

Underwood Awards and Accolades

2023-2024

- School of Excellence 2024
- 1st place Magnet Battle of the Books
- 2nd grade student finalist in PTA Reflections
- 1st place African American History Awareness Competition
- Science Olympiad:
 - Pasta Tower- Joe Collandro
 - JV Team placed 3rd-- Aarav Kansagara and Roland Onderdonk
 - Thrill Seekers - Alexandria Judge-Lenkeit
 - JV Team placed 1st- Aarav Kansagara and Ryan Cho
 - Body Builders- Kishan Parikh
 - JV Team placed 5th- Evelyn Keys and Rivers Herring
 - V Team placed 2nd- Anjali Parikh and Holland Gramm
 - Backyard Biologist- Jennifer Keys
 - V Team placed 5th- Darian Williams and Roland Onderdonk
- THJH:
 - First Places:
 - Greg Loyek: Creative Writing
 - Chance Hamner: Photography, Architectural Details
 - Finalists:
 - Chance Hamner and Charlie Laiosa: Exhibit and Visual Arts
 - Connor Bayzle and Brock Forsythe: Exhibit and Visual Arts
 - Austin Fulmer: Exhibit and Visual Arts
- Theater Production elected for Pieces of Gold
- 5th graders work selected for Gifts of Gold
- 4th grade student artwork was represented at the United Arts Council as top creative student by Cultural Artist, Diane Silcox Jarrett.

2022-2023

- 12 Underwood students' artwork from our art elective, Astounding Artists has been selected to be exhibited in the Department of Environmental Quality's lobby.
- Theater Production elected for Pieces of Gold
- 5th graders work selected for Gifts of Gold

- 8 students were County & State winners in the NCRA Young Author's Contest.
- 1 student won in the Art Contest portion of the NCRA Young Author's contest.
- 4 students participated and won 1st place in the Elementary Division in the Black History Bowl sponsored by Iota Iota Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity.
- In the NC Museum Annual Tar Heel Junior Historian Contests:
 - 2nd place Christopher Crittenden History Contest
 - 1st place creative writing group
 - 2nd place creative writing individual
 - 1st place Tarheel Junior Historian Magazine Article
 - 2nd place Video Documentary
 - African American History Award
 - Honorable Mention Art Exhibit
- First in Fitness Competition for 2023: Out of 25 schools that competed, we had 28 students who placed in the top 6 for the Northern District of Wake County!
- Christine Keith: completed Overcoming Dyslexia by Dr. Sally Shaywitz Specialized training as a Wilson Dyslexia Practitioner authorized by Yale University.
- Carrie Oke, Jen Williams and Star Davis participated in Wake Ed Partnership's Summer STEM with the magnet office. We followed through by collaborating with Bryan Burnette from IBM in our elective courses. We then showcased our work with many local business leaders in May.
- Star Davis completed 35 hours worth of training this summer with CS in Schools through NC State, Code.org and Microsoft. Our lesson plans were designed to be available through the NCDPI shared resources page NC Open.
- Student artwork showcased at Fifth Third bank on Glenwood Avenue.
- JR was inducted into the wake county public school system Hall of Fame and the North Carolina Bandmasters Hall of Fame.
- Underwood had student artwork showcased at the State Fair, North Carolina Museum of Natural Sciences, Gifts of Gold, Fifth Third Bank, and Virtual Art show at Crabtree Valley Mall.
- Mrs. Marshallsea worked with the North Carolina Museum of Art on the Teacher Advisory Council. She assisted with writing curriculum for the elementary schools. Mrs. Marshallsea also presented at Meredith college to upcoming Art Educators.
- Advanced Strings performed a concert at Raleigh's Artsposure Festival on Sunday, May 21, 2023.

2021-2022

- Gifts of Gold entry
- Pieces of Gold
- Black History Bowl-2nd place
- Magnet School of Distinction
- “Wish You Were Here” Rialto Mural created in partnership with Enloe High School and the Five Points Business Alliance (Underwood 5th grade students)
- 3 County Winners in the Young Author’s Writing Contest-North Carolina Reading Association
- NCAEA Art Teacher of the Year
- WRAL Teacher of the Week
- Tar Heel Junior Historians (1st and 2nd place History Quiz, 1st place (individual and group) Exhibit & Visual Arts, 1st place Creative Writing, 1st place Video, Winner Artifact Search)
- First in Fitness: 34 out of 50 students placed in top 6 in the county for their event

2020-2021

- Strings Specialist (LaSaundra Booth) was named to the inaugural roster of Artist Scholars, an accomplished and influential list of Black performers, educators, activists, directors, choreographers, and administrators by the Manhattan School of Music.
- Band Specialist (JR Richardson) was voted into the NC Bandmasters’ Band Director Hall of fame
- Artwork displayed at Crabtree Valley Mall. This is a new partnership with WCPSS, United Arts Council, and Crabtree Valley Mall. 1 fifth grader, 7 fourth graders, and 6 second graders were showcased to represent all WCPSS Elementary schools.
- Gifts of Gold artwork piece in the exhibition. This is a partnership with the United Arts and WCPSS to showcase the visual arts in our county
- Underwood artwork displayed at Marbles (K and 2nd grade)
- NCRA Young Authors Writing Contest had 5 County Winners, 4 of them went on to win at the State level.
- THJH-six 5th graders competed in State Contests

2019-2020

- Alliance for a Healthier Generation Award-Bronze Level
- 5th place overall for the NC State State Fair in Art
- 2 students placed in County Reflections Contest (Both Honorable Mention for 2D/3D Visual Art)
- 4 students were County and State Winners in the Raleigh-Wake Reading Council's Young Authors Contest sponsored by North Carolina Reading Association

2018-2019

- Christine Keith: Certificate of Recognition as a Wilson Dyslexia Practitioner (W.D.P.)
- Underwood students participated in the Readvolution Reading Program
- Hurricanes Partnership Celebration: Youth Department from the Hurricanes will visit PE electives on Dec. 3. Underwood was also selected to receive a grant from the Hurricanes and NHL for new school hockey equipment for our PE Department (new sticks, goals, and 500 Hurricane Backpacks)
- Young Author's Contest-put on by the NC Reading Association. 2 county winners-Naomi Eccles and Karisma Clark
- Fuel Up to Play 60 Grant-\$4,000 (half to be spent on farm to school activities and half for a recess refresh on playground initiative)
- Reflections-one county Honorable Mention for literature: Sofie Engell
- Garden is Certified Schoolyard (Wildlife) Habitat-NC Wildlife Federation
- 2018 Science Olympiad: 1st in Junior Varsity One; 3rd in Junior Varsity Two; and Varsity 2nd Place
- 2019 Black History Knowledge Bowl-1st place
- First in Fitness-4th overall in the county; 24 students were in the top 5 in the county
- 2019 Gifts of Gold - 1 student artist placement: Sofie Engell
- MUG T MES Historians: 3 winners (Nico Aschenbrenner-Literacy, elementary, individual, 2nd place) (Sophie McPeak-Photography, institutionals/public, 2nd place) (Zora Montague-Christopher Crittenden History Quiz, elementary, 1st place)

2017-2018

- Pieces of Gold
- 2018 NCRA Young Author's Contest: 2 County & 2 State winners

- 2018 Special Olympics for Basketball Skills, 3 participants earned 1st placements; 2 participants earned 2nd placements; and 1 participant earned a 3rd placement.
- 2018 Reflections: Primary (K-2) earned (1) 1st place and (2) 2nd place entries; and Intermediate (3-5) earned (1) 1st place and (2) 2nd place entries (all school level)
- 2018 Black History Knowledge Bowl team-2nd place
- First in Fitness placed 3rd in Wake County; 33 students placed in the top 5 within their individual competitions
- Tarheel Jr. Historians participated in the annual convention
 - 5 winners/3 in more than one category
 - 1st and 2nd in History Quiz with Essay
 - 2nd in Art Exhibit & Literary
 - 1st in Magazine Article
 - Artifact, Indian History

2016-2017

- 2017 Magnet School of Distinction
- 2017 Science Olympiad: Varsity 1st place, JV 1st place
- Pieces of Gold placement and an award winning piece in the companion Gifts of Gold visual arts show
- First in Fitness team - 19 "top 5" event placements, including 1st place in 5th grade boys' Mile Run and 1st place in 2nd grade boys' Pull Up events
- 2017 (MUG T MES) Tar Heel Jr. Historians, (3) 1st place, (1) 2nd place State Literary, Art and essay contest winners
- 2017 Special Olympics for Basketball Skills, 5 participants earned 2nd or 3rd place ribbon
- Reflections: (1) 1st place, (1) 3rd place at the County Level
- Certificate of Science Achievement
- 2017 NCRA Young Author's Contest: 4 County & 3 State winners
- \$50,000 Active Spaces Grant Recipient
- 2017 Black History Knowledge Bowl: 2nd place

2015-2016

- 2016 History in Action Award NC Museum of History
- 2016 Glendia Bryson-Jacobs-Advisor of the Year Award (this honor commemorated in a display at NC Museum of History)
- 2016 (MUG T MES) Tar Heel Jr. Historians, (3) 1st place, (3) 2nd place State Essay, Artifact search contest winners
- Pieces of Gold
- 2016 Magnet School of Excellence
- 2016 Science Olympiad: Varsity 2nd place, JV 2nd place
- 2016 NC State Fair Art Recognition-2nd place premium school; 2 students received Students of Excellence Award
- 2016 Black History Knowledge Bowl: 3rd place

- 2016 NCRA Young Author's Contest: 4 County & 3 State winners

2014-2015

- AHA Brains and Bodies Silver Award
- 2015 Science Olympiad: Varsity 3rd place
- 2015 Magnet School of Excellence
- 2015 (MUG T MES) Tar Heel Jr. Historians, (2) 1st place, (5) 2nd place State History, & Essay contest winners
- Pieces of Gold
- 2015 Scholastic Pursuit: 1st place
- 2015 Black History Knowledge Bowl: 1st place
- 2015 NCRA Young Author's Contest: 6 County & 6 State winners