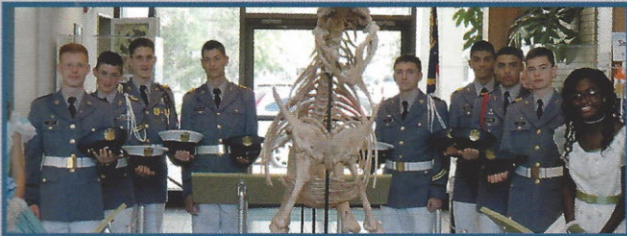


Whiteville, NC

Pecan Festival 2017



"My experience of the Pecan Festival was really good. During this trip I was escorting a Belle which was very fun and new experience for me. While escorting her we had a certain house we had to go to and talk to all the people that came into the house. Our house dated back to 1845 and was a very interesting house. After doing this we went to an amazing football game where Whiteville High School won. The next day we had a parade we had to attend and march in. The belles were on a float waving to all the people who passed by. After this we got to walk around and see some amazing classic cars. My experience at Whiteville will be one I never forget. I am so thankful for being able to attend and I look forward to being able to go next year!"

Justin Wilson (Matthews, North Carolina)

Cadet Michael Hanlon escorts his belle during the Pecan Harvest Festival Parade

"I had a very great time at the Pecan festival last week. It was great spending time with some good friends from school and meeting some new people I don't usually get to see during the regular school year. Whiteville was a lovely town and I loved the atmosphere and the people there were all very nice and welcoming. During the Tour of Homes I got to meet a lot of new people who all had very nice things to say and my brother and her family gave me a tour of the town afterward which was awesome. All the food I had there was amazing. I am very grateful and thankful I got a chance to go there with CMA this year; it was one of the highlights of my year. I think I will head down to Whiteville next year for the festival if I can get out of school."

Austin King (Wilmington, North Carolina)