

Governor's School Seniors Share Research with Westminster-Canterbury Residents

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Chesapeake Bay Governor's School – Warsaw Campus seniors Megan Daiger (Washington & Lee), Meghan Frere (Lancaster), Andi Mayer (Lancaster), Megan Parker (Rappahannock), Katie Parr (Essex), and Emmanuel Valdez (Washington & Lee) presented the results of their two-year independent research projects to residents and staff at Rappahannock Westminster-Canterbury (RW-C) in Irvington on Monday, April 29, 2013. The students presented projects which investigated topics including beaver dams, local wetlands, marine life, shoreline stabilization, and aquaponics. These students will all present their research again in May at the Virginia Junior Academy of Sciences (VJAS) meeting at Virginia Tech. Following the program, former Virginia Governor A. Linwood Holton, Jr. addressed the crowd. Mr. Holton, a resident at RW-C, is the 61st Governor of Virginia, and during his term, the Virginia Governor's School program was created. Governor Holton spoke about how the Virginia Governor's School program came into existence and how pleased he was to see it continue to flourish. Today, nineteen Virginia Governor's Schools serve advanced students throughout the Commonwealth.

Photo Caption: CBGS - Warsaw students presented their independent research projects to RW-C residents and staff. Pictured are: Back row (l to r) RW-C resident and former Virginia Governor A. Linwood Holton, Jr., Marine & Environmental Science Teacher Bethany Smith, Megan Parker (Rappahannock), Katie Parr (Essex), Megan Daiger (Washington & Lee), Emmanuel Valdez (Washington & Lee), and Marine & Environmental Science Teacher Jim Beam. Front row (l to r) Meghan Frere (Lancaster), and Andi Mayer (Lancaster).