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A Step Ahead



Festus R-VI Plans Return to School



The 2020-2021 school year is set to begin on Monday, August 24th. At this time, the Festus R-VI School District is planning to offer our students the option of returning to school in-person or attending school online.

Our in-person school will look like our normal school year, however, strong efforts will be made to maintain proper social distancing. Hand sanitizing stations will be placed throughout our school buildings and all of our water fountains are being converted to bottle fillers. Every effort is being made to keep students and staff as safe and healthy as possible.

For parents and students who decide online school will be best for them this year, they **MUST** meet with the Assistant Superintendent, Dr. Nicki Ruess or Director of Student Services Mrs. Cara Pellerin before any online registration takes place. "Festus Online" will follow the same curriculum as our in-person classes and grades will be taken, just as though they were attending school in-person.

More details on our "Return To School" plan can be found on our website: festus.k12.mo.us.

Letter from our Board President

Dear Patrons,

It is safe to say we have NEVER seen a school year like the one that ended with our graduation ceremony last month. And I'm sure, the upcoming school year will be just as challenging, if not more so. When school closed on March 17th, teachers, students and staff faced the challenges head-on and continued to teach and learn online. I am confident they are prepared to face the challenges of the coming school year with the same attitude that defines what we in the Festus R-VI School District are all about.

The 2020-2021 school year is set to begin in just a little more than a month. Your school administrators, teachers and staff have been working all summer long to develop a plan that will help us navigate the COVID-19 pandemic. Six committees made up of more than 70 staff members met throughout the month of June to find the best ways to help make sure students can return to our campus on August 24th. The plan that they developed was released just this week and can be found on the district website festus.k12.mo.us. It is based on the best information that is available to us right now. It will likely change several times throughout the course of the school year and may change before the school year even begins. It will be important for all of us to be flexible and ready to adapt as the circumstances change.

It has been some time since an edition of "A Step Ahead" has appeared in

your Leader newspaper. The school closure back in March prevented us from getting a spring paper to you. This edition is coming to you a little later than normal because of our rescheduled graduation. But here it is. There is a lot of good information regarding some of the activities that happened before our closure. Our graduation news can also be found inside as well as information about the upcoming school year.

On behalf of the entire Festus R-VI School Board, I want to thank you for supporting our teachers and staff as they try to navigate through these uncertain times. In return, we promise to support our students.

Next week, our annual "Community Newsletter" will be in the Leader. It will have important information on registration, lunch pricing and other important back to school details.

Educationally,
Todd Oetting

Todd Oetting, President
Festus R-6 school District
Board of Education

Festus School District

Douglass Night

Hundreds of people packed the Ralph B. Tynes Gymnasium at Festus High School on Tuesday, January 21 to pay tribute to the legacy of the Douglass School and all Douglass School alumni. "Planning for that night started well over a year ago with a group of social studies teachers looking for ways to engage our students in the history of their own community," said high school principal Dr. Karl Shining. "Early in the process and quite by chance, Mr. DeWhitt Bingham reached out to me while doing research for an idea he had regarding the Douglas School. After connecting Mr. Bingham to the social studies teachers, the team went to work creating a memorable event for the students, staff, community members, and Douglas alumni!"

The Douglass School opened in 1900 as an early grade school for African-American students. In 1939, Douglass Cooperative High School opened. It grew to educate African-American students from eleven East-Central Missouri communities. High school students moved to Festus High School in 1955. Lower grades were integrated into Festus Schools over the next four years. Douglass School closed in 1959. The man behind the integration of Douglass students into Festus High Schools is Ralph B. Tynes, the superintendent of schools at the time. His proactive approach to integration is widely acknowledged as the reason the transition was so smooth at Festus. The gymnasium that hosted the game and event is named in his honor.

The event included pictures from old Douglass Cooperative High School yearbooks, some pictures displayed by the Twin City Cultural Diversity Committee and Mr. Bingham with a display featuring his book "The Douglass Connection." The Varsity basketball game that night between the Tigers and the Crystal City Hornets featured players wearing throwback uniforms like those worn by Douglass High School Trojan athletes. "The Douglass night was a special night for our school," said Festus Varsity basketball coach Jason Therrell. "We are so appreciative of all the alumni and family of alumni from Douglass who came and made the night special for all involved." Shining added, "The Douglas Night was perhaps one of my favorite moments at Festus High School. I am grateful to be a part of a school that continuously focuses on maintaining a strong connection between our school, community and history."



Tigers & Hornets players wore throwback green and white uniforms

State of the County

For the second year in a row, Jefferson County counted on the Festus R-VI School District to host hundreds of people for its annual State of the County breakfast. The breakfast is put on by the Jefferson County Growth Association (JCGA), but it relies on different schools around the county to host the event. On February 17, the Festus School District hosted more than 320 county leaders, city leaders, first responders, business leaders and school officials in the Festus High School gymnasium. A school committee along with the JCGA worked for months on the event. Students created the artwork place mats, centerpieces and other decorations. The food service department cooked breakfast, students provided the entertainment and hosted. Superintendent Dr. Link Luttrell, JCGA President Dan Govero and Jefferson County Executive Dennis Gannon all spoke.



Abby Ohlau sings the national anthem before breakfast



Superintendent Dr. Link Luttrell spoke about the good work Festus Schools are doing educating our students

The Cooks Kitchen

Peggy Carle

Food Service Director

I would like to take the opportunity to share some information regarding Free and Reduced meals. I have frequently heard parents say “we won’t qualify for free and reduced meals because we don’t receive food stamps.” You do not have to receive food stamps to qualify. You can also qualify if you meet income guidelines for your family size. I would also like to remind parents that you can apply for free and reduced meals anytime during the school year. The free and reduced application can be found on the school website at www.festus.k12.mo.us, a form can be obtained in any of the school offices, or one can be sent home with your student. Forms can be returned with students, parents or they can be emailed to carlepeggy@festusedu.com or faxed to 636-937-3650. If you have questions please contact the Food Service Office at 636-937-7747.

As always, we thank you for allowing our Food Service Staff to serve your child at breakfast and lunch.



Nurse's Office

Lindsey Roth

Coordinator of Staff and Student Wellness

The new school year will bring with it many more health concerns than in any other year. The novel coronavirus and the disease it causes (COVID-19) continue to spread across the United States and right here in Jefferson County. As we begin the school year, it is important to let you know how the Festus R-VI School District is preparing. As you probably know, we released our comprehensive plan this week. Of note, you should know that we are creating isolation rooms in every nurses' office. Any student who shows symptoms of COVID-19 during the school day will be placed in an isolation room and be given face coverings to wear until they leave campus. In the event of a positive test for COVID-19, they will not be allowed to return to school until the Jefferson County Health Department says they can. The health and safety of our students and staff are our Number One priority and we will do everything we can to provide a safe and healthy environment for them when they are at school.



Tech Talk

Josh Bauman

Director of Technology

One of the questions parents ask is “How can I monitor my student’s activity online?”. Normally when a parent asks this, they are not as concerned with school issued devices as they are with per-

sonal devices like phones, tablets and home computers. There are a few ways this can be accomplished with varying degrees of detail. One solution is to use a wifi router at home that has built in parental controls. Typically these controls include timed settings where you can set the internet to turn off at a particular time on your child’s devices. I currently have Google Wifi routers at home, and they have this timed feature; there are others on the market as well though. One of the other options is a product that sits on your network, and literally intercepts all traffic to and from your child’s devices. There are a few on the market but one that I have heard people have success with is called “Circle”. Circle can create time limits, filters, and location history. All of these options are completely customizable by the parent. If you would like more information about Circle goto meetcircle.com There are a few other products like Circle on the market, but I don’t know how well they work. If you would like to hear about a specific topic please email baumanjosh@festusedu.com.

*This article is not meant to be seen as an endorsement of either Google Wifi or Circle.



Earl Cook to be Inducted



Earl Cook with his wife Rhonda Abbas-Cook

Cook became the first African American mayor of Festus on January 20, 2009. He is also a founding member of the Twin City Cultural Diversity Committee that this year celebrated its 25th anniversary luncheon. Mr. Cook passed away on March 27, 2020. Mr. Cook will enter the Festus Hall of Fame during a fall induction ceremony.

The Festus R-6 School District will induct former Festus Mayor William Earl Cook into the Festus R-6 Hall of Fame. Superintendent Dr. Link Luttrell made the surprise announcement at the annual Twin City Cultural Diversity Luncheon.



Earl Cook with Superintendent Dr. Link Luttrell

Look in next week's Leader for our annual “Community Newsletter.” It will have important information about the beginning of our new school year including registration dates, lunch prices and much more.

Festus School District

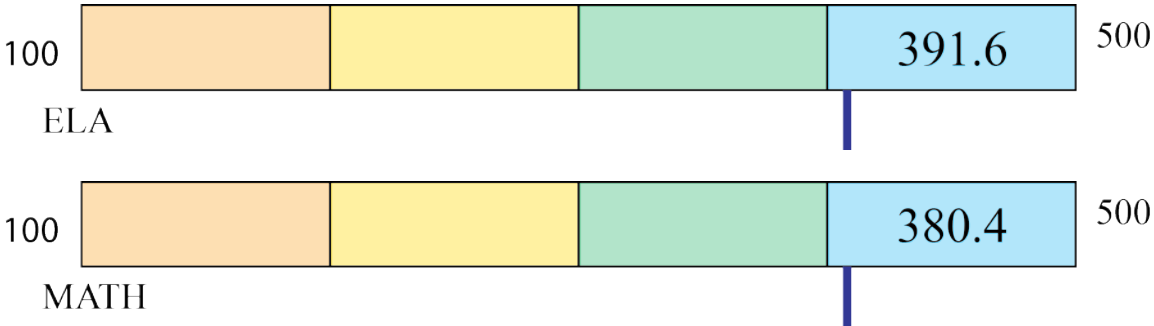
Festus Achieves Highest Marks In School Measurements

The Festus R-VI School District received high marks in the Annual Performance Report (APR) released by the Department of Elementary & Secondary Education (DESE) this school year. Areas assessed included: academic achievement, college and career readiness, attendance, and graduation rate. According to benchmarks established by DESE the Festus R-VI School District attained the highest possible threshold in the area of academic achievement. “We continue to be extremely proud of our students who are achieving at a high level,” said Superintendent Dr. Link Luttrell. “Our dedicated staff works hard throughout the year to ensure students are ready to advance to the next level.”

The APR is an annual report issued by DESE to show how well a district is meeting Missouri School Improvement Plan (MSIP) indicators. In previous years, DESE assigned points to each standard assessed and each district’s “score” was a percentage of the possible points earned. For instance, last year, the Festus R-VI School district earned a 100% score. However, this year, the APR has a much different overall look. The points are gone. In lieu of points, the APR Summary report features a color-coded bar chart to show which category the district is performing at: floor, approaching, on-track, and target.



In every category where the state assesses results from all students, the Festus R-VI School District landed in the “TARGET” range and exceeded the statewide average. In “Academic Performance” for all students, Festus earns placement into the highest category which is ‘TARGET’ and that was accomplished for both Math and Language Arts.



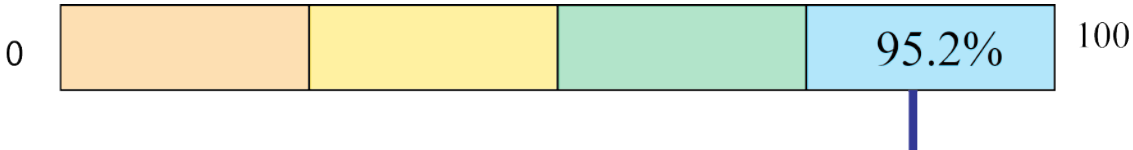
In the area of “College and Career Readiness” the District scored in the “target” range and exceeded the state average in every category



In attendance, Festus R-6 again hit the “target” range with 94% of our students attending school at least 90% of the time, exceeding the statewide average.



In the area of graduation rates, Festus students are graduating at a 95% rate, which is at the “target” and again exceeds the statewide average in every established benchmark.



“We are especially proud of our scores in the area of college and career readiness,” Luttrell added. “College and Career Readiness has been a focus at the high school for several years, and the data definitely indicates those efforts have reaped dividends as more and more students are prepared for life after high school graduation”

Festus Elementary School

Elementary Nominated To Be Blue Ribbon School



The Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education nominated Festus Elementary School for its third National Blue Ribbon Schools Award. The school is just one of seven in the entire state DESE has chosen to nominate. Festus was last named a Blue Ribbon School in 2014 and was only eligible to be nominated again this year. “We are so proud of our Elementary School for being nominated once again for the National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence,” said Dr. Nicki Ruess, Assistant Superintendent of Teaching and Learning for the Festus School District. “We have outstanding students, staff, and parents who partner together to make every day count by continuously putting all of our students on a pathway of long term success by building a solid foundation at the elementary.”



“I am amazed at the hard work our teachers do every day,” said principal Dr. Darin Siefert. “This nomination is evidence of the dedication and quality of teachers that we have at Festus Elementary School. While this nomination is based on the scores of our current 4th grade students, it demonstrates the quality of teaching and learning that is taking place from the moment

our students enter our doors in Kindergarten until they leave after third grade.”

The National Blue Ribbon Schools Program recognizes outstanding public and non-public schools. Being nominated as an Exemplary High Performing School means Festus Elementary students have state assessment test scores that are among the top 15-percent in English/Language Arts (ELA) and Math. “This award is the highest designation bestowed upon a public or private school by the United States Department of Education,” Ruess said. The school will learn later this year if it is indeed named a Blue Ribbon School. If that happens, Festus Elementary School will be the first school in the state of Missouri to achieve that distinction three times, 1998-99 and 2014 are the other two times.

100th Day of School

On February 5, 2020, students at Festus Elementary School celebrated the 100th Day of School with a variety of activities focused on the number “100.” Our second grade classrooms celebrated the 102nd Day of School on February 7, 2020. Many students (and teachers!) dressed as if they were 100 years old, complete with gray hair, wrinkles, walking canes, and glasses. Teachers read books to the students about the number 100 such as Emily’s First 100 Days of School and 100 Snowmen. Math activities in the classroom included counting objects to 100 in different ways, skip counting to 100 by 2s, 5s, and 10s, and discussing that 100 pennies make a dollar. Students also enjoyed snack mixes with 100 pieces of food, reading 100 new words, and writing about what they could buy with \$100. The elementary students look forward to this day each year as they count and record each day leading up to this point.



D’errius Beasley, Zayden Fisher, Elijah Goss counting to 100 using 10 different things.



2nd graders MacKenzie Rickermann, Amer Stemper and other students build a pyramid using 102 Red Solo Cups.



Mason Jungewalter is dressed like a 100 year old man, complete with a homemade walker

Festus Intermediate School

Spelling Bee Champion Crowned



Shekinah Demata, Intermediate School Spelling Bee Champion

On January 31, 2020, eleven students competed in Festus Intermediate School's Seventh Annual Spelling Bee. The competitors had emerged as winners from their classroom bees, as well as the top finishers in the semi-final written bee held in December. Representation was strong from fourth grade, with five finalists: Shekinah Demata, Taylor Swain, PJ Dodson, Gwen Kort, and Marshall Cotham. Rounding out the top spellers were fifth graders Claire Lucas, Reese Sherman, and Jacob Mertens, as well as sixth graders Cohen Hale, Shekinah Demata, Landon Pratt, and Angela Moore.

After many intense rounds, sixth grader Shekinah Demata rose to the top and was named FIS champion, with fifth grader Reese Sherman as runner-up. Shekinah competed in the St. Louis Post Dispatch semi-final bee on March 7 at McKendree University, representing FIS with other top spellers from local schools. Unfortunately, Shekinah did not advance beyond this round.



(From L to R): Shekinah Demata (grade 4), Shekinah Demata - winner (grade 6), Gwen Kort, Cohen Hale, Landon Pratt, Taylor Swain, Angela Moore, P.J. Dodson, Claire Lucas, Reese Sherman - runner up, Marshall Cotham

Play Unified Basketball



Ethan McVay, Emme Coplin, Livi Kearns, Jada Keith, Collin Richard, Avin Luo



Avin Luo, Darreon Box, Evan Long, Jada Keith, Balan James, Miranda Machalek, Delaney Mercer, Collin Richards

"Training together and playing together is a quick path to friendship and understanding." That's one simple principle of the Special Olympics that students at Festus live out. On February 6, more than 20 sixth grade students participated in a Unified Basketball game. Students of all abilities practiced for weeks leading up to the game. Members of the high school student council served as coaches, referees and mentors for the students. The following week, all students who participated gathered for a little reception that included great fellowship. Unified Sports is helping to build inclusion and tolerance in the Festus R-VI School District.

Brenden's Backpacks Food Drive

Mrs. Brown's and Mr. Burgert's exploratory classes conducted a food donation drive at the Intermediate for Brenden's Friday Backpacks. The students of Festus Intermediate donated almost 1,800 individual food items. Mr.

Burgert's class then bagged the items to make about 600 "snack packs" to help the organization save time.



Mrs. Brown's & Mr. Burgert's Exploratory classes

Archery Club

The Festus Intermediate Archery Club met for the month of February. This year, 50 students in fifth and sixth grade were taught archery using The National Archery In Our Schools Program. The club focused on basic archery techniques, safety, and friendly competition. Students learned the NASP 11 Steps to Archery Success by starting with string bows before moving into the actual range. Safety was the most important lesson! Mr. Burgert and Mrs. Braddy, who sponsor the club, are hoping participants developed the same love for the sport



The 5th & 6th grade Archery Club



Emme Coplin, 6th grade, shows off her archery skills

Spelling Bee Champion Crowned

The Middle School crowned a spelling bee champion in February. Landon Sparling out-spelled nine other contestants to win the championship. His winning word was “heritage.” Joey Huntsman was the runner-up. Sparling competed at the regional spelling bee at McKendree University on March 7.

**Middle School Spelling
Bee Champion Landon
Sparling**



(From left to right) Joey Huntsman, runner-up, Landon Sparling, champion

Geography Bee Winner



**Will Dolde, National Geographic Festus Middle
School Geography Bee Champion**



The annual Middle School Geography Bee winner was Will Dolde. He competed against nine other contestants in the National Geographic Geography Bee. Audrey Ford was the runner-up. Dolde had to take a written test to determine if he qualified to advance to the state Geography Bee in Columbia.

**Will Dolde, Winner, Audrey
Ford, Runner-Up**

New Middle School Principal



On Thursday, February 20, the Festus R-VI School Board of Education voted unanimously to hire current Middle School Assistant Principal Jacob Munoz to become the new Principal in the Middle School. “We are excited for Jake to transition into the role of Middle School Principal,” said Superintendent Dr. Link Luttrell. “Having served as Assistant Principal, he fully understands the culture and expectations of FMS and most of all truly cares about students.” Dr. Nicki Ruess, Assistant Superintendent for Teaching and Learning added, “I am certain Mr. Munoz will continue to have a positive impact on the building in which he is very familiar. I am looking forward to working with him in the lead principal role at the Middle School.” Munoz has been at Festus Middle School since the 2015-16 school year. Prior to Festus, Munoz taught in the Hillsboro R-3 school district and was a Jefferson County Juvenile Youth Care worker. “I’m really excited,” Munoz said. “I have been working in the Middle School for five years and have had the opportunity to work with great students, staff, and families. I am honored to be able to work with them for years to come.” Munoz will replace Joseph Willis who is leaving at the end of the school year to become Assistant Superintendent in the Dunklin R-V School District.

CLASS OF 2020 GRADUATES



Albrecht, Annie
Allen, Miranda
Austin, India
Ball, Haley E
Barrett, William E
Baumer, Blair R
Bequette, Brandon M
Blaylock, Ezekiel Steven
Boyd, Nicholas W
Brickhaus, Chalmer Joseph
Burnett, Zachary Martin
Carron, Nathean S
Casseus, Haley B
Chotrow, Chloe R
Coale, Austin R
Cook, Samantha C
Cooper, Alexis K
Cramer, Cassidy
Croft, Ashton N
Culton, Simeon
Daugherty, Wyatt D
Davis, Aliyah R

Dean, Bailee L
Denier, Blake L
DeRousse, Hannah G
Donovan, Logan N
Doty, Brianna A
Douglas, Sylvia R
Drapp, Derek M
Fadler, Russell A
Fenwick, Ronald Cody
Flannery, Thomas George
Freeman, Nole W
French, Cole Michael-John
French, Dillon S
Ganey, Elizabeth Dixie
Garmon, Bria M
Garrett, Brandon Michael
Gaugh, Chandler P
Gibbs, Jordan J
Gill, Jayden M
Gosik, Zachary B
Greer, Kaleb E
Hageman, Elliana Grace

Harkins, McKenzie E
Harness, Elizabeth A
Harness, Ryan S
Harris, Brooke A
Harris, Devin C
Haverstick, Tyler J
Haynes, Billie M
Heath, Mariah
Helms, Alyssa K
Henderson, Lydia M
Henson, Rachel E
Herren, Ashley R
Hodges, Hayley A
Hoppmann, William A
Huber, Reagan Allyn
Hunt, Andrew
Hurst, Rian-Skai L
Immekus, Robert Earl
Jackson, Taylor A
James, Brenden S
James, Haley Nicole
Jones, Jennifer P

Jones, Melasia Renee
Kalkbrenner, Carly D
Kayser, Dominik M
Kettler, Cole T
Keys, Terrian
Kinealy, Ethan
Kramer, Gavin M
Krieg, Jonah R
Labrayere, Justus T
Lalumandier, Joseph P
Lambert, Brock M
Langdon, Castle M
Latham, Kiley E
Lawson, Jason C
Leftwich, Sophia M
Little, Alexandria Grace
Little, Madison N
Logan, Amaya E
Machalek, Andrew J
Mack, Kristina R
Mahn, Eric L

Massey, Logan
McFarland, Jaxon Lee
McIntyre, Erika F
McKenzie, Andrew J
McMillin, Abby Lynn
Meador, Jr. Richard Wil-
liam
Meczkowski, Jordan D
Medley, Chelsea Eliza-
beth
Meyers, Julia M
Mills, Lindsay M
Myart, Teanna Renee
Nations, Erin
Nephew, Michael A
Nguyen, Daniel P
Nolfo, Dominic R
Ogle, Simon M
Otte, Zane A
Palos, Carly E
Pashia, Christopher T

Pate, Alexander M
Pearl, Jayden M
Raye, Jacob M
Rebollo, Brenda E
Rector, Brock Anthony
Reed, Kaylee Nicole
Reimler, Douglas Landon
Renshaw, Audri J
Renshaw, Chance M
Rhine, Garrett A
Rhodes, Robert A
Richard, Justin Lee
Rickermann, Abigail L
Robinson, Jack P
Rystrom, Jaden T
Santiago, Mariah D
Sauer, MacKenzie G
SchAAF, Yasmine R
Schram, Hannah F
Schwab, Margaret L
Scott, Matthew David
Senger, Joshua R

Seyfarth, Alyssa Kristen
Shane, Alexis N
Simmons, Alexander R
Smith, Isabella Catherine
Smith, Izabelle L
Sneed, Gregory J
Spicer, George L
Sprou, Justin Andrew Lee
Staat, Zachary T
Stafford, Nolan James
Stevens, Savannah S
Sumpter, Alexa L
Tate, Madison E
Teddleton, Lane C
Templeton, Hannah M
Tendeck, Luke D
Terry, Matthew
Tidwel, I Fayth G
Tinnin, Ross James
Todd, Katelyn D
Tompkins, Caleb N
Treon, Paige E

Tucker, Mason G
Tull, Damian Patrick
Urfer, Hailey Elizabeth
Valleroy, Alaina Nichole
Velasco, Kayla C
Wansley, Ksiah T
Warfel, MacKenzie E
Washington, Tamia Jade
Wenzelburger, Zachary
Wheeler, Meghan
Wienhoff, Amanda F
Wilkinson, Connor D
Williams, Abigail N
Williams, Fisher N
Wilson, Becca L
Wolfe, Symon L
Wood, Ashley F
Wooten, James Austin
Wright, Emma Nicole
Wright, Tyler J

Yates, Tyler J
York, Cecelia G
Yount, Logan T



Festus High School

First Female to Receive Wrestling Scholarship

Festus Senior Wrestler Lindsay Mills is planning to wrestle in college. On February 18, she signed a letter of intent to wrestle at Missouri Baptist University. She is the first female wrestler at Festus High School to receive a scholarship to wrestle in college. “It means a lot to me being the first female recipient of a wrestling scholarship at Festus because it’s a prime example for others that nothing is impossible with passion and effort,” she said. “I feel extremely fortunate to be able to continue my wrestling career through college. Going into this sport 2 years ago I would have never imagined the impact it would have on my life in so little time. The improvement I’ve seen is insane, not only in the sport, but also mentally. I think going forward this could push others to jump outside their comfort zone and try new things and it could really change someone’s life because it definitely changed mine.” Mills finished her high school career with a record of 34-13. She was 22-8 her senior season.



(from L to R) Steve Mills (Lindsay’s dad), Lindsay Mills, Leah Mills (Lindsay’s mom)

Ashton Croft

January Student of the Month

Ashton Croft was the Festus High School January Student of the Month. Ashton is active in Student Council, National Honor Society and the Rocket Club. He is the last remaining student on the club



Courtesy Wagner Portraits

who was part of the World Championship Rocket team. His favorite class was AP U.S. History because he likes talking about politics and U.S. History. He plans to attend a 4-year university to study aerospace engineering. In January, he was accepted into the University of Colorado-Boulder and offered a \$35,000 merit scholarship. Ashton’s parents are Ryan and Gretchen Croft.

Mason Tucker

February Student of the Month

Mason Tucker is the Festus High School February Student of the Month. “I am honored to represent the school,” he said. Mason’s favorite classes are Spanish 4 and Calculus. He is involved in Student Council,



Courtesy Wagner Portraits

Model UN, Spanish Club, Key Club, the Future Business Leaders of America and National Honor Society. Tucker is the son of Kathleen and Cooper Tucker. After graduating from Festus High School, he plans to attend an undetermined University to major in business and work in politics.

Kate Todd

March Student of the Month

Kate Todd is the Festus High School March Student of the Month. “I feel really honored to represent my high school,” she said. Kate’s favorite class is her Engineering class with Coach Kopp. She is involved in Student Council,



Courtesy Wagner Portraits

National Honor Society, Key Club, Gold and Black Pack, Model UN and she played Varsity Volleyball and Basketball. Kate is the daughter of Kim and Tracy Todd. Kate has a volleyball scholarship to attend Anderson University in Anderson, Indiana in the fall, where she plans to study exercise science.

Commencement exercises for the Festus Senior High School Class of 2020 took place on June 26 at Tiger Stadium. A total of 174 students received diplomas.

During the Graduation Ceremony, **Abigail Rickermann** was honored as the recipient of the Tommy Alexander Award. This coveted award has been given annually since 1946 to a graduating senior 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 an FHS 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 13 graduates received this highest honor including **Ashton Croft**, **Sylvia Douglas**, **Elizabeth Ganey**, **Elizabeth Harness**, **Rachel Henson**, **Hayley Hodges**, **Robert Immekus**, **Sophia Leftwich**, **Alexandria Little**, **Erika McIntyre**, **Jacob Raye**, **Abigail Rickermann**, and **Mason Tucker**.

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 28 graduates received this honor including **Miranda Allen**, **Samantha Cook**, **Hannah DeRousse**, **Brianna Doty**, **Lydia Henderson**, **Taylor Jackson**, **Jennifer Jones**, **Dominik Kayser**, **Jonah Krieg**, **Castle Langdon**, **Logan Massey**, **Jaxon McFarland**, **Abby McMillin**, **Lindsay Mills**, **Garrett Rhine**, **Jaden Rystrom**, **MacKenzie Sauer**, **Margaret Schwab**, **Alyssa Seyfarth**, **Isabelle Smith**, **Gregory Sneed**, **Alexa Sumpter**, **Hannah Templeton**, **Katelyn Todd**, **Ksiah Wansley**, **MacKenzie Warfel**, **Meghan Wheeler**, and **Abigail 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 14 graduates received this honor including **Annie Albrecht**, **Alexis Cooper**, **Blake Denier**, **Haley James**, **Brock Lambert**, **Dominic Nolfo**, **Robert Rhodes**, **Jack Robinson**, **Alexis Shane**, **Alexander Simmons**, **Caleb Tompkins**, **Damian Tull**, **Alaina Valleroy**, and **Kayla Velasco**.

During a Virtual Senior Awards Night Program on the evening of May 15, many 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-6 School District. The district is fortunate to have 18 scholarship trust funds that it administers. Altogether, the trust funds allowed for the following scholarships to be presented this year: eight B. Clark Berry Memorial Scholarships, the Byrd Scholarship, the Canepa Family Scholarship, the Murrell Godwin Memorial Scholarship, three Morris and Rosalind Golman Scholarships, the Ronald Charles and Rodger Neal Herrington Memorial Scholarship, the Wint Johnson Scholarship, the Lieutenant Kent M. Kiepe Scholarship, the Gladys and Howard Litton Scholarship, the Matthew M. Lucas Memorial Scholarship, forty-three Maurice O. Lucas Family Scholarships, the Adam and Willa McCullough Scholarship, the Rose Mary and Paul Tom Poole Scholarship, the Seyvee Sirintrapun Memorial Scholarship, the Karen Tesreau Trust Scholarship, the JoAnn Thurman-Mangan Drama Scholarship, the Ralph B. Tynes Scholarship, and the Vinyard Scholarship. Graduates selected by the R-6 scholarship selection committee to receive an R-6 scholarship are as follows:

The B. Clark Berry Memorial Scholarship recipients were **Nicholas Boyd**, **Wyatt Daugherty**, **William Hoppmann**, **Abby McMillin**, **Daniel Nguyen**, **Jaden Rystrom**, **Madison Tate**, and **Hannah Templeton**. These students must have at least a 2.667 GPA, participate in school and community activities, and demonstrate good citizenship. The B. Clark Berry estate provides these scholarships.

This year the proceeds from the Byrd Scholarship, the Wint Johnson Scholarship, the Gladys and Howard Litton Scholarship, the Matthew M. Lucas Memorial Scholarship, the Rose Mary and Paul Tom Poole Scholarship, the Seyvee Sirintrapun Memorial Scholarship, and the Vinyard Scholarship were combined to form the Festus R-6 Community Scholarship. Candidate citizenship records, GPAs, and participation levels in school and community activities were reviewed. The recipient was **Tyler Yates**.

Kristina Mack 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. Retired R-6 teacher Becky Canepa and her family provide this award.

The Murrell Godwin Memorial Scholarship has been awarded to **Connor Wilkinson**. To be eligible for this scholarship, applicants must have a minimum 2.667 GPA, participate in school and community activities, demonstrate good citizenship, and participate in at least one year of athletics during high school.

The recipients of the Morris and Rosalind Golman Scholarships were **Alexis Cooper**, **Sylvia Douglas**, and **Margaret Schwab**. 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. These scholarships are funded by a trust fund established to honor the memory of Morris Golman.

The Ronald Charles and Rodger Neal Herrington Memorial Scholarship recipient was **Samantha Cook**. This scholarship is provided by a trust fund set up in memory of Rodger Herrington who was a former Festus R-6 student. This 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 **Jack Robinson**. 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 **Annie Albrecht**, **Miranda Allen**, **Chalmer Brickhaus**, **Haley Casseus**, **Ashton Croft**, **Bailee Dean**, **Hannah DeRousse**, **Elizabeth Ganey**, **Bria Garmon**, **Elizabeth Harness**, **Lydia Henderson**, **Hayley Hodges**, **Taylor Jackson**, **Haley James**, **Jennifer Jones**, **Carly Kalkbrenner**, **Dominik Kayser**, **Jonah Krieg**, **Brock Lambert**, **Castle Langdon**, **Alexandria Little**, **Logan Massey**, **Jaxon McFarland**, **Erika McIntyre**, **Lindsay Mills**, **Simon Ogle**, **Jacob Raye**, **Garrett Rhine**, **Robert Rhodes**, **Abigail Rickermann**, **MacKenzie Sauer**, **Isabelle Smith**, **Gregory Sneed**, **Alexa Sumpter**, **Luke Tendeck**, **Katelyn Todd**, **Mason Tucker**, **Damian Tull**, **Alaina Valleroy**, **MacKenzie Warfel**, **Abigail Williams**, **James Wooten**, and **Cecelia York**.

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.

Carly Palos 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.

Rachel Henson was the recipient of the Karen Tesreau Trust Scholarship. This scholarship is awarded to a student 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 **Brooke Harris**.

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 **Ksiah Wansley**. 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 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 **Sophia Leftwich**.

Furthermore, the R-6 scholarship selection committee was asked to make a recommendation to the University of Missouri for a recipient 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 recipient of this outstanding scholarship program is **Rian-Skai Hurst**.

The Festus R-6 District is grateful for the generous support of the individuals responsible for the funding of all Festus R-6 scholarship programs and the ongoing contributions to the Festus R-6 scholarship foundation. Of special note this year were the individuals responsible for the creation of the following private scholarship programs: the Doug and Lisa Mouser Scholarship Program, the Morgan Anderson S3 Scholarship Program, the Warren Bingham Scholarship Program, the Let Your Light Shine Aaliyah Mayes Scholarship Program, and Scholarship Programs in support of both the Men's and Women's Track & Field Teams.

The Doug and Lisa Mouser Scholarship Program is exclusively for Festus students planning to pursue a business degree and is valued up to \$2500.00 each year. Doug and Lisa Mouser are the donors. Their gracious donation is greatly appreciated! The initial recipient of this outstanding scholarship program was **Jaxon McFarland**.

The Morgan Anderson S3 Scholarship Program is open to students from Dunklin and Festus in memory of Morgan. Students that have displayed a willingness to help others and that have volunteered in the community are encouraged to apply. **Alexandria Little** was honored as the first recipient from Festus.

The Warren Bingham Scholarship Program is open to Festus students in honor/memory of Mr. Bingham, a member of the first graduating class at the Douglass School. He was a man who believed that education is a big key to becoming a productive citizen in society. Recipients must be of high character and academic promise. Funding for this program was provided by Dewhitt Bingham and the Douglass Night Basketball game between Festus and Crystal City. The initial recipients of the fantastic scholarship program were **Bria Garmon**, **Alaina Valleroy**, and **Ksiah Wansley**.

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. **Emma Wright** was the recipient.

The Men's Track & Field Scholarship Program was funded by a generous contribution from RP Lumber. Thank you RP Lumber! The recipients were **Jonah Krieg**,

Daniel Nguyen, and **Simon Ogle**.

The Women's Track & Field Scholarship Program, named the Janis Williams Foundation Scholarship, is in honor of retired Festus R-6 Educator/Coach Janis Williams. Coach Williams led the Women's Track Team to the 1985 state championship. The initial recipient was **Abby McMillin**.

The class of 2020 was also eligible to participate in the state of Missouri's A-Plus 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 100 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 **Annie Albrecht**, **Miranda Allen**, **Nicholas Boyd**, **Chalmer Brickhaus**, **Nathean Carron**, **Haley Casseus**, **Chloe Chotrow**, **Samantha Cook**, **Alexis Cooper**, **Wyatt Daugherty**, **Aliyah Davis**, **Bailee Dean**, **Blake Denier**, **Hannah DeRousse**, **Brianna Doty**, **Sylvia Douglas**, **Ronald Fenwick**, **Thomas Flannery**, **Elizabeth Ganey**, **Bria Garmon**, **McKenzie Harkins**, **Ryan Harness**, **Brooke Harris**, **Lydia Henderson**, **Rachel Henson**, **Ashley Herren**, **Hayley Hodges**, **William Hoppmann**, **Taylor Jackson**, **Brenden James**, **Jennifer Jones**, **Carly Kalkbrenner**, **Dominik Kayser**, **Cole Kettler**, **Jonah Krieg**, **Brock Lambert**, **Castle Langdon**, **Alexandria Little**, **Madison Little**, **Andrew Machalek**, **Kristina Mack**, **Logan Massey**, **Jaxon McFarland**, **Erika McIntyre**, **Andrew McKenzie**, **Abby McMillin**, **Jordan Meczkowski**, **Julia Meyers**, **Lindsay Mills**, **Teanna Myart**, **Daniel Nguyen**, **Dominic Nolfo**, **Simon Ogle**, **Carly Palos**, **Alexander Pate**, **Jayden Pearl**, **Jacob Raye**, **Brenda Rebollo**, **Audri Renshaw**, **Garrett Rhine**, **Robert Rhodes**, **Justin Richard**, **Abigail Rickermann**, **Jack Robinson**, **Jaden Rystrom**, **MacKenzie Sauer**, **Yasmine Schaaf**, **Hannah Schram**, **Margaret Schwab**, **Alyssa Seyfarth**, **Alexis Shane**, **Alexander Simmons**, **Gregory Sneed**, **Justin Sproun**, **Nolan Stafford**, **Savannah Stevens**, **Alexa Sumpter**, **Madison Tate**, **Lane Teddleton**, **Hannah Templeton**, **Luke Tendeck**, **Fayth Tidwell**, **Katelyn Todd**, **Caleb Tompkins**, **Paige Treon**, **Mason Tucker**, **Alaina Valleroy**, **Kayla Velasco**, **Ksiah Wansley**, **MacKenzie Warfel**, **Zachary Wenzelburger**, **Amanda Wienhoff**, **Connor Wilkinson**, **Abigail Williams**, **Symon Wolfe**, **James Wooten**, **Emma Wright**, **Tyler Wright**, **Tyler Yates**, and **Cecelia York**.

The recipients of Mister and Miss FHS for 2020 were also announced on May 15. These are honorary awards based on each student's contribution to the betterment of Festus Senior High School. Mister FHS for 2020 is **Ashton Croft** and Miss FHS for 2020 is **Katelyn Todd**.

Students electing to serve in the Armed Forces were recognized during both the Awards Night and the Graduation Ceremony. The following have joined the military as of mid-May: **Chalmer Brickhaus** (Missouri Army National Guard), **Brianna Doty** (United States Navy), **Thomas Flannery** (United States Army), **Chandler Gaugh** (United States Army), **Eric Mahn** (United States Army), **Michael Nephew** (United States Army), **Jacob O'Brien** (Missouri Army National Guard), **Jaden Rystrom** (United States Army), **George Spicer** (Missouri Army National Guard), **Lane Teddleton** (United States Army), and **Caleb Tompkins** (United States Army).

As of June 1, 113 members of the class had received a combined total of 365 scholarship offers. These offers included 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.

Due to COVID 19, many scholarship selection committees have not yet met to select scholarship recipients. Therefore we anticipate total scholarship offers will grow significantly.

Scholarships and awards received by this year's class include: nine Bright Flight Scholars, the Don and Nancy Johnson Scholar Athlete Award, the Tommy Alexander Award, the Leslie Rose Govero Scholarship, the Weier Family Scholarship, a Doug and Lisa Mouser Scholarship, the Byrd Family Scholarship, three Andy Habsieger Memorial Scholarships, three National Women's Athletic Association Scholarships, the Kinder Grappler Award, the Miss Sue Scholarship, a Mary Katherine Memorial Nursing Scholarship, a Cole's Hope Foundation Scholarship, the Antonio Tullock Scholarship, four Emma Jane Vance Memorial Scholarships, the JCAEOP Scholarship, a Burger King McLamore Foundation Scholarship, a Chapter EH PEO Music Award, five Kim Showmaker-Allen Memorial Scholarships, an Earl Collins Foundation Scholarship, an Embrace Your Dreams Scholarship, the Mike Bingman Memorial Scholarship, four VFW Voice of Democracy Scholarships, the FMS Inspire Scholarship, three Warren Bingham Scholarships, a Morgan Anderson S3 Scholarship, a "Let Your Light Shine" Aaliyah Mayes Scholarship, a Missouri Courage Scholarship, an Elks National Foundation Legacy Award, two AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary Post 48 Scholarships, a Mid-East Missouri Contractors Association Scholarship, a Southern Gateway Association of Realtors Scholarship, and a Vantage Credit Union Quest for Education Scholarship. Other local scholarships were awarded by the following Festus Senior High School booster clubs and organizations: Band, Football, National Honor Society, Speech & Theater, Student Council, and Track & Field. The R-6 faculty and staff also provided monetary incentives through the awarding of Food Service Department Scholarships, Missouri State Teachers Association Scholarships, and National Education Association Scholarships.

In addition, partial or full tuition scholarships based on merit, academics, athletics, artistic, theater, or musical ability were awarded to students by the following post-secondary institutions: Anderson University, Benedictine College, Central Methodist University, Drury

University, Georgetown University, Graceland University, Hannibal-LaGrange University, Indiana University, Iowa State University, Jefferson College, Maryville University, Mineral Area College, Missouri Baptist University, Missouri Southern State University, Missouri State University, Missouri University of Science & Technology, Saint Louis University, Southeast Missouri State University, Southern Illinois University-Carbondale, Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville, Southwestern Illinois College, Truman State University, the University of Central Arkansas, the University of Colorado-Boulder, the University of Illinois-Springfield, the University of Minnesota, the University of Missouri, the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire, Westminster College, and William Jewell College.

Listed below are the scholarships that have been offered to the students of the Class of 2020 from Festus Senior High School:

Annie Albrecht, daughter of Mike and Kari Earll, has been awarded an A-Plus Scholarship, a Maurice O. Lucas Family Scholarship, a Kim Showmaker-Allen Memorial Scholarship, and a Music Scholarship to Missouri Southern State University where she plans to attend this fall.

Miranda Allen, daughter of Eric and DeAmbra Allen, has been awarded an A-Plus Scholarship, a Provost Scholarship to Missouri State University, a FHS Student Council Scholarship, a Festus R-6 Food Service Department Scholarship, and a Maurice O. Lucas Family Scholarship. Miranda plans to attend Missouri State University.

Haley Ball, daughter of Brooke Gray and Michael and Olivia Ball and the granddaughter of Charles and Debbie Humphries, has received the Mary Katherine Memorial Nursing Scholarship. Haley plans to attend Jefferson College.

Nicholas Boyd, son of Keith and Sharmaine Boyd, has been awarded an A-Plus Scholarship and a B. Clark Berry Memorial Scholarship. Nicholas plans to attend Jefferson College.

Chalmer Brickhaus, son of Michael and Jennifer Brickhaus, has been awarded an A-Plus Scholarship, the Andy Habsieger Memorial Football Scholarship, an ROTC Scholarship to Missouri State University, and a Maurice O. Lucas Family Scholarship. Chalmer plans to attend the University of Missouri and he has enlisted in the Missouri Army National Guard.

Nathean Carron, son of Christy Carron, has been awarded an A-Plus Scholarship. Nathean plans to attend Jefferson College.

Haley Casseus, daughter of Claudy Casseus and Debra Bronaugh, has been awarded an A-Plus Scholarship, a Tomorrow's Innovators Scholarship to Maryville University, and a Maurice O. Lucas Family Scholarship. Haley plans to attend Jefferson College.

Chloe Chotrow, daughter of Danny and Brenda Chotrow, has been awarded an A-Plus Scholarship and an Emma Jane Vance Memorial Scholarship. Chloe plans to attend Jefferson College.

Austin Coale is the son of Regina Coale, grandson of Betty Coale, and nephew of Leann Kelly. Austin has been awarded a Kim Showmaker-Allen Memorial Scholarship and both a University Academic Scholarship and a Campus Housing Award to Saint Louis University. Austin plans to attend Saint Louis University.

Samantha Cook, daughter of Allen and Kim Cook, has been awarded an A-Plus Scholarship and the Ronald Charles & Rodger Neal Herrington Memorial Scholarship. She was offered both a Copper Dome Scholarship and Residence Life Leadership award to Southeast Missouri State University. She has accepted an Esther Rose Batten Memorial Scholarship and a Jewell Wood Education Scholarship to Mineral Area College where she plans to attend this fall.

Alexis Cooper, daughter of Sean and Juli Cooper, has been awarded an A-Plus Scholarship, a Festus National Education Association Scholarship, and a Morris & Rosalind Golman Memorial Scholarship. Alexis plans to attend Jefferson College which has honored her with a Board of Trustees Jefferson Full Tuition Scholarship.

Ashton Croft, Mister FHS, is the son of Ryan and Gretchen Croft and he is a Bright Flight Scholar. Ashton has received a Maurice O. Lucas Family Scholarship, an Andy Habsieger Memorial Leadership Scholarship, a Kim Showmaker-Allen Memorial Scholarship, and an Elks National Foundation Legacy Award. Ashton will be attending the University of Colorado-Boulder which has awarded him a Chancellor's Achievement Merit Scholarship and an Engineering Merit Scholarship.

Wyatt Daugherty, son of Heath and Amy Daugherty, has been awarded an A-Plus Scholarship and a B. Clark Berry Memorial Scholarship. Wyatt plans to attend Mineral Area College.

Aliyah Davis, daughter of Mark Davis and Dawn Davis has been awarded an A-Plus Scholarship. Aliyah plans to attend Mineral Area College.

Bailee Dean, daughter of Jason Dean and Belinda Hicklin, has been awarded an A-Plus Scholarship and a Maurice O. Lucas Family Scholarship. Bailee plans to attend Jefferson College.

Blake Denier, son of Chris and Veronica Knuckles and the late Martin Denier has been awarded an A-Plus Scholarship. Blake plans to attend Jefferson College.

Hannah DeRousse, daughter of Jason DeRousse and Anita Ginsburg, has been awarded an A-Plus Scholarship, both a Dean's Scholarship and a Housing Scholarship to Southern Illinois University-Carbondale, a Maurice O. Lucas Family Scholarship, an Academic Scholarship to the University of Illinois-Springfield, and Academic Scholarship to Missouri State University, and an Excellence Award to University of Missouri. Hannah plans to attend Southern Illinois University-Carbondale.

Brianna Doty, daughter of Aaron and LaVonda

Doty, has been awarded an A-Plus Scholarship. Brianna has enlisted in the United State Navy and she will report to Great Lakes, Illinois in July.

Sylvia Douglas, daughter of Scott & Theresa Douglas, has been awarded an A-Plus Scholarship, a Morris and Rosalind Golman Memorial Scholarship, the Mike Bingham Memorial Scholarship, a Festus MSTa Scholarship, and an Earl Collins Foundation Scholarship. Sylvia plans to attend Missouri Baptist University which has provided her with a Full-Tuition Scholarship.

Ronald Fenwick, son of Corey Fenwick and Merissa Whitehead, has been awarded an A-Plus Scholarship. Ronald plans to work with the Sheet Metal Workers SMART Local Union No. 36.

Thomas Flannery, son of Allen and Karen Flannery, has been awarded an A-Plus Scholarship. Thomas has enlisted in the United States Army.

Elizabeth Ganey, daughter of Christopher and Michelle Ganey, has been awarded an A-Plus Scholarship, a Curators Scholarship and a Music Scholarship both to the University of Missouri, a FHS Speech and Theater Scholarship, a FHS Band Boosters Scholarship, and a Maurice O. Lucas Family Scholarship. Elizabeth plans to attend the University of Missouri.

Bria Garmon, daughter of Steve Garmon and Brandi Kastner, has been awarded an A-Plus Scholarship, an Athletic Scholarship from the University of Central Arkansas, a Warren Bingham Scholarship, a Festus R-6 Food Service Department Scholarship, and a Maurice O. Lucas Family Scholarship. Bria plans to attend University of Central Arkansas.

Chandler Gaugh, son of Crystal Carmas, has enlisted in the United States Army. Chandler will report for duty in June.

McKenzie Harkins, daughter of Angela Harris and Roger and Nancy Harris, has been awarded an A-Plus Scholarship. McKenzie plans to attend Jefferson College.

Elizabeth Harness, daughter of Scott and Stephanie Harness, is a Bright Flight Scholar. Elizabeth has received a FHS Speech and Theater Scholarship and a Maurice O. Lucas Family Scholarship. Elizabeth will be attending Truman State University which has awarded her a President John K. Kirk Scholarship and a TruMerit Scholarship.

Ryan Harness, son of Scott and Stephanie Harness, has been awarded an A-Plus Scholarship. Ryan will be attending Truman State University.

Brooke Harris, daughter of Kim and Kelly Harris, has been awarded an A-Plus Scholarship, an FHS Speech and Theater Scholarship, and the JoAnn Thurman-Mangan Drama Scholarship. Brooke plans to attend Jefferson College.

Lydia Henderson, daughter of Jeremy Henderson and Jaimee Graham, has been awarded an A-Plus Scholarship, a Missouri State Promise Scholarship, and a Maurice O. Lucas Family Scholarship. Lydia plans to attend Missouri State University.

Rachel Henson, daughter of James and Beth Henson, is a Bright Flight Scholar. Rachel has been awarded an A-Plus Scholarship, a VFW Voice of Democracy Scholarship, a FHS Band Boosters Scholarship, the Karen Tesreau Trust Scholarship, and a FHS Speech and Theater Scholarship. Rachel will be attending Truman State University which has awarded her a TruMerit Scholarship, a President's Honorary Scholarship, and a Music Scholarship.

Ashley Herren, daughter of Tracy and Kim Herren, has been awarded an A-Plus Scholarship and an Emma Jane Vance Memorial Scholarship. Ashley plans to attend Jefferson College.

Hayley Hodges, daughter of Aaron and Rachel Hodges, has been awarded an A-Plus Scholarship and a Maurice O. Lucas Family Scholarship. Hayley plans to attend the University of Missouri.

William Hoppmann, son of Mark and JoAnn Hoppmann, has been awarded an A-Plus Scholarship and a B. Clark Berry Memorial Scholarship. William plans to attend Jefferson College.

Rian-Skai Hurst, daughter of Ryan and Nichole Hurst, has been awarded the Byrd Family Scholarship and an Edward & Ellen Kniep Memorial Scholarship both to University of Missouri where she will attend this fall.

Robert Immekus, son of Bob Immekus and Mary Bolderson, has been awarded a Vice President's Scholarship to Saint Louis University. Robert will be attending Saint Louis University.

Taylor Jackson, daughter of Donny Jackson and Jason and Becki and Williams, has been awarded an A-Plus Scholarship, a National Women's Athletic Association Scholarship, and a Maurice O. Lucas Family Scholarship. Taylor plans to attend the University of Missouri which has awarded her an Excellence Award and a Bess and George Corrigan Scholarship.

Brendan James, son of Bryant James and Tara James, has been awarded an A-Plus Scholarship. Brendan plans to attend Jefferson College.

Haley James, granddaughter of Robert and Serita James and the daughter of John Schramm and the late Amy James, has been awarded a Maurice O.Lucas Family Scholarship. Haley plans to attend Mineral Area College.

Jennifer Jones, daughter of Carey and Lisa Jones has been awarded an A-Plus Scholarship, a VFW Voice of Democracy Scholarship, an AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary Post 48 Women's Scholarship, and a Maurice O. Lucas Family Scholarship. From Southeast Missouri State University she was offered a Copper Dome Scholarship, a Residence Life Leadership Award, an Academic Support Center Matching Award, and an Academic Support Center Textbook. Jennifer plans to attend Missouri State University.

Melasia Jones, granddaughter of Terrance and Loretta Teague, has received a Cole's Hope Foundation Scholarship. Melasia plans to attend Jefferson College.

Carly Kalkbrenner, daughter of Chris Kalkbrenner and Kayce Witte, has been awarded an A-Plus Schol-

arship, Residence Life Leadership Award to Southeast Missouri State University, and a Maurice O. Lucas Family Scholarship.

Dominik Kayser, son of Shannon Bennett, has been awarded an A-Plus Scholarship, both a Provost Scholarship and a Housing Scholarship to Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville, an Excellence Award to the University of Missouri, and a Maurice O. Lucas Family Scholarship. Dominik plans to attend Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville.

Cole Kettler, son of Mark and Stacy Kettler, has been awarded an A-Plus Scholarship. Cole plans to attend Jefferson College.

Jonah Krieg, son of Todd and Vanessa Krieg, has been awarded an A-Plus Scholarship, a Curators Scholar Award to the University of Missouri, a Vantage Credit Union Quest For Education Scholarship, a FHS Men's Track & Field Scholarship, a Maurice O. Lucas Family Scholarship, a Mid-East Missouri Contractor's Association Scholarship, a Groundbreaker Scholarship to Missouri University of Science & Technology, a Southern Gateway Association of Realtors Scholarship, and a Provost Scholarship to Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville where he plans to attend this fall.

Justus LaBrayere, son of James and Kim LaBrayere, will be attending Graceland University. Graceland has provided Justus with an Athletic Scholarship.

Brock Lambert, son of Mark and Michelle Lambert, has been awarded an A-Plus Scholarship and a Maurice O. Lucas Family Scholarship. Brock plans to attend the University of Missouri.

Castle Langdon, son of Richard and Kimberly Langdon, is a Bright Flight Scholar. Castle has been awarded an A-Plus Scholarship, a Chancellor Award to the University of Missouri, a Groundbreaker Scholarship to Missouri University of Science & Technology, a Presidential Scholarship to the University of Minnesota, an Adventure Award to Iowa State University, and a Maurice O. Lucas Family Scholarship. Castle plans to attend the University of Missouri.

Sophia Leftwich, daughter of Michael and Jill Leftwich, is a Bright Flight Scholar. Sophia will be attending the University of Missouri which has honored her with a Chancellor Award and a Music Scholarship. She has also received a FHS National Honor Society Scholarship, the Weier Family Scholarship, the Chapter EH PEO Music Award, a Burger King McLamore Foundation Scholarship, and an Andy Habsieger Memorial Leadership Scholarship.

Alexandria Little, daughter of Anthony and Jennifer Little, has been awarded an A-Plus Scholarship, both a Copper Dome Scholarship and Residence Life Leadership Award to Southeast Missouri State University, the initial Morgan Anderson S3 Scholarship, and a Maurice O. Lucas Family Scholarship. Alexandria plans to attend Southeast Missouri State University.

Madison Little, daughter of Douglas and Sarah Little, has been awarded an A-Plus Scholarship. Madison plans to attend Job Corps.

Amaya Logan, daughter of Amy Logan, has been awarded a Diversity Award to the University of Missouri where she plans to attend in the fall.

Andrew Machalek, son of John and Barb Machalek, has been awarded an A-Plus Scholarship. Andrew plans to attend Jefferson College.

Kristina Mack, daughter of Jeff and Kellie Mack, has been awarded an A-Plus Scholarship and a Cenpa Family Scholarship. Kristina plans to attend Mineral Area College.

Eric Mahn, son of Eric Mahn, Sr. and Rachel Ertel, has enlisted in the United States Army. Eric will report for duty in June.

Logan Massey, son of Larry and Tabitha Massey, has been awarded an A-Plus Scholarship, the FMS Inspire Scholarship, a Kim Showmaker-Allen Memorial Scholarship, and a Maurice O. Lucas Family Scholarship. Logan plans to attend Jefferson College which has honored him with a Howard C. Litton Endowment Scholarship.

Jaxon McFarland, son of Ben and Kendra McFarland, has been awarded the initial Doug and Lisa Mouser Scholarship, an A-Plus Scholarship, an Athletic Scholarship to William Jewell College, a VFW Voice of Democracy Scholarship, and a Maurice O. Lucas Family Scholarship. Jaxon plans to attend William Jewell College.

Erika McIntyre is a Bright Flight Scholar. Erika is the daughter of Steve and Kathy McIntyre. She has been awarded an A-Plus Scholarship, a FHS Band Boosters Scholarship, and a Maurice O.Lucas Family Scholarship. Erika plans to attend Truman State University which has honored her with a TruMerit Scholarship, a President's Honorary Scholarship, and a Band Scholarship.

Andrew McKenzie, son of the late Russel and Lynn McKenzie and Tina Erba, has been awarded an A-Plus Scholarship. Andrew plans to attend Mineral Area College.

Abby McMillin, daughter of Kyle and Carline Wilhoit and Chris McMillin, has been awarded an A-Plus Scholarship, an Athletic Scholarship to the University of Central Arkansas, the Janis Williams Foundation Scholarship, and a B. Clark Berry Memorial Scholarship. Abby plans to attend University of Central Arkansas.

Jordan Meczkowski, son of Don and Summer Meczkowski and Jamie Meczkowski and Bobbi Henson, has been awarded an A-Plus Scholarship. Jordan plans to attend Jefferson College.

Julia Meyers, daughter of Jeff and Jennie Meyers, has been awarded an A-Plus Scholarship and an Emma Jane Vance Memorial Scholarship. Julia plans to attend Jefferson College.

Lindsay Mills, daughter of Steve and Leah Mills, has been awarded an A-Plus Scholarship, a Maurice O. Lucas Family Scholarship, the Kinder Grappler Award, both a Copper Dome Scholarship and Residence Life Leadership Award to Southeast Missouri State University, and both an Academic Scholarship and an Athletic Scholarship to Missouri Baptist University. Lindsay plans to attend Missouri Baptist University.

Teanna Myart, daughter of Ronald Myart and Trishawn Rodgers, has been awarded an A-Plus Scholarship.

Michael Nephew is the son of Mike and Carrie Nephew. Michael has enlisted in the United States Army and he will report for duty in June at Fort Benning, Georgia.

Daniel Nguyen, son of Hai and Kim Nguyen, has been awarded an A-Plus Scholarship, a B. Clark Berry Memorial Scholarship, and a Festus High School Men's Track & Field Scholarship. Daniel plans to attend Hannibal-La-Grange University which has awarded him a University Academic Scholarship and an Athletic Scholarship.

Dominic Nolfo, son of Tony and Carrie Nolfo, has been awarded an A-Plus Scholarship and both a Copper Dome Scholarship and a Residence Life Leadership Award to Southeast Missouri State University. Dominic plans to attend Southeast Missouri State University.

Jacob O'Brien is the son of William O'Brien. Jacob has enlisted in the Missouri Army National Guard. He will report for duty in June.

Simon Ogle, son of Matt and Dawn Ogle, has been awarded an A-Plus Scholarship, a Festus Senior High School Men's Track & Field Scholarship, both an Athletic Scholarship and a Dean's Scholarship to Drury University, and a Maurice O. Lucas Family Scholarship. Simon plans to attend Drury University.

Carly Palos, daughter of David and Shelley Palos, has been awarded an A-Plus Scholarship, the Adam & Willa McCullough Scholarship, an Emma Jane Vance Memorial Scholarship, and both a Copper Dome Scholarship and a Residence Life Leadership Award to Southeast Missouri State University where she plans to attend this fall.

Alexander Pate, son of Michael Pate and Melanie Hughes, has been awarded an A-Plus Scholarship. Alexander will be working in his chosen career.

Jayden Pearl, daughter of Theresa Pearl, has been awarded an A-Plus Scholarship. Jayden will be starting her career.

Jacob Raye, son of Matthew and Jennifer Raye, is a Bright Flight Scholar. He has been offered an A-Plus Scholarship, a Groundbreaker Scholarship to Missouri University of Science & Technology, and a Maurice O. Lucas Family Scholarship. Jacob plans to attend Missouri State University.

Brenda Rebollo, daughter of Joel Rebollo and Nayeli Cardelas, has been awarded an A-Plus Scholarship. Brenda plans to attend Jefferson College.

Audri Renshaw, daughter of Mike and Laura Callahan, has been awarded an A-Plus Scholarship. Audri plans to attend Saint Louis Community College-Meramec.

Garrett Rhine, son of Joshua and Deanna Rhine, has been awarded an A-Plus Scholarship, a Maurice O. Lucas Family Scholarship, and both a Copper Dome Scholarship and a Residence Life Leadership Award to Southeast Missouri State University. Garrett plans to attend Hannibal-La-Grange University which has honored him with a Trustee Scholarship, an Excel Scholarship, an Athletic Scholarship, and a Boys State Scholarship.

Robert Rhodes, son Heather and Paul Rhodes, has been awarded an A-Plus Scholarship, both a Cougar Pride Scholarship and an Academic Scholarship to Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville, a Maurice O. Lucas Family Scholarship, a FHS Speech and Theater Scholarship, and a JCAEOP Scholarship. Robert plans to attend Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville.

Justin Richard, son of Chris Richard and Lisa Johnson, has been awarded an A-Plus Scholarship. Justin plans to attend Jefferson College.

Abigail Rickermann, Tommy Alexander Recipient, is the daughter of Mike and Melissa Rickermann. Abigail has been awarded an A-Plus Scholarship, a Maurice O. Lucas Family Scholarship, the Don & Nancy Johnson Scholar Athlete Award, and a National Women's Athletic Association Scholarship. Abigail plans to attend Southeast Missouri State University which has awarded her an Athletic Scholarship, a Copper Dome Scholarship, and a Residence Life Leadership Award.

Jack Robinson, son of Robert and Pam Robinson, has been awarded an A-Plus Scholarship, the Lieutenant Kent M. Kiepe Scholarship, an Athletic Scholarship to Benedictine College, a Festus MSTa Scholarship, a Festus Football Booster Club Tiger Strong Scholarship, and both a Copper Dome Scholarship and a Residence Life Leadership Award to Southeast Missouri State University. Jack plans to attend Benedictine College.

Jaden Rystrom, son of Doug and Diana Rystrom and Greg and Kristen Freeman, has been awarded an A-Plus Scholarship, a B. Clark Berry Memorial Scholarship, a Festus Football Booster Club Tiger Strong Scholarship, an Excellence Award to the University of Missouri, and an Academic Scholarship to University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire. Jaden will be attending the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire and he has enlisted in the United States Army.

MacKenzie Sauer, daughter of Greg and Alysha Sauer, has been awarded an A-Plus Scholarship and a Maurice O. Lucas Family Scholarship. Mackenzie plans to attend Mineral Area College.

Yasmine Schaaf is the daughter of Zach and Krystal Schaff. Yasmine has received an A-Plus Scholarship and she plans to attend Jefferson College.

Hannah Schram, daughter of Scott and Katie Schram, has been awarded an A-Plus Scholarship and she was offered an Athletic Scholarship to Central Methodist University. Hannah plans to attend Jefferson College.

Margaret Schwab, daughter of Mike and Sandy Schwab, has been awarded an A-Plus Scholarship and a Morris & Rosalind Golman Scholarship. Margaret plans to attend Mineral Area College.

Alyssa Seyfarth, daughter of Ron and Lisa Wood and Jason Seyfarth, has been awarded an A-Plus Scholarship and an Excellence Award to University of Missouri. Alyssa plans to attend the University of Missouri.

Alexis Shane, daughter of Amanda Roberts and granddaughter of Ray and Renee Roberts has been awarded an A-Plus Scholarship. Alexis plans to attend Jefferson College which has awarded her with a Board of Trustees James Lee Chism Full Tuition Scholarship.

Alexander Simmons, son of Aaron and Erica Black and Mark Simmons, has been awarded an A-Plus Scholarship. Alex plans to attend Jefferson College.

Izabelle Smith, daughter of John and Kristen Scaggs, has been awarded a Maurice O. Lucas Family Scholarship, an Excellence Award to University of Missouri, and a Trustees Scholarship to Westminster College. Izabelle plans to attend Westminster College.

Gregory Sneed, son of John and Darlean Sneed, is a Bright Flight Scholar. Gregory has received an A-Plus Scholarship and a Maurice O.Lucas Family Scholarship. Gregory plans to attend Jefferson College.

George Spicer is the son of James and Marcia Spicer. George has enlisted in the Missouri Army National Guard and will report for duty in June.

Justin Sprous, son of James and Christina Sprous, has been awarded an A-Plus Scholarship. Justin plans to attend Missouri State University-West Plains.

Nolan Stafford, son of Brian and Cathi Stafford, has been awarded an A-Plus Scholarship. Nolan will be starting his career after Graduation.

Savannah Stevens, daughter of Joseph Stevens and Nicole Welch, has been awarded an A-Plus Scholarship. Savannah plans to attend Jefferson College.

Alexa Sumpter, daughter of Jonathan and Robin Sumpter, has been awarded an A-Plus Scholarship, a Leslie Rose Govero Scholarship, a Barat Scholarship to Saint Louis University, an Excellence Award to the University of Missouri, and a Maurice O. Lucas Family Scholarship. Alexa plans to attend Saint Louis University.

Madison Tate, daughter of John and Beth Tate, has been awarded an A-Plus Scholarship and a B. Clark Berry Memorial scholarship. Madison plans to attend Southeast Missouri State University.

Lane Teddleton, son of Josh Teddleton and Kaylin Moser, has been awarded an A-Plus Scholarship. Lane has enlisted in the United States Army and he will report for duty in September.

Hannah Templeton, daughter of Staci Templeton, has been awarded an A-Plus Scholarship, a B. Clark Berry Memorial Scholarship, an Excellence Award to the University of Missouri, and a Barat Scholarship to Maryville University. Hannah plans to attend Maryville University.

Luke Tendeck, son of Rodger Tendeck and Erin Montgomery, has been awarded an A-Plus Scholarship and a Maurice O. Lucas Family Scholarship. Luke plans to attend Missouri University of Science and Technology.

Fayth Tidwell, daughter of Jim and Tara Tidwell, has been awarded an A-Plus Scholarship. Fayth plans to attend Jefferson College.

Katelyn Todd, Miss FHS, is the daughter of Tracy and Kim Todd. Katelyn has been awarded an A-Plus Scholarship, a VFW Voice of Democracy Scholarship, a Kim Showmaker-Allen Memorial Scholarship, a FHS Student Council Scholarship, a Maurice O. Lucas Family Scholarship, a FHS National Honor Society Scholarship, and an Edwards Merit Scholarship to Anderson University. Kate plans to attend Anderson University.

Caleb Tompkins, son of Brad and Stephanie Tompkins, has been awarded an A-Plus Scholarship. Caleb has enlisted in the United States Army and he will report for duty in June at Fort Jackson, South Carolina.

Paige Treon has received an A-Plus Scholarship. Paige is the daughter of Tim and Michelle Treon and she plans to attend Jefferson College.

Mason Tucker, son of Cooper and Kathleen Tucker, is a Bright Flight Scholar. Mason has received an A-Plus Scholarship, a Maurice O. Lucas Family Scholarship, a Missouri Courage Scholarship, a Dean's Scholarship to Indiana University, a FHS Student Council Scholarship, and both a University Scholarship and a John Carroll National Scholarship to Georgetown University. Mason plans to attend Georgetown University.

Damian Tull, son of Timothy Tull and Diana Schenck, has been awarded a Maurice O. Lucas Family Scholarship.

Alaina Valleroy, daughter of Amy Valleroy and granddaughter of Rita Hummel, has been awarded an A-Plus Scholarship, a Maurice O. Lucas Family Scholarship, a Diversity Award to the University of Missouri, a FHS Student Council Scholarship, an Embrace Your Dreams Scholarship, a Warren Bingham Scholarship, a Festus National Education Association Scholarship, an A-Plus Recognition Scholarship to Truman State University, and both a Copper Dome Scholarship and Residence Life Leadership Award to Southeast Missouri State University. Alaina plans to attend Truman State University.

Kayla Velasco, daughter of Bart Velasco and Tracy Velasco, has been awarded an A-Plus Scholarship. Kayla plans to attend Jefferson College.

Ksiah Wansley, son of Reggie Wansley and Angie Laiben, has been awarded an A-Plus Scholarship, the Ralph B.Tynes Scholarship, a Curators Scholar Award to the University of Missouri, a Warren Bingham Scholarship, the Antonio Tullock Scholarship, a Festus R-6 Food Service Department Scholarship, and both a Dean's Scholarship and Provost Scholarship to Missouri State University where he plans to attend this fall.

MacKenzie Warfel, daughter of Derek and Brandy Warfel, has been awarded an A-Plus Scholarship, a Maurice O. Lucas Family Scholarship, and both a Copper Dome Scholarship and Residence Life Leadership Award to Southeast Missouri State University. MacKenzie plans to attend Southeast Missouri State University.

Zachary Wenzelburger, son of Matthew Wenzelburger and Rhonda Young, has been awarded an A-Plus Scholarship. Zachary plans to attend Mineral Area College.

Amanda Wienhoff, daughter of Kenneth Wienhoff and Christine Wienhoff, has been awarded an A-Plus Scholarship. Amanda plans to attend Jefferson College.

Connor Wilkinson, son of Bryan and Rachel Wilkinson, has been awarded an A-Plus Scholarship, an Athletic scholarship to Southwestern Illinois College, and the Murrell Godwin Memorial Scholarship. Connor plans to attend Southwestern Illinois College.

Abigail Williams, daughter of Billy Williams and Kristie Konecnik, has been awarded an A-Plus Scholarship, a Maurice O. Lucas Family Scholarship, a National Women's Athletic Association Scholarship, and both a Copper Dome Scholarship and a Residence Life Leadership Award to Southeast Missouri State University. Abigail plans to attend the University of Missouri.

Symon Wolfe, son of Shannon and Shari Wolfe, has been awarded an A-Plus Scholarship. Symon plans to attend Jefferson College.

James Wooten, son of Bryant and Hadley Wooten, has been awarded an A-Plus Scholarship and a Maurice O. Lucas Family Scholarship. James plans to attend Jefferson College.

Emma Wright, daughter of Kevin Wright and Jennifer Wright, has been awarded the following from Southeast Missouri State University: a Copper Dome Scholarship, a Residence Life Leadership Award, and a Will to Do Award. She has also received an AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary Post 48 Scholarship, the "Let Your Light Shine" Aaliyah Mayes Scholarship, and an A-Plus Scholarship. Emma plans to attend Jefferson College.

Tyler Wright, son of Rob Wright and Erica Wright, has been awarded an A-Plus Scholarship.

Tyler Yates, son of Bill and Tammie Yates, has been awarded an A-Plus Scholarship, the Miss Sue Scholarship, and the Festus R-6 Community Scholarship. Tyler plans to attend Mineral Area College.

Cecelia York, granddaughter of Dovie Ossenfort and Marilyn York, has been awarded an A-Plus Scholarship and a Maurice O. Lucas Family Scholarship. Cecelia plans to attend Jefferson College.

Festus Athletes Sign College Letter of Intent



Kate Todd
Anderson University

Front row (L to R): Kim Todd (Kate's mom), Kate Todd, Tracy Todd (Kate's Dad)
Back row (L to R): Coach Karen Biehle, Lauren Todd (Kate's sister), Coach Kristin Nausley, Josh Ward (trainer), Eric Allen (Athletic Director)



Justus Labrayere
Graceland University

Class of 2020

On Friday night, July 26, the Class of 2020 got to celebrate the end of their high school career. More than 150 of the 174 graduating seniors got the opportunity to walk across the stage. Several had already left Festus for their enlistment in the Armed Forces. The high school faculty named Abby Rickermann the Tommy Alexander Award winner. The award is the most prestigious award presented to a graduating senior. It is named in honor of Tommy Alexander who died in battle during World War II. The award is based on scholarship, leadership, loyalty, character and friendliness.



High School Principal Dr. Karl Shiner presents Abby Rickermann with the Tommy Alexander Award.



Graduates, spaces 6 feet apart on the field, listen as Superintendent Dr. Link Luttrell speaks.

Mr. & Miss FHS

Festus High School announced the winners of the Mr. & Miss FHS awards on May 15. The honorary awards are given based on each students' contribution to the betterment of Festus High School. The 2020 Mr. FHS is Ashton Croft. The 2020 Miss FHS is Katelyn Todd.



Katelyn Todd, Miss FHS



Ashton Croft, Mr. FHS

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Bria Garmon

Univ. of Central Arkansas Volleyball

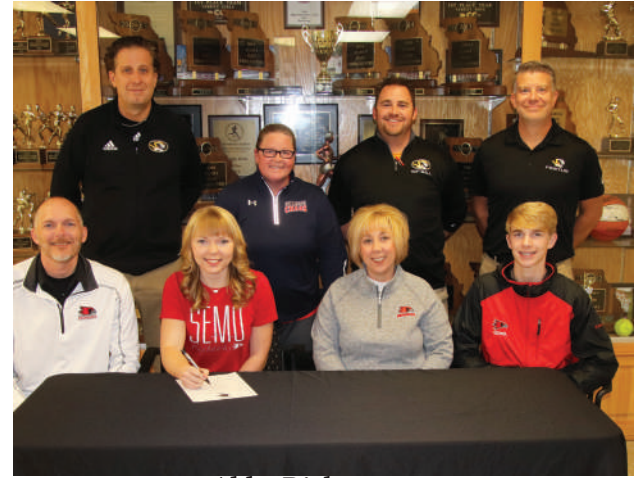
Front row (L to R): Brandi Kastner (Bria's mom), Bria Garmon, Steve Garmon (Bria's Dad)
Back row (L to R): Festus Volleyball Coach Karen Biehle, Eric Kastner (Bria's Stepdad), Bria's Club Volleyball Coach Dan Laure, Festus Freshman Volleyball Coach Shannon Richeson, Festus Athletic Director Eric Allen



Lindsay Mills

Missouri Baptist University Wrestling

Front Row (L to R): Steve Mills (Lindsay's dad), Lindsay Mills, Leah Mills (Lindsay's mom)
Back Row (L to R): Eric Allen (Festus Athletic Director), Jason Nahlik (Festus Wrestling Head Coach), Colton Schmitz (Missouri Baptist University Assistant Wrestling Coach), Glenda Johnson (Lindsay's Grandma)



Abby Rickermann

Southeast Missouri State University Softball

Front row (L to R): Mike Rickermann (Abby's Dad), Abby Rickermann, Melissa Rickermann (Abby's mom), Cole Rickermann (Abby's brother)
Back row (L to R): Coach Jeff Montgomery (high school coach), Coach Kim Slover (select team coach), Coach Drew Horrell (high school coach), Eric Allen (Athletic Director)



Abby McMillin

Univ. of Central Arkansas Track & Field

Front row (L to R): Carlene Wilhoit (Abby's mom), Abby McMillin, Chris McMillin (Abby's dad)
Back row (L to R): Amanda Houston (track coach), Wesley Armbruster (Head Girls Track Coach), Kyle Wilhoit (Abby's stepdad), Erica McMillin (Abby's stepmom), Tim Krysl (Middle School track coach)



Simon Ogle

Drury University Cross Country/Track & Field

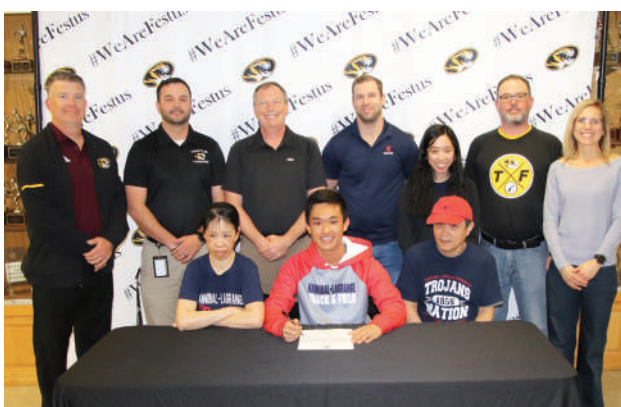
Front row (L to R): Dawn Ogle (Simon's mom), Simon Ogle, Matt Ogle (Simon's Dad)
Back row (L to R): Festus Athletic Director Eric Allen, Cross Country Coach Wes Armbruster, Cross Country Head Coach Bryant Wright, Middle School Cross Country & Track Coach Tim Krysl.



Jack Robinson

Benedictine College Football

Pictured: (front row L to R) Pam Robinson (Jack's mom), Jack Robinson, Rob Robinson (Jack's dad)
Back row: Russ Schmidt (former Festus football coach)



Daniel Nguyen

Hannibal - LaGrange University

Front row from L to R: Kim Nguyen (Daniel's mom), Daniel Nguyen, Hai Nguyen (Daniel's dad)
Back row from L to R: Eric Allen (Athletic Director), Wesley Armbruster (Track coach), Bryant Wright (Track Coach), Andy Lemons (Hannibal-LaGrange Head Track Coach), Hailey Nguyen (Daniel's sister), Chris Partney (Festus Boys Head Track & Field Coach), Laura Schrenckenberg (Track coach)



Jaden Rystrom

Univ. of Wisconsin - Eau Claire Football

Pictured: (front row L to R) Greg Freeman (Jaden's stepdad), Kristen Douglas (Jaden's mom), Jaden Rystrom, Doug Rystrom (Jaden's dad), Diana Rystrom (Jaden's stepmom)
(Back row L to R): Chase Rystrom (Jaden's brother), Russ Schmidt (former Festus football coach), Tyler Rystrom (Jaden's brother)



Garrett Rhine

Hannibal-LaGrange University

Front row from L to R: Josh Rhine (Garrett's dad), Garrett Rhine, DeAnna Rhine (Garrett's mom)
Back row from L to R: Eric Allen (Athletic Director), Andy Lemons (Hannibal-LaGrange Head Cross Country & Track coach), Wesley Armbruster (Festus Cross Country & Track Coach), Bryant Wright (Festus Cross Country Head Coach & Track coach), Laura Schreckenber (Festus Cross Country Coach), Chris Partney (Festus Head Coach Boys Track & Field)

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JULY 2020

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January (18 att. days)

- 1-4 No School/Winter Break
- 4 No School/Teacher Flex day
- 5 Students Resume
- 18 No School/MLK Day

August (6 att. days)

- 10-12 New Staff
- 17-19 Teacher Work Days
- 20 Teacher PD Day
- 24 First Day of School

AUGUST 2020

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February (18 att. days)

- 12 No School/Teacher PD
- 15 No School/Presidents' Day

September (21 att. days)

- 7 Labor Day/No School

SEPTEMBER 2020

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March (21 att. days)

- 11 End of 3rd Qtr. (45 days)
- 12 No School
- 15 No School

October (22 att. days)

- 16 End of 1st Qtr. (39 days)

OCTOBER 2020

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April (20 att. days)

- 2 No School
- 5 No School

November (16 att. days)

- 2 No School
- 3 No School/Teacher PD
- 25-27 No School/Thanksgiving Break

NOVEMBER 2020

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May (14 att. days)

- 20 Last Day of School
[If no snow days]
End of 4th Qtr. (46 days)
*Early Release
End of 2nd Semester (91 days)
- 21-28 Possible weather make-up days
- 31 Memorial Day

December (16 att. days)

- 22 End of 2nd Qtr. (42 days)
*Early Release
End of 1st Semester (81 days)
- 23-31 No School/Winter Break

DECEMBER 2020

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Final Examinations are held the last three attendance days of each semester at the High School.

Each Wednesday will have a 1 hour delayed start time due to Professional Learning Communities.

Dismissals for unexpected circumstances will be made up in the following order: May 21, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28.

If May 28th is the last student attendance day, teacher work day will be June 1.

Kindergarten Promotion is held on the FINAL student attendance day of the school year.

MAP Window: April 5-28, 2021

**Festus R-6 School District
August 2020-May 2021
Calendar of Events**

Aug. 10-12	New Staff Orientation
Aug. 17-19	Teacher Work Days
Aug. 24	First Day of School
Sept. 7	No School/Labor Day
Oct. 16	End of 1st Quarter (39 days)
Nov. 2 & 3	No School (Teacher PD on 11/3)
Nov. 25-27	No School/Thanksgiving Break
Dec. 22	End of 2nd Quarter (42 days) Early Dismissal
Dec. 23-Jan. 4	No School/Winter Break
Jan. 5	Students Return - School in session
Jan. 18	No School/MLK Day
Feb. 12	No School/Teacher PD
Feb. 15	No School/Presidents Day
Mar. 11	End of 3rd Quarter (45 days)
Mar. 12-15	No School
Apr. 2-5	No School
May 20	Last Day of School/End 4th Quarter (46 days) Early Dismissal
May 31	Memorial Day

Quarter ending dates are subject to change. Dismissals for unexpected reasons will be made up in the following order: May 21, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28. If May 28 is the last student attendance day, teacher work day will be June 1.

Kindergarten promotion is held on the final student attendance day of the school year.

Final exams are held the last three attendance days of each semester at the High School.

Note: Wednesdays – Professional Learning Communities – One hour delayed start of classes.

Festus R-VI Providing Outside Internet Access To Students

The Festus R-VI School District now has wifi access outside of our school buildings. Aruba Networks donated the wireless access points to the district this summer. They have been placed to provide wifi coverage in the parking lots at each school location. The green areas in the map show where the coverage is. At the elementary school it is the back parking lot between the school and Tiger Stadium, at the Intermediate School it is the parking lot behind the building, the Middle School is in the parking lot right in front of the building and access at the High School is in the bus parking lot. The wifi is NOT open to the public, but is available for students to log into their district-issued Chrome-books.



Wifi access outside the Elementary School

Wifi access outside the Intermediate & High Schools

It's not too late.

Summer school for students entering Kindergarten - 3rd grade begins Monday, Aug. 3. Classes will be held in-person at the Elementary School. To sign up, go to our website festus.k12.mo.us.



Wifi access outside the Middle School



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501 Westwind Drive
937-5410 Main**

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Joel Roth, Asst. Principal
Eric Allen, Asst. Principal/
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Counseling Office: 937-5944
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Jennifer Kline, Counselor
Amanda Esparza, Counselor
Maggie Ellis, RN, Health Room

**Middle School
1717 West Main Street
937-5417 Main
937-5417 (nurse)**

Jacob Munoz, Principal
Melissa Coahuilas, Psy. Examiner
Counseling Office: 937-2035
Wendy Mickley, Counselor
Nichole Townsend, RN, Health 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, Health Room

**Elementary School
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937-5917 (nurse)**

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