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# MILLER HOME AND SCHOOL CONNECTIONS

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*“High expectations for all; raising the bar every day and in every way”*

## MILFORD STARS



Coach Reggie White, Sr. has been named the National Federation of State High School Associations 2014 Football Coach of the Year for football in the state of Maryland! Congratulations Coach White!! We are so proud of you.

## JROTC Beyond the Classroom

During the week of December 15th - December 19th, Dean of Students, Mr. Philip Robinson, and Assistant Principal, Ms. Adrian Charley went to marine corps boot camp in Parris Island, South Carolina with 50 educators from the northeast and mid-Atlantic region. Each year The Marine Corps Educator's Workshop invites school leaders and educators from schools with JROTC programs, or those looking to begin a program to participate in the workshop in order to get a first hand experience on the men-

tal and physical endurance required for recruits to complete the 13 weeks of boot camp before earning the right to be a United States marine. Throughout the week educators not only endure the physical training and “aggressive” commands from their squad leaders, but they also spend time attending informative sessions that illustrate the academic ability that recruits must possess in order to complete all aspects of their training. According to the workshop (continued on pg. 2)



(Mr. Robinson inspects the new state of the art military planes.)



(Mr. Robinson easily tackles all events on the obstacle course.)



Principal Roderick W. Harden , Sr.

## ADVANCED PLACEMENT

This year we are continuing our efforts to increase the number of students who enroll in Advanced Placement courses and take the AP exam for the course. Our AP Induction Ceremony at the beginning of the school year was the beginning of the rigorous exploration of college level coursework for some students, and a continuation of the AP journey for others. Those students will have the opportunity to shine at this year's AP Festival (planned for January 29th) students and families will have the opportunity to meet AP teachers and students so that they can discuss the commitment required to take an AP course, as well as the rewards.

## From the Desk of Principal Harden

*The beginning of the second semester marks the halfway point for the 2014-15 school year. For many seniors the second semester is a very exciting time. This is when all of the senior celebrations occur. We have almost reached that season of celebration. However, for some students this is the moment of realization. The time when they realize that if they don't get serious and set their priorities straight, then*

*they may be facing a season of disappointment.*

*This is not the time for students to get comfortable and ease up on their studies. It is also not the time for students to give up if they have been struggling. I encourage all students who need assistance to reach out to your teachers, guidance counselors, administrators, or any member of Team Milford, and ask for assistance.*

*I am very proud to announce that Milford was just recognized as being the school with the highest increase in the graduation rate in the county! Milford students are receiving college acceptance letters and scholarships on a daily basis. We are raising the bar every day and in every way and our students are reaching it!*

## JROTC Marines (con't)

leaders, educators often mistakenly steer their difficult or underperforming students towards military service. The drill sergeants that we spoke with take it very seriously if a recruit fails. They say, "if a recruit doesn't make it, then that recruit didn't fail, we failed." However, they want to make sure that schools understand that "dumping ground" for "mess ups".

Many of the new marines (those recently graduated from boot camp) who we met were taking college courses while also fulfilling their assigned marine corps responsibilities. The range of opportunities and choices for study were limitless. The young presenters frequently stated that had it not been for the chance to pursue advanced study in the corps, they don't know



(Ms. Charley changes her mind about propelling down the 50ft)



where they may have ended up, or what they would be doing. Their message to other young adults who are unsure of the future would be to consider the marines. The facilitators of the workshop encouraged educators to present the marine corps as a viable option for students when discussing life beyond graduation.

(Ms. Charley begins the obstacle course with the uneven logs.)



## *Milford Track Running Ahead of the Rest!*



On January 20th, the boys track team captured the BCPS Indoor Track Championships, beating out Dulaney by more than 30 points. This is the first time that the boys have won this championship in over 20 years!

Over the winter break, Milford Mill seniors Yinka Alabi & Jordan Leon were big winners. Both athletes competed against some of top runners in the northeast at regional winter track & field events. Jordan placed 2nd in the 2 Mile and is currently ranked number one in MD in that event. Yinka Alabi finished 2nd in the 55 Hurdles, and was a finalist in the 300m Dash. Yinka holds two MD #1 spots in the 55H and 300m Dash.



## *Millers on the Road*

Milford Mill at The Howard County Winter Festival on December 19<sup>th</sup>. This was the first track meet of the season.



## CHAMPIONS OF COURAGE UPDATE!



Meika Thomas' salute to her Champion of Courage will be broadcast on **Monday, February 9<sup>th</sup>**:

Twice during morning news from 6-9AM on FOX45

Twice during the Early News from 4-6PM

Twice during 6-8PM on CW Baltimore

Once during 10PM – 11:30PM

Her essay will also air at various times beginning January 17 through March 8th on FOX 45, CW Baltimore and myTV Baltimore. Meika will receive a DVD of her essay as well as the compilation of all 20 essays that will be screened at the January 31st Awards Breakfast.

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## Let's Watch It's Academic!!



On Saturday, January 31, at 10:00AM watch WJZ- TV channel 13 to see Milford's *It's Academic* Team compete against Baltimore City Schools and Queen Anne's County Schools.

### Team Members:

Taylor Johnson, senior; Javel Quinlan & Kaosi Di-ibor, sophmores; and alternate Tristan Dabney, who will be next year's team captain.

Thanks for the support of Principal Harden, Assistant Principal, Ms.Charley; English teacher, Ms. Bate-man, and Fiscal Assistant, Mrs. Shaw.

