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***Interview of Ms. Paige McKnight
SCGSSM Student / Kingtree
(Williamsburg County) Resident***



Q: What do you like best about the Governor's School so far?

A: The South Carolina Governor's School for Science and Mathematics is very diverse and accommodates the interests of many. A great feature that I like best is meeting students with similar interests and professional career goals.

Q: What college are you considering? What will be your major? What is your career goal?

A: After I graduate high school, I would like to attend a four-year university where I will study Pre-Med to meet the acceptance requirements of an elite medical program. I would like to become an anesthesiologist with a focus on pediatrics.

Q: What's one of the most important lessons would you say your parents taught you that you will never forget?

A: When in fear, doubt, anxiousness, or nervousness always turn to God in prayer.

Q: What is your most memorable event from attending schools in WCSD?

A: The most memorable event from attending schools in WCSD is centered at Kingtree Middle Magnet School of the Arts. The one event to highlight is the annual Awards and Athletic Banquet, where the school showed an amazing effort to highlight many students for their academic and athletic accomplishments. The elaborate gestures that were extended to students, families/supporters, staff, and the community were admirable.

Q: Who was your favorite teacher? Why?

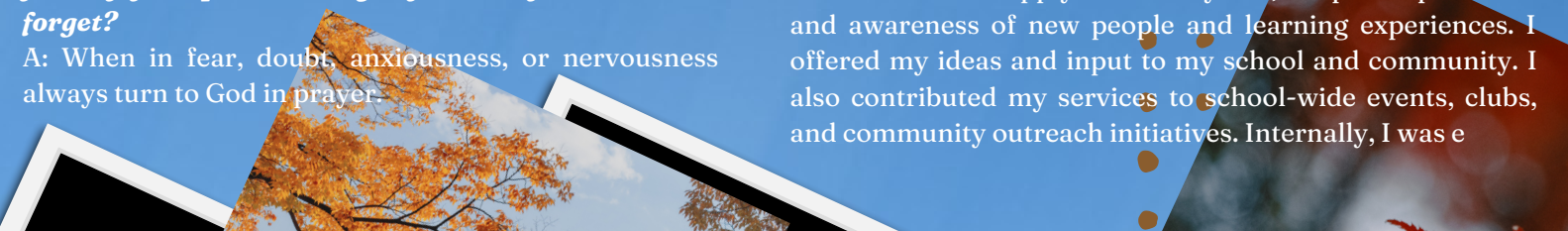
A: Although I experienced many great teachers, administrators, coaches, and staff while attending WCSD, I can name one teacher that impacted my scholastic and personal endeavors. My favorite teacher was Mrs. Teresa Burgess. She was my kindergarten teacher and mentor throughout my years in Williamsburg County. What a great first impression! Mrs. Burgess and her family have never missed an opportunity to encourage or provide a scholastic resource. I am forever grateful to have had such a terrific person impact my life.

Q: How has growing up in Williamsburg County shaped you into who you are today?

A: Growing up in Williamsburg County is a good experience. It is a small town that offers me the opportunity to create a strong support system. As a resident of Williamsburg County, I am gaining an extreme passion for the things that are important to me. I am very passionate about my family, academic goals, and sports involvement. I am grateful for my involvement in my church, my commitment to civic organizations, and the time I served on various volunteer projects. Williamsburg County impacts who I am today.

Q: What did you have to do to be considered for the Governor's School?

A: After researching the criteria of the SCGSSM years ago, I created a plan to meet the admissions requirements even if I did not decide to apply. Over the years, I kept an open mind and awareness of new people and learning experiences. I offered my ideas and input to my school and community. I also contributed my services to school-wide events, clubs, and community outreach initiatives. Internally, I was e



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empowered spiritually and was encouraged by my family to obtain greatness. I have remained focused on always doing my best in every task and most importantly I created a vision of what I expected the outcome to be.

Q: What is one thing that you would suggest to someone considering the Governor's School?

A: Do not be afraid to stand out or to stand alone! Ignore any negative feedback that is not beneficial to your growth and remain focused on your goals.

