

## Wharton student mentors peers

Wharton High student **Valerie Baker** recently was selected to serve as a mentor to more than 50 peers during the annual Florida Youth Leadership Forum in Tallahassee.

The event was co-hosted by The Able Trust and the Florida Developmental Disabilities Council. The weeklong forum teaches students who have a wide range of disabilities about personal leadership and, through workshops, provides social activities and mentoring opportunities.

Baker, the percussion section leader for the school's marching band, has a rare disorder known as athrogryposis, which reduces joint mobility and limits a person's range of motion.

Baker served as a member of the junior staff at the conference.