

education news

LNC teacher awarded

HUNTERSVILLE – Tara Costenoble, a fifth-grade math and science teacher at Lake Norman Charter School, is the 2018 winner of the Innovator Award.

“Tara Costenoble has been an invaluable partner, and the Collaborative’s success and its impact are a direct result of her leadership, expertise, passion and commitment to the teachers and students of our state,” a statement from the NCCM reads.

Students recognized

The following students were named to the dean’s list by their respective universities for the fall 2018 semester:

Coastal Carolina University
Thomas Norris, Huntersville

Belmont (Tenn.) University
Elizabeth Gresser, Cornelius
Carter Jones, Davidson ☐

Pine Lake students graduate from DARE



Courtesy of Kristen Sutek

Mooresville Police Officer Richard Kratz, left and Tracy Austin present Pine Lake Prep student Divya Hasija with a bicycle.

MOUNT MOURNE – Fifth-graders at Pine Lake Preparatory marked their graduation from DARE – Drug Abuse Resistance Education – with a ceremony Dec. 19.

DARE is offered to PLP students in partnership with the Mooresville Police Department. Officer Richard Kratz, who was very popular among the graduates, and guest speaker, Tracy Austin, were on hand to congratulate and offer additional words of encouragement to the honorees.

Part of the DARE program is an essay in which students write about what they learned. Kratz chose a favorite from each PLP homeroom class and an overall winner.

Classroom winners were Tyler Senyitko, Divya Hasija, Jayden McLeod, Meryl Brown and Phoenix Myers, as Divya was the overall winner, receiving a new bicycle as reward.

Pine Lake Prep is a tuition-free, K-12 public school authorized by the North Carolina State Board of Education. Fifth-grade students attend the Lower School. ☐

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