



**Laurinburg/Scotland County Area  
Chamber of Commerce**

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## **Junior Leadership Program Concludes**

The Laurinburg/Scotland County Area Chamber of Commerce's 2009-2010 Junior Leadership Scotland class finished up their year-long program with a graduation dinner recently. Graduates for the program all came from Scotland High School. They are Keyona Brown, Amanda Chevalier, Ashley Fields, Tanora Gibson, Terrance McCallum, William Purcell, Shannel Salters, Kathryn Shytle, Eleanor Sojka, Ryan Spangler and Megan Tillman.

The purpose of the program is to instill leadership qualities in participants by exposing them to many different facets of life in Scotland County. Participants for Junior Leadership met monthly during school hours to learn about county history, city government, education, industry, local non-profit agencies as well as other areas. The program began with a team-building workshop, and ended with a trip to Raleigh to meet with local legislators.

Civic responsibility was another aspect of the program, and students completed 20 hours of individual community service. As part of a group community service project, members collected over 500 cans of food to donate to Church Community Services.

A new addition for the program was the opportunity for one participant to attend the Shelton Leadership Challenge. McCallum was chosen to represent the group in July this year. Named after General Hugh Shelton, the Shelton Challenge is a six day experience to help participants expand their knowledge and skills of what it takes to be a leader. Participants have the opportunity to take part in team-building activities, low and high ropes courses, service projects and nightly activities to get to know others participating in the program. The program is administered through North Carolina State University. Sessions are held at NCSU, UNC-Charlotte and at Fayetteville State University.

Junior Leadership Scotland is open to any high school sophomore or junior that lives in Scotland County. Applications for the next program will be available at the beginning of the new school year, and students will be chosen to participate on a first-come, first-served basis. For more information about the program, contact the chamber at 276-7420.

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