

## **Press Release**

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### **Asheboro Student Places Second in North Carolina Science Fair**

ASHEBORO – Luke Hurley, a seventh grade student attending South Asheboro Middle School, placed second in the Chemistry division at the North Carolina Science and Engineering Fair last weekend. The event was hosted at Meredith College and featured regional science fair winners from across the state. Hurley was among several who represented Asheboro City Schools.

“I am really proud of my project,” said Hurley. “Only 10 percent of all science fair entries are considered for the national science fair,” he added. Hurley’s project examined biofuels and production efficiency. He made two samples of biofuels; one sample was made from used and the other from unused oil. His project was to determine which biofuel was the most efficient to make.

First and second place state winners are now nominated to compete in the Broadcom Master’s Program, a nation-wide science fair for middle school students. Hurley has already begun the application process from which 300 students will be chosen as semi-finalists (Sept. 6). From the 300 semi-finalists, 30 finalists will be chosen to travel to Washington, D.C. (Sept. 20) to meet with Nobel Prize winners, attend conferences, and present their science fair findings.

#### **About Asheboro City Schools**

Asheboro City Schools is a medium-sized school district in North Carolina, serving approximately 5,000 students at eight schools and one five-star Early Childhood Development Center. The district’s mission is to graduate responsible citizens who are prepared to succeed in higher education or the career of their choice. For more information, visit the district’s website at <http://www.asheboro.k12.nc.us/>.

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