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- David C. McCullough

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Six Years at Hammond: Assistant Principal Vandenberge Moves to Atholton in July



Martin Vandenberge served as assistant principal for six years. He took a few moments out of his day to share his reflections of Hammond before moving to Atholton in July.

started his Howard County the same goals. mond this year.

berge said, "The principal olton."

mond High School who proaches in trying to achieve six years.

Mr. Vandenberge is now ment to helping students new community," he said. scheduled to leave Ham- reach their post high school During a recent interview, goals, and good humor have Mr. Vandenberge reflected Mr. Vandenberge was at been invaluable. He truly on the opportunity he had to Hammond for the transition lives the Hammond motto be involved with two graduwhen Mr. Burke retired in that we are a school 'where ating classes - 2009 and 2010 and Marcy Leonard people are important.' He 2012. Mr. Vandenberge took over as principal. Of will be greatly missed, and serves one graduating class that transition, Mr. Vanden- we wish him the best at Ath- at a time.

Now that he has gone through the changes, Mr. Vandenberge is going through a career change of his own. His transfer to Atholton High School takes effect July 1, 2012. His move is part of the rotation of administrators that the Howard County Public School System initiates from time to

Mr. Vandenberg came to Hammond on July 1, 2006. He served the students and staff at the school for six vears. Now HCPSS is moving him to assume the role of assistant principal at Ath-

Of his departure Mr. Vandenberge said, "My heart is sad to be leaving after six years." He said after he thought this transfer through Martin Vandenberge is an transition was very smooth. he decided that it is a good assistant principal at Ham- Both have different ap- thing to move every five to

He was still nostalgic career working under Ster- Ms. Leonard said, "Mr. about his tenure. "The best lind Burke, Sr., the hard- Vandenberge has been an part about Hammond is the charging principal who is incredible educational leader relationships I've been able noted for making major im- at Hammond for six years, to develop. I don't know provements at the school. His school spirit, commit- how it is going to be in a

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The Publisher's Notes

On March 9, 1978, The Columbia Flier printed a retrospective on Guilford. The title of the main article was, "Guilford: Where Columbia Meets the Country". In 2012 Guilford is not as country as it was, but much of that country charm still exists. To get a glimpse of the old charm of Guilford, one only needs to take note of the mix of old and new. Here you can get a taste of Columbia before it was Columbia.

Take a look at the homes along Guilford Road, Mission Road, and Carroll Avenue. If you pay close attention, you might become aware of time travel. Did you know that the old Guilford Elementary School still exists? It is someone's home now.

The charm is not so much the old buildings you find in the area, but the fact that many of the families living here now, were indeed the same families living here prior to the completion of Columbia. That's history and that's where you find the country charm.

Guilford is filled with that old-fashioned American Revolutionary spirit. Residents came together and fought hard to prevent development. They maintained their property rights and gained acceptance from the political structure of the day.

Rather than the sense of forced community that comes with tract housing, you have regular folks with small homes on spacious lots. They may not have all of the amenities of the new homes in the area, but they have what they want – a piece of Americana.

Guilford is a great community worth preserving and capable of evolving at its own pace. Let's celebrate our town.

Ricardo L. Whitaker

Wegmans Announces Record Number of Scholarships

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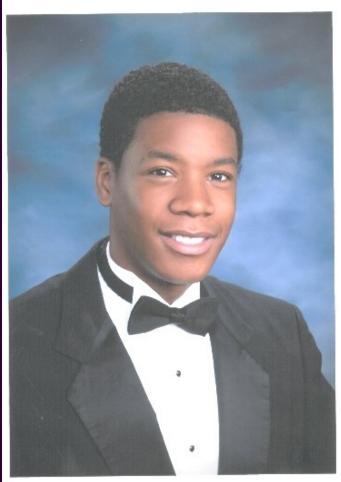
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(a maximum of \$6,000), within the company.

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Guilford Resident Picks Up Three Scholarships



Graduating Hammond Senior, Duane Echols will attend McDaniel College in the fall with three or more scholarships.

Duane Echols is a student at Hammond High School who recently walked across the stage sporting a 3.2 Grade Point Average. He was recruited by several colleges to play basketball. He chose to attend McDaniel College in Westminster, Maryland, intending to major in Sports Management.

Thus far, Mr. Echols has earned three scholarships from Delta Sigma Theta, Omega Psi Phy, and Kappa Alpha Psi. He has at least two more pending review.

The Guilford Gazette obtained his response to a scholarship application and determined that his community efforts, academic and athletic successes were worth putting in the spotlight this week. Without comment, we are presenting Mr. Echols' response to the requirement to "Describe civic or community projects you have participated in during your four years of high school." Here is Mr. Echols response:

Participated in the "Toys for Tots" program each year at Hammond High School with the male basketball team. We asked our fans to donate toys during our home games, so that we could distribute them during the Christmas season to children in need in the Howard County area.

Was named co-captain of the JV basketball team sophomore year where I could build and enhance my leadership skills.

Recognized at the basketball banquet for my academic excellence in 2010 with a GPA of 3.5 on a 4.0 scale.

Was named co-captain of the Varsity basketball team senior year 2011 where I could use my leadership skills to help enhance and encourage my teammates to work harder to accomplish our goal of winning.

Recognized at the basketball banquet for my academic excellence in 2011 with a GPA of 3.5 on a 4.0 scale and received the coaches award for the highest free-throw percentage and the second highest 3 point shots made for the year..

Was selected to play in the Buffalo Wild Wings bas-(Continued on Page 7)

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He steered his students sophomore through senior year. He "being a part in giving stusaid, "It's neat to see how dents more of a say in [student] teams work. How cessful."

He said that he particular-[other students] along." motion.

When asked to talk about a voice. Hammond highlights, Mr. Vandenberge thought back tinued with the Student to a pep rally where teach- Leadership Cadre [under er Raymona Reid sang a Ms. Leonard]." pop song but substituted a word with "Hammond". worked with parents. He He said, "It was really said, "When I talked to

moving."

Mr. Vandenberge said on the same page." year one of his rewards was school- beginning with Mr. we get to see them be suc- Burke and continuing with Ms Leonard"

He said, "I participated in ly enjoyed seeing "how the first Team Summit different members of stu- [under Mr. Burke] and dent support teams help tried to steer some kids into leadership roles. I saw He indicated that this sup- kids excited to be part of port network is in perpetual the decision-making process – to see that they have

That [process] has con-

Mr. Vandenberge also

parents 99% of them were helping to contribute to the

Mr. Burke was contacted for this article. He said, "Martin Vandenberge is a caring and conscientious professional who is committed to providing a high quality education to all children. He enthusiastically takes on the challenges that the job of a high A Howard County student, who school administrator presents, always keeping his decision making focused cy of not officially recognizing on making the school experience better for teachers, vanced students a bump in GPA students, and parents. He for mastering difficult material. was a tremendous support mony on policy 8020, and is to me in my four years at currently under no obligation Hammond High School, to accept the petition.

significant paradigm shift at the school. I am confident that Marty will be value added to the Atholton High School community, and I wish him all the best."

Student Fights Board On Grading Policy

goes by Malerie, has begun a petition drive to push the County School Board to change its poliweighted GPAs. The weighted system allows categories of ad-The Board already heard testi-



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basketball Round Ball Classic in 2012.

Was selected to play in the first annual Howard Coun- ous tasks. ty East vs. West basketball classic in 2012.

Washington College in Chestertown, Maryland in August of 2010 where we learned fundamentals of leadership, collaborating and practicing new skills, participating in making the program unique and fun and developing an individual plan of action to use back at school "Freedom Fund" Banquet held on March 20, 2012 at and in the community.

Academic awards and honor roll each year.

Was inducted into the "Alpha Achiever's" in 2011 for academics excellence, good conduct and good character. Recognized by the Howard County BSAP Program in "Celebrating Excellence" for academic achievement in 2012 for maintaining a GPA of 3.0 or better on a scale of 4.0

Volunteered as a camp counselor at Bethel Christian Academy in Savage, MD for their youth summer camp program. During four weeks of the summer, I worked with the kindergarten and first grade age group children at the camp.

Volunteered at the Morningside Senior Living facility in Laurel. MD where we assisted the seniors with vari-

Also helped plan, execute and participated in various Attended the Maryland Leadership Workshop held at youth activities for my church, First Baptist Church of Guilford such as bible facts scavenger hunt, laser tag, bowling outings, movie outings, youth lock-ins, and youth explosions.

Volunteered to serve as a host for the NAACP Turf Valley Conference Center in Ellicott City, MD. and is a card carrying member of the NAACP.

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