



# FESTUS



## A Step Ahead



June 2024

# Middle School Expansion Underway

Work is underway to expand the Festus R-VI Middle School to accommodate the relocation of 6th grade to the middle school in the fall of 2025. On Friday, April 19 the District held a special groundbreaking ceremony. Superintendent Dr. Nicki Ruess led the event. She was accompanied by all members of the Festus R-VI Board of Education along with Festus Middle School administrators. Current 4th grade students were also in attendance. They will be the first 6th grade class to occupy the new addition.

Work got underway the week of April 15. When complete the new expansion will house new 6th grade classrooms as well as a new band and choir room. Work is expected to be completed before the start of the 2025-26 school year.



Current 4th grade students watch the groundbreaking



From left to right: Mrs. Doreen Berezowski (school board member), Mr. Josh Martin (school board member), Mr. Richard Fadler (school board member), Mr. Matthew Boyer (Middle School Assistant Principal), Mr. Jacob Munoz (Middle School Principal), Dr. Nicki Ruess (Superintendent), Mr. Doug Wendel (school board president), Mr. Mike Wolk (school board vice president), Mr. Bill Conway (school board member), Mr. Brent Abrams (school board member)

## Letter from our Board President

Dear Patrons,

Another school year is behind us. On May 21, 221 Festus High School seniors graduated and are off to their next great adventure. We wish them well as they work to make a difference in our community. Summer school is well underway. It will wrap up on June 27.

In a school, the work never stops. Our maintenance crews are already preparing for the 2024-2025 school year that will begin in just over two-and-a-half months. They have begun painting walls, refinishing floors and doing repairs around the District. Construction crews have begun renovation work on the middle school kitchen and cafeteria. Renovation of eight classrooms in the elementary stack-ups are underway and the replacement of HVAC units in the middle school and elementary

have also begun. Across the District there is a beehive of activity during the summer months.

I can't thank the members of our maintenance crew enough for their tireless efforts over the summer. They often work under a tight schedule to get all of the projects completed before students and staff return in August. When you walk back into your child's school in August it will be refreshed and looking good again as they begin another school year.

On behalf of the entire Festus R-VI School Board, I want to wish you a safe, enjoyable and relaxing summer. We will see you again in August.

Sincerely,

*Doug Wendel*



**Doug Wendel**  
President  
Festus R-VI Board of Education



# Festus Students Compete in Special Olympics

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Twenty-five Festus students competed in the annual Special Olympics Track and Field event at De Soto High School on Tuesday, April 23. Students competed in events such as the 100 meter dash, the standing and running long jump, the softball throw and the javelin, among others. More than 40 other students in the Festus High School Student Council and Key Club were there to serve as buddies to the athletes. This event is one that athletes, students and parents look forward to every year.



Deangelo Bridges shakes hands with Fredbird



Carter Counts throws the javelin



From L to R: Owen Ellis, Mark Cotton, & Shane Nixon run the 100 yard dash.



Zaire Cole participating in the standing long jump

## New School Board Member Sworn In

The Festus R-VI School Board added a new member on Tuesday, April 16. William Conway joined the board and took the oath of office alongside returning board members Doug Wendel and Mike Wolk. The board voted to appoint Conway to the board on March 28 to fill the vacancy created when Marcus Shepherd resigned his seat.

Conway is a lifelong Festus R-VI resident. He and his wife April have three children. Two are currently Festus students, the third is not yet old enough to attend school. Conway will serve through March of next year. An election will be held in April 2025 to pick a candidate to complete the final year of Shepherd's term.



From left to right: William Conway, Doug Wendel & Mike Wolk to the oath of office from Board Secretary Barbara Womack



As with prior years, summer will be a very busy time for the IT department. Along with normal maintenance and documentation projects we will have a few major infrastructure enhancements taking place.

The first major project will be replacing some of the internal fiber optic connections inside our buildings. Last year we replaced the fiber optics from the network core to each building. Another big project will be to upgrade the wireless network at the Early Childhood building. Last year we used retired equipment to open the building. This upgrade will bring them up to the same generation equipment as the main campus. Finally we will be upgrading our internet connection from 2gig to 5gig with a new 3 year contract with Spectrum.

Thankfully the Federal E-Rate Program helps the district fund these projects. E-Rate discounts these projects based on our Free and Reduced Lunch percentages. This is one of the reasons that filling out the Free and Reduced Lunch application is very important.



Josh Bauman  
Director of Technology

## Counselor's Corner

The Festus R6 Counseling Department is so proud to announce, Ms. Amanda Esparza was selected as this year's Jefferson County School Counselor's Association High School Counselor of the Year. Amanda was nominated by her Principal Dr. Karl Shininger and her fellow High School Counselors for her amazing work. The announcement was made at the annual Jefferson County School Counselor's awards banquet on May 7, 2024.



Ms. Esparza is a valued member of the Festus community. Her dedication and hard work have earned her immense respect throughout the district and county. Ms. Esparza was an integral part of advocating and collecting data to add additional counselors to the district. Ms. Esparza has also helped lead the change in implementing a Career Discovery program for our students to help them discover new careers and different career fields. Ms. Esparza is a constant support for her students and she is loved by them. Officer Richard Placke, High School SRO Officer, was also selected as this year's Jefferson County School Counselor's Association Advocate of the Year. Officer Placke was chosen out of 4 other candidates. Officer Placke was nominated by the High School Counselors and High School Administration team, for his diligent work for the students and staff at Festus High School. Officer Placke is a vital member of our school community. His dedication and advocacy have made a significant impact at Festus High School. His hard work and commitment to the well-being of our students and staff are truly commendable. Officer Placke has an exceptional rapport with students and staff in the High School. While Officer Placke is committed to make a safe and healthy environment for our students, he also shows compassion for them as individuals. Officer Placke goes above and beyond his call of duty.



Captions:  
Amanda Esparza  
Off. Richard Placke

Both Ms. Esparza and Officer Placke will now advance to the state level where they will compete for Missouri School Counselor and Advocate of the Year.

The class of 2024 recently graduated 221 seniors. More than half of the senior class was offered or awarded at least one scholarship. There were approximately 450 scholarships offered totalling over \$3.9 million dollars for their post-secondary education. There were 6 seniors who have already signed to join our armed forces and will be shipping out to bootcamp very soon. There are also many who have decided to start their careers right after graduation by going into the workforce including joining unions and/or entering into apprenticeship programs. We are very excited for what their future holds and wish them all the best.



## Maintenance Check

With this school year coming to an end on May 24th we are already finalizing our plans to get everything ready for the 2024-2025 school year

Every year our maintenance /custodial department surface, wax, and clean approximately 445,515 sq ft of flooring and space. We service 310 pieces of mechanical equipment including, HVAC, freezers, coolers, ice machines, water fountains, hot water boilers and water heaters. We do inspections and testing of all emergency lighting and fire alarms/doors.

During this summer's construction, 8 of our Elementary classrooms will be renovated and 18 mechanical units will be replaced by two larger more efficient units; the roof covering this section of the building will also be replaced. At the Middle School 4 bathrooms will be given a much needed facelift and will be updated with new fixtures along with the replacement of a 25 ton mechanical unit that provides heating and cooling for 6 classrooms and the middle school Science Lab.

Since August 1st this department has completed 1542 work requests.



Tom Stegemann  
Maintenance Director

# The Nurse's Office

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Amy Horrell RN, BSN  
Coordinator of Staff and Student Well-  
ness

As the school year has come to an end, this gives an opportunity to look back on the health of our students. Overall, we had a healthy school year and great compliance with immunizations required by the state of Missouri. This year many students were able to utilize services provided by Eye Thrive, Smiles to go Dental Van, PharMax Imperial, and also routine vision and hearing screenings from the school nurses. Many staff members also were able to utilize services from PharMax Imperial, Jefferson County Health Department Wellness Van, and St. Luke's Mobile Mammography Unit.

Keeping both staff and students healthy and in the classroom provides greater continuity and opportunity for uninterrupted flows in education. Students must be healthy to be educated and educated to be healthy.

Summer time is a great time to make sure your students are prepared for the incoming school year. Making sure your student is current on annual health visits and also their immunizations is a great way to start a new school year. Most incoming kindergarteners that have attended daycare or preschool have immunizations current for kindergarten, but this would be a great question for your child's primary physician. Incoming eighth graders are required to obtain a Tdap and Meningococcal vaccine and twelfth grade students are required to obtain a Meningococcal vaccine. If these immunizations are received over the summer, the paperwork can be sent to the school nurse to be updated in Infinite Campus. By having these immunizations prior to the start of school, additional work by the nurses to make phone calls will be minimized and much appreciated.

I am hopeful that you and your family have a safe, fun, and healthy summer!

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## The Cook's Kitchen



Brooklyn Ragsdale  
Food Service Director

Summer is here! The Festus Food Service Department is offering breakfast and lunch every day during summer school. We want to remind students that eating a well-balanced breakfast and lunch is especially important in the hot summer months. Stay hydrated, and have fun!

If you have not filled out a free and reduced form this year, I urge you to do so. Forms are available on the Parent Portal or call the Food Service office to have one mailed/emailed to you. No matter your income, please do not hesitate to apply. Forms can be turned in by students or parents or they can be emailed to [ragsdalebrooklyn@festusedu.com](mailto:ragsdalebrooklyn@festusedu.com). Don't forget, NEW free and reduced forms for the 24-25 school year will need to be filled out after July 1st. A new form must be filled out every school year.

If you have any questions, please contact the Food Service office at 636-937-7747.

Have a fun and safe summer!

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## Student Services



Cara Pellerin  
Director of Student Services

Summer is here!

It's a great time to relax and have fun, however, it is important for students to avoid the summer learning loss or "summer slide." Just a half hour a day can help keep students from regressing academically over the summer.

Here are some easy, fun, and engaging activities that students can do in 30 minutes or less:

1. Read, read, read! Encourage your child to read a little every day! The Festus Library has a great summer reading program that both kids and adults can participate in!!
2. Some great ideas when taking road trips include: listening to audiobooks, playing the ABC game (look for words with different letters), or counting games (count the number of yellow cars or what we like to call bananas).
3. Explore the outdoors and have your child/children keep a writing/drawing journal of fun activities.
4. Plan your child's favorite meal! Have them write the grocery list and then have your child/children help you cook the meal. They can practice their math and their reading skills!
5. Use a variety of hands-on activities to practice learned skills such as chalk on the driveway or washable bathroom markers in the bathtub. This is a great way to review learned skills from the previous year (example: sight words, math facts, etc.)

Children must stay academically engaged throughout the summer while also allowing them to enjoy their summer break! Keeping a routine and limiting screen time is also beneficial. Summer can allow your child to learn through creative activities outside of the classroom and avoid the "summer slide."



## Early Childhood Students Moving Up



(from Front to Back): August Wann, Savannah Pisoni, and Kayden Kamper

Festus Early Childhood students held a promotion parade and ceremony on Thursday, May 16. Each session, morning and afternoon, held their own parade down the hallway. Parents lined the hallway to cheer on the students. Students also received a promotion certificate from their teacher.

Thank you to all of the parents, grandparents, and families for your support this year as we opened the Early Childhood Center. Your patience as we worked through the kinks of opening a new school building was appreciated. Next year, we will open three additional classrooms, enabling us to welcome more students.



(from Front to Back): Andres Lopez, Jackson Russell, Savannah Self, Boston Villegas, Scarlette Vongnarath-Gray, and Monroe Whitaker





## 3rd Graders Fired Up for MAP

Third grade students got fired up for MAP testing on Friday, April 19. First they got a big pep talk from their principal, Dr. Darin Siefert. After a brief pep talk in the multipurpose room, the students lined up to parade through the halls and past the Kindergarteners, 1st and 2nd graders. Students chanted “Go 3rd grade” as students passed by. Third graders began taking the MAP test on the following Monday, April 22.



3rd grader Tyler Wallace (center) gets a “low 5” from Brody Patterson while Ellie Parker (pink sweatshirt) and Wyatt Kramer look on.



Dr. Siefert fires up students for the MAP test.

## Kindergarteners Become 1st Graders

236 kindergarten students walked across the stage at the Performing Arts Center for the annual kindergarten promotion on Tuesday, May 21. The students had their name called, received their promotion certificate from Superintendent Dr. Nicki Ruess, got a picture taken with their teacher, and performed a song, before dancing off the stage.



Cameron Garth receives his certificate from Superintendent Dr. Nicki Ruess



Keilani Izeman gets her picture taken with her teacher Mrs. Deborah Hollingsworth while Theo Jackson receives his certificate from Superintendent Dr. Nicki Ruess



## Intermediate Students Celebrate MAP Success

The Intermediate School continued its tradition of awarding medals to students who scored proficient or advanced on last year's state standardized test (MAP test). Students who achieved advanced status received gold medals. Students who achieved proficient status received silver medals. And new this year, students who showed the most growth from the previous year to last year received bronze medals as well. Hundreds of students were recognized at grade level assemblies on Friday, April 19. Students received their medals from their teacher from last year. They also shared a few hugs.



Naomi Shemwell receives her medal from 5th Grade teacher Mrs. Rebecca Wallis



## Festus Fitness Students Run 3K

Nearly 6 months after it was supposed to happen, Festus Intermediate 5th and 6th grade students got to run the Festus Fitness 3K. It was rained out in November, but a little May rain didn't stop them on May 13. The Festus Fitness 3K is the culmination of a year-long Monday running club. Students run, jog, or walk every Monday after school with volunteer teachers and some parents. The 3K is a celebration of their accomplishments. Whether they ran the whole course, jogged, or walked, every student who participated was a winner. The goal for each student is to improve their previous time. Top finishers were:

### 5th Grade Girls

Layla Lawrence 13.21 First Place 5th Girls and 1st overall  
Izzy Coleman 15.34  
Kynlee Adams 17.23

### Boys

Bennett Espelien 14.56  
Jackson Etter 14.57  
Carter Brown 15.34

### 6th Grade Girls

Caroline Beard 13.22 First Place 6th girls and 2nd overall  
Nora Madden 13.55  
Chloe Brock 14.00

### Boys

Lucas Collins 14.15  
Hendrix Howe 18.42  
Henry Rakers 19.40



Tre Brantley crosses the finish line.



Runners all got medals after the race.



Layla Lawrence (left) and Caroline Beard race for the finish line



## Students Learn About Different Career Paths

Presenters from various fields spoke to the 5th grade students during Career Day to share information about their workplace, their job, and the education and skills that are required for success in their career. Kristin Augustyn, an OR nurse at St. Luke's Hospital, showed the students some of the instruments she uses and explained some of the procedures she has been a part of at the hospital. Some of the students even got to dress up in OR gear! Jordan Acre shared about the many roles he has as a firefighter and paramedic. The kids were amazed at how quickly he can put on his fire gear! Bill Kaune, a Jefferson College professor in the HVAC Department, ignited kids' interest in the HVAC industry by letting them explore the infrared camera and sharing his knowledge of the industry. Josh Zelasko is an executive director at Chick-fil-A. The students learned about the history of Chick-fil-A, how much money they made in sales, along with college scholarship opportunities. Dr. Shayne Keddy, an emergency room doctor, provided some hands-on opportunities by having students intubate a "patient" and allowing them to practice using an otoscope. Jyll Bellis, Angel Tindall, and Lightening (dog) of Jefferson County Animal Control Rescue shared the role they play in rescuing a variety of animals. The students loved it when they showed how they microchip animals such as dogs, goats, and other livestock! Lexi Flotron participates in Esports at Mineral Area College. She shared her experience as a competitive gamer and discussed college scholarship opportunities. The students were riveted by her experience with Esports! McKenna Rhine from Sugar Time Bakery wowed the students with her baking skills as she discussed what it takes to be a business owner and baker. The students even got to sample her fabulous icing! We are grateful to the Career Day presenters for sharing their knowledge of their fields.



Student Fritz Muellersman got all dressed up in operating room clothes as nurse Kristin Augustyn showed students some of the instruments and procedures she uses as an OR nurse.



Festus Alumna Lexi Flotron talks to students about being a competitive gamer.

## 5th Graders D.A.R.E. To Say "No" To Drugs and Violence

Fifth grade students celebrated the end of D.A.R.E. class this year with a graduation ceremony on Wednesday, May 22. Students learned this year how to say no to drugs, alcohol, cigarettes and violence using the D.A.R.E. Decision Making Model (DDMM). It gives students a step by step process to analyze their decision-making to help them resist peer pressure to do the wrong thing. Festus City Councilwoman Stacey Templeton was the graduation speaker. Students also wrote essays explaining what they learned in D.A.R.E. Kinley Whitehead was the overall winner. She took home a teddy bear and a \$100 gift card.



Jaylo Vallo sings the D.A.R.E. song.



Kinley Whitehead accepts her prizes for winning the essay contest.



Students sing the D.A.R.E. song under the direction of Mr. Joshua Rhine.



## National Junior Honor Society Inducts 82 Students

The Festus Middle School's National Junior Honor Society inducted 82 students at its annual ceremony on April 17. To be inducted, students must have a minimum 3.5 grade point average; have positive teacher evaluations in the areas of scholarship, service, leadership, character, and citizenship; and they must attend an interview with middle school staff members. NJHS members are responsible for the annual toy drive at the middle school in November and December.



Brooklyn Allen (left) signing the membership registry while NJHS Treasure Ava Karr watches



From left to right: Mrs. Tracy Krysl (advisor), Mr. Matthew Boyer (Assistant Principal), Mr. Jacob Munoz (Principal), NJHS Treasure Ava Karr, NJHS President Shaw Moore, NJHS Vice President Elsie Nelson, NJHS Secretary Olivia Clinton

## Middle School MAP Ready

Festus Middle School students prepared for the MAP test with a celebration of the top-20 students from last year and some fun and games. First, the 20 students who had the top scores in ELA and Math were recognized during an all-school assembly on Friday, April 12. The 20 top students in science were recognized for their scores from three years ago, which was the last time students took a standardized science test. Following the recognitions, a group of students representing the 7th and 8th grades played a little game of "Rock, Paper, Scissors."



Kenadi Bizzle (left) and Payton Kennedy (right) play "Rock, Paper, Scissors"



The top 20 students from last year's ELA MAP test give the Tiger a high five.





Aleighia Ki Anderson  
Trey Michael Anderson  
Peyton Anthony Arnold  
Madison Elizabeth Austin \*  
William Scott Aymar  
Riley Nicole Barker  
Livia Mae Barnett  
Hayden Cruz Bates  
Jackson Elijah Bauman \*  
Emily Faith Bay \*  
Alyssa Jean Beck  
Seth Ryan Beelman  
Ava Grace Beers \*  
Ana Jo Bell  
Madison Rae Bennett  
Lilly Kay Besore \*  
Katelyn Elizabeth Bishop  
Brooklyn Paige Blecha  
Angela Rose Bloodworth  
Reese Faye Boyer  
Dante Lamont Bridgett  
Alexander Allen Brock  
Robin Haru Broussard \*  
Caitlynn Anne Brown  
Robert Joseph Buehre  
Nicholas Kyle Bunch  
Samantha Ann-Marie Burchett  
Gabrielle Elizabeth Burkard \*  
Austin Christopher Burnett  
Macey Grace Burr  
Logan Lee Butcher  
Zachary Chase Butler  
Antonio Nathen Carson  
Madison Rae Caskanett  
Ali Ryan Chotrow  
Cody Scott Cook  
Elaine Rose Coplin \*  
Dane Everett Cornman  
Dylan Eugene Counts  
Kyle Jason Crawford  
Ava Elizabeth Croft  
Emma Grace Doerrer  
William James Dolde  
Ella Mae Dollar  
Connor Robert Doty  
Kenzie Paige Douglas  
Bryton William Matthew Draga  
Cidney Elaine Duff  
Marcus Rubert Durbin  
Karlee Nikkole Dyle  
Amyas Allen Edwards  
Zoe Oleesia Erxleben \*  
Shaylin Brianne Esch  
Cody Mitchell Evans  
Kaylin Renee Evans  
Mirabella Fay Ewing  
Adleigh Sally Faulkner  
Michael Edwin Fox II  
Aiden Joseph Freant  
Chloe Lynn Freiner  
Anthony Louis Frigerio \*



Alexis Lynn Gauch \*  
Tate Griffin Goetz  
Bren McKendra Goff  
Corinne Roechele Gosling  
Xavier Maxwell Gould  
Cannon Jacob Griffaw  
Kaylie Marie Grunow  
Madison Nicole Guidroz  
Aidan Alexander Haferkamp  
Kennedy Christine Hale \*  
Matthew Oscar Hamilton  
Chaise Isabel Anderson Hammon  
Ella Christine Harris  
Kyla Mae Hatfield  
Katie Grace Hayes  
Christopher Alexander Head  
Alexandria Nicole Hearst  
Dominic Blake Heinold  
Sophia Rose Hensley  
Brody Lane Hicks  
Renee Isabella Hilyard  
Evan Lindell Hogan

Makayla Rose Inez Howard  
Dakota Randall Hyde  
Rose Elisabeth Immekus  
Audrey Marie Jackson  
Bella Rae James  
Claire Elizabeth Jennings  
Austin Matthew Jones  
Caitlyn Susann Jordan  
Grant Montgomery Kamer  
Elijah Anthony Katinsky  
Sonny Abraham Kaufman  
Samantha Lynn Keener  
Kyle Gabriel Kellogg  
Madelyn Renee Kissee  
Olivia Rose Knubley  
Lawrence Ethan Koenig  
Lydia Jean Koessel  
Kiera Lanae Kostial  
Lukus James LaBrayere  
Chasity Lyanna-Noel Lacey  
Chantelle Mary LaMear  
Olivia Reece Lang

Anthony Ray Langston, Jr.  
Jenna Ann Lee \*  
Natalie Elizabeth Leicht  
Vinson Lin  
Nikolas Vincent Ludwig  
Abie Luo  
Reydyn Michael Lynch  
Adam Joseph Marr  
Matthew William Martin  
Cecil James Masterson  
Ciara Rae McDonald  
Johnathan Ray McKay  
Ella Christine McKinney  
Breona Faith McNary  
Emma Elizabeth Meadows  
Lucas Hunter Mercurio  
Saigel Jade Mickan \*  
Madison Nicole Miller  
Jessica Kaye Minton  
Connor Jackson Mooney \*  
Zane Daisy Moore  
Brooklyn Renee Moseley

Brianna Nicole Myers  
Blake Phillip Naumann  
Savannah Rae Neff  
Rhiannon Skye Nelson-Pickrell  
Kalynn Dawn Nixon  
Kristen Marie Page  
Nicholas Jose Streckfus Palos, Jr.  
Sawyer Christopher Partney \*  
Cole Quincy David Patterson-Conway  
Joseph Tucker Patton  
Jarod Allen Payne  
Alexia Ann Penberthy \*  
Aiden Michael Perry  
Mattie Elizabeth Phillips  
Christian Alexander Piel  
Gabriella Allison Piel  
Amiah Lynae Pittman  
Melanie Sue Platt  
Demi Lorali Polk  
Anna Katelin Raye \*  
Tyler Christopher Reece

Jackson Donald Reese  
William Robert Reese  
Bryson Atley Rhine \*  
Brian William Rhodes  
Ariana Avery Richardet  
Kylie Paige Richardson  
Morgan Danielle Risner  
Allyson Catalina Roberson  
Natalie Ann Roberts  
Lilly Anna Rodgers  
Elijah Michael Rogers  
Stephen Thomas Rogoz  
Riley Jean Roland  
Carter William Roth  
Joshua Theodore Roth  
Regan KaiAnn Roth  
Chloe Joy Rowland  
Keaton Raylynn Rubottom  
Edward Scott Daily Rulo  
Haley Marie Ruops  
Abigail Renee Schnable

Dakota Michael Schneider  
Austin Drew Schutte  
Evelyn Lucetta Sevic  
Blake Alexander Sexton  
Josiah Dale Shatley  
Audrey Ann Sitzes  
Lillian Rae Marie Smith  
Landon Reid Sparling  
Audrey Caroline Staley  
Emma Nicole Stevens \*  
Savannah Faith Stockton \*  
Choilynn Elizabeth Stout  
Joseph Orion Thompson  
Nicholas Alexander Thompson  
Jeannie Marie Thornborrow \*  
Brenden Wesley Thost  
Gabrielle Renee Tiepelman  
Cohen Rily Trupiano  
Dawson Jonathan Tucker  
Isabela Romero Turner  
Ryan Edward Valleck

Emma Faith Vivrett \*  
Logan Ryan Voelpel  
Riley Kay Vogel  
James Matthew Wacker \*  
Brianna Nicole Wagner  
Carter Ray Wallace  
Caiden James Ward  
Brooklyn Jalee Ward-Johnson  
Joshua Ray Warren  
Mariah Nicole Waters  
Kaitlyn Renee Weedman  
Mason Michael Wehlermann  
David Joseph Welch  
Mackenzie Ann Weston Madison  
Rose Whitbread  
Carter Scott White  
Gavin Alan Williams  
Delaney Anne Willis  
Ava Morgan Wilson  
Sara Lynn Wolfe \*  
Sydney Marie Wolfe \*  
Reegan Susann Wynn  
Joselynn Abigail Yates  
Landen David Yates \*  
Trenton Scott Young  
McKenzie Rea Zoph  
\* denotes National Honor Society



## March Student of the Month

***Bryson Rhine***



Bryson Rhine was the Festus High School March Student of the Month. He is the son of Joshua and DeAnna Rhine. He says he is appreciative of the recognition. His favorite class is band where he competed at the state competition with a Marimba solo. He is involved in band, choir, National Honor Society, cross country and track. After high school he plans to attend Missouri S&T to study mechanical engineering.

## April Student of the Month

***Emma Stevens***



Emma Stevens is the Festus High School April Student of the Month. She is the daughter of Melissa Garner and Keith Bushek. She says she was excited and happy to learn she had been chosen as the Student of the Month. She says it shows how much hard work she puts into her classes. Her favorite class is Calculus. She says she likes math, despite the fact that it is difficult because it pushes her. She is a member of the Varsity girls soccer team, the Archery team and the prom committee. She is also President of Key Club and Treasurer of National Honor Society. After high school Emma plans to attend Missouri S&T in Rolla to pursue a degree in civil engineering with an emphasis in water resources.

## May Student of the Month

***Emma Vivrett***



Emma Vivrett was the Festus High School May Student of the Month. She is the daughter of Cecil and Heather Vivrett. She said she was honored to learn she had been named Student of the Month because some of her closest friends had been named Student of the Month earlier in the school year. She says her favorite class is AP Calculus because some of her best friends are in the class and she has always enjoyed learning math. She is the vice president of the National Honor Society, the student council public relations director, a member of Key Club and in the Yearbook class. She was also on the tennis and dance teams all four years of high school. After graduation she plans to attend the University of Kentucky to study integrated strategic communications and minor in business.

## FHS National Unified Champion Banner School... Again

Festus High School is once again a National Unified Champion Banner School. The Tigers are the first school in the state to receive the designation twice. Students hung the new banner in the high school gym during a special assembly on April 11. The designation comes from the Special Olympics through a program called Play Unified. It brings together students of all abilities to share activities and experiences.

Play Unified has grown to encompass activities at Festus Elementary, Intermediate and Middle Schools. Festus High School Student Council members and athletes run and coach 6th grade Play Unified basketball and the Intermediate School and 3rd grade Play Unified soccer at the Elementary School. The Middle School student council organizes a now annual Play Unified Track Meet for those students.

During the high school assembly, Festus R-VI Superintendent Dr. Nic-ki Ruess explained why Play Unified is a perfect fit for Festus. She said, "Environments that seek to include others encourage creativity and enhance performance because all people feel valued and respected. It cultivates empathy and understanding because of exposure to different perspectives. People become more compassionate and begin to care about one another." Then she added, "That is what Play Unified has done for our school."



Student Council members Saigel Mickan (left) and Cecilia Meppiel walk the banner into the gym



# Festus High School

## Project Lead The Way

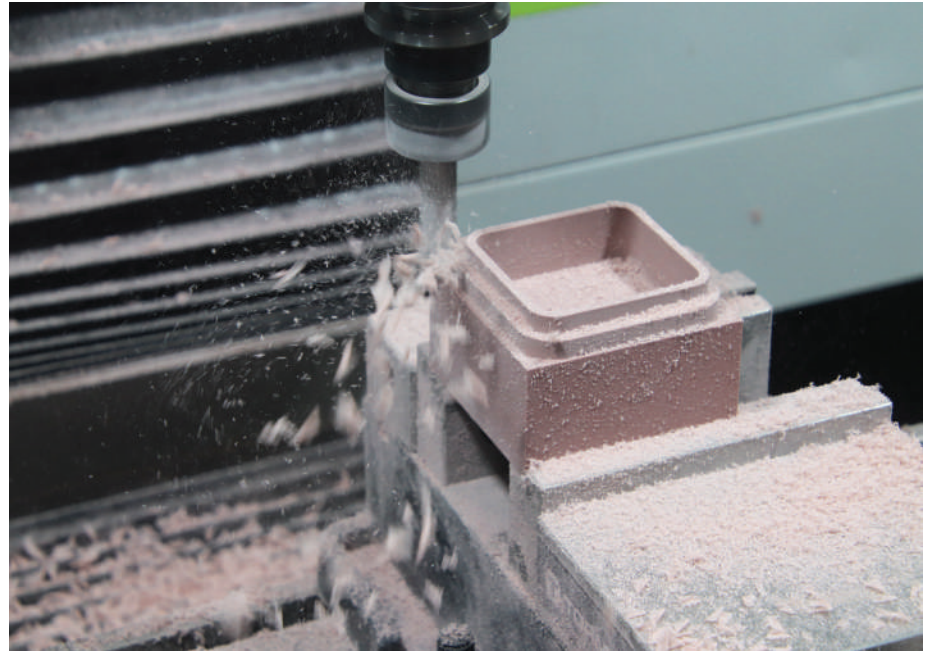
Festus High School is leading the way when it comes to offering students an opportunity to explore different career paths. Project Lead The Way (PLTW) is one of those opportunities. PLTW is an engineering based program that has its roots in math, electronics and manufacturing. Ray Brooks is the Festus High School Project Lead the Way teacher. “Introduction to Engineering and Design” and “Principles of Engineering” were the only two PLTW classes the high school offered when Brooks arrived. But he realized something wasn’t right. “So we found that we were missing the freshmen because they were going right into industrial tech,” he observed. “So then a lot of them will never make it back down in this wing that could be very well mechanically inclined.” The next year, the high school added a PLTW course called “Engineering Essentials.” It is an entry level PLTW course and just right for freshmen or anyone interested in engineering. “So they start with Tinkercad [a computer program] and they learn how to 3D model. There’s not a lot of details to that. It’s just kind of simple, but it leads them into ‘Intro To Engineering and Design’ and then we teach them a little bit about electricity, parallel and series circuits, and how to read Ohm’s law and what a resistor is and and just kind of build on that.”

The big expansion to the program came this year. The school received a large grant from the Ardagh Corporation, so it started a new class called “Computer Integrated Manufacturing” and purchased a computerized numerical control (CNC) machine. This machine allows students to design something on the computer that can then be cut precisely using the CNC machine. “It’s like the opposite of a 3D printer,” said Brooks. “A 3D printer builds up material and this takes it away. So a CNC machine is used all over the industry in maintenance to make parts”

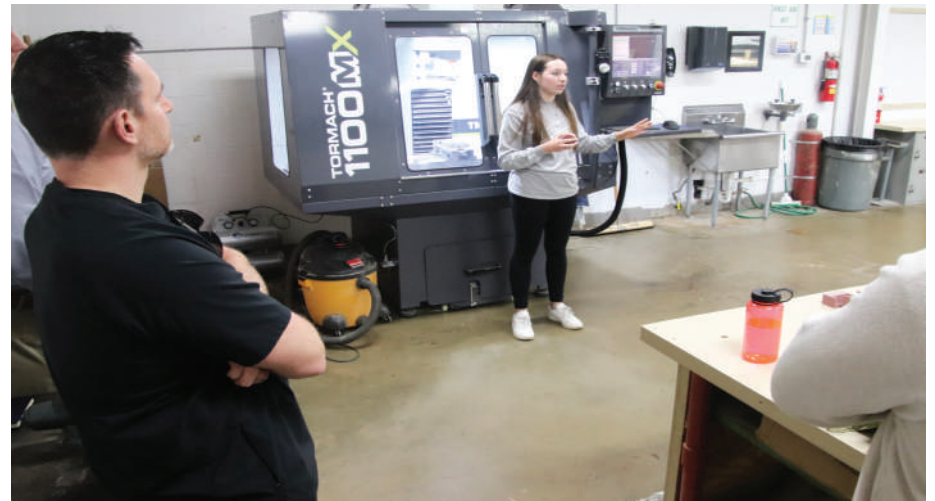
Rose Immekus is a senior at Festus High School. She says seeing the end result is very gratifying, “There’s a lot of problem solving that came before we could actually hold it. So by the time we held it, it was very exciting to just know that the effort was worth it.” She says it has solidified her decision to pursue a career in computer engineering, “I was kind of like computer science, computer engineering because I loved coding, but seeing how it helps make things, it has made me want to go all the way to computer engineering.”

In February, the Festus School District hosted a number of other Districts from the area at a Project Lead The Way showcase. Festus students explained what each class teaches, some demonstrated new skills they learned, and they answered questions about the Festus PLTW program. District leaders came away showcase impressed by the Festus program.

The District has plans to expand its Project Lead The Way offerings into the Middle School beginning next school year, and perhaps in the high school in the coming years. Immekus says this kind of class can be for anyone, “It’s really good because even if you’re not trying to be on the engineering side, you can be on the working side. So if you’re trying to work in some type of factory that uses CNC machines, you can pursue those and understand how the machinery works. So it kind of shows you



The CNC machine at work cutting away at a block of material



Rose Immekus talks about the CNC machine to leaders from other Districts at the Festus Project Lead The Way showcase.





## Decision Day at FHS

More than 200 Festus High School Seniors publicly declared where they are headed after high school during a Decision Day 2024 ceremony at the Performing Arts Center. Students signed banners declaring their intentions to attend a particular college or university, go to a trade school, apprenticeships with local companies, head straight to the workforce, or enlist in the military. Students in the junior class attended the ceremony so they could begin thinking about their future. They will be making these same decisions in less than a year.



From L to R: Madison Miller, Nick Ludwig, Matt Martin and Broeona McNary make their decision to attend Jefferson College in the fall.



Sonny Kaufman makes his decision to enter the workforce after graduation.

## Seniors Awarded For Their Excellence



**Mr. FHS Sawyer Partney and  
Miss FHS Delaney Willis.**

On Friday, May 17, more than 125 seniors were recognized for their excellence in the classroom. The Class of 2024 received more than 450 scholarship offers combined, totalling more than \$3.9 million dollars in scholarship money. At the senior awards night, students learned who was receiving many of the scholarships offered by the District or offered by partner programs. Students who received the A+ scholarship were also recognized. Congratulations to Sawyer Partney and Delaney Willis who were named Mr. and Miss FHS.



More than 100 students were recognized for receiving the A+ Scholarship.



# Festus High School

## Winter Sports 2023-24

### Boys Track & Field

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Front row (L to R): David Russell, Tate Uding, Lucas Campbell, Zach Spindler, Noah Moss, Jimmy Wacker, Sam Wennick, Etahn Radford, Chris Buechting

2nd row (L to R): Chase Karr, Jackson Reese, Lucas Kavanaugh, Trevor Bayless, Cody Evans, Mason Weinhaus, Carson Grass, Colin Finney, Lucas Lane, Carson Boyer, Caiden Morelan

3rd row (L to R): Essien Smith, Avery Edwards, Jeremy Davis-Mayes, Dante Bridgett, William Hancock, Isaiah Desmarais, Austin Schutte, Aidan Cole, Dashawn Bridgett, Luke Wacker, Chris Courtois

4th row (L to R): Coach Partney, Hunter Bates, Bryson Rhine, Brayden Beard, Davin Brown, Owen Daugherty, Owen Gardner, Wyatt Johnson, Rowan Stucke, R.J. Tucker, Carson Driemeier, Coach Krysl

Back row (L to R): Omauri Anderson, Trey Lacey, Leuntae Williams Amyas Edwards, Ricky Wilson, Michael McAbe, Conner Bartlett, Lucas Underwood, Vincent Meppiel, David Mackey, Shane Hoffmeister

### Girls Track & Field



Front Row (L to R): Addison Smith, Ella Montgomery, Jahmeshia Patterson, Elsa Muellersman, Makayla DeClue, Rosalie Tedford, Autumn Yount, Ella Jo Jokerst

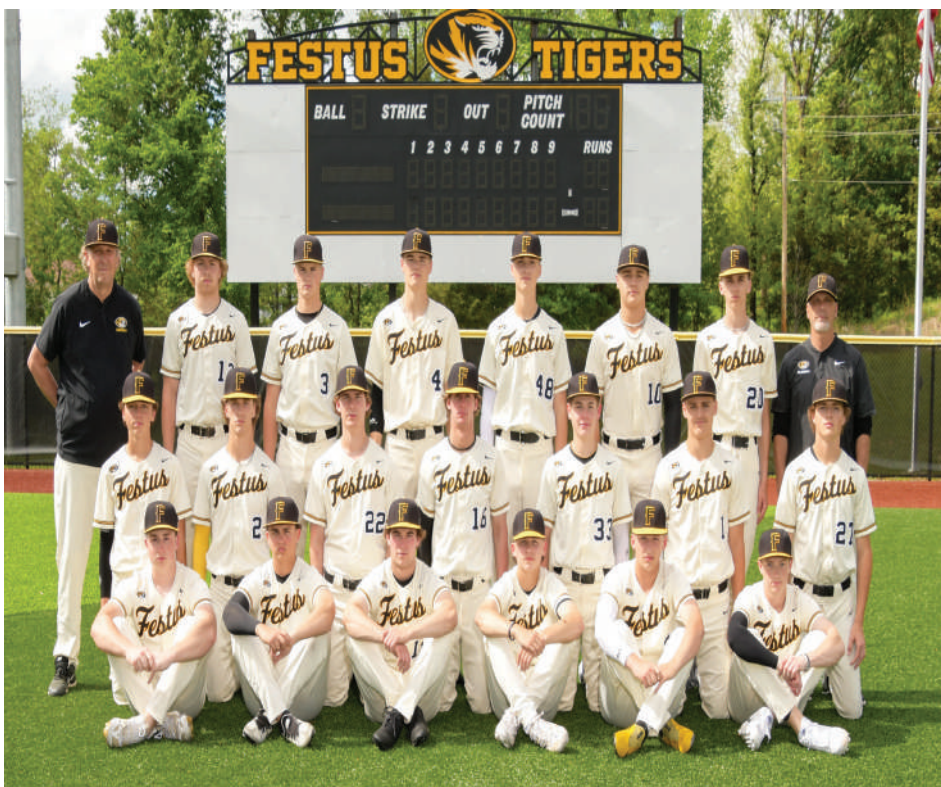
2nd row (L to R): Kinzie Kerr, Addison Walden, Olivia Cole, Claire Lucas, Ciara McDonald, Rylee Lawrence, Molly Ragland, Jessica Hawkins, Katelyn Thurman

3rd row (L to R): Constance Hawkins, Jayleigh Fitzgerald, Kayla Rousseau, Ella Shoopman, Keeleigh Hankins, Karly Manwarring, Taylor Habseiger, Lucy Boyer, Jeannie Thornborrow

4th row (L to R): Olivia Gillam, Katelyn Reece, Annabelle Cook, Alyssa Collins, Hannah Blessing, Amelia Mayes, Kendra Drummond, Bailee Tolbert

Back row (L to R): Ava Wilson, Addison Smith, Leinna Smith, Amiah Pittman, Delaney Willis, Alex Yates, Camrynn Gildea, Ella Moser, Kendall Counts

### Boys Baseball



Front row (L to R): Henry Brown, Layton Wenstrom, Carter White, Cooper Schilly, Trey Anderson, Cole Malusky

Middle row (L to R): Brayden Good, Brady Nolen, Gavin Williams, Tyler Reece, Jackson Ijames, Hayden Bates, Will Reese

Back row (L to R): Head Coach Jeff Montgomery, Trenton Young, Jackson Smith, Charlie Drinen, Brayden Beers, Mason Schirmer, Caleb Axtetter, and Varsity Assistant Coach Barry Stafford

Not pictured: Adam Marr





# Girls Soccer



**Front Row (L to R):**  
Riley Vogel, CeCe Meppiel, Madison Souders, Adie Katinsky, Addi Cupp, Pixie Willis, Shyanne Hofmeister, Joselynn Yates, Hope Munoz, Grace Vogel

**Back Row (L to R):**  
Ella McKinney, Ava Lucas, Avery Schmitt, Riley Zustiak, Zoe Erxleben, Mady Geiler, Alyzah Scaggs, Emma Stevens, Lillian Kennedy, Angela Bloodworth, Brynn Moonier

**Not Pictured:**  
Delaney Schmitt, Allyson Roberson, Coach Caleb Zustiak, Coach Duane Schnabel

# Boys & Girls Golf



**Front Row (Left to Right):** Cohen Hale, Kaiden Beffa, Cole Vogel, Dylan Clinton, Max Foglesong, Kaylee Hulsey, Abela Winnett, Payton Fenwick

**Back row (Left to Right):** Ryan Valleck, Braeden Emily, Dylan Pridemore, Trenton Gross, Tate Goetz, Ryder Shy, Karter Reese, Liam Dontrich, Xavier Lohman, Ben Roland, Drew Johnson



# Boys Tennis



**Front row (L to R):** Caiden Ward, Jaden Staat, Levi Green, Franky Liu, Colby Bailey, Zachary Rector.  
**Second row (L to R):** Elijah Getting, Toby Tilley, Avin Luo, Marcus Durbin, Aiden Cantrell.  
**Back row (L to R):** Coach Angie Tinnin, Evan Griffin, Preston Rakers, Abie Luo, Will Rakers, Asst. Coach Scott Gray.





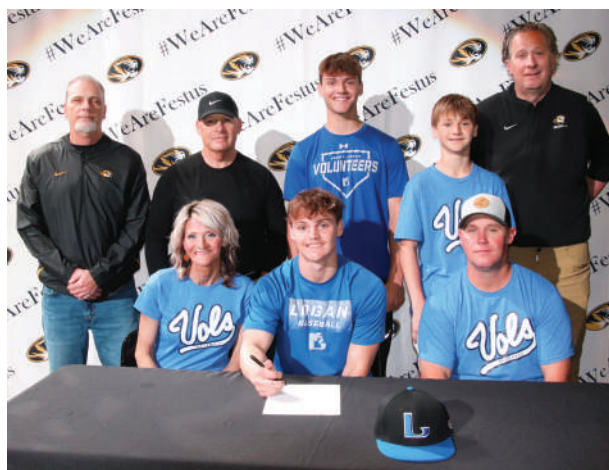
# Festus High School Celebrates Student Athletes Moving To The Next Level

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On Wednesday, April 3, Festus High School celebrated eight senior student athletes who will be continuing their athletic careers in college or at a university. Students along with their families, friends and coaches posed for pictures as students committed to continuing their career. Students who will continue their careers in college are:

Hayden Bates - Baseball at John A. Logan College  
 Gabbi Burkard - Volleyball at John A. Logan College  
 Xavier Gould - Football at Missouri Western University  
 Kennedy Hale - Dance at Southern Illinois University - Carbondale  
 Kyla Hatfield - Dance at Iowa Central Community College

Lucas Mercurio - Wrestling at Missouri Baptist University  
 Abigail Schnable - Cross Country and Track at Jefferson College  
 Riley Vogel - Cross Country and Track at Indian Hills Community College  
 Ava Wilson - Cross Country at Central Methodist University



Front row (L to R): Amy Bates (mom), Hayden Bates, Tyler Bates (dad)  
 Back row: Coach Barry Stafford (Festus), Coach Don King (Prospects Baseball Club), Hunter Bates (brother), Hudson Bates (brother), Coach Jeff Montgomery (Festus)



Front row (L to R): Scott Burkard (dad), Gabbi Burkard, Katie Burkard (mom)  
 Back row (L to R): Coach Bill Burnside (John A. Logan College), Coach Isabella Kemp (Festus), Gracie Burkard (sister), Coach Stephanie Whitehead (Festus)



Front row (L to R): Britnee Gould (mom), Xavier Gould, Richard Gould (dad)  
 Back row (L to R): Coach AJ Ofodile (Festus), Jocelynn Smith (sister), Gavin Gould (brother), Colton Gould (brother)



Front row (L to R): Jenna Hale (Kennedy's mom), Kennedy Hale, Doug Hale (Kennedy's dad)  
 Back row (L to R): Cohen Hale (Kennedy's brother), Ashley Claybrook (owner - DPU Dance Studio), Bridgette Fletcher (Assistant Director - DPU Dance Studio)



From L to R: Tracy Hatfield (mom), Kyla Hatfield



Front row (L to R): Becky Mercurio (mom), Lucas Mercurio, Jerry Mercurio (dad)  
 Back row: Coach Jarad Sheppard (Festus)



Seated Left to right: Jennifer Rawe (mom), Ethan Connors (brother), Abigail Schnable, Thomas Rawe (dad)  
 Middle row: Opal Rothlisburger (great grandma), Ryan Connors (brother), Lucy Thomas (cousin), Charlie Rawe (brother)



Front row (L to R): Michelle Vogel (mom), Riley Vogel, Jason Vogel (dad)  
 Back row (L to R): Coach Laura Schreckenberg (Festus), Coach Tim Krysl (Festus), Cole Vogel (brother), Grace Vogel (sister), Coach Caleb Zustiak (Festus)



Front row (L to R): Adam Wilson (dad), Ava Wilson, Kim Wilson (mom)  
 Back row (L to R): Coach Laura Schreckenberg (Festus), Coach Tim Krysl (Festus)



# Senior Scholarships & Awards

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The Commencement Ceremony for the Festus Senior High School Class of 2024 took place on May 21 at Tiger Stadium. A total of 221 students received diplomas, 44 of those were Honors Diplomas.

During the 2024 Graduation Ceremony, **James Wacker** was honored as the recipient of the Tommy Alexander Award. This coveted honor has been awarded annually since 1946 to a graduating senior of Festus Senior High School by the Alexander family in memory of Tommy Alexander who gave his life for his country in World War II. The award is based on scholarship, leadership, loyalty, character, and friendliness and is considered to be the most prestigious award for a Festus High School graduate. The FHS faculty selects the honoree.

Honor Graduates were also recognized. Graduates with a final high school grade point average of 4.000 or higher received Summa Cum Laude honors. A total of 29 graduates received this highest honor including **Emily Bay, Robin Broussard, Cody Cook, Elaine Coplin, Ella Dollar, Zoe Erxleben, Kaylin Evans, Mirabella Ewing, Alexis Gauch, Madelyn Geiler, Elijah Getting, Zachariah Getting, Kennedy Hale, Rose Immekus, Abie Luo, Kristen Page, Sawyer Partney, Anna Raye, Bryson Rhine, Evelyn Sevick, Audrey Staley, Savannah Stockton, Jeannie Thornborrow, Emma Vivrett, James Wacker, Sara Wolfe, Sydney Wolfe, Joselynn Yates, and Landon Yates.**

Graduates with a final grade point average of at least 3.667 and up to a 3.999 were named Magna Cum Laude honors graduates. A total of 30 graduates received this honor including **Madison Austin, Jackson Bauman, Ava Beers, Lilly Besore, Brooklyn Blecha, Alexander Brock, Samantha Burchett, Gabrielle Burkard, Zachary Butler, William Dolde, Ella Harris, Katie Hayes, Claire Jennings, Lawrence Koenig, Lydia Koessel, Jenna Lee, Ella McKinney, Saigel Mickan, Connor Mooney, Savannah Neff, Alexia Penberthy, Lilly Rodgers, Elijah Rogers, Lillian Smith, Emma Stevens, Cohen Trupiano, Riley Vogel, Brianna Wagner, Caiden Ward, and Gavin Williams.**

Graduates with a final grade point average of at least 3.500 and up to a 3.666 were named Cum Laude honors graduates. A total of 15 graduates received this honor including **Ana Bell, Angela Bloodworth, Reese Boyer, Macey Burr, Logan Butcher, Ava Croft, Anthony Frigerio, Bren Goff, Renee Hilyard, Demi Polk, William Reese, Jackson Reese, Chloe Rowland, Matthew Vaughn, and Delaney Willis.**

During a Senior Awards Night Program on the evening of May 17 in the Performing Arts Center, 126 graduates were recognized for their achievements, awards, and scholarship offers from local organizations and various institutions of higher learning. Many of the scholarships were provided by the Festus R-VI School District.

The district remains grateful for all Festus R-VI scholarship funds: the B. Clark Berry Memorial Scholarship, the Canepa Family Scholarship, the Morris and Rosalind Golman Scholarship, the Ronald Charles and Rodger Neal Herrington Memorial Scholarship, the Lieutenant Kent M. Kiepe Scholarship, the Maurice O. Lucas Family Scholarship, the Adam and Willa McCullough Scholarship, the Karen Tesreau Trust Scholarship, the JoAnn Thurman-Mangan Drama Scholarship, the Jerry Govero Scholarship, the Byrd Scholarship, the Weier Family Foundation Scholarship, the Ralph B. Tynes Scholarship, and the Murrell Godwin Memorial Scholarship.

The B. Clark Berry Memorial Scholarship recipient was **Madison Austin**. This student must have at least a 2.667 GPA, participate in school and community activities, and demonstrate good citizenship. The B. Clark Berry estate provides this scholarship.

**Jackson Bauman** was honored with the Canepa Family Scholarship. To be eligible for this scholarship, applicants must have a cumulative GPA of at least 2.667 and be a good citizen. This scholarship is provided in honor/memory of long-time R-6 teacher Becky Canepa.

The recipient of the Morris and Rosalind Golman Scholarship was **Rose Immekus**. To be eligible for these scholarships, applicants must have a minimum 2.333 GPA, good citizenship, and scores of proficient or higher on all state assessments. This scholarship is funded by a trust fund established to honor the memory of Morris Golman.

The Ronald Charles and Rodger Neal Herrington Memorial Scholarship recipient was **Brooklyn Ward-Johnson**. This scholarship is provided by a trust fund set up in memory of Rodger Herrington who was a former Festus R-6 student. The recipient must have at least a 2.667 GPA, show leadership and participation in school, community and church activities; and demonstrate good citizenship.

The Lieutenant Kent M. Kiepe Scholarship was presented to **Tyler Reece**. Lieutenant Kiepe, a former graduate of Festus Senior High School, was a Navy pilot killed in a plane crash while in active service in the military. A trust fund established to honor his memory provides this scholarship. The recipient of this award must exhibit progressive self-improvement throughout seven semesters of school, have at least a 2.667 GPA, be physically fit, and have participated in athletics during their senior year of high school. The recipient must also be a leader in school, community, and church activities as well as be a good citizen.

The recipients of the Maurice O. Lucas Family Scholarships are **Livia Barnett, Emily Bay, Alyssa Beck, Lilly Besore, Caitlynn Brown, Macey Burr, Cody Cook, Elaine Coplin, Ella Dollar, Zoe Erxleben, Mirabella Ewing, Anthony Frigerio, Alexis Gauch, Madelyn Geiler, Elijah Getting, Bren Goff, Kennedy Hale, Ella Harris, Katie Hayes, Claire Jennings, Grant Kamen, Lydia Koessel, Jenna Lee, Abie Luo, Ciara McDonald, Emma Meadows, Saigel Mickan, Connor Mooney, Kristen Page, Sawyer Partney, Anna Raye, Bryson Rhine, Morgan Risner, Carter Roth, Evelyn Sevick, Lillian Smith, Landon Sparling, Audrey Staley, Emma Stevens, Savannah Stockton, Jeannie Thornborrow, Cohen Trupiano, Ryan Valleck, Emma Vivrett, Riley Vogel, Brianna Wagner, Mackenzie Weston, Delaney Willis, Ava Wilson, Sara Wolfe, Sydney Wolfe, Joselynn Yates, and Landon Yates** . These recipients were selected based upon their scholastic record, their goal or reason for wanting to continue their education, their leadership and participation in school, community, and church activities, and their citizenship.

**Kristen Page** was selected to receive the Adam and Willa McCullough Scholarship. The McCulloughs were highly respected long-term educators in the Festus School District. They touched the lives of numerous students by their mutual presence. Applicants must have at least a 2.333 GPA.

**Saigel Mickan** and **Mackenzie Weston** were the recipients of the Karen Tesreau Trust Scholarships. The Tesreau Scholarship is awarded to students planning studies related to music.

The JoAnn Thurman-Mangan Drama Scholarship was established to proudly honor Mrs. Mangan's legacy at FHS. She was a beloved Educator at FHS from 1978-2006. She was affectionately known as the "Drama Mama." Mrs. Mangan loved her students, she cared for them, she fed them, and she taught them life lessons that could only be learned in a hands-on setting like Drama. The recipient of the JoAnn Thurman-Mangan Drama Scholarship is **Saigel Mickan**.

The Ralph B. Tynes Scholarship is provided by a trust fund set up in

memory of Mr. Tynes who was a former superintendent in the Festus School District.

This year, the scholarship was awarded to **Elanie Coplin**. The recipient must rank in the upper one-half of the graduating class, enroll as a full-time student in a state supported two-year or four-year Missouri college, and exhibit leadership in school and the community.

The Murrell Godwin Memorial Scholarship is awarded to a student who earned at least a 2.667 GPA, participated in school and community activities, exemplified great character, and participated in high school athletics for at least one year. This year's recipient of the Murrell Godwin Memorial Scholarship is **James Wacker**.

The district is grateful for the third year of the Jerry Govero Scholarship. Mr. Govero was a 1957 graduate of Festus High School. He was a first generation college student earning a degree in Mechanical Engineering from Missouri University of Science & Technology. As part of the ROTC Program at S&T, he was sent to Fort Belvar and served abroad as an Army Corps of Engineer Officer in Germany. After 35 years of employment at McDonnell Douglas, he "retired" to start his own land development company. He designed, excavated, and built many projects in the Festus area. Applicants for this scholarship program must meet requirements related to GPA, attendance, service, and character. The recipient of the Jerry Govero Scholarship was **Gabrielle Burkard**.

The R-6 scholarship selection committee also selected the recipient for the Weier Family Foundation Scholarship, a scholarship program funded by the Weier Family Foundation. The recipient of this scholarship must attend the University of Missouri in Columbia, rank in the academic top 25% of the class, be a model citizen, and participate in school activities. The Weier Family Foundation Scholarship is renewable pending the successful completion of specific criteria. The recipient of this award is **Anna Raye**.

Furthermore, the R-6 scholarship selection committee was asked to make a recommendation to the University of Missouri for recipients of the Byrd Family Scholarship. The Byrd Family Scholarship was established through an agreement between Mr. John T. Byrd and the Curators of the University of Missouri. The recipients of this outstanding scholarship program are **Katie Hayes, Ciara McDonald, and Anna Raye**.

Many private scholarship programs have been graciously continued in support of our Festus graduates. We are grateful for the following programs: Doug and Lisa Mouser Scholarship Program, Morgan Anderson S3 Scholarship Program, Let Your Light Shine Aaliyah Mayes Scholarship Program, Andy Habsieger Memorial Scholarships, Emma Jane Vance Memorial Scholarship, Antonio Tullock Scholarship, Kim Showmaker-Allen Memorial Scholarship, Miss Sue Scholarship, Mary Katherine Memorial Scholarship, Cole's Hope Scholarship, Chapter EH PEO Scholarships, and the Warren Bingham Memorial Scholarship Foundation.

The Doug and Lisa Mouser Scholarship Program is exclusively for Festus students planning to pursue a business degree. Doug and Lisa Mouser are the donors. Their gracious donation is greatly appreciated! The fourth recipient of this outstanding scholarship program was **Ava Beers**.

The Morgan Anderson S3 Scholarship Program was established to honor Morgan and her commitment of giving to others, even at her young age. Morgan was always willing to help others but preferred to stay behind the scene in doing so. This scholarship is awarded to Festus and Herculaneum students. Seniors who have displayed the same willingness to help others and have volunteered in the community are encouraged to apply. Congratulations to **Caitlynn Jordan, Tyler Reece, and Savannah Stockton** for being the recipients from Festus.

The "Let Your Light Shine" Aaliyah Mayes Scholarship Program is open to Festus students in memory of Aaliyah. Aaliyah was a member of the Class of 2020. Students that make a difference by being a light to our school/community are encouraged to apply. **Lilly Besore** was the recipient of this great program.

Andy Habsieger Memorial Scholarships were established in memory of the 2004 Festus graduate, Andrew Habsieger who was killed in Iraq serving his country. The Andy Habsieger Football Scholarship was awarded to **William Reese**. The Andy Habsieger Leadership Scholarships were awarded to **Landon Yates** and **Jeannie Thornborrow**. The Emma Jane Vance Memorial Scholarship recipients were **Elaine Coplin, Emma Vivrett, Mackenzie Weston, and Delaney Willis**. This scholarship is in memory of Emma Vance, who would have been a 2021 graduate of Festus. These recipients understand the importance of compassion, understanding and showing kindness to all.

The Antonio Tullock Scholarship was awarded to **Ciara McDonald**. This scholarship was created in memory of Antonio Tullock, a former Festus graduate who broke school records during his days on the football field and had a contagious smile and upbeat personality.

The Kim Showmaker-Allen Memorial Scholarship was established in memory of the former Festus educator who died after her battle of breast cancer. She lived by the motto of "Ready, Set, Be Awesome." The recipients of this scholarship were **Elaine Coplin** and **Ciara McDonald**.

The Miss Sue Scholarship is awarded each year in memory of Sue Guffy, a former bus driver for Festus who was well-loved and adored by all of her "kids." The recipients of the Miss Sue Scholarship were **Rose Immekus** and **Joselynn Yates**.

The Mary Katherine Memorial Scholarship recipient goes to a student pursuing a career in nursing in memory of Middle School Employee Marlo Stanger's mom and sister who were both Registered Nurses. This year's deserving recipient was **Zoe Erxleben**.

Cole's Hope Memorial Scholarship is awarded to high school seniors in Jefferson County in memory of Cole Buehner, who lived his life to the fullest and shared his heart with everyone around him. Festus students **Jackson Bauman** and **Ciara McDonald** was awarded one of these generous scholarships.

The Chapter EH PEO Scholarship awards an outstanding young woman in our school and this year's recipient is **Kennedy Hale**. The Chapter EH PEO Music Scholarship is awarded to a student who excels greatly in fine arts. This year's recipient is **Bryson Rhine**. The Festus Missouri State Teachers Association Scholarship recipients were **Livia Barnett** and **Riley Vogel**. The Festus National Education Association Scholarship recipients were **Elaine Coplin** and **Joselynn Yates**. The Festus High School Student Council Scholarships were awarded to **Ava Beers, Elaine Coplin, Sawyer Partney, and Emma Vivrett**. The Festus National Honor Society Scholarships were awarded to **Kennedy Hale** and **Emma Vivrett**.

The Warren Bingham Memorial Scholarship was created in remembrance of a man who believed that education is a big key to becoming a productive citizen in society. In 1940, Warren was a member of the first Douglas High School graduating class. He attended one year of college at Lincoln University, a Historical Black College and

University in Jefferson City, Missouri, with the aspiration of becoming a teacher. In 1941, Warren's education was interrupted as he entered the United States Army to fight for his country in WWII. Upon returning from the war, he became an employee of the Pittsburgh Plate Glass Company and lived out his life in Crystal City, Missouri. This year's recipient is **Chasity Lacey**.

The Jefferson County School Counselors Association provides scholarships annually to students in the county planning to attend Jefferson College. The Woods/Wyman Memorial Scholarship is named in memory of former school counselors in Jefferson County. This year, **Livia Barnett** was one of the recipients.

Several athletic scholarships were awarded to our students. The Men's Track & Field Scholarship Program recipient was **Bryson Rhine** and **James Wacker**. The Women's Track & Field Scholarship, named the Janis Williams Foundation Scholarship, awarded three scholarships to **Ciara McDonald, Jeannie Thornborrow, and Delaney Willis**. The Festus Football Booster Club Tiger Strong Scholarships were awarded to **Hayden Bates, Ryan Valleck, and Landon Yates**. The Leslie Rose Govero Scholarship is awarded to a Dance Team member and **Emma Vivrett** was this year's recipient. The Kinder-Grappler Memorial Scholarship, in memory of Kevin Kinder, is awarded to a member of the wrestling team and this year's recipient was **Lucas Mercurio**.

The Reando Family Scholar Athlete Award was created in memory of Roger Reando, an avid sports fan, to recognize Festus High School's Scholar Athlete. The Scholar Athlete is voted on by the head coaches based on their athletic and academic achievements. This year's Scholar Athlete is **Jeannie Thornborrow**.

This year we also celebrated a few countywide, regionwide, and even nationwide scholarships and awards. The Jefferson County Growth Association Youth Outreach Scholarship is awarded to one senior in Jefferson County who exhibits strong leadership, volunteerism, Active Engagement in school and community activities, and holds a minimum of 2.5 GPA. This year's recipient is **Delaney Willis**. The Breaking Traditions Regional Winner, representing Jefferson College, has shown exceptional achievements in the Early Childhood Education program at our Area Technical School. Congratulations to **Lucas Mercurio** for being the Region 8 winner. The Horatio Alger Association started a scholarship program in 1984 to recognize high school students who exemplify the American tradition of overcoming adversity and achieving success through hard work, determination, integrity, and perseverance. **Audrey Staley** was selected out of 35,000 applications from across the country.

The class of 2024 was also eligible to participate in the state of Missouri's A-Plus Scholarship Program. This program rewards graduates who have met the established state requirements in the areas of attendance, grade point average, tutoring and mentoring, and citizenship. A total of 111 students qualified for this program and were honored during the awards assembly. Each student is now eligible for approximately two years of tuition at a public community college or an approved public vocational/technical school. The honorees included **Madison Austin, Livia Barnett, Hayden Bates, Jackson Bauman, Emily Bay, Alyssa Beck, Ava Beers, Ana Bell, Lilly Besore, Katelyn Reece, Brooklyn Blecha, Angela Bloodworth, Reese Boyer, Alexander Brock, Robin Broussard, Robert Buehre, Gabrielle Burkard, Macey Burr, Logan Butcher, Cody Cook, Elaine Coplin, Ava Croft, William Dolde, Ella Dollar, Karlee Dyle, Zoe Erxleben, Cody Evans, Mirabella Ewing, Aiden Freant, Anthony Frigerio, Alexis Gauch, Madelyn Geiler, Elijah Getting, Zachariah Getting, Tate Goetz, Bren Goff, Corinne Gosling, Xavier Gould, Kaylie Grunow, Kennedy Hale, Matthew Hamilton, Katie Hayes, Sophia Hensley, Renee Hilyard, Rose Immekus, Claire Jennings, Caitlyn Jordan, Grant Kamen, Elijah Katinsky, Sonny Kaufman, Olivia Knubley, Lydia Koessel, Jenna Lee, Vinson Lin, Abie Luo, Adam Marr, Matthew Martin, Ciara McDonald, Ella McKinney, Emma Meadows, Lucas Mercurio, Saigel Mickan, Madison Miller, Connor Mooney, Blake Naumann, Savannah Neff, Kristen Page, Sawyer Partney, Jarod Payne, Alexia Penberthy, Gabriella Piel, Demi Polk, Anna Raye, Tyler Reece, Jackson Reese, Williams Reese, Bryson Rhine, Brian Rhodes, Morgan Rhine, Lilly Rodgers, Elijah Rogers, Carter Roth, Keaton Rubottom, Haley Ruops, Dakota Schneider, Austin Schutte, Lillian Smith, Landon Sparling, Audrey Staley, Emma Stevens, Savannah Stockton, Nicholas Thompson, Jeannie Thornborrow, Gabrielle Tiepelman, Cohen Trupiano, Emma Vivrett, Riley Vogel, James Wacker, Brianna Wagner, Joshua Warren, Caitlyn Weedman, Gavin Williams, Delaney Willis, Ava Wilson, Sara Wolfe, Sydney Wolfe, Reagan Wynn, Joselynn Yates, Landon Yates, Trenton Young, and McKenzie Zoph**.

The recipients of Mister and Miss FHS for 2024 were also announced on May 17. These are honorary awards based on each student's contribution to the betterment of Festus Senior High School. Mister FHS for 2024 is **Sawyer Partney** and Miss FHS for 2024 is **Delaney Willis**.

Students electing to serve in the Armed Forces were recognized during both the Awards Night and the Graduation Ceremony. The following have chosen to join the Military: **Madison Bennett** (United States Navy), **Emma Doererr** (United States Navy), **Cody Evans** (United States Marines), **Allyson Roberson** (United States Space Force), **Nicholas Thompson** (United States Marines), and **Matthew Vaughn** (United States Space Force).

As of May 17, 126 members of the class had received a combined total of 364 reported scholarship offers totalling over 3.9 million dollars. These offers include scholarship awards from local community colleges, state colleges and universities, and many private institutions of continuing education. Many privately funded awards from throughout the area have also been received.

Listed below are the scholarships that have been offered to the students of the Class of 2024 from Festus Senior High School:

**Madison Austin**, daughter of James Austin & Chris Sproull and Mary Austin, has been awarded an A-Plus Scholarship, B. Clark Berry Memorial Scholarship, Academic Distinction Scholarship to Missouri State University and a Provost's Award to the University of Missouri. Madison will be attending Jefferson College.

**Livia Barnett**, daughter of Cindy Barnett and Jim Barnett, has received an A-Plus Scholarship, a Copper Dome Scholarship and Residence Life Leadership Award to Southeast Missouri State University, PEO Chapter FR Endowment Fund Scholarship to Jefferson College, Maurice O. Lucas Family Scholarship, Festus MSTa Scholarship and JCSCA Woods/Wyman Scholarship. Livia will be attending Jefferson College.

**Hayden Bates**, son of Tyler and Amy Bates, has received an A-Plus Scholarship, Athletic Scholarship to John A. Logan College and a Festus Football Boosters Tiger Strong Scholarship. Hayden will be attending John A. Logan College.

**Jackson Bauman**, son of Josh and Anette Bauman, has received an A-Plus Scholarship, Canepa Family Scholarship, Cole's Hope Scholarship and a Jefferson Scholarship to Jefferson College. Jackson plans to attend Jefferson College.

**Emily Bay**, daughter of Olin and Jessica Bay, has been awarded an A-Plus Scholarship, Maurice O. Lucas Family Scholarship, Copper Dome Scholarship & Residence

Life Leadership Award to Southeast Missouri State University, Signing Day Scholarship to Mineral Area College, Academic Merit Scholarship to Lindenwood University, Academic Excellence Scholarship to Missouri State University and a Curators Scholarship to University of Missouri St. Louis. Emily plans to attend Mineral Area College.

**Alyssa Beck**, daughter of Timothy and Aimee Beck, has received an A-Plus Scholarship, Festus-Crystal City Elks Lodge #1721 Scholarship and a Maurice O. Lucas Family Scholarship. Alyssa plans to attend Southeast Missouri State University.

**Ava Beers**, daughter of Brent and Jennifer Beers, has received an A-Plus Scholarship, Doug and Lisa Mouser Scholarship, Optimist Club BB 5K Scholarship, Optimist Club Essay Scholarship, Festus Student Council Scholarship and a Groundbreaker Scholarship to Missouri University of Science & Technology,. Ava will be attending Missouri University of Science & Technology.

**Ana Bell**, daughter of Jennifer Bell and Joe Bell, has received an A-Plus Scholarship, an Excellence Award and Byrd Family Scholarship to the University of Missouri. Ana will be attending the University of Missouri.

**Lilly Besore**, daughter of Wesley and Stefanie Besore, has received an A-Plus Scholarship, Festus-Crystal City Elks Lodge #1721 Scholarship, Aaliyah Mayes Let Your Light Shine Scholarship, Maurice O. Lucas Family Scholarship, a Copper Dome Scholarship and Residence Life Leadership Award to Southeast Missouri State University and a Jefferson Scholarship to Jefferson College. Lilly will be attending Jefferson College.

**Katelyn Bishop**, daughter of Josh and Sara Bishop, has been awarded an A-Plus Scholarship. Katelyn will be attending Jefferson College.

**Brooklyn Blecha**, daughter of Tony and Bethany Blecha, has received an A-Plus Scholarship. Brooklyn will be attending Paul Mitchell The School.

**Angela Bloodworth**, daughter of Kevin and Crystal Bloodworth, has received an A-Plus Scholarship. Angela will attend Jefferson College.

**Reese Boyer**, daughter of Rachel and Danny Harness, has received an A-Plus Scholarship. Reese will be attending Grabber School of Hair Design.

**Alexander Brock**, son of Kevin and Ildi Brock, has been awarded an A-Plus Scholarship and a Festus-Crystal City Elks Lodge #1721 Scholarship. Alexander plans to attend Jefferson College.

**Robin Broussard**, daughter of Blake and Takako Broussard, has been awarded an A-Plus Scholarship, a Federal Employee Education Assistance Scholarship, a Copper Dome Scholarship and Residence Life Leadership Award to Southeast Missouri State University. Robin plans to attend Southeast Missouri State University.

**Caitlynn Brown**, daughter of Christopher and Melissa Brown, has received a Maurice O. Lucas Family Scholarship and a Big Red Scholarship to Maryville University. Caitlyn will be attending Maryville University.

**Robert Buehre**, son of Robert J. Buehre and Gerry Smith, has been awarded an A-Plus Scholarship. Robert plans to attend Jefferson college.

**Samantha Burchett**, daughter of Neil and Brittany Burchett, has been awarded a Bright Flight Scholarship. Samantha plans to attend Maryville University.

**Gabrielle Burkard**, daughter of Scott and Katie Burkard, has received an A-Plus Scholarship, Jefferson County Sheriff's Office Scholarship, Tanner Boynton Memorial Scholarship, National Women's Athletic Association Scholarship and a Jerry Govero Scholarship. Gabrielle will be attending John A. Logan College.

**Macey Burr**, child of Sherrie and Joe Burr, has received a Bright Flight Scholarship, an A-Plus Scholarship, a Curators Scholars Award to the University of Missouri, Merit Scholarship to Missouri University of Science & Technology and a Maurice O. Lucas Family Scholarship. Macey plans to attend the University of Missouri.

**Logan Butcher**, son of Amber Partney and David Butcher, has been awarded an A-Plus Scholarship and a James Lee Chism Scholarship to Jefferson College.

Logan plans to attend Jefferson College.

**Zachary Butler**, grandson of Barbara and Timothy Cornish and son of Jessica Streisel, has received a Copper Dome Scholarship and Residence Life Leadership Award to Southeast Missouri State University. Zachary will attend Southeast Missouri State University.

**Madison Caskanett**, daughter of Jackie and Matt Caskanett, has received an Achievement Scholarship to Oklahoma State University and a Big Red Scholarship to Maryville University. Madison will be attending Maryville University.

**Cody Cook**, son of Allen and Kimberly Cook, has received an A-Plus Scholarship, Maurice O. Lucas Family Scholarship and A+ Recognition Scholarship, TruMerit Scholarship, President's Honorary Scholarship and TruOpportunity Scholarship to Truman State University. Cody plans to attend Truman State University.

**Elaine Coplin**, daughter of Cody and Jodi Mothersbaugh, has received an A-Plus Scholarship, an Academic Scholarship to Lindenwood University, Emma Jane Vance Memorial Scholarship, Maurice O. Lucas Family Scholarship, Kim Showmaker-Allen Memorial Scholarship, Festus Student Council Scholarship, Festus MNEA Scholarship and a Ralph B. Tynes Scholarship. Elaine will attend Lindenwood University.

**Ava Croft**, daughter of Ryan and Gretchen Croft, has been awarded an A-Plus Scholarship and a New Arkansan Non-Resident Tuition Award to the University of Arkansas. Ava will be attending the University of Arkansas.

**William Dolde**, son of John and Denise Dolde, has received an A-Plus Scholarship and a Jefferson Scholarship to Jefferson College. William will attend Jefferson College.

**Ella Dollar**, daughter of Colby and Erin Dollar, has received an A-Plus Scholarship, a Copper Dome Scholarship and Residence Life Leadership Award to Southeast Missouri State University. Cougar Pride Scholarship to Southern Illinois University Edwardsville and a Maurice O. Lucas Family Scholarship. Ella plans to attend Southeast Missouri State University.

**Karlee Dyle**, daughter of Terrah Basler and Joshua Mayer, has been awarded an A-Plus Scholarship. Karlee will be attending Jefferson College.

**Zoe Erxleben**, daughter of Jeff and Kristina Erxleben, has received a Bright Flight Scholarship, an A-Plus Scholarship, Copper Dome Scholarship and Residence Life Leadership Award to Southeast Missouri State University, Border Benefit Scholarship and Academic Scholarship to University of Louisville, University Scholarship to Saint Louis University, Board of Governors Scholarship to Missouri State University, Festus-Crystal City Elks Lodge #1721 Scholarship, Tanner Boynton Memorial Scholarship, Mary Katherine Memorial Nursing Scholarship, National Women's Athletic Association Scholarship and a Maurice O. Lucas Family Scholarship. Zoe will be attending the University of Louisville.

**Cody Evans**, son of Mitch & Lisa Evans and Jennifer McPartlen, has been awarded an A-Plus Scholarship. Cody has enlisted in the United States Marine Corps.

**Kaylin Evans**, daughter of Mike and Dana Evans, has been awarded a Provost Scholarship to Murray State University. Kaylin plans to attend Murray State



# Senior Scholarships & Awards

University.

**Mirabella Ewing**, daughter of Kim and Jerry Ewing, has earned a Bright Flight Scholarship, an A-Plus Scholarship, Chancellor's Award to the University of Missouri, a Maurice O. Lucas Family Scholarship and an Academic Scholarship, Kummer Vanguard Scholarship and Future Alumnae Scholarship to Missouri University of Science & Technology. Mirabella will attend Missouri University of Science & Technology.

**Aiden Freant**, son of Milton Freant and Angela Simon, has been awarded an A-Plus Scholarship. Aiden plans to enter the workforce upon graduation.

**Anthony Frigerio**, son of Kevin and Yvonne Frigerio, has been awarded an A-Plus Scholarship, a Maurice O. Lucas Family Scholarship and Provost Award to the University of Missouri. Anthony will attend the University of Missouri.

**Alexis Gauch**, daughter of Matthew and Julie Gauch, has been awarded an A-Plus Scholarship, Academic Award to Missouri State University, Academic Award to Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville, Copper Dome Scholarship and Residence Life Leadership Award to Southeast Missouri State University, Provost Award to the University of Missouri, Saints Scholarship to Maryville University, and a Maurice O. Lucas Family Scholarship. Alexis will be attending Maryville University.

**Madelyn Geiler**, daughter of John and Kelly Geiler, has received an A-Plus Scholarship, Kinder Institute Morgan Scholarship and Excellence Award to the University of Missouri, Maurice O. Lucas Family Scholarship, Optimist Club BB 5K Scholarship, V.E.W. Voice of Democracy Scholarship and a Tanner Boynton Memorial Scholarship. Madelyn plans to attend the University of Missouri.

**Elijah Getting**, son of Wendy Getting, has received a Bright Flight Scholarship, an A-Plus Scholarship, Maurice O. Lucas Family Scholarship, Festus-Crystal City Elks Lodge #1721 Scholarship, Honors Academy Scholarship, Groundbreaker Scholarship, Metallurgical Department Award Scholarship, Trailblazer Scholarship, H.R. Hanley Scholarship and Glenn & Ruth Graham Scholarship to Missouri University of Science & Technology. Elijah will be attending Missouri University of Science & Technology.

**Zachariah Getting**, son of Wendy Getting and Merne Getting, has received a Bright Flight Scholarship, an A-Plus Scholarship, an Honors Academy Scholarship, Kummer Vanguard Scholarship, Groundbreaker Scholarship, Trailblazer Scholarship, Mining Engineering Award and an Andy and Toni Cochran Scholarship. Zachariah will be attending Missouri University of Science & Technology.

**Tate Goetz**, son of Greg & Kim Goetz and the late Steffanie Rundel, has been awarded an A-Plus Scholarship. Tate will attend Jefferson College.

**Bren Goff**, daughter of Brian and Lacey Goff, has received an A-Plus Scholarship and a Maurice O. Lucas Family Scholarship. Bren will be attending Jefferson College.

**Corine Gosling**, daughter of Darren and Andrea Gosling, has received an A-Plus Scholarship. Corine will attend Jefferson College.

**Xavier Gould**, son of Michael and Brinee Gould, has been awarded an A-Plus Scholarship. Xavier plans to attend Missouri Western State University.

**Kaylee Grunow**, daughter of Aaron Grunow and Deborah Grunow, has been awarded an A-Plus Scholarship. Kaylee plans to attend Southeast Missouri State University.

**Kennedy Hale**, daughter of Doug and Jenna Hale, has received an A-Plus Scholarship, Elks Legacy Scholarship, Festus-Crystal City Elks Lodge #1721 Scholarship, FHS National Honor Society Scholarship, Maurice O. Lucas Family Scholarship, Chapter EH PEO Scholarship, Optimist Club BB 5K Scholarship, Vantage Credit Union Scholarship, Tanner Boynton Memorial Scholarship and an Excellence Scholarship to Southern Illinois University-Carbondale. Kennedy will be attending Southern Illinois University-Carbondale.

**Ella Harris**, daughter of Sarah Harris and Chris Harris, has been awarded a Maurice O. Lucas Family Scholarship, Copper Dome Scholarship and Residence Life Leadership Scholarship Award to Southeast Missouri State University. Ella will be attending Southeast Missouri State University.

**Matthew Hamilton**, son of Robert Hamilton and Shelly Smith, has been awarded an A-Plus Scholarship. Matthew plans to attend Jefferson College.

**Katie Hayes**, daughter of Jesse Hayes and Nichole Gray, has earned an A-Plus Scholarship, Copper Dome Scholarship and Residence Life Leadership Award to Southeast Missouri State University, Excellence Award and Housing Award to the University of Missouri and a Maurice O. Lucas Family Scholarship. Katie will be attending the University of Missouri.

**Sophia Hensley**, daughter of Gregory Hensley and Maria Hoepfner, has been awarded an A-Plus Scholarship. Sophia will attend Jefferson College.

**Renee Hilyard**, daughter of Tim and Annette Hilyard, has been awarded an A-Plus Scholarship and a Saints Scholarship to Maryville University. Renee plans to attend Maryville University.

**Rose Immekus**, daughter of Ronny Immekus and Lisa Immekus, has earned a Bright Flight Scholarship, an A-Plus Scholarship, a Morris and Rosalind Golman Scholarship, Miss Sue Scholarship, Festus Band Boosters Scholarship, V.E.W. Post 3777 Scholarship, Missouri Chamber of Commerce STEM Signing Day Scholarship, and Accenture Computer Sciences Scholarship, Future Alumnae Scholarship, Groundbreaker Scholarship, Honors Academy Scholarship, and Kummer Vanguard Scholarship to Missouri University of Science & Technology. Rose will be attending Missouri University of Science & Technology.

**Claire Jennings**, daughter of Jennifer Jennings, has been awarded an A-Plus Scholarship and a Maurice O. Lucas Family Scholarship. Claire plans to attend Jefferson College.

**Caitlyn Jordan**, daughter of Timothy and Carin Jordan, has been awarded an A-Plus Scholarship and a Morgan Anderson S3 Foundation Scholarship. Caitlyn plans to attend Jefferson College.

**Grant Kamer**, son of Kevin and Tara Kamer, has received an A-Plus Scholarship, a Maurice O. Lucas Family Scholarship and Copper Dome Scholarship and Residence Life Leadership Award to Southeast Missouri State University.

**Elijah Katinsky**, son of Tony and Shante Katinsky, has been awarded an A-Plus Scholarship. Elijah will attend Jefferson College.

**Sonny Kaufman**, son of Scott and Jennifer Kaufman, has received an A-Plus Scholarship. Sonny plans to enter the workforce upon graduation.

**Olivia Knuble**y, child of Craig Knuble and Traci Knuble, has been awarded an A-Plus Scholarship and a Residence Life Leadership Award to Southeast Missouri State University. Olivia will be attending Jefferson College.

**Lydia Koessel**, daughter of Tracy and Paul Koessel, has received an A-Plus Scholarship and a Maurice O. Lucas Family Scholarship. Lydia will be attending Missouri State University.

**Chasity Lacey**, daughter of Corey Lacey, has been awarded a Warren Bingham Scholarship.

**Jenna Lee**, daughter of John and Melissa Lee, has received an A-Plus Scholarship and a Maurice O. Lucas Family Scholarship. Jenna will be attending Purdue University.

**Vinson Lin**, son of Tang Lin and Qiaoyan Zhou, has been awarded an A-Plus Scholarship and a Trailblazer Scholarship to Missouri University of Science & Technology. Vinson plans to attend Missouri University of Science & Technology.

**Abie Luo**, son of Jack Luo and Dang Luo, has earned an A-Plus Scholarship, Maurice O. Lucas Family Scholarship, Chancellor's Award and Housing Award to the University of Missouri, Copper Dome Scholarship and Residence Life Leadership Award to Southeast Missouri State University, and an Honors Academy Scholarship, Trailblazer Scholarship and Groundbreaker Scholarship to Missouri University of Science & Technology. Abie will be attending Missouri University of Science & Technology.

**Adam Marr**, son of Jamie Marr & Jaime Bierk and Susie & Kevin Valleck, has earned an A-Plus Scholarship. Adam will attend State Technical College of Missouri.

**Matthew Martin**, son of Gregory and Kristine Martin, has received an A-Plus Scholarship. Matthew plans to attend Jefferson College.

**Ciara McDonald**, niece of Shawna and Michael Womack, has earned an A-Plus Scholarship, Maurice O. Lucas Family Scholarship, Colé's Hope Memorial Scholarship, Antonio Tullock Memorial Scholarship, Janis Williams Track Scholarship, Kim Showmaker-Allen Memorial Scholarship, and a Provost Award and Byrd Family Scholarship to the University of Missouri. Ciara will attend the University of Missouri.

**Ella McKinney**, daughter of Mary and Chris McKinney, has received an A-Plus Scholarship, a Vantage Credit Union Scholarship and an Excellence Award to the University of Missouri. Ella will be attending the University of Missouri.

**Emma Meadows**, daughter of Demetria Meadows and Anthony & Tara Meadows, has been awarded an A-Plus Scholarship, a Maurice O. Lucas Family Scholarship and an Academic Scholarship to Lindenwood University. Emma will be attending Lindenwood University.

**Lucas Mercurio**, son of Jerry and Becky Mercurio, has earned an A-Plus Scholarship, a Breaking Traditions 2024 Regional Winner - Region 8 Award and an Athletic Scholarship and Future Spartan Award to Missouri Baptist University. Lucas plans to attend Missouri Baptist University.

**Saigel Mickan**, daughter of Doug and Cindy Mickan, has earned an A-Plus Scholarship, Joann Thurman-Mangan Drama Scholarship, Karen Tesreau Trust Scholarship, Maurice O. Lucas Family Scholarship, Festus-Crystal City Elks Lodge #1721 Scholarship, Copper Dome Scholarship, Residence Life Leadership Award and Dobbins University Tribute to Southeast Missouri State University, Presidential Scholarship and Fine Arts Scholarship to Drake University and a P.E.O. STAR Scholarship.

**Madison Miller**, daughter of Ann Sappington and Matthew Miller, has been awarded an A-Plus Scholarship. Madison plans to attend Jefferson College.

**Connor Mooney**, son of Kirk & Kimberly Mooney, has received an A-Plus Scholarship, a Maurice O. Lucas Family Scholarship, Chancellor's Scholarship and Pierre Laclede Honors Scholarship to the University of Missouri-St. Louis. Connor will be attending the University of Missouri-St. Louis.

**Zane Moore**, son of Heather Moore, has been awarded a Copper Dome Scholarship, Residence Life Leadership Award and LaRue Campbell Harryette Camp Scholarship to Southeast Missouri State University. Zane plans to attend Three Rivers College.

**Blake Naumann**, son of Andrew and Rebecca Naumann, has earned an A-Plus Scholarship and Dean's Scholarship to Eckerd College. Blake will attend Eckerd College.

**Savannah Neff**, daughter of Holly Neff, has received an A-Plus Scholarship, a Copper Dome Scholarship and Residence Life Leadership Award to Southeast Missouri State University, Provost Award to the University of Missouri, and Academic Excellence Scholarship to Missouri State University. Savannah plans to attend Missouri State University.

**Kristen Page**, daughter of Alfred Page and Sonjia Page and granddaughter of Roy Tidwell and Melba Tidwell, has been awarded an A-Plus Scholarship, Adam & Willa McCullough Scholarship, a Maurice O. Lucas Family Scholarship and Honors "Top Ten" Scholarship to Jefferson College. Kristen will be attending Jefferson College.

**Sawyer Partney**, son of Chris Partney and Cantada Coaley, has earned a Bright Flight Scholarship, A-Plus Scholarship, Maurice O. Lucas Family Scholarship, V.E.W. Voice of Democracy Scholarship, Festus Student Council Scholarship, Mizsou Scholars Award to the University of Missouri, and General John J. Pershing Scholarship and Forensics Service Scholarship to Truman State University. Sawyer will be attending Truman State University.

**Jared Payne**, son of Allen and Tracy Payne, has been awarded an A-Plus Scholarship. Jared will be joining the Carpenters Union Apprentice Program.

**Alexia Penberthy**, daughter of Tony Penberthy and the late Sarah Penberthy, has been awarded an A-Plus Scholarship and Academic Scholarship to the University of Iowa. Alexia will be attending the University of Iowa.

**Gabriella Piel**, daughter of Naomi King and Lowell Pigg, has been awarded an A-Plus Scholarship. Gabriella will be attending Jefferson College.

**Mattie Phillips**, daughter of Matthew and Sarah Phillips, has been awarded a University Scholarship to Northwest Missouri State University and a Will to Do Award to Southeast Missouri State University. Mattie plans to attend Southeast Missouri State University.

**Demi Polk**, daughter of Donald and Brandi Polk, has been awarded an A-Plus Scholarship. Demi will be attending Moberly Area Community College.

**Anna Raye**, daughter of Matthew and Jennifer Raye, has earned an A-Plus Scholarship, Weier Family Scholarship, Maurice O. Lucas Family Scholarship, and Curators Scholars Award, Excellence Award and Byrd Family Scholarship to the University of Missouri. Anna plans to attend the University of Missouri.

**Tyler Reece**, son of Christopher Reece and the late Christina Reece, has received an A-Plus Scholarship, a Lieutenant Kent M. Kiepe Scholarship, The Morgan Anderson S3 Foundation Scholarship, and a Provost Award to the University of Missouri. Tyler plans to attend the University of Missouri.

**Jackson Reese**, son of William and Lindsay Reese, has been awarded an A-Plus Scholarship. Jackson will attend State Technical College of Missouri.

**William Reese**, son of William and Lindsay Reese, has earned an A-Plus Scholarship, Festus-Crystal City Elks Lodge #1721 Scholarship, Andy Habsieger Football Scholarship, a Copper Dome Scholarship and Residence Life Leadership Award to Southeast

Missouri State University, and an Excellence Award to the University of Missouri. William plans to attend Jefferson College.

**Bryson Rhine**, son of Joshua and DeAnna Rhine, has been awarded an A-Plus Scholarship, Maurice O. Lucas Family Scholarship, Chapter EH PEO Music Scholarship, Men's Track and Field Scholarship, and a Frederick E. Nevin Memorial Scholarship, Groundbreaker Scholarship and Kummer Vanguard Scholarship to Missouri University of Science & Technology. Bryson will attend Missouri University of Science & Technology.

**Brian Rhodes**, son of Heather and Paul Wilson, has been awarded an A-Plus Scholarship.

**Kylie Richardson**, daughter of Mark and Kim Richardson, has been awarded a Mastodon Art Fair Portfolio Scholarship and a Merit Scholarship, PCAL Scholarship and a Studio Scholarship to Kansas City Art Institute. Kylie will be attending Kansas City Art Institute.

**Morgan Risner**, daughter of Stacy Incontro and Jake Huey and Brandy Trask, has received an A-Plus Scholarship and a Maurice O. Lucas Family Scholarship. Morgan plans to attend Jefferson College.

**Lilly Rodgers**, daughter of Kelly and Carol Rodgers and Laura Hender-son, has been awarded an A-Plus Scholarship and a Festus Band Booster Scholarship. Lilly plans to attend Jefferson College.

**Elijah Rogers**, son of Stephanie & David Smith and Todd & Angela Rogers, has earned an A-Plus Scholarship and a Redbird Academic Scholarship to Illinois State University. Elijah will be attending Illinois State University.

**Joshua Roth**, child of Paul Roth, has earned a Mastodon Art Portfolio Scholarship. Joshua plans to attend Jefferson College.

**Carter Roth**, son of Joel Roth and Lindsey Roth, has been awarded an A-Plus Scholarship and a Maurice O. Lucas Family Scholarship. Carter will be attending Jefferson College.

**Keaton Rubottom**, daughter of Mike Rubottom, has been awarded an A-Plus Scholarship. Keaton will be attending Paul Mitchell The School.

**Haley Ruops**, daughter of Amber Frothingham and Greg Frothingham, has been awarded an A-Plus Scholarship. Haley plans to attend St. Louis Community College.

**Dakota Schneider**, son of Justin and Barbara Schneider, has earned an A-Plus Scholarship. Dakota will be attending Jefferson College.

**Austin Schutte**, son of Bryan and Shanda Schutte, has been awarded an A-Plus Scholarship. Austin plans to attend Jefferson College.

**Evelyn Sevick**, daughter of Cristina and Charles Sevick, has been awarded a Maurice O. Lucas Family Scholarship, a Copper Dome Scholarship and Residence Life Leadership Award to Southeast Missouri State University, Honors Scholarship, MBU Thrive Scholarship and Spartan Scholar Award to Missouri Baptist University, Trailblazer Scholarship and Groundbreaker Scholarship to Missouri University of Science & Technology, Merit Award to Lindenwood University, University Scholarship to Saint Louis University, a Curators Scholarship to University of Missouri-St. Louis, an Excellence Award to the University of Missouri and a Blue Scholarship to Webster University. Evelyn will attend Missouri Baptist University.

**Lillian Smith**, daughter of Mandy and Nicholas Buttner, and the late Justin Smith, has earned an A-Plus Scholarship, a Maurice O. Lucas Family Scholarship and a Saints Scholarship to Maryville University. Lillian will be attending Maryville University.

**Landon Sparling**, son of Charles Sparling and Lindsay Thompson, has been awarded an A-Plus Scholarship and a Maurice O. Lucas Family Scholarship. Landon will be attending Jefferson College.

**Audrey Staley**, daughter of Heather Jordan, has earned an A-Plus Scholarship, Horatio Alger Missouri Scholarship, Maurice O. Lucas Family Scholarship, Tanner Boynton Memorial Scholarship, and a Groundbreaker Scholarship to Missouri University of Science & Technology.

**Emma Stevens**, daughter of Melissa Garner and Keith Bushek, has been awarded an A-Plus Scholarship, a Maurice O. Lucas Family Scholarship and a Russell Snowden Engineering Scholarship to Missouri University of Science & Technology. Emma will attend Missouri University of Science & Technology.

**Savannah Stockton**, daughter of John and Shannon Stockton, has received an A-Plus Scholarship, a Maurice O. Lucas Family Scholarship, Morgan Anderson S3 Foundation Scholarship, an Academic Excellence Scholarship to Missouri State University, and a Provost Scholarship to Murray State University. Savannah will be attending Murray State University.

**Nicholas Thompson**, son of Tommy and Erika Thompson, has been awarded an A-Plus Scholarship. Nicholas has enlisted in the United States Marine Corps.

**Jeannie Thornborrow**, daughter of Carol and Kelly Rodgers and the late Kit Thornborrow, has earned an A-Plus Scholarship, Maurice O. Lucas Family Scholarship, Reando Scholar Athlete Award, Janis Williams Track Scholarship, Andy Habsieger Leadership Scholarship and an Honors "Top Ten" Scholarship to Jefferson College. Jeannie plans to attend Jefferson College.

**Gabrielle Tiepelman**, daughter of Steve and Alison Tiepelman, has been awarded an A-Plus Scholarship. Gabrielle will be entering the workforce upon graduation.

**Cohen Trupiano**, son of David Trupiano & Monica AuBuchon and Timothy O'Brien, has received an A-Plus Scholarship, a Maurice O. Lucas Family Scholarship, Festus Band Booster Scholarship, Groundbreaker Scholarship and Maurice O. Bellis Scholarship to Missouri University of Science & Technology. Cohen will attend Missouri University of Science & Technology.

**Ryan Valleck**, son of Kevin Valleck and Angie Valleck, has been awarded a Maurice O. Lucas Family Scholarship, Festus Football Boosters Tiger Strong Scholarship and New Arkansan Non-Resident Tuition Award. Ryan will be attending the University of Arkansas.

**Emma Vivrett**, daughter of Cecil and Heather Vivrett, has earned an A-Plus Scholarship, an Emma Jane Vance Memorial Scholarship, Maurice O. Lucas Family Scholarship, Leslie Rose Govero Scholarship, Festus Student Council Scholarship, FHS National Honor Society Scholarship, Festus-Crystal City Elks Lodge #1721 Scholarship, Bluegrass Spirit Scholarship and William C Parker Scholarship to the University of Kentucky, and a Non-Resident Tuition Award to the University of Arkansas. Emma will attend the University of Kentucky.

**Riley Vogel**, daughter of Jason and Michelle Vogel, has received an A-Plus Scholarship, Festus MSTA Scholarship, Jeffrey Dettmer Memorial Scholarship, Festus-Crystal City Elks Lodge #1721 Scholarship and Maurice O. Lucas Family Scholarship. Riley plans to attend Indian Hills Community College.

**James Wacker**, son of Dan and Caroline Wacker, has earned a Bright Flight Scholarship, an A-Plus Scholarship, a National Merit Semifinalist Scholarship, Honors Academy Scholarship and Kummer Vanguard Scholarship to Missouri University of Science & Technology, Bluegrass Spirit Scholarship to the University of Kentucky, Mideast Missouri Contractors Association Scholarship, Murrell Godwin Memorial Scholarship and FHS Men's Track and Field Scholarship. James will be attending Missouri University of Science & Technology.

**Brianna Wagner**, daughter of Ray and Michele Wagner, has been awarded an A-Plus Scholarship, a Maurice O. Lucas Family Scholarship, a Copper Dome Scholarship and Residence Life Leadership Award to Southeast Missouri State University, and a Cougar Pride Scholarship to Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville. Brianna will be attending Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville.

**Brooklyn Ward-Johnson**, daughter of Joseph Johnson and Rachael Johnson, has earned a Ronald Charles & Rodger Neal Herrington Memorial Scholarship and an Academic Merit Award to Southeast Missouri State University. Brooklyn plans to attend Southeast Missouri State University.

**Joshua Warren**, son of Rodney and Joy Warren, has earned an A-Plus Scholarship. Joshua plans to attend Jefferson College.

**Kaitlynn Weedman**, sister of Kelsi Holland and Garrett Holland and Madison Franken, has been awarded an A-Plus Scholarship. Kaitlynn will be attending Jefferson College.

**Mackenzie Weston**, daughter of Robert and Joni Weston, has been awarded an Emma Jane Vance Memorial Scholarship, Karen Tesreau Trust Scholarship, Maurice O. Lucas Family Scholarship, Bulldog Legacy Scholarship and President's Honorary Scholarship to Truman State University, and Residence Life Leadership Award to Southeast Missouri State University. Mackenzie will be attending Truman State University.

**Gavin Williams**, son of Christina Williams and Corey Williams, has earned an A-Plus Scholarship, Excellence Award and Housing Award to the University of Missouri and the University Scholarship to Saint Louis University. Gavin will be attending Saint Louis University.

**Delaney Willis**, daughter of Joseph and Jamie Willis, has received an A-Plus Scholarship, Maurice O. Lucas Family Scholarship, Emma Jane Vance Memorial Scholarship, Janis Williams Track Scholarship, Jefferson County Growth Association Youth Outreach Scholarship, Twin City Optimist Club Youth Appreciation Week Scholarship, V.E.W. Voice of Democracy Scholarship, Wendy's Heisman High School Scholarship, Tanner Boynton Memorial Scholarship, President's Honorary Scholarship, A+ Recognition Scholarship and TruMerit Scholarship to Truman State University, Copper Dome Scholarship and Residence Life Leadership Award to Southeast Missouri State University, Cougar Pride Scholarship to Southern Illinois University - Edwardsville, Dean's Award and Saints Scholarship to Maryville University, Excellence Scholarship and Trustee Award to Ohio University, Gorlok Gold Academic Scholarship to Webster University, Inclusive Leadership Scholarship and Merit Scholarship to Lindenwood University, and Presidential Scholarship to McKendree University. Delaney plans to attend Maryville University.

**Ava Wilson**, daughter of Kim and Adam Wilson, has earned an A-Plus Scholarship, a Maurice O. Lucas Family Scholarship, Academic Scholarship and Athletic Scholarship to Central Methodist University and a Residence Life Leadership Award to Southeast Missouri State University. Ava plans to attend Central Methodist University.

**Sara Wolfe**, daughter of Shannon and Shariann Wolfe, has been awarded an A-Plus Scholarship, Maurice O. Lucas Family Scholarship and a Missouri Tire Industry Association. Sara will attend Jefferson College.

**Sydney Wolfe**, daughter of Shannon and Shariann Wolfe, has received an A-Plus Scholarship, a Maurice O. Lucas Family Scholarship and a Missouri Tire Industry Association. Sydney plans to attend Jefferson College.

**Reegan Wynn**, daughter of Mark and Nicole Wynn, has earned an A-Plus Scholarship, Copper Dome Scholarship and Residence Life Leadership Award to Southeast Missouri State University. Reegan will attend The University of Central Missouri.

**Joselynn Yates**, daughter of Josh and Tiffany Yates, has been awarded an A-Plus Scholarship, Maurice O. Lucas Family Scholarship, Miss Sue Scholarship, Festus MNEA Scholarship, National Women's Athletic Association Scholarship and a Tanner Boynton Memorial Scholarship. Joselynn will attend Mineral Area College.

**Landen Yates**, son of Shelly and Steven Yates, has received an A-Plus Scholarship, Maurice O. Lucas Family Scholarship, Andy Habsieger Leadership Scholarship, Festus Football Boosters Tiger Strong Scholarship and an Excellence Award to the University of Missouri. Landen will be attending the University of Missouri.

**Trenton Young**, son of Jeff and Becky Young, has been awarded an A-Plus Scholarship and a New Arkansan Non-Resident Tuition Award. Trenton will be attending the University of Arkansas.

**McKenzie Zoph**, daughter of Adam and Keri Zoph, has been awarded an A-Plus Scholarship. McKenzie plans to attend State Technical College of Missouri.



# Graduation 2024

On Tuesday, May 21, Festus High School graduated 221 students. The ceremony got started an hour early because of the threat of severe storms. Rose Immekus, James Wacker and Delaney Willis were the student speakers. James Wacker was announced as the Tommy Alexander Award winner, the most prestigious award that a graduating senior can receive.



James Wacker receives the Tommy Alexander Award from High School Principal Dr. Karl Shinniger.



Briana Wagner (left) and Kristen Page enter Tiger Stadium at the beginning of graduation.



Graduations listen as fellow students deliver their speeches.

## Festus R-VI 2024/2025 District Calendar

### FESTUS R-VI 2024/2025 DISTRICT CALENDAR

'Educating all children to meet tomorrow's challenges'



July 2024						
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

January 2025						
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	
Total Student Days						19

August 2024						
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
Total Student Days						10

February 2025						
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	
Total Student Days						18

September 2024						
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					
Total Student Days						20

March 2025						
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					
Total Student Days						18

October 2024						
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	
Total Student Days						22

April 2025						
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		
Total Student Days						20

November 2024						
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30						
Total Student Days						16

May 2025						
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					
Total Student Days						13

December 2024						
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				
Total Student Days						15

June 2025						
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					
Total Student Days						15

Activities Dead Week:	June 29 - July 7
Athletics Dead Week:	August 3-11
New Teacher Orientation:	August 5-7
Teacher Work Days:	August 13-15
FIRST SEMESTER: August 19 - December 20, 2024 (83 days)	
First Quarter: August 19 - October 16 (41 days)	
First Day of School:	August 19
No School - Labor Day:	September 2
No School - Teacher PD Day:	October 7
End of 1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter:	October 16
Second Quarter: October 17 - December 20 (42 days)	
No School (Comp day for P/T Conferences):	November 4
No School - PD Day:	November 5
No School - Thanksgiving Break:	November 27-29
End of 2 <sup>nd</sup> Qtr./1 <sup>st</sup> Semester -- Early Release:	December 20
No School/Winter Break:	December 23-Jan 2
SECOND SEMESTER: January 6 - May 19, 2025 (88 days)	
Third Quarter: January 6 - March 12 (45 days)	
No School/Teacher Workday (Possible Flex Day):	January 3
Students Resume:	January 6
No School/MUK Day:	January 20
No School/Teacher PD Day:	February 14
No School/Presidents' Day:	February 17
End of 3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter:	March 12
Fourth Quarter: March 18 - May 19 (43 days)	
No School (Spring Break):	March 13-17
No School (Good Friday):	April 18
No School (Easter):	April 21
End of 4 <sup>th</sup> Qtr./2 <sup>nd</sup> Semester -- Early Release:	May 19
Teacher Work Day:	May 20
Teacher Make-up Work Day (only if hours are needed):	May 21
Memorial Day:	May 26

Calendar Legend	For updates on closures, please use the following sources:
Activities/Athletics Dead Week	KTVI (Channel 2)
First Day of School	KMOV (Channel 4)
No School	KSDK (Channel 5)
Teacher PD Day	Twitter: @FestusR6
End of Quarter	Facebook: FestusRVI
Last Day of School	Website: <a href="http://www.festus.k12.mo.us">www.festus.k12.mo.us</a>
Teacher Work Day	
New Teacher Orientation	
Student Attendance Days	

Early Release or Incident Weather Dismissal Times	
Elementary (Grades K-3)	1:10 p.m.
Intermediate (Grades 4-5)	1:10 p.m.
Intermediate (Grade 6)	12:10 p.m.
Middle School (Grades 7-8)	12:00 p.m.
Senior High (Grades 9-12)	12:10 p.m.

<b>NOTES:</b>
The first four days missed due to incident weather will be traditional snow days and made up at the end of the school year. However, the final attendance day will be no later than Friday, May 23 <sup>rd</sup> , 2025.
Each Wednesday will have a 1 hour delayed start time due to Professional Learning Communities.
Final Examinations are held the last three attendance days of each semester at the high school.

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**Senior High**  
501 Westwind Drive  
937-5410 Main  
Karl Shinniger, Principal  
Joel Roth, Asst. Principal  
Jason Therrell, Asst. Principal/  
Athletics/Activities  
Counseling Office: 937-5944  
Angie Macy, Counselor  
Jennifer Kline, Counselor  
Amanda Esparza, Counselor  
Alan Woodland, Counselor  
Maggie Ellis, RN, Health Room

**Middle School**  
1717 West Main Street  
937-5417 Main  
937-5417 (nurse)  
Jacob Munoz, Principal  
Matthew Boyer Asst. Principal  
Angie Earnhart, Psy. Examiner  
Counseling Office: 937-2035  
Wendy Mickley, Counselor  
Joseph Fehlker, Counselor  
Jessy Beard, RN, Heath Room

**Intermediate School**  
1501 Mid-Meadow Lane  
937-4750 Main  
937-4799 (nurse)  
Spencer Kearns, Principal  
Deana Brown, Asst. Principal  
Counseling Office: 937-4750  
Shannon Helms, Counselor  
Steve Williams, Counselor  
Tiffany Yates, RN, Heath Room

**Elementary School**  
1500 Mid-Meadow Lane  
937-4063 Main  
937-5917 (nurse)  
Darin Siefert, Principal  
Saundra Benack, Asst. Principal  
Counseling Office: 937-2991  
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Kamara Johnson, Counselor  
Tricia Nahlik, Counselor  
Danielle Singleton, RN, Heath Room

**Early Childhood Center**  
821 American Legion Dr.  
636-465-0395 Main  
Dr. Samantha Mouser, Director  
Amy Horrell, Nurse

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