

## **NEW HOPE HIGH SCHOOL CLAIMS TOP HONORS AT EMCC'S ANNUAL SCHOLARS' OLYMPIAD**

More than 100 high school students competed for scholarships during the Scholars' Olympiad at East Mississippi Community College. The annual event, now in its fourth year, was held Feb. 5 at the college's Golden Triangle campus.

"The Scholar's Olympiad was once again a tremendous success. It certainly exciting to have area students on the EMCC campus," said Dr. Steve Vacik, EMCC vice president of instruction. "But more that, it is encouraging to see the intellectual ability of our young people on display. It is no wonder more and more businesses and industries are seeing the potential for settling in our state, both now and in the future."

Participating students came from eight high schools in the EMCC district: Caledonia High School, Central Academy, McKellar Technology Center at Columbus High School, Heritage Academy, Immanuel Christian School, New Hope High School, Millsaps Career and Technology Center at Starkville High School and West Point High School.

The overall school winner was New Hope High School. West Point High School took second place, and Caledonia High School finished in third place.

Here's a look at the students whose scores on Scholars' Olympiad tests earned them scholarships to East Mississippi Community College. First place finishers received \$500 scholarships. Second place finishes earned \$250 scholarships, and third place earned \$100 scholarships.

### **Academic, Art**

First place: Cody Wilson, Caledonia High School

Second place: Brooklyn Morton, New Hope High School

Third place: Kendrick Foote, Columbus High School

### **Academic, Biological Science**

First place: Wesley Youngblood, Caledonia High School

Second place: Leanna Hill, Columbus High School

Third place: Mia Randle, West Point High School

### **Academic, English**

First place: Rachel Bostik, New Hope High School

Second place: Austin Allsup, Heritage Academy

Third place: Krista Green, Immanuel Christian School

### **Academic, History/Government**

First place: Cullen Davis, Caledonia High School

Second place: Alex Woolbright, New Hope High School

Third place: Andrew Schaeffer, Caledonia High School



**Academic, Mathematics**

First place: Abby Good, Immanuel Christian School

Second place: Kayla Burns, Columbus High School

Third place: Rachel Brown, Immanuel Christian School

**Academic, Music**

First place: Empress Shirley, New Hope High School

Second place: Quintez Henry, Columbus High School

Third place: Laura Cotton, Central Academy

**Academic, Physical Science**

First place: Aaron Montano, Caledonia High School

Second place: Forrest Pogue, Immanuel Christian School

Third place: Meredith Barefield, New Hope High School

**Career-Technical, Automotive Technology**

First place: Jennifer Smith, New Hope High School

Second place: Thomas Brown, New Hope High School

Third place: Anderson Williams, New Hope High School

**Career-Technical, Business Marketing/Finance/Hospitality**

First place: Okoye Davis, Columbus High School

Second place: Thomas Fitzner, Heritage Academy

Third place: Maribeth Farr, West Point High School

**Career-Technical, Drafting and Design**

First place: James Harrell, West Point High School

Second place: Turner Pounders, Columbus High School

**Career-Technical, Electronics**

First place: Isiah Terry, West Point High School

**Career-Technical, Machine Tool Operations**

First place: Sean Brown, West Point High School

**Career-Technical, Nutrition**

First place: Ariel Johnson, Starkville High School

Second place: Whitney Brown, West Point High School

Third place: Matt Dickey, Heritage Academy

**Career-Technical, Welding**

First place: Marvin Jones, West Point High School