



FESTUS



A Step Ahead



June 2023

Festus Athletes Compete at Special Olympics



The Festus representation at the Special Olympics Track & Field meet.

The annual Special Olympics Track and Field event at De Soto High School is easily one of the favorite days for students, teachers and staff in the Festus R-VI School District. This year, approximately 20 students participated in the event on April 18 at De Soto High School. Students in grades Kindergarten through 12th grade took part in two events each. They were the standing long jump, the running long jump, the 100m dash, the 200m dash, the softball throw, the javelin and the 4x400m relay. High school “buddies” accompanied the athletes from event to event. To a person, everyone involved says the joy on the faces of the athletes as they compete is what the Special Olympics is all about.



Pictured Left: Carter Counts leads the Festus athletes and their buddies around the track. He is accompanied by his buddy Karleigh Bayer.



Pictured Left: Preston Herr takes his turn at the softball toss.



(from left to right): Crystal Ngyuen (buddy), Paul White (athlete), Garrett Burgan (athlete), Josie Allen (buddy) and Gehrig Kearns (athlete) run the 100 yard dash

Letter from our Board President

Dear Patrons,

Another successful school year is behind us. Summer school is well underway. It runs until June 29. Before you know it, we will be welcoming students back to school for the 2023-2024 school year. But there is still a lot to be done before that can happen. Work continues on the renovation of the Early Childhood Center. It will be ready to welcome students in August. At the elementary school, work continues on asbestos abatement and renovations of classrooms. This has been an ongoing project for many years.

If you missed the news, the District has been awarded a \$350,000 grant from the State of Missouri to enhance safety and security around campus. Work on this has already begun. The District will install bullet-resistant safety film on all exterior doors. Improved security cameras will be purchased and installed in all attendance centers. New equipment will be purchased for our School Resource Officers to use in case of an emergency, additional emergency medical bags will be placed in all schools, and SRO's and staff will receive additional training. The safety and security of our students and staff is our top priority and it is one that the Festus R-VI School Board takes seriously. We are tremendously excited for the improvements that will be made and grateful to the state for making the money available.

On behalf of the entire Festus R-VI School Board and the District, I hope you have a wonderful summer. We will see you again in August.



Educationally,

Doug Wendel

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President

Festus R-VI Board of Education

Festus Scores Well In State Annual Performance Report page 2

The Festus R-VI School District scored a 90.2% in the Annual Performance Report (APR) released by the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE). That is among the top 10% of all public and charter schools in the state of Missouri. This is the first year of Missouri's sixth update to the statewide school improvement plan called MSIP 6. Scores released this spring were based on student achievement tests taken in the spring of 2022. For various reasons, this is the first APR score schools have received since 2018. However, because the 2023 scores are based on different criteria, it is not possible to accurately or fairly compare the 2023 score to the score received in 2018. For the 2023 APR, the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education awarded schools points based on different criteria: test scores, student growth, student readiness for college or the workforce, student attendance, graduation rate, the presence of a student academic plan, and the presence of a comprehensive school improvement plan among others. The Festus R-VI School District received 162.4 out of a possible 180 points, or 90.2%. The 2023 APR scores are being used as a baseline for measuring school performance. In future years, APR will be used to determine a school's accreditation. Based on a score of 90.2%, the Festus R-VI School District would maintain full accreditation.

The Cook's Kitchen



Brooklyn Ragsdale
Food Service Director

Summer is here! The Festus Food Service Department is offering breakfast and lunch every day during summer school. Breakfast price for K-12 is \$1.35 and lunch price for K-12 is \$2.70. If you have not filled out a free and reduced form this year, I urge you to do so. Forms are available online or call the Food Service office to have one mailed/emailed to you. No matter your income, please do not hesitate to apply. Forms can be turned in by students or parents or they can be emailed to ragsdalebrooklyn@festusedu.com. If you have any questions, please contact the Food Service office at 636-937-7747. Have a fun and safe summer!

Maintenance Check



Tom Stegemann
Maintenance Director

Open houses begin on August 15th. As this date rapidly approaches we are working hard to get everything ready for the upcoming school year. From the end of the school year, until open house we have around 440 hours to accomplish everything. A few examples of the work being done by the Maintenance and Custodial department include: surface wax and clean approximately 445,515 sq ft of flooring and space, servicing 310 pieces of mechanical equipment, HVAC, freezers, coolers, ice machines, water fountains, hot water boilers and water heaters and inspect and test all emergency lighting and fire alarms and doors. Construction projects happening this summer are: renovations to 6 Elementary classrooms providing public utilities to our Transportation Department. Our Facility use calendar will be open to schedule events for the upcoming school year beginning July 1st. Scheduling information can be found on our district website or by contacting Lisa Datillo at 636-638-2008. Since August 1st we have completed 1301 work requests.

Student Services



Cara Pellerin
Director of Student Services

Summer is finally here! While summer is a great time to relax and have fun, it is also important for students to avoid the summer learning loss or "summer slide." Just a half hour a day can help keep students from regressing academically over the summer.

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

1. Read, read, read! Encourage your child to read a little every day!
2. Listen to an audio book in the car when traveling.
3. Have your child/children keep a writing/drawing journal of fun activities.
4. Have your child/children help you bake or cook meals. They can practice their math and their reading skills!
5. Have them write the grocery list.
6. Get involved in the summer reading program with the Festus Public Library.
7. Schedule time throughout the day to review learned skills from the previous year (example: sight-words, math facts, etc.)
8. Use a variety of hands-on activities to practice learned skills such as chalk on the driveway or washable bathroom markers in the bathtub.
9. Do activities that are hands-on such as science experiments or art projects.

It is important that children stay academically engaged throughout the summer while also allowing them to enjoy their summer break! Summer can allow the flexibility for your child to learn through creative activities outside of the classroom and avoid the "summer slide."

Counselor's Corner



In March 2021, the counseling department was asked to present to the school board regarding the needs of our students and the future of the counseling department. In the last several years, the rise in mental health needs of students has received a great deal of attention from politicians, media, and the public. In addition to the mental health needs of our students, we have also continued to have increased enrollment in our district. As the student to counselor ratio grows, we are not able to meet the needs of our students at the high standard we have set for our district.

During our board presentation, we explained why a fully staffed counseling department would benefit all students. We are so grateful for our school board's willingness to continue to add school counselors. We added an elementary school counselor and middle school counselor for the 21-22 school year. We are so pleased to announce that we will be adding another high school counselor for the 23-24 school year. The current student to counselor ratio at the high school is approximately 360 to 1. The addition of this counselor will lower that ratio to approximately 265 to 1, which is more closely aligned to the Missouri School Counselor Association/American School Counselor Association model for a fully implemented Comprehensive School Counseling Program. This will allow us to create more meaningful relationships with all of our students and better assist them in their individual student planning and career development as they transition to their life after high school.

A Step Ahead Editors



Seniors Lily Walker (left) and Josie Allen (right) have been the student editors of the A Step Ahead newspaper. They take articles and pictures that are submitted for the paper and put them in the format you see here.

Early Childhood Program

The Festus R-VI School Districts Tiny Tigers Academy is set to open in August. The program will offer half day sessions Monday-Thursday and follow the Festus R-VI School District calendar. The AM session will be 8:30-11:30 and the PM session will be 12:30-3:30. At this time there are no full day options available. Over the next 2-3 years the program will continue to grow and expand. The Early Childhood Program will serve district resident preschool children who are at least three years of age on or before July 31, 2023. We are excited to introduce our Tiny Tigers Academy teachers; Ms. Renae Hampton, Mrs. Tayler Huffman, Mrs. Stephanie Hudson, Mrs. Donna Myers, Mrs. Amanda Rose, and Ms. Christina Williams. Additionally, Olivia Richardson will be one of our Speech-Language Pathologists. All of our early childhood teachers are dually certified for both early childhood and early childhood special education. In addition to classroom teachers, each classroom will have a paraprofessional in the room. All of the teachers are excited to start this program and look forward to meeting their students in August!

Important Dates:

August 8, 2023-Ribbon Cutting/Grand Opening from 6-8 p.m.

August 15, 2023-Open House

AM Session: 4:30-5:30

PM Session: 6:00-7:00

August 21, 2023-First Day of School

Any student who did not receive a spot for the 2023-2024 school year will remain on the waitlist for any potential openings throughout the year or until they are kindergarten eligible. Upon acceptance into the program, parents will need to complete online registration that will be sent through email. For any questions, please contact our Early Childhood Director, Dr. Samantha Mouser, at 636-465-0395 or by email at mousersamantha@festusedu.com



Dr. Samantha Mouser
Early Childhood Education Coordinator



Olivia Richardson



Renae Hampton



Donna Meyers



Tayler Huffman



Stephanie Hudson



Christina Williams



Amanda Rose

The Nurse's Office



Lindsey Roth, RN
Coordinator of Staff & Student Wellness

I hope you all are enjoying your summer so far! Summertime presents a great opportunity to get caught up on overdue wellness screenings and get a jump start on required paperwork for next school year. Here are a few important items to consider as you make plans for the summer months.

SUMMER WELL-CHILD CHECKS

Summer is a great time to catch up on annual check-ups. Well-child checks are important opportunities for your pediatrician to assess your child's growth and development. You are able to discuss any concerns you may have and ensure that appropriate milestones are being met. These appointments are also the perfect time to make sure all required vaccines have been administered and your child is ready for the upcoming school year.

VISION SCREENINGS

The learning environment of the 21st century requires that all students have adequate vision for computer use, reading, reading comprehension, writing, homework, examinations, and all other aspects of learning. Regular and comprehensive eye exams are crucial for detecting vision problems and essential in facilitating a student's academic success. Comprehensive and regular eye exams are the only effective measure of ocular and visual health. When vision problems are not detected in childhood, they can significantly affect a person throughout their whole life. If you have any concerns regarding your child's vision or their academic performance, it is vital that you schedule an appointment with an eye doctor even if your child has 'passed' a school vision screening.

MEDICATIONS

Remember that new 'Medication Disbursement Authorization' forms are needed every school year for medications taken at school, including inhalers.

Please be sure all prescriptions are up-to-date and the medication has a valid prescription label. You can find the consent form on our district website.

EMERGENCY ACTION PLANS

Emergency Action Plans also need to be updated yearly. Emergency Action Plans are required for anyone diagnosed with asthma, seizures, or severe allergies that have emergency medication at school. Emergency Action Plans need to be completed and signed by your child's physician and turned in to the Health Room at your child's school. Blank Emergency Action Plans can be found on our district website.

IMMUNIZATIONS

Missouri State law requires that your students have the appropriate immunizations to attend school. If you choose not to have your child immunized, or their medical condition requires that they cannot be immunized, parents need to go to the Health Department or to their personal physician to have an exemption card completed and provide the card to the school nurse. If you have health insurance that covers vaccines, please set up an appointment with your child's doctor's office. If you have Medicaid or no insurance coverage for vaccines, you may receive immunizations at little or no cost through the Jefferson County Health Department. For further information on receiving immunizations from the Jefferson County Health Department, please contact them at 636-797-3737. You can find the 2023-2024 Missouri School Immunization Requirements on our website.

I hope you enjoy the rest of the summer with your family and friends. Wear sunscreen, keep well hydrated, and stay safe. See you in August!



Josh Bauman
Director of Technology

Tech Talk

Summer is one of the busiest times of the year for the Technology Department. Typically this is the time of year that we can implement projects that cause network outages that cannot take place during the regular school year. This summer will be no different.

The biggest project this summer will be the installation of new Fiber Optic backbones from our Data Center to each building. The existing fiber optic lines were installed just over 20 years ago, and have well surpassed their normal lifespan. The new fiber optic lines will support speeds up to 10 gig between our buildings, an upgrade over the 1gig speed of our current connections. This work will be completed by LinkData out of O'Fallon, MO. The total cost of the fiber project is \$81,596, and is eligible for 60% reimbursement from the Federal E-Rate Program.

The E-Rate Program is managed by the FCC, and they allocate money to schools based on their "Free and Reduced Lunch" ratios. Based on our current "Free and Reduced Lunch Rate" we are eligible for a 60% discount on hardware and installation costs. This is one of the many reasons why it is important that all families fill out the "Free and Reduced Lunch" paperwork at the start of each school year. If our rate drops our eligible discount rate could also drop.

Festus Elementary School 3rd Graders Get Excited for the MAP Test

Festus 3rd graders got prepared to take the MAP test with a pep talk and parade through school on Friday, April 21. It's tradition, on the Friday before MAP testing begins, for Dr. Siefert to give the 3rd graders a little pep talk. This is after all, the first time they will be taking the state standardized test. After the words of encouragement and a fun video put together by teacher Mr. Kyle Allen, the students paraded through school to chants of "3rd grade." Third graders took the MAP test from April 24 - May 5



Pictured Left: Dr. Siefert gives the 3rd graders a pep talk before their parade through school.



Mrs. Hudson's class walked through the hall. (Gray shirt-Breanne Tarbet (gray shirt), Kaylee Bidlack (white shirt) & Karlee Love (black shirt), students in Mrs. Hudson's 3rd grade class walked through the halls



Landon Radosh (blue shirt) a student in Mrs. Shaw's 1st grade class gives the 3rd graders high fives. Ashlynn Booker (right) cheers them on.

Kindergarten Students Promoted to 1st Grade

On Tuesday, May 23, 254 kindergarten students received their promotion to 1st grade. The Kindergarten classes held two promotion ceremonies in the Festus R-VI Performing Arts Center. Each student has his or her name called and they got the chance to walk across the stage to receive their promotion certificate from Superintendent Dr. Nicki Ruess. Principal Dr. Darin Siefert had some good advice for the students and their parents, then the newly promoted first graders performed a song for parents, family and friends.



Emmalin Clark reaches out to shake Dr. Ruess's hand and receive her certificate



Greyson Waters received his promotion certificate from Dr. Ruess

Kindergarten Kickoff A Huge Success

More than 100 incoming Kindergarten students and their families attended the annual Kindergarten Kickoff on May 2. The soon-to-be Tigers got to meet the teachers, sit on a bus, play on the playground, make some crafts and play games. Kindergarten Kickoff gives students and parents a chance to get acquainted with the school before summer school.



Students get a chance to look inside the school bus



Students create a craft to take home with them



Students play on the playground as their parents watch.

Students in 4th, 5th and 6th grade received gold or silver medals for their performance on the MAP test last year. On Friday, April 21, students who scored proficient on their test got a silver medal, and advanced scorers received a gold medal. Medals were awarded in each subject area tested, ELA, Math and Science. The students' teachers from last year gave them their medals. MAP medals are awarded in the days leading up to the start of the MAP test as an incentive to do well this year. Intermediate school students took the MAP test from April 25 - May 12.



4th grader Aveon Gardner gets his MAP medal from his 3rd grade teacher Mrs. Batina Johnson



5th grade Macey White gets her MAP medal from her 4th grade teacher Mrs. Christina Moonier.



6th grader Tyler Singleton receives his MAP medal from his 5th grade teacher Mrs. Hilary Cox.



Intermediate School Students Celebrate the End of the School Year

The intermediate school PTO helped students celebrate the end of the school year. They hosted a carnival in mid-May for all students. Each grade got to spend nearly an hour playing on inflatable slides and obstacle courses in the gym, games in the parking lot or getting the chance to dump water on a teacher. Snow cones were also available. This is an annual tradition that students look forward to each year.

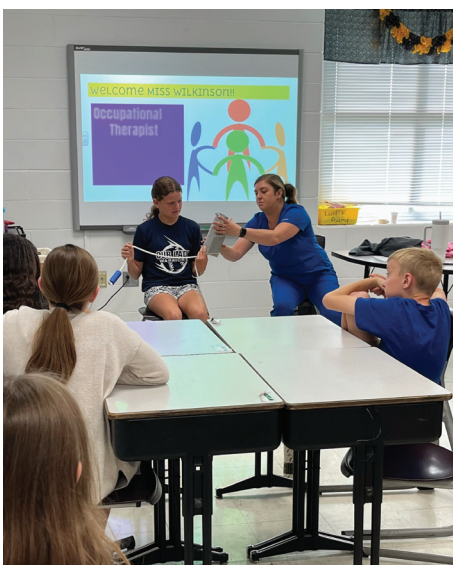


Zoey Hoffman slides down the big inflatable slide in the gym.

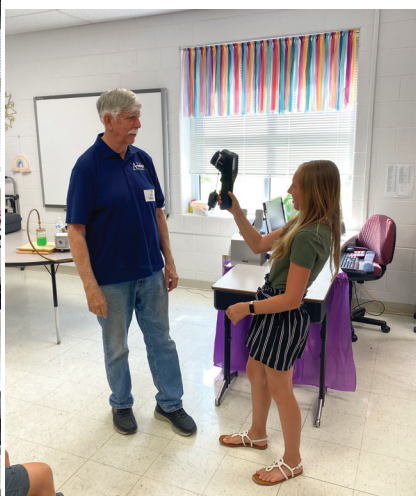
5th Graders Learn About Different Careers



Presenters from various fields spoke to the 5th grade students during Career Day on May 23 to share information about their workplace, their job, and the education and skills that are required for success in their career. Presenters included a realtor, firefighter/paramedic/ HVAC expert, former teacher, occupational therapist, animal control officers, salon owner, and small business owner. Along with being introduced to various careers, the students were left with the following pieces of advice: Choose a career you find happiness in and as Pam Taylor stated, in any career, "Sometimes, you just have to roll with it!"



Morgan Griep learns to use equipment used by occupational therapist Kaitlyn Wilkinson



Adilynn Crites learns to use an HVAC infrared camera brought by presenter Bill Kaune

5th Graders Graduate from D.A.R.E. Program

More than two hundred 5th grade students graduated from the D.A.R.E program at a special ceremony on May 18th. The program is now about more than teaching students about the dangers of tobacco, alcohol and drugs. The program also teaches the students about how to make good choices. Students wrote essays explaining what they learned during the program. The school resources officers chose their



Essay winner Sophia Oughton reads her essay to the crowd.

top five essays. Essay winners were: 5th place - Kendall Chance-Samnee, 4th Place- Kaden Hayes, 3rd Place - Nathan Alford, 2nd Place - Mirabella Najera, 1st Place - Sophia Oughton.



The 2023 5th grade D.A.R.E. graduating class.

Festus Middle School Middle School Students Play Unified!



Liam Caudill-Osterberg participates in the softball throw while Elsie Nelson, Lynlee Bloodworth, Claire Gauch watch.

Festus Middle School Student Council hosted a Play Unified Track Meet on April 4. Students of all abilities ran, jumped, threw and had a great time. Events included a 50 yard dash, softball throw, long jump and a 4x400 meter relay. Play Unified is a District-wide initiative through Special Olympics of Missouri to encourage students of all abilities to work and play together. This is the first Play Unified track meet that was organized by the middle school students.



Olivia Clinton (left) and Gehrig Kearns run the 100m dash



Shane Nixon jumping the running long jump while Amyah McKinnis (left) and Claire Gauch look on.



Mark Cotton (left) and Ava Karr complete their leg of the 4x400m relay.

Student Council Serves Dinner To Staff



Students serve dinner to classified staff in attendance

Festus Middle School student council members served dinner to nearly two dozen staff members on March 29. The "Classified Staff Dinner" got its start last year. Classified staff consists of custodians, bus drivers, food service workers, secretaries, maintenance, and paras. The students got a chance to show their appreciation for the work the classified staff does every day to help make their school a better place. Student council sponsors William Reece and Rebecah McFadden prepared the food.

Festus Middle School

Students Face-Off in History Debate



Rylee Lawrence with the winning trophy.

Eighth grade student Rylee Lawrence took home the Middle School's 8th Grade Tournament of U.S. History trophy. Hailey Head was the runner-up. Every year, students compete in a bracket-style tournament to determine which historical figure born between 1492 and 1877 had the most significant impact on American history today. This year Rylee chose civil rights leader Ida B. Wells, while Hailey settled on Orville Wright. The students research their historical figure, but must also do research on every historical figure they must "compete against." Rylee and Hailey made it to the finals that were held in the Performing Arts Center on March 17. After a 30 minute debate, the judges chose Rylee as the debate winner. She took home a big trophy and a \$100 gift card.



Rylee Lawrence (left) and Hailey Head in the Tournament of U.S. History debate final.

Math Team 3rd in Jeffco Competition

The Festus Middle School math team placed third in the annual math competition held at Jefferson College on March 21. Members of the math team are from left to right - Olivia Lucas, Ella Jo Jokerst, Jack Kester, Chloe Yates, Dalton Gamm, Lucas DeClue, and math team sponsor Mrs. Rebecah McFadden. Three students each from 7th & 8th grade competed. The top two scores in each grade were combined to create the school score. Individual honors go to Chloe Yates who placed third overall among all middle school students who participated.



Festus High School Class of 2023



Jacob Ryan Allen
 Josie Marie Allen *
 Nathaniel Leigh Andrews
 Anna Marie Arman
 Sara Brooks
 Banderman
 Anthony Joseph Barbagallo
 Lydia Elizabeth Basil
 Karleigh Annabelle Bayer
 Natalie Renee Bayless *
 Zachary Joseph Beers *
 Tyson Lee Beffa
 Peyton John Besore *
 Alexis Marie Biehle
 Amber Nicole Binger
 Tyler Cameron Bizzle
 Konnor Dale Blair
 Michael Harold Bock III
 Riley James Bond *
 Nolen Lakel Bourisaw Gilbert
 Ashton Lee Boyer
 Dominick Ryan Boyer
 Landen Makane Bradshaw
 Arhmad Sedeano Branch, Jr.
 Collin Michael Brewer
 Daisja Nichole Bridgett
 Nicolas Anthony Brockmann
 Jasmin Madoka Broussard
 Hailey Payton Brown
 Ian Andrew Brown
 Rachel Lee Brown
 Logan Alan Cash
 Ella Grace Casteel
 Dylan Landry Cawvey *
 Landon Nicholas Chandler
 Zoe Xin Hong Tuan Clark
 Sara Jane Clonts *
 Maddison Annette Clouse
 Jaxon Ezra Phoenix Conner
 Riley Elise Connors
 Mya Madison Courtois *
 Autumn Elaine Cox
 Carter Joseph Cupp
 Kaleb Jonathon Cusanelli
 Stephen Matthew Darden
 Shelby Ryanne Davis
 Xinayah Brooklyn Davis-Mayes
 Danielle Nicole Dickerson
 LeeAnn Renee' Dobbs
 John Evan Dontrich
 Isabelle Faith Douglas
 Macie Katheryn Drury
 Grace Ann Earnhart
 Cassidy Sunshine Lee Eldridge
 Kendall Danielle Ellis
 Hunter Rae Ellsworth
 Jada Lyn Essary
 MacKenzie June Fish
 Aniyah Rena Fisher Williams
 Alexis Katherine Flotron
 Matthew James Forrester
 Aaliyah JoRee Gardner
 Sarah Frances Gazaway
 Alexander Matthew Gibson
 Luke Thomas Gillam
 Avery Lynn Gooch

Gavin Christopher Grass
 Jake Nicholas Greenstreet
 Madison Louise Griffin *
 Jackson Dennis Gross
 Chloe Renee Guyott
 Xavier Patrick Halbert
 Grace Leigh Hall
 Regan Nicole Hanewinkel
 Tyler Thomas Harness
 Hunter Rae Ellsworth
 Quinten McRyan Heilig
 Jordyn Shea Herrell
 Astaria Zionna Herring
 Hannah Grace Hodges
 Trinitie Nicole Hoffmann
 Kaylea Judith Holmes
 Michael Joseph Hoppmann
 Claire Noelle Horner
 Wyatt Ian Huskey
 Kirsten Shae Ide

Austin Scott Johnson
 Carter Louis Johnson
 Colin Michael-Allen Johnson
 Reece Irl Johnson
 Neal Michael Kausler
 Abby Michael Kist
 Kaiden Richard Kramer
 Cullen Julian Todd Krieg *
 Rachael Jordan Kyle
 Chaley Elaine Lang
 John Kellin Laws
 Jordan Walter Lawson
 Christian James Lee
 Ava Michelle Leftwich
 Ze Hao Liu
 Jessica Elizabeth Majewski
 Lauren Elizabeth Malusky
 Taylor Leann Marler
 Claire Emily Martin

Kailee Ann-Marie Martin
 Jordan Ian McCaffrey
 Edward Thomas McDonald
 Kasey Elizabeth McDowell
 Jamayla Lashae McGee
 Marli Rae McHawes
 Gage Lishawn McNary
 Austin Tyler Medley
 Caleb Michael Meyer
 Lauren Ruth Mills
 Benjamin Thomas Gordon Mogg
 Brayden James Montgomery
 Jersey Kendall Moonier
 Nathaniel Drew Moore
 Anna Elizabeth Muellersman
 James Hamilton Muellersman
 Anden Lane Murphy
 Madelyn Rose Napier
 Crystal Thanh Nguyen *

Alexander William Nickelson
 Hannah Marie Oestricker
 Alexander Steven Ohlau
 Gavin Nicholas Rene Olivares
 Brandon Matthew Olive
 Kali Grace Oshia
 Hannah Christine Palos
 Becca Paris Partney
 Presley Jane Perry
 Nathan James Peter
 Mason Robert Hawkins Pierceall
 Cody Dale Portell
 Kollyn Michael Pound
 Buchanan Eads Pratt
 Sierra Madison Pratt
 Emily Nicole Price
 Bailey Marie Propst
 Alliyah Ranea Pulliam
 Ciera Rose Pulliam

Connor William Raebel
 Jadon James Ramsey
 Nicholas Allen Randall
 Logan Wayne Ratliff
 Rangel Rebollo
 Emily Kaydence Reed
 Haiden Gregory Rhodes
 Tate Daron Riney *
 Olivia Josephine Rodgers
 Morgan Reese Roland
 Allison Marie Rousseau
 Henry Charles Roux *
 Isabella Jo Rowden
 Anthony David William Rulo
 Summer Annamarie Sansoucie
 Isaac Joseph Schnable *
 Lilian Marie Schneider
 Ian Scott Schram
 Steven Andrew Schult

Tyler Allan Clark Schumer
 Sarah Anne Scott
 Courtney Marie Seithel
 Leroy Charles Seitz IV
 Marley Page Shepherd
 Tyler Andrew Shepherd
 Alexis Marie Shoults
 Alexis Lea Shular
 Ella Elizabeth Shy
 Cole Daniel Skaggs
 Christina Renee Smith *
 Kameron Kane Spencer
 Joshua Christopher Spindler *
 Cameron Ryan Stephens Miller
 Mitchell Christian Thompson
 Quinn Marshall Tilley
 Lillie Irene Sullivan Times
 Emilie Renee Torres *
 Xavier Mason Tullock

Angelina Nichole Vaughn
 Emma Claire Vogt *
 Jackson Keith Waddington
 Thomas Jeffrey Waggoner
 Cason David Walker
 Liliana Mae Walker *
 Taylor Leann Walker
 Kalie Fay Weiler
 Dari Lynn O'Byrne White
 Tyler Raymond Whitter
 Caitlin Paige Williams
 Elijah Michael Williams
 Ricky LaVon Williams, Jr.
 SaraKate Elizabeth Willis
 Brooke Noel Wood
 Madisyn Elizabeth Wors
 Justin Matthew Wynn
 Emma Marie Zimmerly *
 Carter Anthony Zinn
 Connor Avery Zustiak

Festus High School Students of the Month

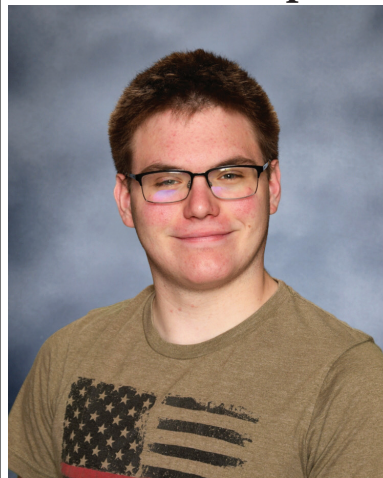
March Student of the Month



Lily Walker

Lily Walker was the Festus High School March Student of the Month. Lily is the daughter of Aimee & James Walker. When principal Dr. Karl Shiningher told her about the honor, she says she didn't think it was real at first, but once it sunk in, she says she was honored to receive the recognition. Lily's favorite class was AP Biology with Mr. Maddux. She is involved in National Honor Society, Key Club, Renaissance Club and Model UN. In the fall, she plans to attend the University of Missouri to study biomedical engineering.

April Student of the Month



Isaac Schnable

Isaac Schnable was the Festus High School April Student of the Month. Isaac is the son of Jennifer and Thomas Rawe. Isaac says he was excited to learn he was named student of the month. He says it was nice to receive the recognition. His favorite classes are history and science. He is involved in the National Honor Society, Student Council, and a number of community service projects. In the fall he plans to attend Missouri S&T to study engineering.

May Student of the Month



Tyler Bizzle

The Festus High School May Student of the Month was Tyler Bizzle. Tyler is the son of Samantha and Brian Bizzle. He says he was quite surprised to learn he was the student of the month, "I wasn't expecting it. It was quite the surprise." His favorite classes usually involve math. He says he has enjoyed Calculus with Mrs. Harms this year. Tyler is a member of the baseball and basketball teams. After high school he plans to attend Missouri S&T in Rolla to play baseball and to get his electrical and computer engineering degree.

Spindler Among Top 100 In Missouri



Joshua Spindler was selected for the 2023 Missouri Scholars 100. This is a statewide honor that recognizes 100 of the top academic students in the state from the class of 2023. To be nominated, students must meet the criteria of the "Academic Decathlon." It is made up of ten "events" including a minimum GPA of 3.75, an ACT score of 29 or better, be in the top 10% of the graduating class, take high level courses in math, science, English and a foreign language, excellent attendance, good school citizenship citizen and take part in the school activity program. He was recognized, along with all of the Missouri Scholars 100 honorees at a special program in Columbia in April.

Festus High School Takes 2nd in Jeffco Math Competition

A group of Festus High School students took 2nd place in the annual math competition held at Jefferson College on March 21. Twelve students competed against five other area schools. Each grade level had three participants. The top two scores from each grade level were combined to calculate the school score. Wyatt Johnson earned the top score for 10th grade, while Elijah Getting took first and Rose Immekus 2nd in the 11th grade.



Math teacher Curtis Harned and students Rose Immekus, Nick Brockmann, Josh Spindler, and Zach Beers receive their 2nd place trophy in the small team competition.

A second competition involving four students working together to solve five math problems was also part of the event. The Festus team brought home 2nd in that competition as well.

Math teacher Mr. Curtis Harned is the math competition sponsor. The students who represented Festus were:

freshmen: Zach Spindler, Karter Reese, Max Renshaw

sophomore: Tyler Trost, Wyatt Johnson, Charlie Drinen

juniors: Rose Immekus, Trenton Young, Elijah Getting

seniors: Josh Spindler, Nick Brockmann, Zachary Beers, Tyler Bizzle



The Festus Math team receives its second place trophy.

Festus Seniors Cash In With Big Scholarships



(from left to right) Miss FHS Madison Griffin & Mr. FHS Peyton Besore

On May 19, the Festus R-VI School District and its scholarship donors announced the recipients of 40 scholarships. In all more than 100 students received at least one scholarship that night. In addition, students who received the A+ scholarship were recognized and those who have chosen to enlist in the U.S. Armed Forces were honored for their choice to serve our country. The annual Mr. and Miss FHS were also announced. Congratulations to Mr. FHS Peyton Besore and Miss FHS Madison Griffin



High School Principal Dr. Karl Shiningering opened the night's awards ceremony.

Tommy Alexander Award Recipient



Tommy Alexander Award winner Ava Leftwich (right) with FHS Principal Dr. Karl Shiningering

Festus Seniors Moving On

Commencement ceremonies for the Class of 2023 were held on Tuesday night, May 23. 200 Festus High School seniors graduated that night. Commencement speakers were Emilie Torres, Aniyah Williams and Astaria Herring. Ava Leftwich received the Tommy Alexander Award, the most prestigious award given to a Festus High School graduate.



FHS Graduations listen to speeches as the sun sets on their high school careers



The Class of 2023 tosses their caps into the air as fireworks erupt over Tiger Stadium



Emilie Torres delivers her commencement speech



Aniyah Williams delivers her commencement speech



Astaria Herring delivers her commencement speech

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Commencement exercises for the Festus Senior High School Class of 2023 took place on May 23 at Tiger Stadium. A total of 200 students received diplomas.

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

Honor Graduates were also recognized. Graduates with a final high school grade point average of 4.000 or higher received **Summa Cum Laude** honors. A total of 13 graduates received this highest honor including **Josie Allen, Natalie Bayless, Peyton Besore, Tyler Bizzle, Mackenzie Fish, Madison Griffin, Ava Leftwich, Jessica Majewski, Crystal Nguyen, Rangel Rebollo, Christina Smith, Joshua Spindler, and Liliana Walker**.

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 42 graduates received this honor including **Sara Banderman, Anthony Barbagallo, Zachary Beers, Riley Bond, Nicolas Brockman, Dylan Cawvey, Sara Clonts, Maddison Clouse, Mya Courtois, Grace Earnhart, Kendall Ellis, Jada Essary, Alexis Flotron, Alexander Gibson, Xavier Halbert, Hannah Hodges, Claire Horner, Wyatt Huskey, Austin Johnson, Cullen Krieg, Kasey McDowell, Benjamin Mogg, Jersey Moonier, Anna Muellersman, James Muellersman, Presley Perry, Buchanan Pratt, Tate Riney, Henry Roux, Isabella Rowden, Isaac Schnable, Marley Shepherd, Tyler Shepherd, Ella Shy, Emilie Torres, Emma Vogt, Cason Walker, Kalie Weiler, Tyler Whitter, Ricky Williams, Emma Zimmerly, and Connor Zustiak**.

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 **Karleigh Bayer, Alexis Biehle, Collin Brewer, Zoe Clark, John Dontrich, Isabelle Douglas, Lauren Malusky, Connor Raebel, Olivia Rodgers, Courtney Seithel, Cole Skaggs, Dari White, Sarakate Willis, and Carter Zinn**.

During a Senior Awards Night Program on the evening of May 19 in the Performing Arts Center, 99 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 remains grateful for all scholarship funds: B. Clark Berry Memorial Scholarships, the Byrd Scholarship, the Canepa Family Scholarship, the Morris and Rosalind Golman Scholarships, the Ronald Charles and Rodger Neal Herrington Memorial Scholarship, the Lieutenant Kent M. Kiepe Scholarship, the Maurice O. Lucas Family Scholarships, the Adam and Willa McCullough Scholarship, the Karen Tesreau Trust Scholarships, the JoAnn Thurman-Mangan Drama Scholarship, and the Ralph B. Tynes Scholarship.

The B. Clark Berry Memorial Scholarship recipients were **Sara Banderman, Karleigh Bayer, and Mackenzie Fish**. 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.

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

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

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

The Lieutenant Kent M. Kiepe Scholarship was presented to **Tate Riney**. 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 **Josie Allen, Natalie Bayless, Peyton Besore, Dylan Cawvey, Isabelle Douglas, Jada Essary, Madison Griffin, Kaylea Holmes, Reece Johnson, Cullen Krieg, Jessica Majewski, Kasey McDowell, Jersey Moonier, Anna Muellersman, Crystal Nguyen, Bailey Propst, Connor Raebel, Tate Riney, Isaac Schnable, Marley Shepherd, Ella Shy, Christina Smith, Joshua Spindler, Mitchell Thompson, Emilie Torres, Liliana Walker, Kalie Weiler, Dari White, and Sarakate Willis**. These recipients were selected based upon their scholastic record, a goal or reason for wanting to continue their education, their leadership and participation in school, community, and church activities, and their citizenship.

Nolan Bourisaw-Gilbert 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.

Sara Clonts and Alexander Gibson were the recipients of the Karen Tesreau Trust Scholarships. The Tesreau Scholarship is awarded to students planning studies related to music.

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

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

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 **Liliana Walker**.

Furthermore, the R-6 scholarship selection committee was asked to make a recommendation to the University of Missouri for a recipient of the Byrd Family Scholarship. The Byrd Family Scholarship was established through an agreement between Mr. John T. Byrd and the Curators of the University of Missouri. The recipient of this outstanding scholarship program is **Dari White**.

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

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

The Morgan Anderson S3 Scholarship Program is open

to students from Dunklin and Festus in memory of Morgan. Students that have displayed a willingness to help others and that have volunteered in the community are encouraged to apply. Congratulations to **Zachary Beers** for being the recipient from Festus.

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

Andy Habsieger Memorial Scholarships were established in memory of the 2004 Festus graduate, Andrew Habsieger who was killed in Iraq serving his country. The Andy Habsieger Football Scholarship was awarded to **Peyton Besore**. The Andy Habsieger Leadership Scholarships were awarded to **Zachary Beers and Ava Leftwich**.

The Emma Jane Vance Memorial Scholarship recipients were **Lauren Mills, Connor Raebel, Alexis Shoults, and Emilie Torres**. This scholarship is in memory of Emma Vance, who would have been a 2021 graduate of Festus. These recipients understand the importance of compassion, understanding and showing kindness to all.

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

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

The Miss Sue Scholarship is awarded each year in memory of Sue Guzy, a former bus driver for Festus who was well-loved and adored by all of her "kids." The recipients of the Miss Sue Scholarship were **Tate Riney and Isabella Rowden**.

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

The Alumni Association of the former Douglass Cooperative High School of Festus awards an annual scholarship to a descendant of a Douglass High School Alumni who will graduate from one of the cities that sent students to Douglass High School. This scholarship is named after Dr. A. C. Shropshire, who overcame tremendous adversity in Southeastern Missouri Congratulations to this year's recipient, **Tate Riney**.

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

A new scholarship this year for Festus students was the Festus High School Grow-Your-Own Future Teacher Scholarship. Recipients of this scholarship successfully completed our Field of Education course and plan to pursue a career in education. The initial recipients of this scholarship were **Alexis Biehle, Macie Drury, and Jordyn Herrell**.

The Chapter EH PEO Scholarship and the Chapter EH PEO Music Scholarship were both awarded to **Sara Clonts**. The Festus Missouri State Teachers Association Scholarship recipient was **Jersey Moonier**. The Festus National Education Association Scholarship recipient was **Emilie Torres**. The Festus High School Student Council Scholarships were awarded to **Zachary Beers, Peyton Besore, and Madison Griffin**. The Festus National Honor Society Scholarships were awarded to **Peyton Besore and Madison Griffin**.

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

Several athletic scholarships were awarded to our students. The Men's Track & Field Scholarship Program recipient was **Dylan Cawvey**. The Women's Track & Field Scholarship, named the Janis Williams Foundation Scholarship, awarded three scholarships to **Sara Banderman, Ava Leftwich and Ella Shy**. The Festus Football Booster Club Tiger Strong Scholarship was awarded to **Henry Roux**. The Leslie Rose Govero Scholarship is awarded to a Dance Team member and **Karleigh Bayer** was this year's recipient. The Kinder-Grappler Memorial Scholarship, in memory of Kevin Kinder, is awarded to a member of the

wrestling team and this year's recipient was **Lauren Mills**.

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

The class of 2023 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 97 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 **Josie Allen, Anna Arman, Sara Banderman, Anthony Barbagallo, Karleigh Bayer, Natalie Bayless, Zachary Beers, Peyton Besore, Alexis Biehle, Tyler Bizzle, Riley Bond, Landen Bradshaw, Collin Brewer, Daisja Bridgett, Nicolas Brockmann, Ian Brown, Rachel Brown, Logan Cash, Dylan Cawvey, Sara Clonts, Maddison Clouse, Riley Connors, Mya Courtois, Carter Cupp, Stephen Darden, Shelby Davis, Danielle Dickerson, Leeann Dobbs, John Dontrich, Isabelle Douglas, Macie Drury, Grace Earnhart, Hunter Ellsworth, Jada Essary, Mackenzie Fish, Alexis Flotron, Aaliyah Gardner, Sarah Gazaway, Alexander Gibson, Luke Gillam, Gavis Grass, Madison Griffin, Xavier Halbert, Quinten Heilig, Jordyn Herrell, Hannah Hodges, Wyatt Huskey, Austin Johnson, Colin Johnson, Reece Johnson, Cullen Krieg, Ava Leftwich, Ze Hao Liu, Jessica Majewski, Lauren Malusky, Edward McDonald, Kasey McDowell, Lauren Mills, Benjamin Mogg, Brayden Montgomery, Jersey Moonier, Nathaniel Moore, Anna Muellersman, James Muellersman, Anden Murphy, Crystal Nguyen, Alexander Nickelson, Kali Oshia, Hannah Palos, Presley Perry, Cody Portell, Buchanan Pratt, Bailey Propst, Connor Raebel, Rengel Rebollo, Tate Riney, Olivia Rodgers, Allison Rousseau, Henry Roux, Isaac Schnable, Courtney Seithel, Marley Shepherd, Tyler Shepherd, Alexis Shoults, Alexis Shular, Ella Shy, Cole Skaggs, Christina Smith, Joshua Spindler, Emma Vogt, Kalie Weiler, Dari White, Ricky Williams, Sarakate Willis, Emma Zimmerly, Carter Zinn, and Connor Zustiak**.

The recipients of Mister and Miss FHS for 2023 were also announced on May 19. These are honorary awards based on each student's contribution to the betterment of Festus Senior High School. **Mister FHS** for 2023 is **Peyton Besore** and **Miss FHS** for 2023 is **Madison Griffin**.

Students electing to serve in the Armed Forces were recognized during both the Awards Night and the Graduation Ceremony. The following have chosen to join the Military: **Kaleb Cusanelli (United States Army), John Laws (United States Air Force), and Nathan Peter (United States Marines)**.

As of May 23, 112 members of the class had received a combined total of 388 scholarship offers totalling almost 1.7 million dollars. 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.

Listed below are the scholarships that have been offered to the students of the Class of 2023 from Festus Senior High School:

Josie Allen, daughter of Eric and DeAmbra Allen, has been awarded an A-Plus Scholarship, Maurice O. Lucas Family Scholarship, Reando Family Scholar Athlete Award, Missouri State Promise Scholarship to Missouri State University and an Athletic and Board of Trustees President's Scholarship to Jefferson College. Josie plans to attend Jefferson College.

Anna Arman, daughter of Bobby Arman and Kathleen Arman, has been awarded an A-Plus Scholarship. Anna will be attending East Central College.

Sara Banderman, daughter of John and Tanya Banderman has been awarded an A-Plus Scholarship, B. Clark Berry Memorial Scholarship, Janis Williams Scholarship, Distributive Education Clubs of America Scholarship, Provost Award to the University of Missouri, Copper Dome Scholarship and Residence Life Leadership Award to Southeast Missouri State University and PEO Chapter FR Endowment Scholarship to Jefferson College. Sara will be attending Jefferson College.

Anthony Barbagallo, son of Shane and Joann Barbagallo, has been awarded an A-Plus Scholarship. Anthony will be attending Jefferson College.

Karleigh Bayer, daughter of Brian and Jaclyn Bayer,

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has been awarded an A-Plus Scholarship, B. Clark Berry Memorial Scholarship and a Leslie Rose Govero Scholarship. Karlieh plans to attend Jefferson College.

Natalie Bayless, daughter of Michael and Amy Bayless, has been awarded an A-Plus Scholarship, Maurice O. Lucas Family Scholarship, FHS Speech & Theater Scholarship, Chancellor's Award to University of Tennessee at Martin, Missouri Courage Scholarship and a Copper Dome Scholarship, Residence Life Leadership Award and Will To Do Award to Southeast Missouri State University. Natalie will attend The University of Tennessee at Martin.

Zachary Beers, son of Jennifer and Brent Beers has been awarded an A-Plus Scholarship, Canepa Family Scholarship, Andy Habsieger Memorial Leadership Scholarship, Morgan Anderson S3 Memorial Scholarship, FHS Student Council Scholarship and a Groundbreaker Scholarship to Missouri University of Science and Technology. Zachary plans to attend Missouri University of Science and Technology.

Peyton Besore, son of Wesley and Stefanie Besore has been awarded an A-Plus Scholarship, Ralph B. Tynes R-6 Scholarship, Maurice O. Lucas Family Scholarship, Andy Habsieger Memorial Football Scholarship, Festus National Honor Society Scholarship,FHS Student Council Scholarship and a Groundbreaker Scholarship to Missouri University of Science and Technology. Peyton will be attending Jefferson College.

Alexis Biehle, daughter of Kirk and Cerissa Biehle, has been awarded an A-Plus Scholarship, a Copper Dome Scholarship and Residence Life Leadership Award to Southeast Missouri State University. Alexis plans to attend Jefferson College.

Tyler Bizzle, son of Samantha and Bryan Bizzle has been awarded an A-Plus Scholarship and Groundbreaker Scholarship and The Harold S. and Merlyn J. Block Endowment Scholarship to Missouri University of Science and Technology. Tyler will be attending Missouri University of Science and Technology.

Riley Bond, son of Mary Bond and Robert Bond has been awarded an A-Plus Scholarship, Charles R. Cross Memorial Scholarship and a Copper Dome Scholarship & Residence Life Leadership Award to Southeast Missouri State University, Groundbreaker Scholarship, Kummer Vanguard Scholars Award and Greenberg Scholars Award to Missouri University of Science and Technology. Riley plans to attend Missouri University of Science and Technology.

Nolen Bourisaw-Gilbert, son of Darrick Gilbert and Lindsay Bourisaw, has been awarded a Ronald Charles & Rodger Neal Herrington Scholarship and an Adam and Willa McCullough Scholarship. Nolen will attend Jefferson College.

Landon Bradshaw, son of Jill and Nathan Bradshaw, has been awarded an A-Plus Scholarship. Landon will be attending Jefferson College.

Collin Brewer, son of Mike Brewer and Kristen Brewer has been awarded an A-Plus Scholarship. Collin will enter the workforce after graduation.

Daisja Bridgett, daughter of Sara Fitzgerald and Russell Pruitt has been awarded an A-Plus Scholarship and Jefferson County Democratic Club Scholarship. Daisja plans to attend Jefferson College.

Nicolas Brockmann, son of Matthew Brockmann & Christine Sullivan and Angie Brockmann & Juston Renshaw has been awarded an A-Plus Scholarship. Nicolas will attend Jefferson College.

Ian Brown, son of Christopher Brown and Melissa Brown, has been awarded an A-Plus Scholarship.

Rachel Brown, daughter of Allen and Libby Brown has been awarded an A-Plus Scholarship. Rachel will be attending Jefferson College.

Logan Cash, son of Rick and Amy Cash has been awarded an A-Plus Scholarship. Logan plans to attend Jefferson College.

Dylan Cawvey, son of Patrick and Rhonda Cawvey has been awarded an A-Plus Scholarship, Maurice O. Lucas Family Scholarship, FHS Men's Track & Field Scholarship, Excellence Award to the University of Missouri, LUE Plus Scholarship to the University of New Mexico and a Copper Dome Scholarship & Residence Life Leadership Award to Southeast Missouri State University and Jefferson Scholarship, Board of Trustees to Jefferson College and Academic Merit and Academic Merit Room and Board Scholarship Lindenwood University. Dylan will attend Jefferson College.

Sara Clonts, daughter of Mike and Emily Clonts, has been awarded an A-Plus Scholarship, a Karen Tesreau Trust Scholarship, Chapter EH PEO Scholarship. Chapter EH PEO Music Award, FHS Band Booster Scholarship and a Copper Dome Scholarship,Residence Life Leadership Award and Music Workshop Award to Southeast Missouri

State University. Sara will be attending Southeast Missouri State University.

Maddison Clouse, daughter of Ian and Amanda Clouse, has been awarded an A-Plus Scholarship and an Emerald Scholarship to Eastern Michigan University. Maddison plans to attend Eastern Michigan University.

Riley Connors, in the care of Tom and Jennifer Rawe, has been awarded an A-Plus Scholarship, Jerry Govero Scholarship, Kim Showmaker-Allen Scholarship, Copper Dome Scholarship and Residence Life Leadership Award to Southeast Missouri State University and a B. Clark, Ruth & Marion Berry Endowment Scholarship to Jefferson College. Riley plans to attend Jefferson College.

Mya Courtois, daughter of Melissa & Jim Metteer and Chad Courtois has been awarded an A-Plus Scholarship, Academic Scholarship, Athletic Scholarship and a National Honor Society Scholarship to Mount Mercy University. Mya will be attending Mount Mercy University.

Carter Cupp, son of Jeromie Cupp and Jamie Strausberg Cupp, has been awarded an A-Plus Scholarship. Carter plans to attend Kansas State University.

Stephen Darden, son of Brian and Michele Darden, has been awarded an A-Plus Scholarship. Stephen will be attending Jefferson College.

Shelby Davis, daughter of Rita and Phil Davis, has been awarded an A-Plus Scholarship, Copper Dome Scholarship and Residence Life Leadership Award to Southeast Missouri State University, Merit Scholarship to Lindenwood University. Shelby will attend Lindenwood University.

Danielle Dickerson, daughter of Patricia and Floyd Dickerson has been awarded an A-Plus Scholarship and a Cougar Pride Scholarship to Southern Illinois University Edwardsville. Danielle plans to attend Southern Illinois University Edwardsville.

LeeAnn Dobbs, daughter of Anthony Dobbs and Ronda Dobbs has been awarded an A-Plus Scholarship and a Hazmat Responders Endowment Scholarship to Jefferson College. LeeAnn plans to enter the workforce after graduation.

John Evan Dontrich, son of John and Teal Dontrich, has been awarded an A-Plus Scholarship. Evan plans to attend Jefferson College.

Isabelle Douglas, daughter of Scott and Theresa Douglas has been awarded an A-Plus Scholarship, Maurice O. Lucas Family Scholarship and a Merit Scholarship to Missouri Baptist University. Isabelle will be attending Missouri Baptist University.

Macie Drury, daughter of Kyle and Katie Drury has been awarded an A-Plus Scholarship. Macie plans to attend Mineral Area College.

Grace Earnhart, daughter of Jon and Angie Earnhart has been awarded an A-Plus Scholarship, Academic Scholarship and Heritage Scholarship to Lipscomb University and a Founder's Scholarship to Harding University. Grace will be attending Lipscomb University.

Hunter Ellsworth, daughter of Terri And Tim Linderer and Paul Ellsworth, has been awarded an A-Plus Scholarship. Hunter plans to attend Jefferson College.

Jada Essary, daughter of Jason and Jamie Essary, has been awarded an A-Plus Scholarship, Maurice O. Lucas Family Scholarship and an ACT Score Recognition Scholarship to Urshan College. Jada will be attending Urshan College.

Mackenzie Fish, daughter of Thomas and Feberleen Fish has been awarded an A-Plus Scholarship, B. Clark Berry Memorial Scholarship, a Missouri Access Extra and Curators Scholar Award to the University of Missouri. Mackenzie plans to attend the University of Missouri.

Alexis Flotron, daughter of Richard Flotron and Michele & Spencer Kearns, has been awarded an A-Plus Scholarship, FHS Speech & Theater Scholarship and a Copper Dome Scholarship & Residence Life Leadership Award to Southeast Missouri State University. Alexis will be attending Mineral Area College.

Aaliyah Gardner, daughter of Avery and Leslie Gardner, has been awarded an A-Plus Scholarship. Aaliyah will be attending Jefferson College.

Sarah Gazaway, daughter of Terry Gazaway and Alicia Gazaway, has been awarded an A-Plus Scholarship. Sarah plans to attend Jefferson College.

Alexander Gibson, son of Tiffany Bridges and the late Matthew Gibson has been awarded an A-Plus Scholarship, Karen Tesreau

Trust Scholarship, Missouri Access Extra Scholarship to Jefferson College. Alexander will be attending Jefferson College.

Luke Gillam, son of Jason and Jennifer Gillam, has been awarded an A-Plus Scholarship. Luke will be attending Ranken Technical College.

Gavin Grass, son of Chris & Kristy Grass and Amanda & Jason Rees, grandson of Curt & Lori Grass and Randal & Kay Compton, has been awarded an A-Plus Scholarship, Copper Dome Scholarship and Residence Life Leadership Award to Southeast Missouri State University and a Dean's Scholarship & Westminster Visit Award to Westminster College, Trustees Scholarship & Founders Scholarship to Knox College, Academic Scholarship & Athletic Scholarship to Quincy University and a Midway Founders Scholarship to Midway University. Gavin will be attending Westminster College.

Madison Griffin, daughter of Julie & Andy Burrell and Mike Griffin, has been awarded an A-Plus Scholarship, Maurice O. Lucas Family Scholarship, Festus National Honor Society Scholarship, FHS Speech & Theater Scholarship, FHS Band Booster Scholarship, FHS Student Council, "Let Your Light Shine" Aliyah Mayes Scholarship, Academic Scholarship and Missouri Access Extra Scholarship to Webster University and a Vice President's Scholarship to Saint Louis University. Madison plans to attend Webster University.

Xavier Halbert, son of Jason & Esther Halbert and Jade Spinks, has been awarded an A-Plus Scholarship and Festus-Crystal City Elks Lodge 1721 Scholarship. Xavier will be attending Jefferson College.

Quentin Heilig, son of Steve and Angie Heilig, has been awarded an A-Plus Scholarship. Quentin will enter the workforce after graduating.

Jordyn Herrell, daughter of Nick Herrell and Kelli Herrell, has been awarded an A-Plus Scholarship. Jordyn plans to attend Jefferson College.

Hannah Hodges, daughter of Aaron and Rachel Hodges has been awarded an A-Plus Scholarship, James Lee Chism Scholarship to Jefferson College. Hannah will be attending Jefferson College.

Kaylea Holmes, daughter of Jay and Jilliane Holmes, has been awarded a Maurice O. Lucas Family Scholarship and an Athletic Scholarship to University of Mobile. Kaylea will be attending the University of Mobile.

Claire Horner, daughter of Danielle Clemons and Michael Horner has been awarded an Academic Scholarship to Lindenwood University, an Athletic Scholarship and Saints Scholarship to Maryville University and a Copper Dome & Residence Life Leadership Award to Southeast Missouri State University. Claire plans to attend Maryville University.

Wyatt Huskey, son of Ron and Jennifer Huskey has been awarded an A-Plus Scholarship, Athletic Scholarship and Academic Scholarship to Harding University and a GAWDA Scholarship. Wyatt plans to attend Harding University.

Austin Johnson, son of Angel Bailey& Kyle Bailey and Tim Johnson, has been awarded an A-Plus Scholarship, Copper Dome Scholarship and Residence Life Leadership Award to Southeast Missouri State University. Austin will be attending Southeast Missouri State University.

Colin Johnson, son of Dawn Patton, has been awarded an A-Plus Scholarship. Colin plans to attend Jefferson College.

Reece Johnson, son of Corey and Jodi Johnson, has been awarded an A-Plus Scholarship and a Maurice O. Lucas Family Scholarship, Miner Residence Hall Scholarship, Groundbreaker Scholarship and Athletic Scholarship to Missouri University of Science and Technology. Reece plans to attend Missouri University of Science and Technology.

Cullen Krieg, son of Todd and Vanessa Krieg, has been awarded an A-Plus Scholarship, a Maurice O. Lucas Family Scholarship, Southern Gateway Association of Realtors Scholarship, Associated General Contractors of America Missouri Chapter Scholarship, CODES Scholarship and Athletic Scholarship to Southern Illinois University Edwardsville. Cullen will attend Southern Illinois University, Edwardsville.

Chaley Lang, daughter of Tim and Andrea Lang, has been awarded a Residence Life Leadership Award to Southeast Missouri State University and Miner Residence Hall-Missouri University of Science and Technology. Chaley will be attending Missouri State University.

Ava Leftwich, daughter of Michael and Jill Leftwich, has been awarded an A-Plus Scholarship, Morris and Rosalind Golman Scholarship, Andy Habsieger Memorial Leadership Scholarship, Janis Williams Scholarship, National Women's Athletic Association Scholarship, Curators Scholars Award and an A&S Promise Opportunity Nobel Scholarship to the University of Missouri. Ava will be attending the

University of Missouri.

Ze Hao Liu, son of Biguo Liu and Ximei Chen, has been awarded an A-Plus Scholarship. Ze Hao plans to attend Southeast Missouri State University.

Jessica Majewski, daughter of Michael and Jennifer Majewski, has been awarded an A-Plus Scholarship, Maurice O. Lucas Family Scholarship, Board of Governors to Missouri State University and a CAFNR Scholarship and Curators Scholar Award to the University of Missouri. Jessica will attend the University of Missouri.

Lauren Malusky, daughter of Edward Malusky and Carrie Malusky, has been awarded an A-Plus Scholarship and a Copper Dome Scholarship and Residence Life Leadership Award to Southeast Missouri State University. Lauren plans to attend Jefferson College.

Edward McDonald, son of Dennis and Renee McDonald, has been awarded an A-Plus Scholarship. Edward plans to attend Jefferson College.

Kasey McDowell, daughter of Jason and Melissa McDowell has been awarded an A-Plus Scholarship, Maurice O. Lucas Family Scholarship and a Saints Scholarship to Maryville University. Kasey will be attending Maryville University.

Lauren Mills, daughter of Leah Mills and Stephen Mills, has been awarded an A-Plus Scholarship, Emma Jane Vance Memorial Scholarship,Ryan Griffin Scholarship, Kinder-Grappler Scholarship, Jeffrey Dettmer Memorial Scholarship and an Academic Scholarship to Utah Tech University. Lauren plans to attend Utah Tech University.

Benjamin Mogg, son of Sarah and Mathew Schultz, has been awarded a Bright Flight Scholarship, A-Plus Scholarship, Groundbreaker Scholarship & Kummer Vanguard Scholars Award to Missouri University of Science and Technology and a Copper Dome Scholarship & Residence Life Leadership Award to Southeast Missouri State University. Benjamin will be attending the Missouri University of Science and Technology.

Brayden Montgomery, son of Jeff and Amy Montgomery has been awarded an A-Plus Scholarship. Brayden will be attending Jefferson College.

Jersey Moonier, daughter of Derrick and Christina Moonier, has been awarded an A-Plus Scholarship, Maurice O. Lucas Family Scholarship, National Women's Athletic Association Scholarship, Festus MSTA Scholarship, Athletic Scholarship to Mineral Area College, Leon and Johanna Vetta Sports Scholarship and a Vantage Credit Union Quest for Education Scholarship. Jersey will be attending Mineral Area College.

Nathaniel Moore, son of Andy and Mindy Moore, has been awarded an A-Plus Scholarship and an Athletic to Jefferson College. Nathaniel will attend Jefferson College.

Anna Muellersman, daughter of Sandra and Jim Muellersman, has been awarded an A-Plus Scholarship, Maurice O. Lucas Family Scholarship, Missouri Access Extra Scholarship, FHS Band Booster Scholarship, CAFNR Scholarship and Curators Scholarship to the University of Missouri, a Copper Dome Scholarship & Residence Life Leadership Award to Southeast Missouri State University. Anna will be attending the University of Missouri.

James Muellersman, son of Sandra and Jim Muellersman, has been awarded an A-Plus Scholarship. James plans to enter the workforce after graduation.

Anden Murphy, son of Dean Murphy and Jeannie Murphy, has been awarded an A-Plus Scholarship. Anden plans to attend Jefferson College.

Crystal Nguyen, daughter of Tim and Katie Nguyen, has been awarded an A-Plus Scholarship, Maurice O. Lucas Family Scholarship, Curators' Scholar Award-University of Missouri Kansas City, Copper Dome Scholarship and Residence Life Leadership Award to Southeast Missouri State University. Crystal will be attending the University of Missouri, Kansas City.

Alexander Nickelson, son of Amanda and Eric Nickelson, has been awarded an A-Plus Scholarship and an ATS to AAS Pathway Scholarship to Jefferson College. Alexander is attending Jefferson College.

Kali Oshia, daughter of Ron and Amy Oshia, has been awarded an A-Plus Scholarship and a Kim Showmaker-Allen Scholarship. Kali will be attending State Technical College of Missouri.

Hannah Palos, daughter of David Palos and Shelly Palos, has been awarded an A-Plus Scholarship and a James Yelton Sr. Memorial Scholarship to Jefferson College. Hannah will be attending Jefferson College.

Becca Partney, daughter of Jonathan and Crystal Partney

Senior Scholarships & Awards Cont.

has been awarded a Residence Life Leadership Award to Southeast Missouri State University. Becca will be attending Southeast Missouri State University.

Presley Perry, daughter of Dave Perry and Becki Perry has been awarded an A-Plus Scholarship. Presley is planning to attend Jefferson College.

Cody Portell, son of Walker Portell and Priscilla Portell, has been awarded an A-Plus Scholarship. Cody will be attending Jefferson College.

Buchanan Pratt, son of Charles Pratt and Marsha Fisher, has been awarded a Bright Flight Scholarship, A-Plus Scholarship and an Earl R. Blackwell Endowed Scholarship to Jefferson College. Buchanan will be attending Jefferson College.

Bailey Propst, daughter of Adam Propst and Melanie Spoth, has been awarded an A-Plus Scholarship and a Maurice O. Lucas Family Scholarship. Bailey will be attending the University of Missouri, St. Louis.

Connor Raebel, son of Wayne and Melanie Raebel, has been awarded an A-Plus Scholarship, Maurice O. Lucas Family Scholarship, Emma Jane Vance Memorial Scholarship, Missouri Access Extra Scholarship, Pride Band Scholarship and Missouri State Promise Scholarship to Missouri State University and Lobo Undergraduate Exchange Plus Scholarship to the University of New Mexico and a Bowling Scholarship. Connor is attending Missouri State University.

Rangel Rebollo, son of Oscar Rebollo, has been awarded an A-Plus Scholarship. Rangel will be attending Jefferson College.

Tate Riney, son of Megan Willm and Derek Riney & Christina Riney, has been awarded an A-Plus Scholarship, Maurice O. Lucas Family Scholarship, Lieutenant Kent M. Kiepe Scholarship, Miss Sue Scholarship, Antonio Tullock Scholarship, Douglass Alumni Association Dr. AC Shropshire and a Diversity Award to the University of Missouri. Tate plans to attend the University of Missouri.

Olivia Rodgers, daughter of Steven and Jessica Rodgers, has been awarded an A-Plus Scholarship. Olivia will be attending Jefferson College.

Morgan Roland, daughter of Jerry and Stacey Roland, has been awarded a Griffon Guarantee A+ Scholarship and a Griffin Guarantee Scholarship to Missouri Western State University. Morgan plans to attend Southeast Missouri State University.

Allison Rousseau, daughter of Kevin and Diane Rousseau has been awarded an A-Plus Scholarship and Mary Katherine Memorial Nursing Scholarship. Allison will be attending Southeast Missouri State University.

Henry Roux, son of Derek Roux and Becky Roux has been awarded an A-Plus Scholarship, Festus Football Booster Club Tiger Strong, Copper Dome Scholarship and Residence Life Leadership Award to Southeast Missouri State University and an Excellence Award to the University of Missouri. Henry will be attending the University of Missouri.

Isabella Rowden, daughter of Nicholas and Rachel Rowden, has been awarded a Miss Sue Scholarship. Isabella will be attending Oklahoma Wesleyan University.

Summer Sansoucie, daughter of Dennis & Beth Sansoucie and Betty Sansoucie, has been awarded a Griffon Guarantee A+ Plus Scholarship and Griffon Guarantee Scholarship to Missouri Western University, True Blue Scholarship, Gateway Award & Ready for Success Award to Illinois College. Summer will be attending Illinois College.

Isaac Schnable, son of Jennifer & Thomas Rawe and Kevin Schnable, has been awarded an A-Plus Scholarship, Maurice O. Lucas Family Scholarship, Groundbreaker Scholarship, Kummer Vanguard Scholars Award and Border County XTRA Scholarship to Missouri University of Science & Technology, Copper Dome Scholarship and Residence Life Leadership Award to Southeast Missouri State University. Isaac plans to attend Missouri University of Science and Technology.

Ian Schram, son of Katie Schram and grandson of Linda Harris-Santhuff, has been awarded an Athletic Scholarship to Wichita State University. Ian will be attending Wichita State University.

Courtney Seithel, daughter of Kimberly Seithel, has been awarded an A-Plus Scholarship. Courtney plans to attend St. Louis Community College.

Marley Shepherd, child of Kevin and Holly Shepherd, has been awarded an A-Plus Scholarship, Maurice O. Lucas Family Scholarship, FHS Speech & Theater Scholarship, Mastodon Art Fair Scholarship, Copper Dome Scholarship and Residence Life Leadership Award to Southeast Missouri State University and Webster Blue Academic Scholarship. Marley will be attending Webster University.

Tyler Shepherd, son of Marcus and Lisa Shepherd has been awarded an A-Plus Scholarship. Tyler will be attending Jefferson College.

Alexis Shoults, daughter of Brandon Shoults and Jennifer & Dave Johnston, has been awarded an A-Plus Scholarship, Woods-Wyman JCSCA Scholarship and Emma Jane Vance Memorial Scholarship. Alexis plans to attend Jefferson College.

Alexis Shular, daughter of Shannon Shular and Lonnie Reece has been awarded an A-Plus Scholarship and a Jefferson County Democratic Club Scholarship to Jefferson College. Alexis plans to attend Jefferson College.

Ella Shy, daughter of Jason and Tiphonie Shy, has been awarded an A-Plus Scholarship, Maurice O. Lucas Family Scholarship, Doug and Lisa Mouser Scholarship, Janis Williams Scholarship, Andy Habsieger Memorial Leadership Scholarship and a Provost Award to the University of Missouri. Ella will be attending University of Missouri.

Cole Skaggs, son of Dan and Vicki Skaggs, has been awarded an A-Plus Scholarship. Cole will be attending Ranken Technical College.

Christina Smith, daughter of Curtis Smith and Karamea Christofferson, has been awarded an A-Plus Scholarship, Maurice O. Lucas Family Scholarship, Groundbreaker Scholarship and a Top Ten "Honors" Scholarship to Jefferson College. Christina will be attending Jefferson College.

Joshua Spindler, son of Christopher and Lisa Spindler, has been awarded a Bright Flight Scholarship, A-Plus Scholarship, Maurice O. Lucas Family Scholarship, Burger King Scholars Award, VFW Voice of Democracy Scholarship, Groundbreaker Scholarship and Kummer Vanguard Scholars Award to Missouri University of Science and Technology. Joshua will attend Missouri University of Science and Technology.

Mitchell Thompson, son of Christian and Karen Thompson has been awarded a Maurice O. Lucas Family Scholarship and Colé's Hope Memorial Scholarship. Mitchell plans to attend Jefferson College.

Quinn Tilley, son of Blake and Amy Tilley, has been awarded a Leonard C. White Endowment Scholarship to Jefferson College. Quinn will be attending Jefferson College.

Emilie Torres, daughter of Eli & Tammy Torres and Patty Torres, has been awarded a Maurice O. Lucas Family Scholarship, Emma Jane Vance Memorial Scholarship, My Place Scholarship, Junior Optimist Bryan Brennan Memorial Scholarship, VFW Voice of Democracy Scholarship, Festus MNEA Scholarship, Kim Showmaker-Allen Scholarship, Missouri Access Extra Scholarship, Copper Dome Scholarship and Residence Life Leadership Award to Southeast Missouri State University. Emilie will be attending Southeast Missouri State University.

Emma Vogt, daughter of Dale Vogt and Teera Roalnd, has been awarded an A-Plus Scholarship and a Jefferson Scholarship to Jefferson College. Emma will be attending Jefferson College.

Cason Walker, son of Justin and Valerie Walker, has been awarded a Bright Flight Scholarship, Groundbreaker Scholarship and Kummer Vanguard Scholars Award to the Missouri University of Science and Technology and an Out of State Achievement Scholarship and CEAT Scholarship to Oklahoma State University. Cason plans to attend Oklahoma State University.

Liliana Walker, daughter of Aimee and James Walker, has been awarded a Bright Flight Scholarship, Weier Family Scholarship, Maurice O. Lucas Family Scholarship, Chancellor's Award to the University of Missouri, Copper Dome Scholarship and Residence Life Leadership Award to Southeast Missouri State University, Groundbreaker Scholarship to University of Missouri Science and Technology and President's Honorary Scholarship, TruMerit Scholarship and TruOpportunity Scholarship to Truman State University. Liliana plans to attend the University of Missouri.

Kalie Weiler, child of Heather Ferguson and Derek & Tammy Weiler, has received an A-Plus Scholarship, Maurice O. Lucas Family Scholarship, President's Honorary Scholarship, TruMerit Scholarship, TruOpportunity Scholarship and an A+ Recognition Scholarship to Truman State University and a Copper Dome Scholarship and Residence Life Leadership Award to Southeast Missouri State University. Kalie will attend Truman State University.

Dari White, daughter of Ed White and Laura White, has been awarded an A-Plus Scholarship, Maurice O. Lucas Family Scholarship, Byrd Family Scholarship, Copper Dome Scholarship and Residence Life Leadership Award to Southeast Missouri State University and a Provost Award to the University of Missouri. Dari will be attending

the University of Missouri.

Ricky Williams, son of Ricky Williams Sr. and Shawnee Williams, has been awarded an A-Plus Scholarship and a George & Thelma Fenwick Sr. Scholarship to Jefferson College. Ricky will be attending Jefferson College.

Sarakate Willis, daughter of Marty and Susan Willis has been awarded an A-Plus Scholarship, Maurice O. Lucas Family Scholarship and a Dennis Kehm Sr. Scholarship to Jefferson College. Sarakate will be attending Jefferson College.

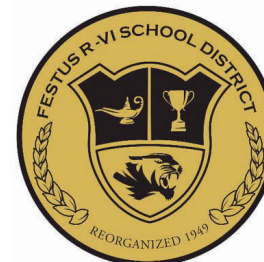
Emma Zimmerly, daughter of Heather & Tim Wade and James Zimmerly, has been awarded an A-Plus Scholarship, Festus-Crystal City Elks Lodge 1721 Scholarship. Emma plans to attend Missouri State University.

Carter Zinn, son of Mark and Katye Zinn, has been awarded an A-Plus Scholarship, Joann Thurman-Mangan Drama Scholarship, Copper Dome Scholarship and Residence Life Leadership Award to Southeast Missouri State University. Carter will be attending Jefferson College.

Connor Zustiak, son of Caleb and Kimberly Zustiak, has been awarded an A-Plus Scholarship, Maurice O. Lucas Family Scholarship, FHS Speech & Theater Scholarship, Copper Dome Scholarship, Residence Life Leadership Award and Music Workshop Award to Southeast Missouri State University and a VFW Voice of Democracy Scholarship. Connor will be attending Southeast Missouri State University.



Marli McHawes (left) & Karleigh Bayer



Fireworks over Tiger Stadium following graduation



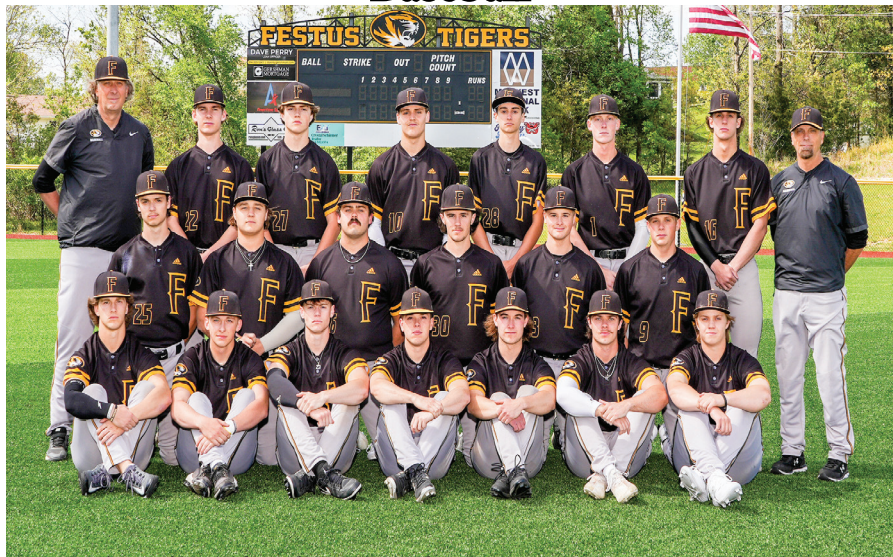
Graduates turn to their parents to acknowledge and thank them for all they've done



Tyler Whitter congratulated by School Board President

Festus High School Spring Sports 2022-2023

Baseball



First row (L to R): Brady Nolen, Trey Anderson, Henry Roux, Wyatt Huskey, Carter White, Nate Moore, Brayden Montgomery
 Second row (L to R): Tyler Bizzle, Mason Schirmer, Ian Brown, Jeremiah Cunningham, Jackson Smith, Cole Skaggs
 Third row (L to R): Head Coach Jeff Montgomery, Gavin Williams, William Reese, Hayden Bates, Adam Marr, Jackson Gross, Tyler Reece, Varsity Assistant Barry Stafford (not pictured Trenton Young)

Girls Soccer



Front Row (L to R): Crystal Nguyen, Pixie Willis, Madison Souders, Marli McHawes, Addi Cupp, Summer Sansoucie, Shayne Hofmeister
 Middle Row (L to R): Karleigh Bayer, Brynn Moonier, Delaney Schmitt, Riley Zustiak, Zoe Erxleben, Avery Schmitt, Ella McKinney, Mady Geiler
 Back Row (L to R): Jersey Moonier, Emma Stevens, Alyzah Scaggs, Allyson Roberson, Jocelynn Yates, Riley Vogel, Cece Meppiel

Girls Track & Field



Front row (L to R): Kendahl Johnson, Abby Schnable, Izzy Douglas, Addie Smith, Taylor Habseiger, Presley Perry, Ella Shy, Alexis Biehle, Constance Hawkins, Jessica Hawkins, Jayleigh Fitzgerald, Jeannie Thornborrow, Amelia Brummer, Elizabeth Skaggs, Karly Manwarring, Olivia Madden, Katelyn Thurman.
 Middle Row (L to R): Vivian Glaze, Katelin Reece, Lydia Koessel, Nadiya White, Amelia Davis-Mays, Annabelle Cook, Ava Leftwich, Olivia Gillam, Alex Yates, Kaylea Holmes, Alyssa Collins, Kayla Drummond, Ella Moser, Paige Pikey, Ava Wilson, Leinna Smith
 Back Row (L to R): Haley Heibeck, Addison Smith, Riley Connors, Ella Montgomery, Liv Barnett, Dari White, Ci-ara McDonald, Rylie Moore, Makayla DeClue, Angela Bloodworth, Olivia Cole, Autumn Yount, Sara Banderman, Addison Walden, Rosalie Tedford, Olivia Kearns, Madison Caskanett

Boys Track & Field



Front Row (L to R): Jneyveaun Lacey, Omauri Anderson, Carson Boyer, Sawyer Partney, Trevor Bayless, Austin Johnson, Tyler Shepherd, Avery Edwards, Arhmad Branch, Reece Johnson, Hunter Bates, Austin Schutte, Aiden Cole, Ian Schram, Tate Riney, Essien Smith, Davin Brown, Luke Wacker
 Middle Row (L to R): Conner Bartlett, Michael McCabe, Jackson Reese, Pierfrancesco Ghisu, Gavin Nokely, Mekiah Miller, Richard Wilson, Ethan Kraus, Ryan Connors, Lucas Campbell, Jimmy Wacker, Chris Bell, Zach Spindler, Lucas Kavanaugh, Dylan Cawvey, Mason Weinhaus, William Hancock, Leuntae Williams, Amyas Edwards, Tate Udling
 Back Row (L to R): Matt Malusky, Connor Rush, Ryan Ross, Owyn Daugherty, Caiden Morelan, Brayden Beard, Robert Turner, Cullen Krieg, Kayden Renfrow, Bryson Rhine, Halen Rawe, Francesco Colombo, Chase Karr, Carson Driemeier, Wyatt Johnson, Zach Beers

Tennis



Front row (L to R): Lainey Coplin, Grace Stark, Saigel Mickan, Brooklyn Blecha, Mila French, Kennedy Hale, Lainey Salatas, Anna Sardo, Regan Hanewinkel, Lilly Besore.
 Second row (L to R): Ava Lee, Mollie Drury, Avin Luo, Toby Tilley, Toby Beck, Sydney Wolfe, Emme Coplin, Ava Beers, Lexi Gauch.
 Third row (L to R): Evan Griffin, Franky Liu, Hailey Ide, Connor Zustiak, Coby Bailey, Lilly Rodgers, Levi Green, Maggie Geiler, Abie Luo, Preston Rakers.
 Back row (L to R): Zachariah Getting, Allison Rousseau, Emma Vivrett, Sara Wolfe, Elijah Getting, Zachary Rector, Madison Gray, Liza Richardson, Coach Angie Tinnin.

Golf



First row (L to R): Brady Nolen, Trey Anderson, Henry Roux, Wyatt Huskey, Carter White, Nate Moore, Brayden Montgomery
 Second row (L to R): Tyler Bizzle, Mason Schirmer, Ian Brown, Jeremiah Cunningham, Jackson Smith, Cole Skaggs
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FESTUS R-VI 2023/2024 DISTRICT CALENDAR

'Educating all children to meet tomorrow's challenges'

July 2023							January 2024						
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S	S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
						1	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
2	3	4	5	6	7	8	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
9	10	11	12	13	14	15	21	22	23	24	25	26	27
16	17	18	19	20	21	22	28	29	30	31			
23	24	25	26	27	28	29	Total Student Days 20						
30	31												

August 2023							February 2024						
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S	S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
6	7	8	9	10	11	12	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
13	14	15	16	17	18	19	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
20	21	22	23	24	25	26	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
27	28	29	30	31			25	26	27	28	29		
Total Student Days 9							Total Student Days 19						

September 2023							March 2024						
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S	S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
						1							
3	4	5	6	7	8	9	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23	17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
Total Student Days 20							Total Student Days 16						

October 2023							April 2024						
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S	S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
8	9	10	11	12	13	14	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
15	16	17	18	19	20	21	21	22	23	24	25	26	27
22	23	24	25	26	27	28	28	29	30				
29	30	31					Total Student Days 20						
Total Student Days 21													

November 2023							May 2024						
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S	S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
5	6	7	8	9	10	11	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25	19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30			26	27	28	29	30	31	
Total Student Days 18							Total Student Days 14						

December 2023							June 2024						
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S	S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
						1							
3	4	5	6	7	8	9	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
10	11	12	13	14	15	16	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
17	18	19	20	21	22	23	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
24	25	26	27	28	29	30	23	24	25	26	27	28	29
31							30						
Total Student Days 14							Total Student Days 30						

23-24 Calendar Board approved

Activities Dead Week	July 3-7
Athletics Dead Week	July 31-August 4
New Teacher Orientation	August 7-9
Teacher Work Days	August 15-17
FIRST SEMESTER: August 21 – December 20, 2023 (82 days)	
First Quarter: August 21 – October 18 (41 days)	
First Day of School	August 21
No School – Labor Day	September 4
No School – Teacher PD Day	October 9
End of 1 st Quarter	October 18
Second Quarter: October 19 – December 20 (41 days)	
No School – Teacher PD Day	November 1
No School – Thanksgiving Break	November 22-24
End of 2 nd Qtr./1 st Semester -- Early Release	December 20
No School/Winter Break	December 21-29
SECOND SEMESTER: January 3 – May 20, 2024 (89 days)	
Third Quarter: January 3 – March 6 (43 days)	
No School/New Year's Day	January 1
No School/Teacher Flex Day	January 2
Students Resume	January 3
No School/MLK Day	January 15
No School/Teacher PD Day	February 16
No School/Presidents' Day	February 19
End of 3 rd Quarter	March 6
Fourth Quarter: March 7 – May 20 (46 days)	
No School – Spring Break	March 25-April 1
No School – Solar Eclipse	April 8
End of 4 th Qtr./2 nd Semester -- Early Release	May 20
Teacher Work Day	May 21
Teacher Work Day (only if flex hours are needed)	May 22
Memorial Day	May 27

Calendar Legend	For updates on closures, please use the following sources:
Activities/Athletics Dead Week	KJFF (1400 AM)
First Day of School	KTJJ (98.5 FM)
No School	KTVI (Channel 2)
Teacher PD Day	KMOV (Channel 4)
End of Quarter	KSDK (Channel 5)
Last Day of School	Twitter: @FestusR6
Teacher Work Day	Facebook: FestusRV1
Only if flex hours are needed	Website: www.festus.k12.mo.us
New Teacher Orientation	
Student Attendance Days	

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

NOTES:
 The first four days missed due to incentive weather will be traditional snow days and made up at the end of the school year. However, the final attendance day will be no later than Friday, May 24.
 Each Wednesday will have a 1 hour delayed start time due to Professional Learning Communities.
 Final examinations are held the last three attendance days of each semester at the high school.

FHS SRO Receives Live-Saver Award

Festus High School School Resource Officer Richard Placke received the City of Festus's Life-Saver Award during a City Council meeting on May 22. Placke was on duty in the high school on April 26, when a student approached him holding her hand near her throat. She indicated that she was choking on something. Officer Placke acted quickly and began to perform the Heimlich Maneuver on her. After a few quick compressions, the food was dislodged from her airway. The student recovered successfully.



Officer Richard Placke (left) receives his award from Festus Police Chief Doug Wendel



Officer Richard Placke (left) with Festus Police Chief Doug Wendel

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