Pictured: Representative Jim Cooper, Tony Majors, Executive Principal, Alison McArthur, Academies Coach, Gini Pupo-Walker, Family and Community Engagement Specialist

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Glencliff High School accepts National Award of Excellence

Last Thursday morning, in a crowded room inside the US Capitol in Washington D.C., the leadership team of Glencliff High School was presented the 2011 National Community Schools Award of Excellence from the Institute of Educational Leadership/Coalition for Community Schools. Glencliff was the only high school in the nation to be recognized this year.
In a Coalition for Community Schools press release, they write:

Community schools across the nation are deepening family engagement, improving attendance, and increasing academic achievement. Highlighting the joint work of schools and communities the Coalition for Community Schools presents the 2011 National Community School Award for Excellence to: Roy Clark Elementary School, Tulsa, OK; Ethel Taylor Academy, Cincinnati, OH; and Glencliff High School, Nashville, TN.

The Awardees demonstrate: deep and purposeful partnerships with other organizations that are well-integrated in the life of the school, strong families and community engagement, financial sustainability through leveraged resources, and engaging instruction.

Congressman Jim Cooper spoke and co-presented the award to Glencliff. Brandon Ball of Senator Lamar Alexander’s office was also in attendance. Accepting the award on behalf of Glencliff High School was Executive Principal Tony Majors, Parent and Community Engagement Specialist Gini Pupo-Walker and Academy Coach Alison McArthur. This leadership team was accompanied by other members of the Glencliff staff along with community partners Kimberly Harrell and Liz Aleman of Monroe Carell Jr. Children’s Hospital at Vanderbilt, Joey Hassell of the YMCA of Middle Tennessee and Glen Biggs and Anthony Johnson of Alignment Nashville.

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