



*Congratulations!*  
*2011 Ferguson Scholar*

## **JENNINGS T. "TAYLOR" BRYAN**

**Deep Run High School**

Glen Allen, Virginia, Class of 2011

James Madison University, Virginia

Business Major

Taking many Advanced Placement and Honors classes since freshman year boosted Taylor's 3.76 unweighted GPA to a 4.43, weighted overall GPA. However, like our other Ferguson Scholars, Taylor has found time to be very active at school and in his community while still holding a part-time job.

Taylor has completed a wide variety of community service and church volunteer activities from things as simple as making sandwiches for the needy to completing three week-long mission trips. He has worked as a tutor for underprivileged children during the school year and worked with an organization called Stop Hunger Now, which puts together healthy meals that are sent to malnourished people in Africa. His mission trips have included a community in Pennsylvania, one to the Coastal Carolina area, and to Galveston, Texas aiding victims of Hurricane Ike.

In school, Taylor is a member of the Student Activities Action Team, the Beta Club (a service organization), and was a Senator for the School Government in his junior year. His accomplishments were recognized when he was inducted into the National Honor Society junior year as well as the Spanish National Honor Society. He has earned a National Professional Certification in Customer Service. Taylor still managed to find time to play both baseball and football all four years of school and was named to the All District Academic Team, Colonial District, in his senior year. He received an Honorable Mention for the All District Football Team and attended the "Invited Walk-ons Day" for the JMU football team. As a member and officer of DECA, he took second place in the Sports and Entertainment Marketing portion of the DECA District Leadership Conference in February.

Taylor presented a very well written personal essay regarding his mission experience in Galveston. He vividly described the sweltering 105-degree July heat and the challenges it presented in performing manual labor. However, the conclusion he drew was very profound: "The sense of accomplishment at the end of the week was something I had never experienced. Helping those in dire need made me truly appreciate what I have today."

Taylor's English teacher stated that he exhibits "superior academic prowess," and is "a very talented athlete" who is active in many organizations at school. His marketing teacher states that Taylor "demonstrates leadership qualities in the classroom as well as on the athletic field," and that he is an "excellent team member." She continued, describing his "tenacity, integrity, character, and personal standards." She also shared that Taylor was a finalist for the Wildcat Achievement award during his junior year, "... as a student who goes the extra mile and demonstrates the qualities of an outstanding member of the Deep Run community."

Taylor's very proud parents are Paige and Tom Bryan of Glen Allen, Virginia. Tom is Operations Manager at Frischkorn location #1430.

*Best of luck at James Madison University, 2011 Ferguson Scholar*

*Jennings T. "Taylor" Bryan*