



# KSB Wildcat Monthly

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## Introducing the Class of 2013

KSB introduces the Class of 2013. As staff, it is hard to believe time has passed so quickly. We can only imagine as parents—this must be especially true. KSB is very proud of this group of young men. Yes, that is right, only boys comprise this class. *Congratulations and best wishes for the future!*



### **Garrad Riley** (at left)

Garrad is from Bullitt County. He has attended KSB for six years. He has been a model student throughout his high school career. He is very responsible, is not afraid to advocate for his self and others and is a hard worker. While at KSB, he has also participated in cheerleading.

After graduation, he will participate in a supported employment program and has been working closely with these outside agencies in recent weeks to prepare for his transition.

### **James Lewis** (at right)

James is from Crittenden County and has attended KSB for seven years. He has also been dual enrolled at Central High Career Magnet throughout his high school career. He has the proud distinction of receiving a 32 on his ACT in addition to being an active member of KSB athletics with participation in goal ball, wrestling, swimming, and forensics.

After high school, he will attend Murray State University and study in the technology field.



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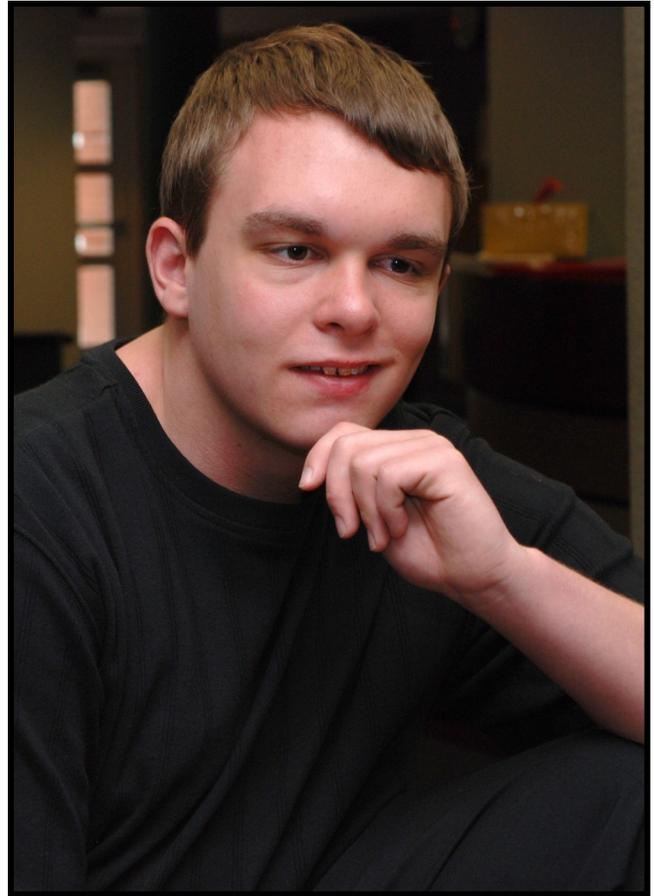
**Class of 2013, continued from Page 1****Jonathon McCarty**

Jonathon is from Louisville. He has attended KSB for 12 years. He is a dual enrolled student at Central High Career Magnet. He also participated in the KSB Work Program.



This year he has worked at Fabulous Finds and the American Printing House for the Blind (APH). Jonathon has been active in KSB sports, receiving numerous awards in wrestling, swimming, goalball and forensics.

After high school, he will attend Jefferson Community and Technical College. He plans to study in the field of broadcasting.

**Kyle Givens**

Kyle is from Louisville and has attended KSB for six years. Throughout high school, he has also been dual enrolled at Central High Career Magnet where he participated in their the law and government program. He has been an active participant in KSB athletics, receiving many honors in wrestling, goalball and swimming.

After high school, he will attend the University of Louisville and study pre-law or communications.



Kenton Smith is from Ballard County. He has attended KSB full-time since 2011, in addition to many years of participating in the Short Term and Summer Programs. He is dual enrolled at the Central High Career Magnet. Since arriving at KSB, he has been involved in athletic events and excels in music and art.

**This year, Kenton received the Rotary Club Unsung Hero Award and Louisville Mayor Greg Fischer's Outstanding High School Student Award.**

He will attend Murray State University and study music business.

### Kenton Smith



  
**2013**

Kyle Smith is from Ballard County and is Kenton's twin brother. He, too, has attended KSB full time since 2011, in addition to many years of participation in the Short Term and Summer Programs. He was dual enrolled at the Central High Career Magnet and also participated this year in the KSB Work Program. He has worked at Fabulous Finds and APH.

After graduation, he will attend West Kentucky Community College and study music business or computer technology.

### Kyle Smith



## Foreign Exchange Student Heads Home to Pakistan



*Safira Bibi, shown in front of the White House on the recent KSB senior trip to Washington DC.*

KSB wishes great success to this year's foreign exchange student **Safira Bibi**. Safira is from Pakistan and will return to her home in June. She has embraced the United States and learned so much since she has been here.

Safira has shared stories of making her own Braille books in Pakistan with a slate and stylus. She has been amazed by all the access to Braille and technology here.

She has participated in KSB extracurricular activities and in cheerleading, swimming, track and forensics. She has also been dual enrolled at the Central High Career Magnet since January.

## KSB Welcomes New Staff Members

KSB is proud to introduce **Anna Garland** as the new Housekeeping Supervisor. Garland is a native of Murray. She attended Murray State University, where she received a Bachelor's degree in Art with an emphasis in Photography. In her spare time, Garland enjoys listening to music, watching movies and reading. She is also a dog groomer and proud owner of a Border Collie/Sheltie mix, an Irish Setter, and a black Lab.

**DiAngelo Smith** is also new to the Housekeeping Department. He is a native of Philadelphia, PA and has lived in Louisville for nearly ten years. Smith enjoys various sports, and his favorite team is the Philadelphia Eagles.



*Anna Garland (left) is the new Housekeeping Supervisor. DiAngelo Smith (right) is a new janitor at KSB.*

**Welcome**

# Founder's Day 2013: 171 Years of Tradition

Founder's Day was held on May 9. This is a day that is set aside each year to recognize and to celebrate the history of KSB. Founded in 1842, KSB has seen many changes through the years

but it has always remained focused on educating and bettering the lives of Kentucky students who are blind and visually impaired. During the program, several MS/HS students pre-

sented a historical reading and APH Vice President of Public Affairs J. Gary Mudd was presented the Paul J. Langan Distinguished Service Award. Mudd is a 1971 graduate of KSB.



*2013 Paul J. Langan  
Distinguished Service Award  
Recipient J. Gary Mudd*



*Top left: Director of Instruction John  
Roberts addresses the Founder's Day  
audience.*

*Bottom Left: Director of Outreach for  
Regional Programs Kristen Hammond  
presents the Langan Award to Gary  
Mudd.*

# Third Grade Students Make National Impact



*From left to right: APH Director of Field Services Janie Blome, Mickie Foard, Karleigh Bruner and Third Grade Teacher Jane Harty pose in the lobby of APH.*

*By: Jane Harty, Third Grade Teacher*

What sort of things can we do when we are angry? We can kick and scream. What about making a change? What about stepping forward, talking to the person in charge and making a change? That is exactly what third grade students **Mickie Foard** and

**Karleigh Bruner** did this past March.

As a result of their meeting with Janie Blome, Director of Field Services at APH, the rules of the National Braille Challenge have changed. In April, the Braille Institute determined that the regional events can award prizes to students who are not competing at grade level.

The Institute still requires that students competing on grade level be given priority for prizes, but did agree that it makes sense to allow prizes to be given to other students if there are more prizes than grade-level students competing in a particular category

*Well done Mickie and Karleigh!*

**Good Luck  
2013 Graduates!**



**Students  
Have a Safe  
and Relaxing  
Summer**

***See you on  
August 18***

# Students Honored at Annual Athletic Banquet

KSB celebrated the 2012-2013 athletic achievements of students by holding the Annual Athletic Banquet on Thurs., May 23.

The following students were honored:

## **Boys Track**

Most Valuable — **Jonathon McCarty**  
Rookie of the Year — **Jacob Hack**

## **Girls Track**

110% Award — **Ashley Johnson**  
Most Improved — **Safira Bibi**

## **Cheerleading**

Most Outstanding — **Amanda Livers**  
Coaches Choice — **Savannah Hively**

## **Boys Goalball**

Most Outstanding — **Jacob Hack**  
Rookie of the Year — **Elijah Wegner**

## **Girls Goalball**

Most Valuable — **Savannah Hively**  
Most Improved — **Salena Tirey**

## **Wrestling**

Most valuable—**Kyle Givens** and **Jonathon McCarty**  
Most Improved—**Lance Oliver**

## **Boys Swimming**

Most Improved — **Justin Hedges**  
Senior Leadership — **Jonathon McCarty**

## **Girls Swimming**

Rookie of the Year — **Ashley Johnson**  
Most Outstanding — **Beth Stephens**

## **Forensics**

Wildcat Award — **Amanda Livers**  
Team Leadership — **Elijah Wegner**



Swim Coach Tristan Pierce presents Beth Stephens with the Most Outstanding Swimmer Award as Ashley Johnson looks on.



Goalball Coach D. J. Harrod presents the Most Outstanding Goalball Player Award to Jacob Hack during the KSB Athletic Banquet.

## Music Students Perform in End-of-Year Recital

On May 21, the Fine Arts Department held its End-of-Year Recital. The choir, along with numerous solos and small groups performed before a large crowd in Richie Auditorium.

Music Director Tabathia Roark, was assisted by Mr. Honey, Mr. Falk and Mr. Puckett.



*Justin Hedges plays a solo on the piano during the music recital.*



*Zack Adams keeps the beat while performing a percussion solo.*



*Willie Barksdale strums the guitar for his part in the final recital of 2012-13 school year.*



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