many other community, civic and nonprofit organizations to enhance its mission.

MEGA HISTORY

MEGA LEADERSHIP TEAM

Left to right: Greg Cummings, Ed Baine, Michael Eaton, Gregory Hillman, Derrick Thomas, Otis Jones, Darlene Kiah, Misha King, Michelle Wingo, Carol Mack-Grisby, Larry Murphy, Charles Owens, Rodney Mullins, Howard Corey, McKinley Moore.

Not pictured: E. Lee Coble, and Cynthia Thompson.
Organization Highlights of 2014 - 2015
Partnered with seven schools to provide mentors:

- Held 5th Annual Recognition Celebration at Chesterfield Technical Center at Hull St. with over 300 mentees, parents, mentors, County and school administrator in attendance.
- Held 4th Annual MEGA Fine Art Benefit and Sale as a signature fundraising event with over 400 attendees.
- Sponsored field trip for MEGA students to attend the Freedom Classic game and festivities between Virginia State and Virginia Union Universities.
- Coordinated field trip for 454 students and parents to attend epic movie “Selma”.
- Partnered with Providence Middle School’s Young Men On a Mission (YMOM) program to support annual trip to Norfolk, goal-setting seminar and workshops.
- Volunteered over 30,000 hours, in 7 schools impacting over 500 students.
- Continued tutoring program at Carver Middle focused on Math and English.
- Enhanced the website to include social media; CCPS teachers assisted with updating program materials.
- Sponsored year-end field trip to Norfolk, VA (ODU and Nauticus) for all mentees who achieved academic attendance and behavioral goals for the academic year. Over 220 students and chaperones attended.
- Began Speaker’s Bureau at Falling Creek Middle to share career stories and personal journeys.
- Awarded $8,500 in scholarships to graduating MEGA seniors.
- Recognized as “Partner of the Year” by CCPS Board.
- Awarded President Obama's “Volunteer Service Award”.
- Survey results indicate making a difference in building student optimism, self initiation and goal orientation.

Located in Jackson Ward, a recognized National Historical Landmark in the city of Richmond, The Hippodrome Theater and the Taylor Mansion are the centerpieces of the latest project to return the Jackson Ward area to its legendary prominence. This historic neighborhood was the center of African American commerce and entertainment in the early 1900s, garnering the nickname Harlem of the South.

The famed Second Street, known as the Deuce, was a bustling hot spot of performance venues including the same Hippodrome Theater that stands today. Built in 1904 as a vaudeville and movie theater, it later became a celebrated musical locale attracting such legendary greats as Ella Fitzgerald, Louis Armstrong, Bill “Bojangles” Robinson, Duke Ellington, and Cab Calloway just to name a few. Rich in cultural development, Jackson Ward was home to many influential people, including Maggie Walker, the first woman to charter and serve as president of an American bank, and Rev. William Lee Taylor, president of The United Order of True Reformers.

Today, the beautifully revitalized Hippodrome Theater hosts entertainment events such as concerts, comedy shows, happy hours, and private events. Rev. William Lee Taylor’s private home has been elegantly restored into the adjacent Speakeasy Grill restaurant.

Contact the Hippodrome Theater today to host your next private event!
The arts are for everyone
When community members support the arts, they help inspire and enrich everyone. Artistic diversity helps unite communities, creating shared experiences and inspiring excellence.

Bank of America is honored to be connected to MEGA Mentors and its dedication to bringing the arts to our community.

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Life’s better when we’re connected

MEGA TESTIMONIALS

“Thank you for the inspirational speeches at Meadowbrook High School. They really touched me and opened my eyes!”
DIAMOND, STUDENT, MEADOWBROOK HIGH SCHOOL

“Clearly MEGA Mentors is working. The students are more open and communicative. They try harder.”
JUDY WOLFE, TEACHER, CARVER MIDDLE SCHOOL

“Thank you for coming to this school to help not only me, but those who struggle, those who thought they couldn’t do it, and those who said they wanted to give up. With the wonderful help from you, everyone can do it, no one is a failure in life, and everyone has a chance to try their best in order to succeed. I’d like to thank you for taking time out of your day to come the extra mile to help those who struggle and need help. Thank you. God bless you.”
AUSTIN, STUDENT, CARVER COLLEGE AND CAREER ACADEMY

“The fool speaks, the wise man listens’ African Proverb. Thanks for giving us the tools to have a bright future. You are appreciated.”
ERANIK, STUDENT, CARVER MIDDLE SCHOOL

“MEGA Mentors has helped me because before I would goof off, but now I’m really improving. The mentors in our group care about me, so when I ask them for help they are always willing to help me. This is my first year with MEGA Mentors, but it is really fun. They help me with my study skills, with my school work, and so much more. I’m honored to be in the presence of such wonderful women. If I am upset they always make sure I’m ok. If I am having trouble in school they try to help me the best they can. They have excellent goals and I am thankful to call them my mentors. MEGA Mentors has shown me that the meanest looking people can actually be the sweetest.”
ZADIAH, STUDENT, FALLING CREEK MIDDLE SCHOOL

“I like the fact that the MEGA Mentors actually take the time out to help us, and not just tell us what we need to do, but help lead us there so we get to see it for ourselves.”
imonte, STUDENT, FALLING CREEK MIDDLE SCHOOL

“Thank you for the many hours you have spent with my son. Thank you for the encouragement, your thoughtfulness and your dedication to our young men and women.”
DOROTHY HAMLIN, PARENT, PROVIDENCE MIDDLE SCHOOL

“Your (MEGA) mere presence makes a difference to our students.”
ANDREW MEY, PRINCIPAL, MEADOWBROOK HIGH SCHOOL
The fifth annual MEGA Mentors Awards and Recognition program was held May 28th at the Chesterfield Technical Center to celebrate the outstanding achievement of students, administrators, schools and MEGA supporters who contributed to the organization’s mission during the 2014-2015 school year. The theme was “Excellence is a habit, not an act”. The occasion attracted over 250 attendees.

“Philly Phil Daniels” MC of the evening, welcomed the mentees, mentors, parents and special friends of MEGA Mentors.

The evening keynote speaker was former Clover Hill High School alumni, Ron Forbes, founder of Omega Entertainment. The 2007 Virginia Tech graduate is a senior product development manager at Riot Games, maker of the online computer game, League of Legends. Ron leads a team that produces live professional gaming events including the 2014 World Championship, held in Seoul, South Korea, which attracted an audience of 40,000 live attendees and 27 million online viewers. Ron holds a BS Degree in Computer Science from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University.

Previously, Ron worked at Microsoft to develop the face recognition technology of Kinect, a motion tracking, speech recognition accessory for Xbox. While he currently lives in Santa Monica, California, he fondly remembers his formative years at Clover Hill High School where he discovered his passion for entertainment technology. Ron encouraged the students to “find what you love (to do) and give it a purpose.

The highlight of the evening was the awards presentation. Recognized were the following award categories and winners.

MEGA School of the Year Award – This award is based on the partnership with MEGA Mentors (Principal involvement, Coordinator involvement) and promoting the MEGA Values (Respect, Responsibility, Effort, and Achievement).

Falling Creek Middle School

MEGA Mentors School Coordinator of the Year Award – This is awarded to the high and middle school coordinator that puts forth exceptional effort to partner with MEGA and assure student success. This coordinator not only schedules activities but takes extra effort to assure the program is running smoothly, participates in activities, helps solve problems and shares best practices.

Jorli Swingen, Falling Creek Middle

MEGA Mentors Community Partnership Award
This award is given to a community partner who helped MEGA achieve its mission of funding, enrollment, and recruitment.

John Tyler Community College (Chester Campus)

MEGA Mentors of the Year Award – One (1) male and one (1) female will be awarded. This award goes to the mentor that went above and beyond in their mentoring students, tutoring, and coordination of school activities, advocacy, teamwork, recruiting and retaining mentors and participation in all MEGA Mentor activities.

(L) Phil Daniel, Carver Career Academy (R) Linda Thomas, Falling Creek Middle

MEGA Mentors Students of the Year Award - The school coordinator, teachers, administrators and MEGA coordinator will select a student from each school/from each grade that demonstrated Respect, Responsibility, Effort and Achievement.

FALLING CREEK MIDDLE SCHOOL

6th grade: Genesis Haskins  7th grade: Leanna Patterson  8th grade: Elie Alamada

PROVIDENCE MIDDLE SCHOOL

6th grade: Dale Kennedy  7th grade: Lena Lee  8th grade: Vongai Zhondira

CARVER MIDDLE SCHOOL

6th grade: Jordan Williams  7th grade: Alyana Soto  8th grade: Savannah Williams

CARVER COLLEGE & CAREER ACADEMY

9th grade: Ce’Tia Thomas  10th grade: Carrie White  12th grade: William Welford  12th grade: Vernisha Benson

MEADOWBROOK HIGH SCHOOL

10th grade: Jayondrey Giles  10th grade: Cierra Elder  12th grade: Jeffrey Depaula  12th grade: Kaytlin Nickens

THOMAS DALE HIGH SCHOOL

CTC 360 HULL

Devonte Wilcox  Katelyn Pillar  Victoria Easley  Jonah Hamlin
**MENTORS**
MENTORS EXPECTING GREATER ACHIEVEMENT

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John Tyler Chester Campus Nicholas Hall – 6:00 p.m.

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MEGA Coordinator and Principal Meetings

**September 2015**
Mentoring Program Kickoff Week

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**March 12, 2016**
MEGA Annual Merit Field Trips, location TBD

**May 20 or 27, 2016**
MEGA Annual Awards and Recognition Banquet
CTC-Hull Street 5:30 p.m. (date and location to be finalized)

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**March 12, 2016**
Richmond Forum
Landmark Theater 8:00 p.m.

**April 8 and April 15, 2016**
Julia Gillard, Former Prime Minister of Australia (HS only)

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