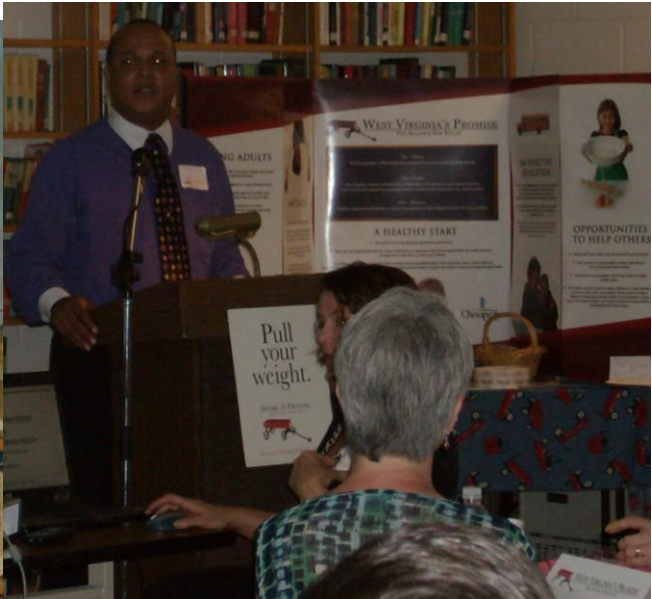


Region 7 High School Graduation & Dropout Prevention Summit
Greenbrier East High School
April 21, 2009

- 9:45 a.m. Registration & Welcome
10:00 a.m. First Lady Gayle C. Manchin- Opening Remarks
10:20 a.m. Introduction of Everyone
10:30 a.m. America's Promise Alliance Turning the Tide Video
10:40 a.m. Rev. Matthew Watts – HOPE Foundation
11:00 a.m. Steve Pilato – Governor Representative
11:10 a.m. Various Youth Speakers
11:25 a.m. Ralph Miller –The Education Alliance
11:45 a.m. Group Discussions
- Why students drop out of school/ identify the problems
 - What are the solutions
 - Identify effective policy changes
 - Complete WV's Promise survey
- 12:45 p.m. Lunch & Closing Remarks

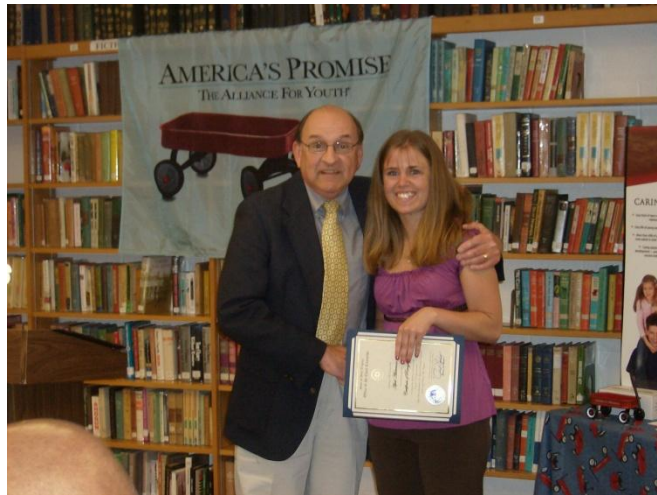








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April Alderman receives a Certificate of Recognition for outstanding dedication and service as the Region 7 Coordinator for the High School Graduation & Dropout Prevention Leadership Summit on April 21, 2009 from Steve Pilato, Region 7 Governor Representative. April covered region 7 which includes Greenbrier, Pocahontas, Clay, Webster, Nicholas, Fayette, and Raleigh Counties. Present at the summit was many board members, teachers, counselors, non-profit organizations, with keynote speaker *Gayle Manchin*. April is an AmeriCorps Promise VISTA serving with West Virginia's Promise State Director Pam Dugan.

First Lady Gayle Manchin gave opening remarks about the dropout crisis in our state and mentioned that there are 8 of these "mini summits" taking place around the state, all leading up to a State Summit on July 14, 2009 in Charleston, WV. Regional summit coordinators will report the outcomes about the crisis in their region/community. Regional summit reports will be combined into a summarized report to be presented at the State Summit on July 14 at the Charleston Civic Center, with the goal of an effective state policy change.