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Four Fallston High School Students Earn Significant Awards for Their Work in German Class

Four Fallston High School students taking German with Mr. Richard Jones were recently recognized with cash awards, special ceremonies and even a trip to Germany for their works on the subject.

Rachel Donohue, a junior, received third place in the American Goethe Society writing competition. Rachel’s 400-word essay in German was a response to the topic: Why should one learn German in the 21st century? She was recognized on May 4, 2016, in a ceremony at the Goethe Institute in Washington, D.C. For her achievement, she also received a cash award.

Saxon Brown, a freshman, took the National German Exam. The American Association of Teachers of German, Maryland Chapter, will recognize those students who achieved in the 90th percentile at a ceremony at the Zion Lutheran Church in Baltimore on May 22. Saxon scored in the 90th percentile and will be honored at the upcoming ceremony. He will also be presented with a cash award. Marley Downes, also a freshman, took the test as well and scored in the 80th percentile. Fallston High is the only school that participated in the National German Exam from Harford County.

Sarah Ross, a junior, is this year’s recipient of the Gerhard Meizner scholarship. This award is a three-week study trip to Germany. She will be staying with a family in Bonn. The award is sponsored by the German Society of Maryland. Sarah is the second student from Fallston High School to receive this award.

“I am proud of these students and what they have been able to achieve in their study of the German language,” said Mr. Jones.

Pictured above, from left to right: Fallston High School Principal Richard Jester, Marley Downes, Saxon Brown, Sarah Ross, Rachel Donohue and German Teacher Richard Jones.

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