

# Swimmer's Special



Once again it's time to recognize CTA swimmers for their accomplishments outside of the pool. Being able to maintain a steady practice schedule and achieve things in other areas takes a lot of discipline and organization of time. So before I start, congratulations to each of these swimmers for their accomplishments and efforts in lots of areas.

First, the following swimmers have made their school honor rolls (\*indicates A honor roll.)

Ashley Berger  
\*Kelly Berger  
\*Lucy Hamilton  
Jameson Hubbard  
\*Price McGiffert  
\*Anna McKenzie  
\*Cora McKenzie

\*Sally Ozment  
\*Andrea Smelley  
Catherine Spence  
Amelia Tooson  
Jessica Tooson  
\*Hudson Tucker  
\*Addison Upton

In addition to Honor Roll recognition, many of our swimmers have received other school honors and recognitions. **Andrea Smelley** and **Anna McKenzie** both received the Presidential Academic Award. **Andrea** was also chosen outstanding 8<sup>th</sup> grader at Echols Middle School. **Ashley Berger** and **Hudson Tucker** are both now members of the Jr. National Honor Society, **Ashley** is also a member of the Beta Club. **Addison Upton** received the TMS Principal's Award and **Cora** and **Anna McKenzie** both received the TA Academic Excellence Award. **Anna** received the Duke University Talent Identification Award. Amelia and Jessica Tooson both received their school's Gem Award. Receiving end of school awards in specific areas are:

English – Hudson, Cora, Kelly  
Math Fax – Price  
Spanish – Anna  
Geography – Anna, Price  
Reading – Kelly  
Literature – Cora



Physical Education - Kelly  
Spelling – Jack McKenzie  
Latin and French – Cora  
Science – Cora, Anna  
Citizenship – Amelia & Jessica Tooson

Receiving the Presidential Physical Fitness Awards are:

Jameson Hubbard  
Price McGiffert  
Ashley Berger  
Kelly Berger

Anna McKenzie  
Lucy Hamilton  
Cora McKenzie

Participating in their school's student council are **Addison**, **Price** and **Anna**. **Cora McKenzie** is a member of the TA Knowledge Master Team.

The following swimmers have chosen to be part of groups or competitions involving the arts. **Mary Beth** and **Andrea Smelley** are part of a Christian Dance Group—Angels’ Wings—which performed at the National Presbyterian Conference. **Cora** had a poem published through Creative Communications. Art work by **Lucy Hamilton** was displayed at the City-School’s “Celebrate the Arts.” **Cora** placed in both a T-shirt (1<sup>st</sup>) and tie design contest. **Amelia** and **Jessica Tooson** performed in Ballet/Jazz recital. Participating in music lessons and recitals were

violin – Rhiannon Dixon, Jack and Anna McKenzie  
Piano – Lucy Hamilton, Catherine Spence, Cora  
Flute – Cora



Some of our swimmers have participated in other sports: **Jameson Hubbard** competed in a triathlon with his brothers in Birmingham. **Price** also played football, basketball and baseball. **Kelly** and **Ashley Berger** finished a winning season in softball. **Cora, Anna & Jack** participate in Tai Kwon Do. **Cora** and **Anna** have completed black belt requirements, **Jack** has his red belt. **Cora** received the TA Coaches award for most dedicated runner in track and field and cross country setting records in the 800m, 1 and 2 mile runs. She also placed in the top 8 in 6 distance events in the State AISA meet.

Two CTA Swimmers were nominated to the 2006 Jr. National Young Leaders Conference in Washington, DC in August. They are **Addison Upton** and **Cora McKenzie**.

Several of our swimmers have taken time out to help others. **Mary Beth** and **Addison** traveled to Gulfport with Reach-Out-Tuscaloosa to help with Katrina rebuilding. **Jessica & Amelia Tooson** and **Price** have also helped Katrina victims. **Price** participated in Jump Rope for Heart. **Cora** and **Anna** are part of an 8 member group started by Cora called Gorilla Girls which raised \$215 to help save gorillas. Rhiannon continues to send half of her allowance to an animal rescue foundation.

Church Groups and their activities are important to **Mary Beth** and **Andrea Smelley** and **Kelly Berger**, who attended Centri Kid Church Camp.



Finally, **Luci Hamilton** has an unusual job and responsibility. She is a part of the Googolplex Editorial Board, an on-line Kids Magazine sponsored by Credit Unions. She reviews games and stories and writes reviews about them.

As you can see, CTA is made up of individuals possessing many talents. After each good practice we are proud of our swimmers in the pool—Congratulations to our swimmers in their many “dry” activities. At the end of the fall semester I will once again invite you to let us know your out of pool accomplishments—please be sure to let us know!

Have a great fall semester.

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