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Fla. Education Commissioner Honors ECSD Students *Superintendent Thomas Surprised as Well!*

The first 2019 meeting of Florida Department of Education's State Board was held Jan. 16 at Pensacola State College. At the beginning of the meeting, the Commissioner Richard Corcoran honored students from Escambia County by presenting them with the Commissioner's Leadership Award. The students from Escambia County School District who were honored included:

Michael Alderman represented ECSD, the George Stone Technical College (GSTC) and the adult education system (IMG_4167):

When Michael Alderman was only 17, he was homeless when became a father. Facing these challenges, he enrolled in George Stone Technical College and earned his GED while working and he is now preparing to begin the GSTC Cybersecurity program. He is well known for his willingness to help his teachers and classmates and he earned the GSTC Outstanding Student Award, an annual honor given to only one student each year.

Lakeisha King Represented ECSD and Pensacola High School (IMG_4154):

Lakeisha King is a senior at Pensacola High School where she is known as a young leader and a trusted representative of her school in the Guided Work Program. She greets visitors, parents and students and assists them with registration and learning their way around their new school. When Lakeisha was a freshman there was a terrible fire that took the lives of her four younger siblings. She has learned ways to deal with the grief while maintaining her focus on her goals to graduate high school and attend college and she is planning to become a teacher or a counselor so she can help children who may be struggling. She has also been active in the AFJROTC all four years and shows her pride in weekend drills, competitions or by volunteering to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

Katherine Harrison represented ECSD and Brown Barge Middle School (photo IMG_4148):

Katherine Harrison is an 8th grade student at Brown Barge Middle School where she has excelled. Her leadership among her peers was demonstrated

when she led her business group in the YLYB Market Day, and when she acted as camera operator for her group's short film in the Mass Media Film Festival. Katherine also showed amazing strength after she and her brother were involved in a tragic accident last school year that cost her brother his life when he got out to help an injured driver in another one of the cars involved, and he was hit by a passing vehicle. Her fearlessness and her dedication to her education, her classmates, the band and her classes resulted in her teachers nominating her for consideration for this honor.

The Commissioner and the members of the State School Board also surprised recognized Escambia County School Superintendent Malcolm Thomas for his recent selection as School Superintendent of the Year for the State of Florida.
(photo IMG_4191)