

## Stay connected with McDowell

McDowell County is an American story that deserves a new chapter—one filled with promise, with goodwill, with the type of shared commitment that offers solid reasons to believe in a brighter future. Be a part of this historic partnership and show your support for McDowell's children and the greater community by joining the effort at [www.ReconnectingMcDowell.org](http://www.ReconnectingMcDowell.org).

## Broader Horizons Students Visit the Nation's Capital

The fifth year of Broader Horizons students visited Washington, D.C., June 2-6. The mentorship program, funded by the AT&T Foundation, also sponsored a weeklong trip to Charleston, W.Va., for the students in January. The juniors from River View and Mount View high schools had a week packed with activities.

They participated in job shadowing, a policy simulation workshop, met with their U.S. senators and toured the Holocaust Museum. One of the most popular activities was a career development workshop at the American Federation of Teachers office. The students were given tips on how to have a successful job interview, and then were put to the test during mock interviews with AFT staff members. They also had professional headshots

taken by AFT communications staff member Pamela Wolfe, which can be used on their LinkedIn profiles or for other professional needs.

Another high point for the students was a visit to Woodrow Wilson High School, where they took part in a "Find Someone Who" activity where they got to know the Wilson students and learned fun facts about each other. This was followed by a discussion activity in which they talked about assumptions and the impact that having assumptions made about them can have on their lives. They also shared some of the similarities and differences about living in McDowell County or Washington. The Wilson students then took the McDowell students on a tour of the school. Pictures from the trip can be viewed at <http://bit.ly/bhtrip19>.



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Broader Horizons students visited the campus of Howard University, above, and the AFT office in Washington, below. ▼



# Reconnecting McDowell Awards 'For the Future Scholarships'

Six students from Mount View and River View high schools received \$5,000 scholarships at their senior awards ceremony May 22. Following an application process, Reconnecting McDowell selected these students for their ongoing commitment to McDowell County, whether through community activities and service, or other involvement with neighbors and neighborhood organizations. Attend-

ing a West Virginia college or university in fall 2019 was also a scholarship requirement.

The scholarships were made possible by the support of the Maier Foundation; this is the second year that Reconnecting McDowell, in partnership with the foundation, has awarded For the Future Scholarships. The 2018 scholarship recipients were awarded \$2,500 each for their sophomore year.



From left: Sarah Lester, Elise Roberts and Farrah Mullins from River View High School proudly display their scholarship certificates.

Scholarship recipients Cydney Vineyard, left, and Laken Myers attend Mount View High School.

## McDowell Libraries Kick Off Summer Reading Program

McDowell public libraries launched their summer reading program registration June 10. The program is designed to keep students reading throughout the summer break. Bradshaw Library's registration featured a tour of the facility, a read-aloud activity, free movie screening as well as complimentary food and beverages. UniCare, West Virginia Birth to Three, and Reconnecting McDowell sponsored the event, which 27 people attended.

Summer reading program events will also be held at other McDowell County libraries. To sign up or for information on each local library's program schedule, call 304-436-3070 or stop by a library branch.

## In Memory of Reba Honaker

Reconnecting McDowell sends its sincerest condolences to the family of Mayor Reba Honaker. She served as Welch's mayor for the past eight years and was deeply dedicated to the people of McDowell County—often going above and beyond to serve the community she called home. Mayor Honaker was an active supporter and partner of Reconnecting McDowell. She will be missed.

For a list of Reconnecting McDowell partners, visit [www.ReconnectingMcDowell.org/partners](http://www.ReconnectingMcDowell.org/partners).

## Let's Connect

Follow Reconnecting McDowell on social media to receive the latest updates and news. We share information on webinars, job-training opportunities and upcoming community events. We also highlight our partners and their work in McDowell County and the state.

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## Want to get involved or learn more?

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