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A Step Ahead

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Four Festus Schools Recognized For Being Model PLC Schools

Solution Tree, the leading organization behind Professional Learning Communities recognized all four Festus Schools for being Model PLC Schools. Festus Elementary, Intermediate, Middle and High Schools received the recognition in the past two months.

Ben Tilley and Jean Burnstine presented the school principals and staff from the Elementary, Intermediate and Middle Schools with certificates and a banner during the April and May school board meetings. The High School very recently learned of its selection and will be recognized at a future board meeting. PLC's, best know to Festus residents as our "late start Wednesdays," have been a part of the culture in the Festus School District for nearly 20 years.

Our schools are four of just 19 Model PLC's in the state of Missouri and just over 200 in the entire world. The schools received the honor after an extensive application process. Educators from around the country reviewed the applications that included data on state assessment tests.

Professional Learning Communities are collaborative environments where our teachers discuss the best ways to educate our students. It involves detailed lesson planning and discussing ways to provide enrichment activities for students who have mastered the material and remediation materials for those students who are struggling to grasp the concepts.



Ben Tilley presents the Elementary certificate to (from L to R): counselor Angie Eisenbeis, teacher Cara Pellerin, Assistant Principal Saundra Benack, teacher Molly Labitska, Principal Darin Seifert.



Ben Tilley (right) presents the Intermediate certificate to (from L to R): 4th grade teacher Jennifer Schuenemann, 6th grade teacher Jonathan Woolard & Intermediate Assistant Principal Deana Brown.



Jean Burnstine presents the Middle School certificate to (from L to R): Principal Joe Willis, Assistant Principal Jacob Munoz, teacher Helen Maschmeyer, teacher Jodi Bruns, teacher Cody Mothersbaugh,



Duncan Cook receives his diploma cover from School Board President Todd Oetting.

Graduation Ceremonies

Commencement ceremonies returned to the Festus School District campus last month. Festus Tiger Stadium hosted graduation for 199 students in the Class of 2019. This was the first time in several years graduation could be held on campus. Approximately 2800 people attended the ceremonies in the newly renovated Tiger Stadium. Caitlin Holt, Katie Basler and Kaitlynn Prater were the student speakers for graduation.



199 students graduated from Festus High School on Wednesday, May 22. For more on graduation and this year's senior awards see pages 8 & 9

LETTER FROM THE BOARD PRESIDENT

Dear Patrons,

First, I offer CONGRATULATIONS to members of the Class of 2019, which was comprised of 199 graduates. Our students received a total of 482 scholarship offers. 123 of our graduates got at least one offer. We wish the class of 2019 success in all of their future endeavors. Second, we are proud of our District accomplishments over the past year. The most noteworthy is the passage of 'Proposition F' by patrons, which will allow us to increase our 'Operating Levy' from \$3.74 to \$4.33 (while maintaining the lowest overall school district tax levy within Jefferson County). During the next few years, Proposition F will result in: two additional School Resource Officers which will allow for one at each student attendance center; re-configuration of the existing parent/bus drop-off/pick-up area at FES.; the reconfiguration will also result in a new K-1 playground; implementation of an early childhood education program for children ages 3 & 4; construction of a Performing Arts Center that would be made available for community use; continued strengthening of our technology infrastructure along with striving to have a 1:1 ratio of mobile learning devices at our lower grades; and construction of an Activities Center that would have a walking track which would be made available to members of our school community in the early morning hours and/or on weekends and assure that graduation would always be held on the R-VI campus. In addition, salaries of classified personnel (custodians, food service, transportation, classroom aides, etc.) would continue to be enhanced in the effort to meet the new state law passed by voters in November 2018 which will increase the minimum wage to \$12 per hour over the next few years.

None of the above items would have been possible without your support and we appreciate you being

there for us. I can assure you that we will continue to be good stewards of the financial allocations given to us so that we can provide a high-quality educational experience for all students.

This edition of 'A Step Ahead' is filled with noteworthy accomplishments of our students and hope you find each of them just as exciting as I have. Of the many accomplishments, I must take time to point out the fact that our FHS "Class of 2019" had a record number of 'Bright Flight Scholars' with 17, which shattered the previous mark of 13.

Finally, do take time and enjoy the summer months with your family while keeping in mind that the first student attendance day of our 2019-2020 school year will be Thursday, August 15, 2019. Our annual 'Community Newsletter' which provides specifics for student registration; open house dates, lunch pricing, etc. will be available in the July 11 edition of 'The Leader' and also on our website at www.festus.k12.mo.us.

Educationally,

Todd Oetting

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

Staff Recognition - Years of Service



Retirees: L to R:
Susan Wright,
Pam Woolard,
Connie Bremer



25 years: L to R:
Barbara Crites, Melissa Coahuilas, Theresa Harms (not pictured: Wendy Mickley)
JoAnn Coplin (not pictured) was also honored for 30 years of continuous service to the district.



20 years: L to R: Eric Allen, Amanda Esparza, Christopher Auchly, Kelly Henneman, Julie Ferrell, Rachel Duncan-Anderson, Michele Kearns, Angie Eisenbeis (not pictured: Curties Cook)



15 years: L to R: William Noce, Laura Sellman, Cindy Schraer, Michelle Niehaus, Diane Sollmann, Tina Neubrand, Shannon Helms, Kerri Dawson, Cara Pellerin, Stefanie Craig, Lynn Stanley, Amy Oshia, Lisa Rutledge (not pictured: Judith Cosma, Nichole Fisher, Anthony Kinder, Amy Naeger, Jennifer Naeger, Idis Riney, Lisa Stafford)



10 Years: L to R: Tamara Fletcher, Kelli Moll, Connie Bremer (not pictured: Travis Cearly, Nancy Darnell, Melissa Westoff)



5 years: L to R – Rhonda Keen, Kimberly Polette, Jennifer Kline, Michelle Donaldson, Jessica Doyel, Thomas McFarland, Sarah Floyd, Jason Nahlik, Chelby Bridgewater, Austin Burgert, Karen Propst, Josh Bauman, Joel Roth, Cayla Tolbert, Kala Linville (not pictured: Patsy Block, Thomas Bourisaw, Denise Brown, Rhonda Cawvey, Tracy Connor, Ann Counts, Grace Dobson, Kari Fear, John Griffith, Tonya Hoffman, Casey Parker, Ashley Pullins)

Thank You

We want to extend a huge “THANK YOU” to you, the patrons of the Festus R-6 School District. Your generosity led to the passage of Proposition F on April 2nd. In the next few weeks will be begin interviews for two new school resource officers, giving us four total, enough for one to be assigned to each of our school buildings. We will begin purchasing new Chromebooks to expand our 1:1 Chromebook Initiative to the Intermediate School during the fall semester.

In the coming years you will also see lots of construction on our campus with the addition of a new Performing Arts Center, Activities Center, new Elementary School pick-up & drop-off area and a new K-1 playground and the addition of an Early Childhood Education Center.

Current preliminary construction timelines for **Phase 1** are:

Elementary School Pick-up/Drop-off/Parking Lot & Playground:

- Design Phase: Now – August
- Bid/Construction: No later than Spring 2020

Performing Arts Center:

- Design Phase: June 2019 – March 2020
- Bid/Construction: Spring 2020

While not a part of Proposition F, the new band addition gives us the opportunity to repurpose the old band room. It will become a **Student Services Center** that will be home to our high school counselors, the School Resource Officer and our new Director of Special Programs & Student Services. The timeline for that work is:

- Design phase: Now – September 2019
- Bid/Construction: Fall 2019

Superintendent Dr Link Luttrell says, “Thank you again to our patrons for your generosity in providing us the funds to do this work for our students and our community. These improvements to our schools and our campus will help to keep the Festus R-6 School District among the best not only in Jefferson County, but among the entire State.”

2019-2020 New Student Registration & Open House Dates

Elementary School

NEW STUDENT Registration: Tuesday, July 30 – 10am-12pm; 2pm-6pm
Wednesday, July 31 – 8am-11am; 12pm-3pm
Thursday, Aug. 1 – 8am – 11am; 12pm-3pm
OPEN HOUSE: Tuesday, August 13 – 5pm-7pm

Intermediate School

NEW STUDENT Registration: Tuesday, July 30 – 10am-12pm; 2pm-6pm
Wednesday, July 31 – 8am-11am; 12pm-3pm
Thursday, Aug. 1 – 8am – 11am; 12pm-3pm
OPEN HOUSE: Monday, August 12 – 5pm-7pm

Middle School

NEW STUDENTS ONLY: Tuesday, July 30 – 11am-2pm; 4pm-6pm
8th GRADE ONLY: Wednesday, July 31 – 11am-2pm; 4pm-6pm
7th GRADE ONLY: Thursday, Aug. 1 – 11am-2pm; 4pm-6pm
OPEN HOUSE: Monday, August 12
Last name A-M – 5pm-6:05pm
Last name N-Z – 6:30pm-7:35pm

High School

SENIORS: Tuesday, Aug. 6 – 9am-11:30am; 1pm-3pm
JUNIORS: Wednesday, Aug. 7 – 9am-11:30am; 1pm-3pm
SOPHOMORES: Thursday, Aug. 8 – 9am-11:30am; 1pm-3pm
FRESHMEN: Friday, Aug. 9 – 9am-11:30am; 1pm-3pm
Evening Hours for Anyone: Thursday, Aug. 8 – 4-6pm
Freshmen Orientation: Tuesday, Aug. 13 – 7:15am-12:30
OPEN HOUSE: Tuesday, Aug. 13 – 6pm-8pm

Beginning August 1, 2019, our online registration will be open! This will limit paper forms that parents fill out at the beginning of each school year. Access to online registration can be reached using Parent Portal. This requires that you must have a valid email address on record with the district to participate. Online registration is a resource that can be used for ALL students K-12.

Festus R-VI “Community Newsletter” will be inserted in the Leader Publication Newspaper on July 11.
This issue will have important information concerning the 2019-2020 school year.



FESTUS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



Kindergarten Students Move On To 1st Grade

More than 250 Kindergarten students "graduated" to 1st grade on the last day of school. Our annual Kindergarten promotion ceremonies featured a song by the students and the reading of each student's name as they walked across the stage to receive their Kindergarten certificate.



Kindergarten students sing their graduation song "We Are First Graders" to the tune of "We Are The Champions."



Christian Kleinhans receives his Kindergarten certificate from Superintendent Dr. Link Luttrell.

2nd & 3rd Grade Students Watch New Life Begin

Second and third grade students learned about life cycles this spring. 2nd grade classes placed incubators in their rooms with some chicken eggs. While in the classroom, teachers and students discussed the development of the baby chick inside the eggs. Finally, after several days, those eggs began to hatch, revealing the baby chick inside.

Our third grade classrooms began their discussion by placing Painted Lady caterpillar larvae in small plastic cups with food until they formed their chrysalis. Then all of the chrysalises were moved inside a mesh netting until they emerged as adult butterflies. Along the way, teachers and students talked about what was happening. Once all of the butterflies emerged, they were released into the wild.



Students in Mrs. Norrick's 2nd grade class gather around to see the baby chicks.

Baby chicks hatch in Mrs. Norrick's classroom.

Trinity Horrell releases her butterfly after it emerged from its chrysalis.

Incoming Kindergarten Students Get A Look At School

The Elementary School hosted a "Kindergarten Kickoff" at Festus Elementary School for children who are entering Kindergarten in the 2019-2020 school year. Children got to meet the kindergarten teachers along with the Reading Power, art, and music teachers. Information about summer school was available, and Parents as Teachers provided information about their organization and ran a fun activity. The Parent Teacher Organization had Festus Spirit Wear for sale, too. Other activities included making bracelets, playing a literacy game, face painting, making maracas, taking a tour of a school bus, and playing on the playground. Every incoming kindergarten student received a free popsicle for attending!



Incoming students enjoyed a popsicle while playing outside.



Incoming students got the chance to see what the school bus is all about.



Incoming students got a chance to try out the playground equipment they will use next school year.



FESTUS INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

5th Graders Graduate From The DARE Program

On May 9, 2019 about 243 fifth grade students graduated from the DARE program at Festus Intermediate School. The students began the DARE program in mid January and the program is run through our local Festus Police Department. Officer Josh Rodriguez, who is our Student Resource Officer and DARE certified instructor taught a 10 week course which focused on the dangers of drugs and alcohol as well as how to use the DARE decision making model when faced with a difficult decision. The four steps of this model are:

1. Define the problem, 2. Assess the choices, 3. Respond to the choice, and 4. Evaluate or review your decision. Part of the DARE program requires students to complete an essay on what they have learned, how they plan on using the DARE decision making model if faced with a tough decision, and how they plan to use what they have learned to make safe and responsible decisions in the future. We want to send a special thanks to our guest speaker for the DARE program, Mayor Sam Richards of Festus. There were two essay winners who were chosen from about 243 essays by Officer Rodriguez. Festus Intermediate School thanks Officer Rodriguez and the Festus Police Department for taking time out of their busy schedules to incorporate the DARE curriculum into our fifth grade classrooms.



From L to R: Festus Mayor Sam Richards, essay winners Ava Green, Krissy Gastreich, Officer Josh Rodriguez.



Firefighter and paramedic Jordan Acre wearing all of his firefighting equipment.

Festus 5th Graders Learn About Different Careers

This year's fifth grade Career Day featured many great speakers, including some who introduced careers that use newer technology and social media. Marty Winkler, the husband of fifth grade teacher Paige Winkler, shared about his career as a digital marketing manager. Aimee Loyet, a podcast producer, explained the many fascinating parts of her job. Mrs. Amanda McVey, a nurse anesthetist and mom of Ethan McVey, demonstrated some of her work by putting crickets to sleep. The students loved the medical hats and masks she gave them. Chris Spindler, dad of Zach Spindler, who is a senior software engineer for Boeing, filled us in on how he designs video games for military pilots. Dr. Jason Wang, a pharmacist from the Medicine Shoppe; Jordan Acre, a firefighter and paramedic; Joshua Brown, a U.S. Army recruiter; and Officer Josh Rodriguez also gave the students a lot to think about, as they spoke with our fifth graders about their careers.



Emma Blecha dressed as a doctor for Career Day.

Intermediate Honor Choir Performances

The Festus Intermediate Choir stayed very busy this spring with a trip to the Cardinal Game, a huge Art & Music Festival, an amazing performance at Six Flags Music Festival and finally a Pony Bird performance.

The Honor Choir sold more than 750 tickets to perform at Busch Stadium on Friday, April 26 as the Cardinals took on the Cincinnati Reds. The Honor Choir was allowed on home plate this year to sing the National Anthem.

The Honor Choir and 6th grade band performed on May 2 at the annual Art & Music Festival. The Honor Choir created a music video of "This Is Me" from The Greatest Showman. You can view this video and others from our Honor Choir at MrRhine.com.

The choir also received a SUPERIOR RATING at this year's Six Flags Music In the Parks Festival. Mr. Rhine traveled with 100 members to perform at the palace theater on Friday, May 10. After the performance the students had a chilly but beautiful day to enjoy the park.

One of the most rewarding performances of the year took place on Wednesday, May 15 when the choir performed for Pony Bird. Pony Bird is an exceptional place for special needs individuals. They provide 24-hour care for developmentally disabled, non-ambulatory children and adults. The Honor Choir performed a quick 20-minute concert for 10 individuals who came to the Intermediate School.

The Intermediate Honor Choir is directed by Mr. Joshua Rhine, Mrs. Karen Graham, Mrs. Alicia Knickman and accompanied by Mrs. Darcy Baldonado.



Honor Choir members high-five Fredbird as they leave the field at Busch Stadium after performing the National Anthem on April 26.



The Honor Choir performs for residents of Pony Bird.



The Honor Choir poses with residents of Pony Bird.

FESTUS INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

Team Wins Battle of the Books For A 2nd Straight Year

On March 13, Festus Intermediate Students in grades 5 and 6 participated in a local competition of America's Battle of the Books. Students formed teams in October and each team worked collectively to read a total of 10 selected books. Students then competed during the school day with other Festus Intermediate teams in the library. Students answered trivia questions about the books and worked together to answer the questions

to earn points. At the end of the competition, the "Speed Readers" and the "Five Ferocious Felines" advanced to the Final Battle Round, which took place in the gym in front of the student body. For the second year in a row, the Five Ferocious Felines were the overall winners of the Annual Festus Intermediate School's competition of America's Battle of the Books. Twelve community volunteers helped run the event.



Speed Readers (L to R): Calvin Ellis, Owen Zinn, Logan Bohn, Chase Karr.



Five Ferocious Felines (L to R): Ella Mothersbaugh, Annabelle Whitener, Evie Ewing, Cecilia Meppiel, Jillian Jarvis.

FESTUS MIDDLE SCHOOL

59 Middle School Students Inducted Into NJHS

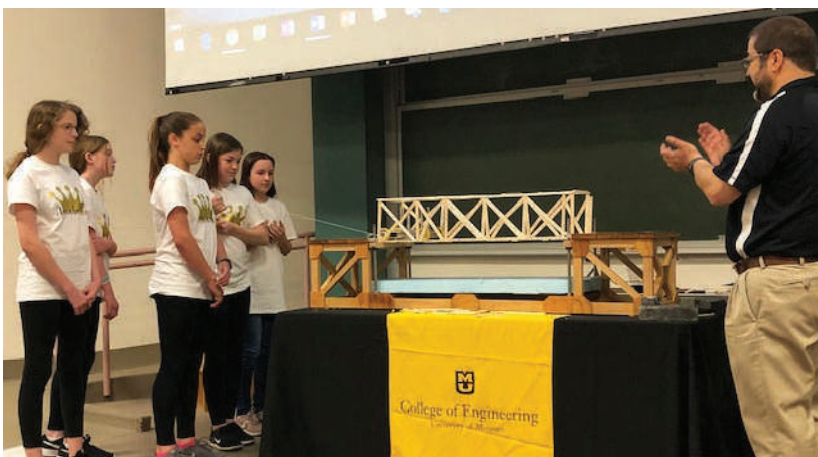
On April 1st, Festus Middle School Honor Society welcomed 59 new seventh and eighth grade members at the annual Induction Ceremony held in the FMS multi-purpose room. The 2018-2019 officers: Josie Allen, Liliana Walker, Cullen Krieg, Jersey Moonier, and Zachary Beers conducted the ceremony. After the inductees continued the traditions of signing their names in the membership book and reciting the Honor Society Pledge, everyone enjoyed a reception with refreshments in the FMS cafe.



The 59 new members welcomed into the Festus Middle School National Junior Honor Society.

Five Festus Teams In Mizzou Bridge Building Competition

On Saturday, April 16th, five teams from both the intermediate and middle schools traveled to Columbia, Missouri to compete in the first ever "Mizzou Bridge Building Competition". The University of Missouri School of Engineering provided the materials, the students provided the brain power and workmanship. Groups used the West Point Bridge Design software to test their ideas under a digitized load-bearing vehicle. Once they passed inspection by engineering students, the teams completed a typed proposal including architectural drawings of their work. The bridge build began after Christmas and students learned what kinds of trusses and joints would work best through trial and error. Finally, after lots of hard work, the day arrived for the contest in Columbia. Though Festus was not declared the winner for overall practicality, one team's design did hold the heaviest vehicle. Everyone had a great time and many already started planning for next years design. A special thank you to the supportive parents who helped make this project possible!



The Quest Queens on stage at the Bridge Building Competition at the University of Missouri. Team members are: Makayla DeClue, Haley Heibeck, Katelyn Reece, Kyah Spencer, Annabelle Whitener.

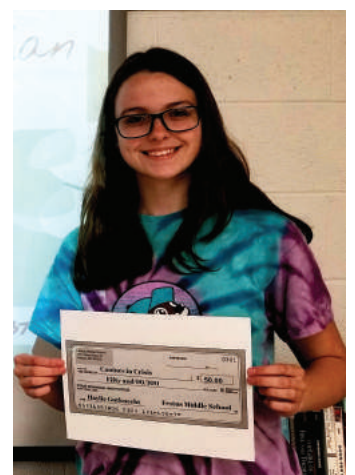
8th Grade Student Wins ELA Award



This year a portion of the 8th grade ELA curriculum was "gamified." Students had to complete activities in order to earn badges. The game ended at the end of 3rd quarter and **Elizabeth Crook** was the overall winner for Mrs. Beffa's class. For her efforts, Elizabeth received a \$25 Amazon gift card!

Students Build Argument For A Good Cause

Third quarter, students in Mrs. Beffa's 8th Grade ELA class participated in an argument contest. The students followed the research process in order to gather evidence for their argument. Students were expected to construct an argument using and citing reliable sources. Their evidence needed to be based on sound reasoning. In addition, the evidence needed to be relevant and sufficient. The students were expected to put their argument into an anonymous video presentation. Mrs. Beffa's classes spent time evaluating the anonymous argument videos based on the criteria for an effective argument. Mrs. Beffa's overall argument winner was Haylie Gutknecht who argued that it is better to adopt an animal from a shelter rather than buy them at pet stores or from breeders. For winning the competition, Haylie was able to choose a charity to donate \$50 to in order to support her cause. She chose to donate to Canines in Crisis.



Haylie Gutknecht with her certificate for winning the contest.

FESTUS HIGH SCHOOL

FHS National Honor Society Induction



On March 12... Festus High School welcomed 16 new members into the National Honor Society. Pictured: Front Row (L to R): Claire Nelson, Isabelle Spicer, Natalie Mazur, Olivia McIntyre, Ashley Spindler, Ava McKinney, Hannah Warfel, Maison King. Back row: Broxtyn Johnson, Caleb Jewell, William Holland, Cayden Glaze, Grant Flotron, Aiden Dollar, Jeanna Brantley, Sophia Basler.

April Student of the Month

Jenna Oetting is the Festus High School Student of the Month for April. Jenna is the daughter of Todd and Karen Oetting. "I think it's a great honor to be recognized," Oetting said.

Oetting says her favorite class is Spanish because it's a small class and Mrs. Fernandez, her teacher, is engaged with everyone. Oetting is a standout basketball player. She was a unanimous selection to the Jefferson County Conference Large School 1st team. She was also named to the All- District 1st team. Besides basketball, Oetting is active in Track and Field, National Honor Society, Renaissance and the Food Service Committee. After graduation, Oetting will attend Mississippi State University where she plans to pursue an engineering degree.



May Student of the Month

Madelyn Welsh was the Festus High School May Student of the Month. Her parents are Tasha & Brad Welsh "It means a lot to know that the teachers and administrators think highly of me," Welsh said.

Madelyn's favorite class is AP Biology with Coach Wright. She was active in track and field, cross-country, National Honor Society, Student Council and band. She was also a National Merit Scholar Semifinalist.

In the fall, Welsh plans to attend the Mizzou Honors College where she will study biology with a specialization in medical science and human health.. She wants to go on to become a Pediatric Hematologist.



Jenna Oetting Named A 2019 Missouri Scholars 100

Festus High School Senior **Jenna Oetting** has been selected for the 2019 Missouri Scholars 100. It's a statewide program that honors 100 of Missouri's top academic students in the graduating class of 2019. Each school in the state nominated candidates for the recognition (1 or 2 depending on size, Festus could only nominate 1). Each nominated student had to meet rigorous requirements in 10 categories including: minimum 3.750 GPA, 29 ACT or 1,600 SAT, ranked in upper 10% of class, must have taken high level math, science, English and foreign language courses, excellent attendance, exemplary school citizen and active in school programs. "It's really an honor," Oetting said. "There are so many kids in the state of Missouri who try really hard for everything, but it's great that I could be recognized as one of the top 100." The Missouri Association of Secondary School Principals sponsors the program.



Festus Junior Takes 2nd Place in Art Contest

Junior **Logan Massey** won 2nd place in the Young American Creative Patriotic Art Contest sponsored by the VFW Auxiliary. Logan got a check for \$50. His art teacher Mrs. Brandy Brooks-Fehlker told him during class. You can tell by his reaction he was quite surprised.



FESTUS HIGH SCHOOL

FHS Theater Department Nominated for 2 St. Louis High School Musical Awards



A scene from "Joseph & the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat".

The Festus High School Theater Department received two nominations for St. Louis High School Musical Awards for its spring production of "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat." The department received a nomination for Outstanding Ensemble and a nomination for Outstanding Musical – Budget Level 2. Awards were announced at the Fox Theatre on Sunday, June 2 (after the A Step Ahead deadline). The department also produced another play this spring, Neil Simon's "The Good Doctor."



(From L to R) Theater teacher William Borgmeyer, students Elizabeth Ganey & Will Hoppmann accepted the nominations at a special awards ceremony at the Fox Theatre last month.



The Good Doctor – The cast of Neil Simon's "The Good Doctor".

Festus Seniors Publicly Declare Their Post High School Plans

FHS celebrated the Class of 2019 by hosting our first ever Decision Day Program on May 2. Decision Day celebrates seniors' plans for college, career, or military service. The program encourages seniors to finalize and follow through on their plans for the future and helps build interest among younger students. Before a packed gymnasium of family, friends, and students, seniors did commemorative signings representing their future destinations. The Class of 2019's most popular destinations include Employment, Jefferson College, Mineral Area College, Missouri State University, Missouri University of Science & Technology, Southeast Missouri State University, United States Military, and University of Missouri.



High School seniors sign a banner declaring their next step in life.

FHS Rocket Club Finishes 3rd in the Nation

The Festus High School Rocket Club travelled to Manassas VA, just outside of Washington, D.C. on the weekend of May 18th, to compete in the Team America Rocketry Challenge. Nine students made the trip. The competition consists of launching a rocket carrying a payload of three raw eggs to a specific altitude, separating into two sections in midair, and coming down in a specific amount of time. The teams are scored on a number of criteria including flight altitude, flight duration, and survival of the "astronauts"(eggs). This year, the Festus Rocket Club finished third out of 830 teams representing 47 states, Washington D.C., and the U.S. Virgin Islands.



Festus Rocket Club members (L to R): Van Parson, Katie Bohnert, Rachel Henson, Ashley Spindler, Aidan Dollar, Logan Kuykendall, Christian Dunbar, Ashton Croft, Zion Bernat (not pictured: Michael Esparza).

CLASS OF 2019 GRADUATES



Ackerman, Kayce Marie
Adair, Lauren R
Alley, Alyssa Lynn
Andrews, Ashton K
Atkisson, Kaia Celeste
Baisch, Zachary M
Barbagallo, Rachel A
Basler, Katie Rose
Bell, Kylie M
Belt, Brittany M
Benack, Kelsey M
Berrey, Bradley N
Blair, Noah
Blanchard, David P
Bowman, Carter A
Branscomby, Kobe M
Bridges, Abigail H
Brooks, Nevaeh M
Brown, Gabriel William
Brown, Maleak R
Bruno, Dawson D
Burch, Julia L
Burkard, Gracie K
Callahan, McKenzie Leigh
Casey, Kaitlyn Hope

Casey, Taleah
Cawvey, Dallas K
Chambers, Tyler
Childress, Trenton Paul
Coffee, Mario Alexzavier
Collins, Drew T
Cook, Duncan A
Cooper, Rachel Marie
Cornman, Noah
Cortez, Jacob Laurence
Crim, Brayden Thomas
Dace, Isaac A
DeClue, Madeline G
Dixon, Noah
Donaldson, Anna R
Downey, Philip Victor
Dudgeon, Lucas
Duff, Cameron James
Dunbar, Christian S
Ellis, Charles B
Ellis, Julia T
Esparza, Michael J
Eubinger, Garrett M
Faulkner, Gage
Fitzgerald, Emma S

Fletcher, Erica L
Freiner, John
Gastreich, Tyler J
Geisner, Emily M
Gosling, Garrison M
Govero, Julia Renee
Graham, Lauren N
Gulley, Kristen T
Hahl, Madeline R
Harris, Collin M
Harris, Jessica F
Haight, Justice Ann-Love
Hedrick, Steven
Henderson, Delaney Lynn
Herbert, Emily M
Herling, Julia Nichole
Herring, Traci
Hessling, Joshua R
Hiller, Grace A
Hirth, Nathan A
Hoffman, Grace C
Holt, Caitlin E
Horner, Abbey Nicole
House, Madisyn Joy
Hyde, Caleb L

Hyde, RaShaun V
Immekus, Skylar M
James, Elijah J
Jewell, Bradyn S
Johner, Hayley M
Johnson, Broxtyn M
Johnson, Jason David
Johnson, Kailey R
Jones, Dylan J
Jones, Hannah Marie
Jordan, Aubrey N
Kaltenbronn, Alyssa G
Kamer, Gracey L
Keller, Jaden
Kelly, William J
Kennedy, Sophie A
Kinder, Jasmine
Koch, Audrey C
Koch, Drake Eugene Charles
Kuykendall, Allison E
Lalumandier, Hannah M
Lammert, Christopher M
Lassing, Grace Elizabeth
Laupp, Paige E
Lawson, Tyler J

Lewis, Sean C
Lexa, Chloe R
Liles, Zachary S
Lindsey, Hope R
Majewski, Samuel A
Maness, Jacob D
Martin, Edward Leo
Martise, Erin D
McDaniel, Maxwell J
McFadden, Cailey B
McFarland, Autumn S
McKinney, Audrey Elizabeth
McKinney, Braeden
Kelly, Jaden
Kelly, William J
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Lassing, Grace Elizabeth
Laupp, Paige E
Lawson, Tyler J

Niewoehner, Reanne C
Noel-Moland, Skye
O'Leary, Roslyn P
Oaks, Billy
Oetting, Jenna L
Pachlhofer, Brandon M
Pauly, Jacob D
Payne, Allison N
Pearl, Alyssa Layne
Perez, Anthony M
Peters, Brandon
Poplawski, Hanna M
Powell, Ashlynn M
Prater, Kaitlynn M
Pratt, Charles S
Pratt, Emma Grace
Pulliam, Antonio
Reando, Robert T
Reando, Ryan Alexander
Reddick, Isaiah A
Reece, Austin R
Rhyneer, Kaitlyn G
Roddick, Elizabeth N
Rodgers, Jalin Markel
Roth, Nicholas C

Rowden, Kaci Jeanne
Rudolph, Cortney Marie
Rudolph, Ryan
Rystrom, Chase L
Schipper, Isaiah Skye
Schultz, Timothy M
Sharpe, Sage L
Shepherd, Tori A
Shores, Deleshia
Smith, Gabriell M
Smith, Heather Marie
Smith, Lillian M
Spurlock, Jonathan Anthony
St. Clair, Trevor
St. John, Nicholas A
Stegemann, Emily G
Stockham, Ryan Kent
Swallow, Kaylee A
Thebeau, Alexis P
Thomas, Savez Rotel Robin
Thompson, Emily E
Thompson, Kaleb
Tidwell, Abigail N
Trask, Kiara
Urfer, Alex A

Van Cleave, Mackenzie B
Voelpel, Madison K
Vroman, Elijah C
Wagner, Morgan Ann
Watson, Jaylan X
Weber, Gavin
Wehlermann, Brendan
Weiss, Rheaanne
Welsh, Madelyn G
Wenzelburger, Madalyn E
Werner, Claire M
Westhoff, Hayley M
Westhoff, Ryan C
Westmoreland, Madeline Kate
Whitener, Alec C
Wicker, Sebastian Ryan
Williams, Lauren M.
Williams, Nautica
Wolk, Melissa N
Wood, James N
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Commencement exercises for the Festus Senior High School Class of 2019 took place on May 22 at Festus Stadium. A total of 199 students received diplomas.

During the Graduation Ceremony, **Michael Esparza** 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 29 graduates received this highest honor including **Katie Basler, Kelsey Benack, Trenton Childress, Rachel Cooper, Madeline DeClue, Michael Esparza, Tyler Gastreich, Kristen Gulley, Grace Hiller, Grace Hoffman, Caitlin Holt, Madisyn House, Alyssa Kaltenbronn, Gracey Kamer, Audrey Koch, Allison Kuykendall, Erin Martise, Hannah Minx, Bailey Moore, Jenna Oetting, Roslyn O'Leary, Kaitlynn Prater, Kaitlyn Rhyneer, Tori Shepherd, Madelyn Welsh, Claire Werner, Alec Whitener, Melissa Wolk, and Audra Youmans.**

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 29 graduates received this honor including **Kaia Atkisson, Zachary Baisch, Rachel Barbagallo, Kylie Bell, Nevaeh Brooks, Gabriel Brown, Drew Collins, Anna Donaldson, Julia Ellis, Garrett Eubinger, Lauren Graham, Abbey Horner, Caleb Hyde, Broxtyn Johnson, Maxwell McDaniel, Audrey McKinney, Gabrielle Naeger, Claire Nelson, Reanne Niewoehner, Allison Payne, Alyssa Pearl, Anthony Perez, Kaci Rowden, Emily Stegemann, Madalyn Wenzelburger, Hayley Westhoff, Madeline Westmoreland, James Wood, and Pierce Wynn.**

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 **Ashton Andrews, Kaitlyn Casey, Skylar Immekus, Aubrey Jordan, Cailey McFadden, Taylor Meyers, Cortney Rudolph, Sage Sharpe, Kaylee Swallow, Alexis Thebeau, Madison Voelpel, Morgan Wagner, Trinity Yeaman, and Madelyn Zych.**

During a Senior Awards Night Program on the evening of May 17, 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: six B. Clark Berry Memorial Scholarships, the Byrd Scholarship, the Canepa Family Scholarship, the Murrell Godwin Memorial Scholarship, two 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, 50 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 **Zachary Baisch, Kaitlyn Casey, Erica Fletcher, Emily Gelsner, Grace Hiller, and Chase Rystrom.** 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 **Hannah Jones.**

Gavin Weber 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 **Kailey Johnson.** 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 **Taylor Meyers** and **Kaylee Swallow.** 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 **Gracie Burkard.** 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 **James Wood.** 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 **Ashton Andrews, Katie Basler, Kylie Bell, Kelsey Benack, Nevaeh Brooks, Gabriel Brown, Dallas Cawvey, Drew Collins, Rachel Cooper, Madeline DeClue, Anna Donaldson, Michael Esparza, Tyler Gastreich, Lauren Graham, Kristen Gulley, Grace Hoffman, Caitlin Holt, Abbey Horner, Madisyn House, Caleb Hyde, Broxtyn Johnson, Aubrey Jordan, Alyssa Kaltenbronn, Gracey Kamer, Audrey Koch, Allison Kuykendall, Grace Lassing, Chloe Lexa, Erin Martise, Maxwell McDaniel, Audrey McKinney, Hannah Minx, Claire Nelson, Reanne Niewoehner, Jenna Oetting, Roslyn O'Leary,**

Allison Payne, Anthony Perez, Kaitlynn Prater, Kaitlyn Rhyneer, Kaci Rowden, Tori Shepherd, Alexis Thebeau, Madison Voelpel, Madelyn Welsh, Claire Werner, Hayley Westhoff, Alec Whitener, Melissa Wolk, and Audra Youmans. 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.

Sean Lewis 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.

Autumn McFarland was the recipient of the Karen Tesreau Trust Scholarship. This scholarship is awarded to a student planning to pursue a degree in music related field.

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 **Jesica 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 **Trenton Childress.** 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 **Bailey Moore.**

Furthermore, the R-6 scholarship selection committee was asked to make a recommendation to the University of Missouri for a recipient of the initial Byrd Family Scholarship. The Byrd Family Scholarship was been established through an agreement between Mr. John T. Byrd and the Curators of the University of Missouri. The first recipient of this outstanding scholarship program is **Claire Nelson.** We so appreciate Mr. Byrd's kindness!

The Festus R-6 District is grateful for the generous support of the individuals responsible for the funding of all scholarship programs and the ongoing contributions to the scholarship foundation. Special thanks to the generous giving by the Classes of 1957 and 1958 during their joint class reunion this past September.

The class of 2019 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 98 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 **Ashton Andrews, Zachary Baisch, Rachel Barbagallo, Katie Basler, Kylie Bell, Kelsey Benack, Noah Blair, Carter Bowman, Kobe Branscomb, Abigail Bridges, Nevaeh Brooks, Gabriel Brown, Dawson Bruno, Gracie Burkard, McKenzie Callahan, Kaitlyn Casey, Dallas Cawvey, Drew Collins, Rachel Cooper, Jacob Cortez, Anna Donaldson, Charles Ellis, Julia Ellis, Michael Esparza, Erica Fletcher, Emily Geisner, Garrison Gosling, Lauren Graham, Kristen Gulley, Madeline Hahl, Justice Haught, Delaney Henderson, Emily Herbert, Grace Hiller, Nathan Hirth, Grace Hoffman, Caitlin Holt, Abbey Horner, Madisyn House, Caleb Hyde, RaShaun Hyde, Bradyn Jewell, Hayley Johner, Broxtyn Johnson, Kailey Johnson, Hannah Jones, Aubrey Jordan, Gracey Kamer, Audrey Koch, Drake Koch, Allison Kuykendall, Hannah Lalumandier, Grace Lassing, Sean Lewis, Zachary Liles, Samuel Majewski, Edward Martin, Maxwell McDaniel, Audrey McKinney, Hannah Minx, Reese Montgomery, Bailey Moore, Rayna Murdock, Gabrielle Naeger, Claire Nelson, Reanne Niewoehner, Jenna Oetting, Jacob Pauly, Allison Payne, Kaitlynn Prater, Charles Pratt, Robert Reando, Kaitlyn Rhyneer, Cortney Rudolph, Ryan Rudolph, Chase Rystrom, Timothy Schult, Sage Sharpe, Tori Shepherd, Lillian Smith, Ryan Stockham, Kaylee Swallow, Alexis Thebeau, Emily Thompson, Abigail Tidwell, Kiara Trask, Brendan Wehlermann, Madelyn Welsh, Claire Werner, Hayley Westhoff, Ryan Westhoff, Madeline Westmoreland, Alec Whitener, Melissa Wolk, James Wood, Trinity Yeaman, Audra Youmans, and Madelyn Zych.**

The recipients of Mister and Miss FHS for 2019 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 2019 is **Maxwell McDaniel** and Miss FHS for 2019 is **Hannah Minx.**

Graduates electing to serve in the Armed Forces were recognized enthusiastically during both the Awards Night and the Graduation Ceremony. The following have joined the military as of mid-May: **Bradley Berrey** (Army), **David Blanchard** (Army), **Isaac Dace** (Army), **John Freiner** (Army), **Dylan Jones** (Marines), **Trenton Morgan** (Army), **Kaitlynn Prater** (Air Force), and **Pierce Wynn** (Army Reserves).

As of May 21, 123 members of the class had received a combined total of 482 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. Impressively, the Class of 2019 broke our school record for the number of Bright Flight Scholars with 17 recipients! The previous record was 12 Bright Flight Scholars held by the Class of 2015.

Scholarships and awards received by this year's class include: seventeen Bright Flight Scholars, the Don and Nancy Johnson Scholar Athlete Award, the Tommy Alexander Award, the Leslie Rose Govero Scholarship, the Weier Family Scholarship, the Byrd Family Scholarship, eight Andy Habsieger Memorial Scholarships, three National Women's Athletic Association Scholarships, the Kinder Grappler Award, an American Welding Society Scholarship, a Mid-East Missouri Contractor's Association Scholarship, the Chapter EH PEO Scholarship, the Miss Sue Scholarship, eight Festus Crystal City Elks Lodge 1721 Scholarships, a Mary Katherine Memorial Nursing Scholarship, a Cole's Hope Memorial Scholarship, a Missy's Mission Scholarship, a Charles G. Berwind Foundation

Scholarship, the Antonio Tullock Scholarship, six Emma Jane Vance Memorial Scholarships, a Chapter EH PEO Music Award, seven Kim Showmaker-Allen Memorial Scholarships, an Earl Collins Foundation Scholarship, a Charles E. Thoele Scholarship, the Mike Bingman Memorial Scholarship, six VFW Voice of Democracy Scholarships, one VFW District Voice of Democracy Scholarship, two Twin Cities AMVETS Post 171 Scholarships, the FMS Inspire Scholarship, a Tammy Fadler Embrace Your Dream Scholarship, a Missouri Society of Professional Engineers Scholarship, four George A. Decker Memorial Scholarships, a National Association of Letter Carriers Scholarship, two Opportunity Knocks Scholarships, five First Time Home Buyer Savings Account Awards, two Twin City Optimist Club Essay Contest Scholarships, a Carpenter's Regional Council Scholarship, an AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary State Scholarship, the Festus-Crystal City Rotary Club Sam Shapiro Scholarship, an Elks National Foundation Legacy Award, a Jefferson County MNEA-Retired Scholarship, a Hillsboro Community Civic Club Scholarship, two Missouri Scholarship & Loan Foundation Access Extra Scholarships, an AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary Post 48 Scholarship, a Knights of Columbus Council 10668 Scholarship, and two Vantage Credit Union Quest for Education Scholarships. Other local scholarships were awarded by the following Festus Senior High School booster clubs and organizations: Football, National Honor Society, Speech & Theater, Student Council, and TREND. 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: Bradley University, Brescia University, Coe College, Creighton University, Ferris State University, Florida Institute of Technology, Fontbonne University, Hannibal-LaGrange University, Indiana State University, Jefferson College, Lindenwood University, Maryville University, Mineral Area College, the University of Mississippi, Mississippi State University, the University of Missouri, Missouri Baptist University, the University of Missouri-Kansas City, the University of Missouri-Saint Louis, Missouri Southern State University, Missouri State University, Missouri University of Science & Technology, Missouri Valley College, Missouri Western State University, North Central College, Northwest Missouri State University, Peru State College, Rockhurst University, Saint John's College, Saint Louis College of Pharmacy, Saint Louis Community College-Meramec, Saint Louis University, Southeast Missouri State University, Southern Illinois University-Carbondale, Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville, Southwest Baptist University, Truman State University, Webster University, and Westminster College.

Listed below are the scholarships that have been offered to the students of the Class of 2019 from Festus Senior High School: **Alyssa Alley**, daughter of Jennifer Alley, has been awarded a Ferris Next Scholarship to Ferris State University. Alyssa plans to attend Ferris State University.

Ashton Andrews, daughter of Thomas and Lori Andrews, has been awarded a Maurice O. Lucas Family Scholarship, a Festus R-6 Food Service Department Scholarship, and an A-Plus Scholarship. Ashton has also received a Board of Trustees Scholarship, a Theater Performance Scholarship, and a Church Matching Scholarship to Southwest Baptist University where she will be attending this fall.

Kaia Atkisson, daughter of Rick and Deanna Novak and Joel and Kelly Atkisson has been awarded an Excellence Award to the University of Missouri.

Zachary Baisch, son of Mike and Lynne Baisch, has been awarded an A-Plus Scholarship, a First Time Home Buyer Savings Account Award, and a B. Clark Berry Memorial Scholarship. Zachary plans to attend Missouri State University which has honored him with a Missouri State Promise Scholarship.

Rachel Barbagallo, daughter of Shane and JoAnn Barbagallo, has been awarded an A-Plus Scholarship. Rachel will attend Jefferson College.

Katie Basler, Bright Flight Scholar and the daughter of Kathie Dane, has been awarded an A-Plus Scholarship, a Presidential Scholarship to Webster University, an Opportunity Scholarship to the University of Missouri-St. Louis, and a Maurice O. Lucas Family Scholarship. Katie plans to attend the University of Missouri-St. Louis.

Kylie Bell, daughter of Jason and Julie Bell and Mark and Trish Hutson has been awarded an A-Plus Scholarship and a Maurice O. Lucas Family Scholarship. She has also received an Academic Support Center Award, an Academic Support Center Textbook Award, a Copper Dome Scholarship, and a Residence Life Leadership Award to Southeast Missouri State University where she will attend this fall.

Kelsey Benack, daughter of Jeff and Saunya Benack, has been awarded an A-Plus Scholarship and a Maurice O. Lucas Family Scholarship. Southeast Missouri State University has offered her a Copper Dome Scholarship and a Residence Life Leadership Award. Kelsey plans to attend Missouri State University which has awarded her a Board of Governors Scholarship.

Bradley Berrey has enlisted in the United States Army. Brad is the son of Kevin and Mindy Thomas and Bradley and Melone Berrey. He will be reporting to Fort Jackson, South Carolina.

Noah Blair, son of Jeff and Melissa Blair, has been awarded an A-Plus Scholarship. Noah plans to attend Jefferson College.

David Blanchard is the grandson of George and Shirley Hawk. He has enlisted in the United States Army and he will be reporting to Fort Still, Oklahoma.

Carter Bowman has received an A-Plus Scholarship. Carter is the son of Craig and Nicole Fisher and Jason Bowman and he plans to attend the North American Lineman Training Center.

Kobe Branscomb has received an A-Plus Scholarship. Kobe is the son of Avery and Courtney Branscomb and he plans to attend Webster University which has awarded him an Academic Scholarship.

Abigail Bridges, daughter of Derek and Suzanne Bridges, has been awarded an A-Plus Scholarship. Abigail plans to attend Jefferson College.

Nevaeh Brooks, daughter of Don and Gina Brooks, has been awarded an A-Plus 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 Award, and an Academic Support Center Textbook Award. From Saint Louis University she was offered a SLU Billiken Scholarship. Nevaeh plans to attend Fontbonne University which has provided her with a Founders Scholarship.

Gabriel Brown, son of David and Jaime Brown, has been awarded a Maurice O. Lucas Family Scholarship, a First Time Home Buyer Savings Account Award, a VFW Voice of Democracy Scholarship, a VFW District Voice of Democracy Scholarship, and an A-Plus Scholarship. Gabriel plans to attend Missouri University of Science & Technology where he has received a Missouri Miner Scholarship and a University Scholarship.

Dawson Bruno has received an A-Plus Scholarship. Dawson is the son of Douglas Bruno and Mona Vuichard and he plans to enlist in the Armed Forces.

Gracie Burkard, daughter of Anthony and Katie Burkard, has been awarded an A-Plus Scholarship, an Emma Jane Vance Memorial Scholarship, and a Ronald Charles & Rodger Neal Herrington Memorial Scholarship. Gracie plans to attend Mineral Area College which has provided her with an Athletic Scholarship.

McKenzie Callahan will be attending Mineral Area College. She is the daughter of Justin Callahan and Jayson and Misty Barnes. McKenzie has been awarded an A-Plus Scholarship.

Kaitlyn Casey, daughter of Randy and Sherri Casey, has been awarded an A-Plus Scholarship and a B. Clark Berry Memorial Scholarship. Kaitlyn plans to attend Jefferson College.

Dallas Cawvey, daughter of Patrick and Rhonda Cawvey, has been awarded an A-Plus Scholarship, a Follett Bookstore Scholarship to Jefferson College, and a Maurice O. Lucas Family Scholarship. Dallas plans to attend Jefferson College.

Trenton Childress, Bright Flight Scholar and the son of David and Mary Louise Childress, has been awarded a Chancellors Award to the University of Missouri, a Ralph B. Tynes Scholarship, and both a Trustees Scholarship and University Scholarship to Missouri University of Science & Technology where he will attend this fall.

Mario Coffee has received an American Welding Society Scholarship. Mario plans to attend Jefferson College and he is the son of Mario Coffee and Carey Coffee.

Drew Collins, son of Mark and Lora Collins, has been awarded an A-Plus Scholarship, a Maurice O. Lucas Family Scholarship, a Tammy Fadler Embrace Your Dream Scholarship, a Honors "Top 10" Scholarship to Jefferson College, a Festus Missouri State Teachers' Association Scholarship, and a Kimberly Showmaker-Allen Memorial Scholarship. Drew plans to attend Jefferson College.

Rachel Cooper, daughter of Kenny and Patti Cooper, has been awarded an A-Plus Scholarship, a Maurice O. Lucas Family Scholarship, and both a Trustees Scholarship and a University Scholarship to Missouri University of Science & Technology where she will attend this fall.

Jacob Cortez has received an A-Plus Scholarship. Jacob is the son of Matt Primo and Rachel Davis and he plans to attend Jefferson College.

Isaac Dace has enlisted in the United States Army. He is the son of Jason Dace and Alisa Martin and he will be reporting to Fort Benning, Georgia.

Madeline DeClue, daughter of Donald DeClue and Michael and Kelly Ifland, has been awarded a Vice Presidential Scholarship and a Campus Housing Award both to Saint Louis University, a First Time Home Buyer Savings Account Award, and she has also received a Maurice O. Lucas Family Scholarship. Madeline plans to attend Saint Louis University.

Noah Dixon has received a scholarship from the Hillsboro Community Civic Club. He is the son of Angela Bellamy and he plans to attend Jefferson College.

Anna Donaldson, daughter of Tod and Michelle Donaldson, has been awarded an A-Plus Scholarship, a Maurice O. Lucas Family Scholarship, and a Festus Football Booster Club Tiger Strong Scholarship. Anna plans to attend Mineral Area College.

Charles Ellis has received an A-Plus Scholarship. Charles is the son of Brian and Heather Ellis and he plans to attend Jefferson College.

Julia Ellis, daughter of Mike and Brenda Ellis, has been awarded an A-Plus Scholarship and both a Copper Dome Scholarship and a Residence Life Leadership Award to Southeast Missouri State University. Julia plans to attend Jefferson College.

Michael Esparza, Tommy Alexander recipient and Bright Flight Scholar, is the son of Thomas Esparza and Amanda Esparza. He has been awarded an A-Plus Scholarship, a Maurice O. Lucas Family Scholarship, a George A. Decker Memorial Scholarship, a Mid-East Missouri Contractor's Association Scholarship, a Kimberly Showmaker-Allen Memorial Scholarship, a Chapter EH PEO Music Award, a Missouri Scholarship & Loan Foundation Access Extra Scholarship, an Opportunity Knocks Scholarship (includes First Time Home Buyer Savings Account Award), and a Missouri Society of Professional Engineers-St. Louis Chapter Scholarship. He has also received a Curators Scholarship, an Excellence Scholarship, and a University Scholarship to Missouri University of Science & Technology where he plans to attend this fall.

Garrett Eubinger, son of Michael and Shannon Eubinger, has been awarded a Cougar Pride Scholarship to Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville. Garrett plans to attend Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville.

Emma Fitzgerald, daughter of Robert Toohey and Julia Thomas, has been awarded a Midwest Consortium Scholarship to Indiana State University. Emma plans to attend Jefferson College.

Erica Fletcher, daughter of Ron and Tamara Fletcher, has been awarded an Athletic Scholarship to Jefferson College, a Missy's Mission Scholarship, an A-Plus Scholarship, and a B. Clark Berry Memorial Scholarship. Erica plans to attend Jefferson College.

John Freiner has enlisted in the United States Army. He will be reporting to Fort Benning, Georgia and he is the son of Mike and Kim Fadler and John Freiner.

Tyler Gastreich, Bright Flight Scholar and the son of Mark Gastreich and Kelly Gastreich, has been awarded a Maurice O. Lucas Family Scholarship. Tyler plans to attend Missouri University of Science and Technology which has honored him with a Curators Scholarship, an Excellence Scholarship, and a University Scholarship.

Emily Geisner, daughter of John Geisner and Laura Jaquemotte, has been awarded an A-Plus Scholarship, an Emma Jane Vance Memorial Scholarship, a Festus Missouri State Teachers' Association Scholarship, a Knights of Columbus Council 10668 Scholarship, and a B. Clark Berry Memorial Scholarship. Emily plans to attend Jefferson College.

Garrison Gosling, son of Darren and Andrea Gosling, has been awarded a VFW Voice of Democracy Scholarship, a Twin Cities AMVETS Post 171 Scholarship, and an A-Plus Scholarship. Garrison plans to attend Jefferson College.

Lauren Graham, daughter of Mikel and Karen Graham, has been awarded an A-Plus Scholarship, a Maurice O. Lucas Family

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Scholarship, a Mary Katherine Memorial Nursing Scholarship, and both a Copper Dome Scholarship and a Residence Life Leadership Award to Southeast Missouri State University. She was also offered a Deans Scholarship to Missouri State University. Lauren plans to attend Northwest Florida State College.

Kristen Gulley, daughter of Christopher and Katherine Gulley, has been awarded an A-Plus Scholarship and a Maurice O. Lucas Family Scholarship. Kristen plans to attend Jefferson College.

Madeline Hahl, daughter of Jeffrey Hahl, has been awarded both a Copper Dome Scholarship and a Residence Life Leadership Award to Southeast Missouri State University. Madeline has also received an A-Plus Scholarship.

Jesica Harris, daughter of Melvin Harris and Gina Harris, has been awarded an Emma Jane Vance Memorial Scholarship, a FHS Speech & Theater Scholarship, and the Joann Thurman-Mangan Drama Scholarship. Jesica plans to attend Mineral Area College.

Justice Haught, daughter of John and Melinda Haught, has been awarded an A-Plus Scholarship. Justice plans to attend Jefferson College.

Delaney Henderson, daughter of Patrick and Tracy Henderson, has been awarded an A-Plus Scholarship, a National Association of Letter Carriers Scholarship, and an Emma Jane Vance Memorial Scholarship. Delaney plans to attend Jefferson College.

Emily Herbert has been awarded an A-Plus Scholarship. Emily is the daughter of Tim and Sherry Herbert and she plans to attend Jefferson College.

Grace Hiller, daughter of Richard and Kay-Anne Hiller, has been awarded an A-Plus Scholarship, both a Copper Dome Scholarship and a Residence Life Leadership Award to Southeast Missouri State University, a FHS Speech & Theater Scholarship, a George A. Decker Memorial Scholarship, a B. Clark Berry Memorial Scholarship, and a VFW Voice of Democracy Scholarship. Grace plans to attend Southeast Missouri State University.

Nathan Hirth, son of Kevin Hirth and Karen Hirth, has been awarded an A-Plus Scholarship. Nathan plans to attend Jefferson College.

Grace Hoffman, Bright Flight Scholar and the daughter of Tim and Cathy Hoffman, has been awarded an A-Plus Scholarship, a Presidential Scholarship to Missouri Southern State University, a Copper Dome Scholarship and a Residence Life Leadership Award to Southeast Missouri State University, an Andy Habsieger First Responders Scholarship, a Distinguished Scholar Award to Northwest Missouri State University, a Maurice O. Lucas Family Scholarship, a Cougar Pride Scholarship to Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville, a President's Scholarship to St. Louis College of Pharmacy, and a Vice President's Scholarship to Saint Louis University. Truman State University has offered her an A-Plus Recognition Scholarship, a President's Leadership Scholarship, and a TruMerit Scholarship. Grace has also been offered an Academic Merit Scholarship, an Academic Merit Non-Resident Scholarship, and a STEM Major Scholarship to the University of Mississippi. Grace plans to attend Missouri State University which has awarded her a Board of Governors Scholarship.

Caitlin Holt, Bright Flight Scholar and the daughter of Stephen and Jennifer Holt, has been awarded an A-Plus Scholarship, a Curators Award to University of Missouri Kansas City, a Maurice O. Lucas Family Scholarship, a Charles E. Thoele Scholarship, a Vice President's Scholarship to Saint Louis University, a Festus-Crystal City Elks Lodge 1721 Scholarship, a George A. Decker Memorial Scholarship, and a Kimberly Showmaker-Allen Memorial Scholarship. Caitlin plans to attend University of Missouri-Kansas City.

Abbey Horner, daughter of Danielle Horner, has been awarded a Copper Dome Scholarship and a Residence Life Leadership Award to Southeast Missouri State University, a Maurice O. Lucas Family Scholarship, the Antonio Tullock Scholarship, an A-Plus Scholarship, and a Provost Scholarship to Missouri State University. Abbey plans to attend Mineral Area College.

Madisyn House, Bright Flight Scholar and the daughter of Jim and Kristi House, has been awarded an A-Plus Scholarship, a Trustee Scholarship to Missouri Baptist University, a Twin City Area Optimist Club Essay Contest Scholarship, a Missouri Scholarship & Loan Foundation Access Extra Scholarship, a FHS Speech & Theater Scholarship, and a Maurice O. Lucas Family Scholarship. Madisyn plans to attend Missouri Baptist University.

Caleb Hyde, son of Bob Hyde and Shannon Hyde, plans to attend Missouri State University which has honored him with a Missouri State Promise Scholarship. He has also received a Maurice O. Lucas Family Scholarship and an A-Plus Scholarship.

RaShaun Hyde, son of the late Melanie Mitsdarffer and Rudolph Hyde and the grandson of Pete and Patricia Mitsdarffer, has been awarded a Festus Football Booster Club Tiger Strong Scholarship, an Andy Habsieger Memorial Football Scholarship, and an A-Plus Scholarship. RaShaun plans to attend Southeast Missouri State University.

Skylar Immekus has received a Missouri Miner Scholarship from Missouri University of Science & Technology where she will be attending this fall. Skylar is the daughter of Ronny and Lisa Immekus and the granddaughter of Harvey and Harriette Hoelscher.

Brady Jewell is the son of Scott and Heather Jewell. He has received an A-Plus Scholarship and he plans to attend Jefferson College.

Hayley Johner, the daughter of Joshua Johner and Kim Johner, has been awarded an A-Plus Scholarship. Hayley plans to attend Jefferson College.

Broxtyn Johnson, son of Matthew and Batina Johnson, has been awarded an A-Plus Scholarship, an Excellence Award to the University of Missouri, and a Maurice O. Lucas Family Scholarship. Broxtyn plans to attend Jefferson College where he has been awarded a Honors "Top 10" Scholarship.

Kailey Johnson, daughter of Mark and Tracey Johnson, has been awarded an Emma Jane Vance Memorial Scholarship, an A-Plus Scholarship, and a Murrell Godwin Memorial Scholarship. Kailey plans to attend Jefferson College.

Dylan Jones has enlisted in the United States Marines. He is the son of James Jones and Julie Zubic and he will be reporting to MCRD in San Diego, California.

Hannah Jones, daughter of the late Amanda and Scott Jones and granddaughter of Bertha and Hubert Propst, has been awarded the Festus R-6 Community Scholarship, an A-Plus Scholarship, and the Leslie Rose Govero Memorial Scholarship. Hannah plans to attend Jefferson College.

Aubrey Jordan, daughter of Tim and Carin Jordan, has been awarded an A-Plus Scholarship, a Maurice O. Lucas Family Scholarship, a University Scholarship to Northwest Missouri

State University, and both a Western A-Plus Scholarship and a Dean's Academic scholarship to Missouri Western State University. From Southeast Missouri State University she was offered a Copper Dome Scholarship, a Charles H. Daus Scholarship, and a Residence Life Leadership Award. Aubrey plans to attend Maryville University which has honored her with a Barat Scholarship.

Alyssa Kaltenbronn, Bright Flight Scholar and the daughter of Richard Kaltenbronn and Nichole Kaltenbronn, has been awarded a Presidential Scholarship to Missouri State University, both a Chancellor's Award and a CAFNR Scholarship to the University of Missouri, a Festus-Crystal City Elks Lodge 1721 Scholarship, and a Maurice O. Lucas Family Scholarship. Alyssa plans to attend the University of Missouri.

Gracey Kamer, daughter of Kevin and Tara Kamer, has been awarded an A-Plus Scholarship, a Jefferson County MNEA-Retired Scholarship, both a Copper Dome Scholarship and a Residence Life Leadership Award to Southeast Missouri State University, a Honors "Top 10" Scholarship to Jefferson College, a Festus R-6 Food Service Department Scholarship, a Festus National Education Association Scholarship, and a Maurice O. Lucas Family Scholarship. Gracey will be attending Jefferson College.

Audrey Koch, Bright Flight Scholar and daughter of Chris and Donna Koch, has been awarded an A-Plus Scholarship, a KMOX Student of Achievement Award to Southeast Missouri State University, a Board of Governors Scholarship and a Board of Governors Housing Scholarship to Missouri State University, a Vantage Credit Union Quest for Education Scholarship, a Maurice O. Lucas Family Scholarship, the Festus National Education Association Scholarship, and a Kimberly Showmaker-Allen Memorial Scholarship. Audrey plans to attend Missouri State University.

Drake Koch has been awarded an A-Plus Scholarship. Drake plans to attend Jefferson College and he is the son of Chisy Miller and Shawn and Brandy Koch.

Allison Kuykendall, daughter of Larry and Elizabeth Kuykendall, has been awarded an A-Plus Scholarship, a Provost Scholarship to Missouri State University, a Maurice O. Lucas Family Scholarship, a Festus-Crystal City Elks Lodge 1721 Scholarship, and a Kimberly Showmaker-Allen Memorial Scholarship. Allison plans to attend Missouri State University.

Hannah Lalumandier, daughter of Brian Lalumandier and Shane and Tracy Meyer, has been awarded an A-Plus Scholarship. Hannah plans to attend Jefferson College.

Grace Lassing, daughter of Donald and Laura Lassing, has been awarded a Maurice O. Lucas Family Scholarship and an A-Plus Scholarship. Grace plans to attend Missouri State University.

Sean Lewis, son of Fred and Kim Lewis, has been awarded an Emma Jane Vance Memorial Scholarship, a FHS TREND Scholarship, an A-Plus Scholarship, and an Adam & Willa McCullough Scholarship. Sean plans to attend Jefferson College.

Chloe Lexa, daughter of Thomas Eldridge and Sara Shaw, has been awarded a Bridge to Success Award, a Copper Dome Scholarship, and a Residence Life Leadership Award all to Southeast Missouri State University and a Maurice O. Lucas Family Scholarship. Chloe plans to attend Southeast Missouri State University.

Zachary Liles, son of Jeff and Tracy Liles, has been awarded a Residence Life Leadership Award to Southeast Missouri State University and an A-Plus Scholarship. Zachary plans to attend Southeast Missouri State University.

Samuel Majewski, Bright Flight Scholar and son of Michael and Jennifer Majewski, has been awarded an A-Plus Scholarship and a Dean's Scholarship to Saint Louis University where he plans to attend this fall.

Edward Martin III has earned an A-Plus Scholarship. Edward is the grandson of Ed and Debra Martin and he plans to attend Fontbonne University which has provided him with an Academic Scholarship.

Erin Martise, daughter of Dominick and Teri Martise, has been awarded an Excellence Award from the University of Missouri, an Andy Habsieger Festus Leaders Scholarship, and a Maurice O. Lucas Family Scholarship. Erin plans to attend the University of Missouri.

Maxwell McDaniel, Mister FHS, is the son of John and Amy McDaniel. He has been awarded a Presidential Scholarship and an Athletic Scholarship to Bradley University, a Maurice O. Lucas Family Scholarship, a Charles G. Berwind Foundation Scholarship, an A-Plus Scholarship, and a Don & Nancy Johnson Scholar Athlete Award. Max plans to attend Bradley University.

Cailey McFadden, daughter of Stan McFadden and Heather Maher, has been awarded an Athletic Scholarship to Mineral Area College where she plans to attend this fall.

Autumn McFarland, daughter of Todd and Sommer Farris, has been awarded the Karen Tesreau Trust Scholarship. Autumn plans to attend Mineral Area College.

Audrey McKinney, Bright Flight Scholar and daughter of David and Jessica McKinney, has been awarded an A-Plus Scholarship, an Andy Habsieger Festus Leaders Scholarship, a Vantage Credit Union Quest for Education Scholarship, a Chancellor's Award to the University of Missouri, both a Copper Dome Scholarship and a Residence Life Leadership Scholarship to Southeast Missouri State University, a Maurice O. Lucas Family Scholarship, the Mike Bingman Memorial Scholarship, the Chapter EH PEO Scholarship, a Festus-Crystal City Elks Lodge 1721 Scholarship, a Provost Scholarship to Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville, and both a Missouri Miner Scholarship and a University Scholarship to Missouri University of Science & Technology. Audrey plans to attend Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville.

Taylor Meyers, daughter of Aaron Meyers and Kim Meyers, has been awarded a Bridge to Success Award, a Copper Dome Scholarship, and a Residence Life Leadership Award all to Southeast Missouri State University and a Morris & Rosalind Golman Scholarship. Taylor plans to attend Southeast Missouri State University.

Hannah Minx, Miss FHS, is the daughter of Clint and Kim Minx. She has been awarded an A-Plus Scholarship, the FMS Inspire Scholarship, both a Pike Scholars Award and a Scholar Day Scholarship to Southwest Baptist University, and a Maurice O. Lucas Family Scholarship. Hannah plans to attend Southeast Missouri State University which has awarded her both a Copper Dome Scholarship and a Residence Life Leadership Award.

Reese Montgomery, son of Erin Montgomery and Amy Montgomery, has been awarded an A-Plus Scholarship, the Kinder Grappler Award, and both a Copper Dome Scholarship and a Residence Life Leadership Award to Southeast Missouri State University where he plans to attend this fall.

Bailey Moore, Bright Flight Scholar and daughter of Randy Moore and Sherry Moore, has been awarded an A-Plus Scholarship, a FHS National Honor Society Scholarship, a

Festus-Crystal City Elks Lodge 1721 Scholarship, an Earl Collins Foundation Scholarship, and the Weier Family Scholarship. From the University of Missouri she has received a J&A Woodward Memorial Scholarship, a Chancellor's Award, and an Ellebracht/Simon Chemistry Scholarship. Bailey was also offered a TruMerit Scholarship and an A-Plus Recognition Scholarship to Truman State University and a Trustees Scholarship to Missouri University of Science & Technology. Bailey plans to attend the University of Missouri.

Trenton Morgan has enlisted in the United States Army. He will be reporting to Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri and he is the son of Corey and Abby Morgan.

Rayna Murdock, daughter of Mathew and Terri Williams, has been awarded an A-Plus Scholarship. Rayna plans to attend Jefferson College which has awarded her both an Art Scholarship and a Music Scholarship.

Gabrielle Naeger, daughter of Scott and Cynthia Naeger, has been awarded an A-Plus Scholarship and both a Missouri Miner Scholarship and a University Scholarship to Missouri University of Science & Technology where she will attend this fall.

Claire Nelson, daughter of Matt and Tricia Nelson, has been awarded both the Byrd Family Scholarship and a Chancellor's Scholarship to the University of Missouri, an A-Plus Scholarship, and a Maurice O. Lucas Family Scholarship. Claire plans to attend the University of Missouri.

Reanne Niewoehner has received an A-Plus Scholarship and a Maurice O. Lucas Family Scholarship. Reanne plans to attend Mineral Area College and she is the daughter of Gene Niewoehner and Cathy Niewoehner.

Jenna Oetting, Bright Flight Scholar and the daughter of Todd and Karen Oetting, has been awarded a Festus-Crystal City Elks Lodge 1721 Scholarship, an A-Plus Scholarship, an Elks National Foundation Legacy Award, and a Maurice O. Lucas Family Scholarship. Jenna will be attending Mississippi State University which has honored her with a Non-Resident Scholarship, a Freshman Academic Excellence Scholarship, a Bagley College of Engineering Excellence Scholarship, and a Colvard Future Leader Scholarship.

Roslyn O'Leary, Bright Flight Scholar and the daughter of David and Dotty O'Leary, has been awarded a Panther Fund Merit Scholarship to Florida Institute of Technology, a Maurice O. Lucas Family Scholarship, a FHS Speech & Theater Scholarship, a VFW Voice of Democracy Scholarship, and from Missouri University of Science & Technology a Curators Scholarship, an Excellence Scholarship, and a University Scholarship. Roslyn will be attending Florida Institute of Technology.

Jacob Pauly, son of Jason & Marcia Novotny and Dan Pauly, has been awarded an A-Plus Scholarship and both an Athletic Scholarship and a Duchesne Scholarship to Maryville University. Jacob plans to attend Maryville University.

Allison Payne, daughter of Lee and Tracy Payne, has been awarded an A-Plus Scholarship, a VFW Voice of Democracy Scholarship, a Twin City Area Optimist Essay Contest Scholarship, an AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary Post 48 Scholarship, a Carpenter's Regional Council Scholarship, an AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary State Scholarship, a Twin Cities AMVETS Post 171 Scholarship, and a Maurice O. Lucas Family Scholarship. Allison plans to attend Truman State University which awarded her a TruMerit Scholarship, a President's Leadership Scholarship, and an A-Plus Recognition Scholarship.

Anthony Perez, son of Mike Perez and Marsha Perez, has been awarded a Maurice O. Lucas Family Scholarship and both a Missouri Miner Scholarship and a University Scholarship to Missouri University of Science & Technology. Anthony plans to attend Missouri University of Science & Technology.

Kaitlynn Prater, daughter of Becky & Pamela Taggart-Richardson and Michael & Jennifer Prater, has been awarded an A-Plus Scholarship, a FHS Student Council Scholarship, and a Maurice O. Lucas Family Scholarship. Kaitlynn plans to serve in the United States Air Force.

Charles Pratt III has received an Athletic Scholarship to Saint Louis Community College-Meramec where he will be attending this fall. Charles is the son of Charlie Pratt and Marsha Fisher and he has also received an A-Plus Scholarship.

Robert Reando has been awarded an A-Plus Scholarship. Robert will be joining the Local 513 Heavy Equipment Operator Training School and he is the son of Michelle Reando and the step-son of Frank Gusmano.

Kaitlyn Rhyneer, daughter of Justin and Rachel Rhyneer, has been awarded a Vice President's Scholarship to Saint Louis University, an A-Plus Scholarship, and a Maurice O. Lucas Family Scholarship. Kaitlyn plans to attend Saint Louis University.

Kaci Rowden, daughter of Shannon and the late Philip "Chip" Rowden, has been awarded a Maurice O. Lucas Family Scholarship and a Cole's Hope Memorial Scholarship. Kaci plans to attend Culinary Institute of America.

Cortney Rudolph has been awarded an A-Plus Scholarship. Cortney is the daughter of John and Rhonda Rudolph and she plans to attend Jefferson College.

Ryan Rudolph plans to attend Jefferson College. He is the son of Scott and Donna Rudolph and he has earned an A-Plus Scholarship.

Chase Rystrom, son of Doug & Diana Rystrom and Kristen Rystrom, has been awarded both an Athletic Scholarship and a TJ Majors Success Award to Peru State College, a B. Clark Berry Memorial Scholarship, an A-Plus Scholarship, and a Festus Football Booster Club Tiger Strong Scholarship. Chase plans to attend Peru State College.

Timothy Schult has received an A-Plus Scholarship. Tim plans to attend Jefferson College and he is the son of Robert Schult, Laura Wisdom, and Eric Martin.

Sage Sharpe, daughter of Kirk Sharpe and Lisa Sharpe, has been awarded an A-Plus Scholarship. Sage plans to attend Jefferson College.

Tori Shepherd, Bright Flight Scholar and daughter of Marcus and Lisa Shepherd, has been awarded an A-Plus Scholarship, both a Copper Dome Scholarship and a Residence Life Leadership Award to Southeast Missouri State University, the Festus-Crystal City Rotary Club Sam Shapiro Scholarship, a '23 Dean Scholarship to North Central College, a Winston S. Churchill Scholarship to Westminster College, a Brescia Trustee Scholarship to Brescia University, and a Maurice O. Lucas Family Scholarship. She was also offered an Impact Award, a Trustee Scholarship, and a WJ Distinguished Trustee Scholarship all to Coe College, a Founders Award from Creighton University, a President's Scholarship to Missouri Valley College, both a Breen Scholarship and a Hawk Fund from Rockhurst University, a National Women's Athletic Association Scholarship, and a Presidents Scholarship to St. John's College. Tori plans to attend Brigham Young University-Idaho.

Lillian Smith has earned the A-Plus Scholarship. Lillian is the daughter of James and Jessica Smith and she plans to attend Jefferson College.

Emily Stegemann, daughter of Thomas Stegemann, has been awarded a Copper Dome Scholarship and a Residence Life Leadership Award to Southeast Missouri State University. Emily plans to attend Southeast Missouri State University.

Ryan Stockham has received an A-Plus Scholarship. Ryan is the son of Kent and Theresa Stockham and he plans to attend Jefferson College.

Kaylee Swallow, daughter of Tim Swallow and Karen Schumacher, has been awarded an A-Plus Scholarship and a Morris & Rosalind Golman Scholarship. Kaylee plans to attend Jefferson College.

Alexis Thebeau, daughter of Bill and Melody Stewart and Jason and Sharon Thebeau, has been awarded an A-Plus Scholarship, both a Copper Dome Scholarship and a Residence Life Leadership Award to Southeast Missouri State University, a Tower Scholarship to Northwest Missouri State University, and a Maurice O. Lucas Family Scholarship. Alexis plans to attend Southeast Missouri State University.

Emily Thompson, daughter of Robert and Cindy Thompson, has been awarded an A-Plus Scholarship. Emily plans to attend Jefferson College.

Kaleb Thompson, son of Cameron and Liz Hartman, has been awarded a Gorlock Blue Award to Webster University where he will be attending this fall.

Kiara Trask has been honored with an A-Plus Scholarship. Kiara plans to attend Jefferson College and she is the daughter of Meagan Trask, Corey Parks, and Colin Shores.

Madison Voelpel, the daughter of Duane and Carrie Voelpel, has been awarded a Stunt Team Scholarship and a Duchesne Scholarship both to Maryville University and a Maurice O. Lucas Family Scholarship. Madison plans to attend Maryville University.

Morgan Wagner, daughter of Anthony Wagner & Bonnie Farrar and Melissa Schleifer & Michael Kehoe has been awarded an Academic Excellence Scholarship to Northwest Missouri State University, a President's Academic Scholarship to Missouri Western State University, and both a University Housing Scholarship and an Academic Scholarship to Southern Illinois University-Carbondale where she will attend this fall.

Gavin Weber has been awarded the Canepa Family Scholarship. Gavin is the son of Joe and Hannah Ellis.

Brendan Wehlermann, son of Brad Wehlermann and Kim Wehlermann has been awarded an A-Plus Scholarship. Brendan plans to attend Jefferson College.

Madelyn Welsh, Bright Flight Scholar and National Merit Semifinalist, is the daughter of Brad and Tasha Welsh. She has been awarded an A-Plus Scholarship, an Andy Habsieger Festus Leaders Scholarship, an Andy Habsieger Leadership Scholarship, a Festus R-6 Food Service Department Scholarship, and a Maurice O. Lucas Family Scholarship. Madelyn plans to attend The University of Missouri which awarded her a scholarship for her National Merit Semifinalist achievement.

Madelyn Wenzelburger, daughter of Matt Wenzelburger and Rhonda Orsega, has been awarded an Excellence Award to University of Missouri, a Trustee's Scholarship to Westminster College, and a Festus-Crystal City Elks Lodge 1721 Scholarship. Madelyn plans to attend Mineral Area College.

Claire Werner, daughter of Kurt and Julia Werner, has been awarded an A-Plus Scholarship, a National Women's Athletic Association Scholarship, a Board of Governors Scholarship to Missouri State University, and a Maurice O. Lucas Family Scholarship. Claire plans to attend Missouri State University.

Hayley Westhoff, daughter of Doug and Melissa Westhoff, has been awarded an A-Plus Scholarship and a Maurice O. Lucas Family Scholarship. Hayley plans to attend Missouri State University which has honored her with an A+ Recognition Scholarship.

Ryan Westhoff, son of Doug and Melissa Westhoff, has been awarded an A-Plus Scholarship. Ryan plans to attend Jefferson College.

Madeline Westmoreland, daughter of Mark and Annie Westmoreland, has been awarded an A-Plus Scholarship. Madeline plans to attend Jefferson College.

Alec Whitener, son of Chris and Missy Whitener, has been awarded an A-Plus Scholarship, both a Western A-Plus Scholarship and a President's Academic Scholarship to Missouri Western State University, both a Copper Dome Scholarship and Residence Life Leadership Award to Southeast Missouri State University, an Andy Habsieger Festus Leaders Scholarship, an Opportunity Knocks Scholarship (includes First Time Home Buyer Savings Account Award), a VFW Voice of Democracy Scholarship, and a Maurice O. Lucas Family Scholarship. Alec plans to attend Hannibal La-Grange University which has honored him with an Athletic Scholarship, a Scholar's Award, and a Trustee's Academic Award.

Melissa Wolk, daughter of Mike and Lori Wolk, has been awarded an A-Plus Scholarship, a Curators Scholar Award to the University of Missouri, a Maurice O. Lucas Family Scholarship, a Festus-Crystal City Elks Lodge 1721 Scholarship, a National Women's Athletic Association Scholarship, and a Kimberly Showmaker-Allen Memorial Scholarship. From Truman State University she was offered an A-Plus Recognition Scholarship, a President's Honorary Scholarship and a TruMerit Scholarship. Melissa plans to attend Missouri State University which has honored her with a Board of Governors Scholarship.

James Wood, son of Rob and Stephanie Bliven and Jim Wood, has been awarded an A-Plus Scholarship, both an Athletic Scholarship and an Academic Scholarship to Lindenwood University, a Lieutenant Kent M. Kiepe Scholarship, the Miss Sue Scholarship, an Andy Habsieger Leadership Scholarship, and a Kimberly Showmaker-Allen Memorial Scholarship. James plans to attend Lindenwood University.

Pierce Wynn has enlisted in the United States Army Reserves. He is the son of Jeff and Abby Wynn and he will be reporting to Fort Still, Oklahoma.

Trinity Yeaman, daughter of Charles and Autumn Johnson and Mike and Corriene Yeaman, has been awarded an A-Plus Scholarship. Trinity plans to attend Jefferson College.

Audra Youmans, Bright Flight Scholar and daughter of Jim and Mary Youmans, has been awarded a Presidential Scholarship to Missouri Southern State University, a FHS Student Council Scholarship, a Vice Presidential Scholarship and a Presidential Finalist Scholarship to Saint Louis University, a George A. Decker Memorial Scholarship, an A-Plus Scholarship, and a Maurice O. Lucas Family Scholarship. Audra plans to attend Saint Louis University.

Madelyn Zych, daughter of Steven and Kirstie Zych, has been awarded an A-Plus Scholarship. Madelyn plans to attend Jefferson College.

FESTUS HIGH SCHOOL



Tommy Alexander Award

The Tommy Alexander Award is the most prestigious honor given to a Festus graduate. The Alexander family has provided the award since 1946. It is named in honor of Tommy Alexander, a 1942 Festus graduate who died in World War II. The award is based on scholarship, leadership, loyalty, character and friendliness. The FHS faculty selects the honoree. The 2019 award goes to *Michael Esparza*.

Mr. & Miss FHS

Chosen as Mr. & Miss FHS for the Class of 2019 are:

Max McDaniel & Hanna Minx.



Class of 2019 Honor Graduates



Festus High School graduated 29 students with Summa Cum Laude (with Highest Honor) distinction. Students must have a cumulative GPA of 4.00 or above. **First row (left to right):** Kristen Gulley, Tyler Gastreich, Audra Youmans, Kelsey Benack, Rachel Cooper. **Second row:** Audrey Koch, Grace Hoffman, Kaitlynn Prater, Kaitlyn Rhyneer, Bailey Moore, Alyssa Kaltenbronn, Erin Martise. **Third row:** Allison Kuykendall, Claire Werner, Melissa Wolk, Madelyn Welsh, Hannah Minx, Gracey Kamer, Michael Esparza, Roslyn O'Leary. **Fourth row:** Tori Shepherd, Jenna Oetting, Katie Basler, Caitlin Holt, Grace Hiller. **Fifth row:** Trenton Childress, Alec Whitener, Madeline DeClue, Madisyn House.

Festus High School graduated 29 students with Magna Cum Laude (with Great Honor) distinction. Students must have a cumulative GPA between 3.667 and 3.999. **First row:** Caleb Hyde, Kaia Atkisson, James Wood, Rachel Barbagallo, Claire Nelson, Madeline Westmoreland. **Second row:** Zachary Baisch, Hayley Westhoff, Anna Donaldson, Nevaeh Brooks, Alyssa Pearl. **Third row:** Lauren Graham, Madalyn Wenzelburger, Abbey Horner, Reanne Niewoehner, Kylie Bell, Drew Collins. **Fourth row:** Kaci Rowden, Anthony Perez, Broxtyn Johnson, Audrey McKinney, Pierce Wynn. **Fifth row:** Maxwell McDaniel, Emily Stegemann, Allison Payne, Garrett Eubinger, Gabriel Brown (not pictured: Julia Ellis, Gabrielle Naeger).



FESTUS HIGH SCHOOL

Class of 2019 Honor Graduates



Festus High School graduated 14 students with Cum Laude (with Honor) distinction. Students must have a cumulative GPA between 3.500 and 3.666. **First row:** Corteney Rudolph, Kaylee Swallow, Madison Voelpel, Kaitlyn Casey, Madelyn Zych, Aubrey Jordan, Skylar Immekus. **Second row:** Trinity Yeaman, Taylor Meyers, Sage Sharpe, Alexis Thebeau, Ashton Andrews, Morgan Wagner.

Bright Flight Recipients



The Class of 2019 has a record-setting 17 Bright Flight Scholars. They are: **Back row:** Michael Esparza, Audrey McKinney, Katie Basler, Trenton Childress, Tyler Gastreich, Caitlin Holt, Samuel Majewski, Madelyn Welsh, Jenna Oetting, Bailey Moore. **Front row:** Roslyn O'Leary, Tori Shepherd, Alyssa Kaltenbronn, Grace Hoffman, Madisyn House, Audrey Koch, Audra Youmans.

SPORTS ACTIVITIES



2019 Varsity Girls Soccer

Row 1 (Left to Right): Lexi Little, Kayla McCummiskey, Emily Holt, Lillie Williams.
Row 2: Maddie DeClue, Lillian Brickhause, Hayley Hodges, Payton Kaikkonen, Claire Werner, Alayna Erxleben, Lily Knickman, Jaiden Sells.

Row 3: Gretchen Burkard, Emma Horsley, Coach Matt Uskiwich, MacKenzie Warfel, Coach Drew Clinton, Sam Helbrueck, Lindsey Mills.

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2019 Varsity Baseball Team

Row 1 (Left to Right): Dominic Nolfo, Connor Wilkinson, Jacob Folk, Wyatt Daugherty, and Collin Reando
Row 2: Nolan Stafford, Cole Wagner
Row 3: Charlie Pratt, Ryan Reando, Kobe Branscomb, Zach Liles, Eddie Martin, Zach Baisch, Caleb Hyde
Coaches - back row: Barry Stafford, Varsity Assistant; Tyler Almany, Volunteer Assistant; Jeff Montgomery, Head Coach



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2019 Golf Team

Row 1 (Left to Right): Ben Boyer, Evan House, Isaac Stucke, Cole Rickermann, Coleman Hudson, Ben Oppelz.
Row 2: Jaxon McFarland, Nathan Bohn, Michael Rauls, Judson Holland, Grant Flotron, Andrew Henson.
Row 3): Claire Nelson, Shawn Zych, Collin Weinhaus, Coach Koch, Morgan Green, Jackson Hutson, Austin Neff.



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SPORTS ACTIVITIES



2019 Boys Track
2nd Place - State

Row 1 (Left to Right): Austin Anderson, Trenton Childress, Max McDaniel, Jaylan Waston, Jacob Pauly, Garrett Eubringer, Nick St. John.
Row 2: Johnny McDowell, Thomas Meszcowski, Aquille Mohammed, Reese Montgomery, Austin Coale, Simon Ogle.
Row 3: Anthony Pittman, Ethan James, Lucas Smith, Jordan Meszcowski, Kaleb Thompson, Jonah Krieg, Gage Marmonti.
Row 4: Layne Teddleton, Cayse Martin, Aidan Grant, Alec Whitener.
Row 5: Terrain Casey, Russell Fadler, Luke Dudgeon, Daylen Wagoner, Caden Glaze.
Row 6: Peyton Willis, Nathan Wolk, Jacob Meyer, Ryan Harness, Donovan Parson, Joshua Thornborrow.
Row 7: Caden Wade, Connor Hartman, William Carter, Brock Lambert, Luke Greenstreet.
Row 8: Peyton Kirby, Dominick Kayser, Garrett Rhine, Collin Smith, Dalten Yates, Brynen Johnson.
Row 9: Jack Robinson.

State Champions - Max McDaniel - 1600M, 3200M
3200 Relay Team: Max McDaniel, Dominick Kayser, Simon Ogle, Jonah Krieg.

2019 Girls Track



Row 1 (Left to Right): Hannah Warfel, Allison Faerber, Yasmine Schaaf, Kaylee Hogan, Sophia Leftwich, Bailey Moore, Kristen Otte, Bria Garmon, Taylor McMillin, Evy Workman, Kaite Prater, Demi White, Emma Harris, Sophie Nolen, Courtney Fadler.
Row 2: Alexis Freant, Natalie Mazur, Kenzie Yates, Kinsey Benack, Maddie Welsh, Maddie Dearing, Jessica Hebenstreit, McKenna Rhine, Allison Payne,

Marisah Datillo.
Row 3: Tristan Foulk, Blair Baumer, Erika McIntyre, Molly McDaniel, Alexa Sumpter, Riley Gross, Olivia McIntyre, Izzy Spicer, Abby McMillin, Trinity Langdon, Abby Williams, Ava McKinney, Abby Rickermann, Jenna Oetting, Hannah Templeton, Lydia Henderson, My'Kaila Batee, Kirsten Klein



2019
Tennis Team

Row 1 (L to R): Erica Fletcher, Kaidyn Stanfill, Makenzie McJunkins, Kamaryn Stanfill.
Row 2: Daxton Burgett, McKenna Hendeson, Annie Albrecht, Gabe Brown, Michael Esparza, Julia Meyers, Paige Wilkinson, Carter Bowman.
Row 3: Coach Tom Thomas, Max Richardson, Kenzie Welsh, Cletus Pippin, Broxtyn Johnson, Sean Lewis, James Wright, Ryan Esparza, Bradley Berrey, Mackenzie Pettus, Julia Bowman, Coach Angie Tinnin.

Festus R-6 School District August 2019 - May 2029 Calendar of Events

July 30-Aug. 1	New Teacher Orientation
Aug. 12-14	Teacher Work Days
Aug. 15	First Day of School
Aug. 30	No School/Teacher PD
Sept. 2	Labor Day – No School
Oct. 16	End of 1st quarter (43 days)
Oct. 25	No School/Teacher PD
Nov. 1	No School
Nov. 27-29	Thanksgiving Break – No School
Dec. 20	End of 2nd quarter (42 days) Early Dismissal
Dec. 23-Jan. 3	No School
Jan. 3	Teacher Flex Day
Jan. 6	Classes Resume
Jan. 20	No School - Martin Luther King Day
Feb. 14	No School - Teacher PD
Feb. 15	No School - Presidents Day State of the County @ FHS
March 11	End of 3rd quarter (45 days)
March 19	No School - Teacher PD
March 20-23	No School
April 10	No School
April 13	No School (Possible weather make up day)
May 15	End of 4th quarter (42 days) Last day of school (is no snow days) Early Dismissal

Quarter ending dates and parent/teacher conferences dates are subject to change. Dismissals for unexpected circumstances will be made up in the following order: May 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, April 13, May 26, 27, 28, 29. If May 329th is the last student attendance day, teacher work days will be June 1st and 2nd. Final exams are slated the last two attendance days of each semester at the high school.

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

2019 Summer Camps

All camps are \$30.00

Wrestling Camp: Dates: June 10, 11, 12, 13
When: 5:30 P.M. to 8:00 P.M.
Location: Festus High School
Grades: 8th-12th

Boys Basketball Camp: Dates: July 1st-3rd
When: 9:00am – 10:30am 4th- 6th grade
6:00pm to 8:00pm 7th – 12th grade Location: High School Gym

Festus Football Camp Dates: July 15th-26th When: 8:00 A.M. to 10:30 A.M.—9th-12th When: 6:00 P.M. to 8:30 P.M.—7-8th Location: Field Turf/Practice Field Grades: 7th-12th Grades	7 on 7 Dates: TBD When: 6:00-8:00 p.m. Location: Field Turf Grades: 9th-12th Grades
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Girls/Boys Cross Country Camp: Dates: June 24th-27th
When: 7:15 P.M. to 8:30 P.M. Location: West City Park
Grades: 7th to 12th Grades Only

Girls/Boys Cross Country Camp: Dates: July 8th-12th
When: 8:00 A.M. to TBA
Location: Joe Bill Dixon Wilderness Camp (West Plains)
Grades: 9th to 12th Grades Only

Girls Softball Camp: Dates: July 8th-11th
When: 8:00 A.M. to 10:30 A.M. Location: Sunset Park
Grades: 9th to 12th Grade Only

Girls Softball Camp: Dates: July 15th-16th
When: 8:00 A.M. to 10:30 A.M. Location: Sunset Park
Grades: 3rd to 8th Grade Only

Girls Volleyball Camp: Dates: July 15th-17th
When: 9:00 A.M. to 11:30 A.M. (9-12)
When: 3:30 P.M. to 5:30 P.M. (7-8) Location: High School Gym
Grades: 9th to 12th Grade

Band/Color Guard Camp:
Dates: July 29th-July 31st (Drumline and Color Guard)
August 1 - 2nd and August 5th-8th (Full Band)
When: 8:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M. Location: High School Practice Field
Grades: 9th to 12th Grade Only

DEAD WEEK:
August 3rd – August 11th —Sports
June 29th -July 7 - Activities

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