

CBGS Science Symposium

The Chesapeake Bay Governor's School hosted its 14th Annual Science Symposium at Virginia Commonwealth University on Saturday, March 11th. During the morning sessions seventy-seven seniors presented their independent research projects which were judged by visiting members of the scientific community from Virginia Commonwealth University, The College of William and Mary, Virginia Institute of Marine Science, and Rappahannock Community College, among others. During the afternoon session the keynote address, "Research at the Bottom of our Planet: The Changing Antarctic Ecosystem" was given by Dr. Deborah Steinberg, a professor at The College of William and Mary's Virginia Institute of Marine Science. Dr. Steinberg spoke on her ongoing research in the Western Antarctic Peninsula as part of the Palmer Station Long Term Ecological Research project. She captivated the audience with videos crossing the Drake Passage and of Adele penguin colonies. An awards ceremony followed with ribbons being presented to those seniors whose presentations were judged to be exemplary.

CBGS seniors receiving ribbons for exemplary presentations of their work were:

Mark Stephens (Caroline), Ellie Tidman (Caroline), Kerry Woolford (Caroline), Jaclynn Truxon (King George), Amber Burch (King William), Brenon Sawdy (King William), Jacob Wilson (King William), Abigail Belvin (Gloucester), Michael Bligiotis (Mathews), Elizabeth Gale (Mathews), Edwin Hudgins (Mathews), Molly Brown (Middlesex), Shannon Brown (Middlesex), Gabrielle Taylor (Middlesex), Samantha Miller (New Kent), Justin Mitchell (New Kent), Victoria Nutt (Colonial Beach), James Blanks III (Essex), Shelby Davis (Essex), Kayla Fones (Essex), Alden McKinley (Essex), Arleigh Wood (Essex), J. Patrick McKenney (Northumberland), Carlie Pemberton (Richmond), Connor Pemberton (Richmond), Madison Pierson (Richmond), Ethan MacNamara (Westmoreland).

