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FIVE ALABAMA SCHOOLS HONORED AS NATIONAL BLUE RIBBON SCHOOLS

Montgomery, Ala. - The Alabama State Department of Education is proud to announce the 2015 Alabama Blue Ribbon School winners – five schools from around the state. The National Blue Ribbon Schools Program recognizes public and private elementary, middle, and high schools based on their overall academic excellence or their progress in closing achievement gaps among student subgroups.

Every year the U. S. Department of Education seeks out and celebrates great American schools, schools demonstrating that all students can achieve to high levels. “This honor recognizes your students’ accomplishments and the hard work and dedication that went into their success,” U. S. Secretary of Education Arne Duncan said in a video message to the awardees.

Alabama Honorees:
- Bear Exploration Center, Montgomery County Schools
- Crestline Elementary School, Mountain Brook City Schools
- Clark-Shaw Magnet School, Mobile County Schools
- Old Shell Road School of Performing Arts, Mobile County Schools
- Shades Cahaba Elementary School, Homewood City Schools

“Blue Ribbon Schools demonstrate how to turn innovation and perseverance into success. We are very proud of these schools and all of our schools that have been named as Blue Ribbon Schools in past years,” said Dr. Tommy Bice, State Superintendent of Education.

The National Blue Ribbon School award affirms the hard work of students, educators, families and communities in creating safe and welcoming schools where students master challenging content. The award flag gracing a school’s building is a widely recognized symbol of exemplary teaching and learning.

The Department will honor 285 public and 50 private schools at a recognition ceremony on Nov. 9-10 in Washington, D.C. In its 33-year history, the National Blue Ribbon Schools Program has bestowed this coveted award on more than 8,000 of America’s schools.

To view previous award winners, please visit the ALSDE webpage for Alabama winners (since 2012) and the USDE webpage for all winners.

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