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CCES opens doors to test success

BUTLER -- The Choctaw County Elementary School Motivational Committee initiated a fun and decorative way to inspire students to do their best on their assessments last week. Classroom doors and walls were decorated with a chosen theme to motivate the students throughout the testing days. Pictured at left are teachers displaying one of the doors in first grade, and on right the teachers show off one of their doors in the 3rd grade. BELOW LEFT: 4th graders show off a motivational wall, and on right, members of the motivational committee, Nona Anderson and Mechelle Weekley, along with Principal Wayne Longmire, display a SUNsational message on one of the walls near the school's entrance.



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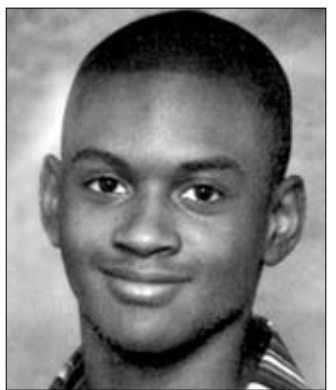
SCA 4th, 5th graders qualify for TIP

TOXEY – Fourteen 4th and 5th graders at South Choctaw Academy have been named to the Duke University Talent Identification Program's (TIP) 2007 Talent Search. The students were selected for the honor after achieving high scores ranking in the 90th percentile or higher on the SAT 10 assessment. As TIP honorees, the students will have the opportunity to receive benefits including a Merit Certificate, the Duke TIP newsletter The Navigator, and a resource handbook for parents called Staying on Course. The students will also be invited to complete the EXPLORE test, an assessment normally given to 8th graders to evaluate their academic development. Those who achieve in the 99th percentile on the EXPLORE will be invited to a ceremony in their honor and will be presented with a medallion for their accomplishments. Pictured are TIP students (front, left to right) Hope Boykin, Cassi Diamond; (middle) Dillan Clark, Anne Claire Cummings, Bree Manning, Jhett Nordan, Wesley Heathcock, John Downey; (back) Kayla James, Katie Case, Haley Turner, Joseph Watson, Adam Bonner, and Sarah Abston.

McRae honored for volunteer service

BUTLER -- Joshua McRae, son of Edna McRae, has been honored for his exemplary volunteer service with a President's Volunteer Service Award.

The award, which recognizes Americans of all ages who have volunteered significant amounts of their time to serve their communities and their country, was presented by the Prudential Spirit of Community Awards program on behalf of the President's Council on Service and Civic Participation. McRae participated in the Spirit of Community program this year as a representative of Choctaw County High School and was recommended by Kevin L. Howard, prin-



Joshua McRae

cipal. McRae will receive a letter from the President and a certificate in recognition and appreciation of his commitment to strengthening our Nation and for making a difference through volunteer service.

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