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# Missouri Betas Prepare for Nationals

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**Mobile, Alabama** - The local Missouri Beta Club members are preparing for their journey to Mobile, Alabama on Wednesday, June 19<sup>th</sup>. During the following days, the Betas will be learning, sharing, and leading each other as they prepare for the upcoming school year as a whole so they can continue to lead by serving others. Schools from all over the United States will be travelling to Mobile and will be spending the weekend with sponsors, students, leaders, and well-known speakers at the Renaissance Mobile Riverview Plaza Hotel.

This year's theme is the Heart of Beta, which was used at each and every state convention held earlier in the school year during March and April. The Missouri convention was held in Branson, as it is every year, and the new event center was filled with students all over the state, including multiple guest speakers.

Although it is a statewide event, southeast Missouri and the Stoddard County area has proved that they are true Betas at heart. For two years in a row, Bloomfield, Richland, and Malden High School have all been chosen by the Missouri Beta members to serve as their State Representatives and will compete at National Convention within the next few days.

Darren Green, an upcoming senior at Malden High School, was elected as the Missouri State Beta President with his Big Beta Theory campaign skit and competed against

Vinburnum High School for the position at State Convention. Green is a proud leader of the Malden Betas who also took 1st place in Creative Writing, Oratory Competition, Campaign Skit, and Group Talent, and will also be performing at Nationals.

Kannon Qualls, an upcoming senior at Richland High School, was elected the Missouri State Beta Vice President with his “Express Yourself” campaign skit. While growing up with autism, Qualls knew that the song and skit was a perfect way to represent his personality and his speech. Qualls defeated nine other schools from all over Missouri back in March at State and is looking forward to his trip to Mobile. Richland also took second place in the Acrylic Painting Competition and third place in the Spelling Competition, which they will be competing in Mobile for.

Kendra Elder (Bloomfield), was voted in as the Missouri State Beta Secretary with her “Kicking It With Kendra” campaign skit. Bloomfield ran against two other schools and successfully placed 2nd in the Campaign Skit and will be competing at Nationals.

Other Missouri schools, such as Twin Rivers High School and Puxico High School will also be attending the National Convention but will not be representing Missouri for office. They will be competing in Quiz Bowl and other academic tests, exams, and art projects.

Beta Club is a large part of schools in almost twenty different states. The hotel will definitely be buzzing with excitement when all the Betas arrive this Wednesday and officially begin Convention on Thursday afternoon. The members will get to see speakers from all over the country and will get to meet other students that have the same incredibly motivation as they do. The national club motto is “Lead by serving others” and with over three thousand students willing to serve, Mobile is going to be a busy, busy place!

A national Beta Club member described his State Leadership Summit like this: “I never thought a weekend conference would change my life.” Beta offers opportunities for students who all have different strengths and weaknesses. Many compete in art, academics, Quiz Bowl, creative writing, poetry, and even scrapbooking. Beta really does have a place for everyone, which is why all the Missouri Betas are looking forward to heading to Nationals!

The community is wishing the best of luck to all of the competitors and hope that the Betas have a great time on their trip!

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## DHS FFA Hosts Awards Banquet

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DHS FFA Hosts Awards Banquet

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**Dexter, Missouri** – Near the end of the school year, FFA students and parents were invited to attend a well-organized awards banquet. Students were recognized for their achievements and some even received scholarships.


The Dexter High School Future Farmers of America students were well represented at area and district competitions this year as well. The area Future Farmers of America competition was held at Twin Rivers High School back in March. The FFA competitors had to qualify there to advance to district competition. District Future Farmers of America/Agriculture competition was held on April 4, 2013, and April 6, 2013, in Cape Girardeau.

Madison Bishop, Hannah Craft, and Garrett Kyle placed fourth at area and seventh at district and qualified as alternates for state. Autumn Lesley placed first in the Reporter's Scrapbook Category. Hannah Craft also placed first in the

Beginning Production Record Book Category. Madison Bishop placed first in the Beginning Production Record Book Category. Chelsey Massey placed third in the Completed Production Record Book Category and Derek Felker placed fourth in the Completed Placement Record Book Category. Trevor Link placed fourth in the Creed Speaking Category.

In the District Agriculture contests Emily Peers, Paula Hagy, Chelsey Massey and Erika McCoy placed eighth in Poultry Judging and qualified for state. Shelby Edwards, Brianna Madigan, Melanie McKuin, and Taylor Page placed ninth in Floriculture Identification. Seth Mouser, Derek Felker, Garrett Kyle, and Trevor Link placed tenth in Livestock Judging. Kristen Copeland, Karlee Wright, and Seth Mouser placed ninth in Dairy Cattle Judging. Will Baker placed first in the Proficiency Awards competition in Diversified Crop Production. Derek Felker placed third in Natural Resources Management.

Earning their way to the State FFA Convention is the goal of most FFA members. The state convention is an opportunity for FFA members to get a glimpse of the size and scope of the National FFA organization. Over 9,300 FFA members and guests attended this year's convention. Dexter had ten members that went to convention this year.

Three members were selected for the FFA Choir.  They practiced many hours and performed during two convention sessions. These members were Jackson Hubbard, Matney Davis, and Chelsea Cox.

Four members worked on the State Courtesy Corps. They were Erika McCoy, Emily Peters, Chelsey Massey, and Paula Hagy. Three members also worked in the State Convention Media Room. They were Hannah Craft, Madison Bishop, and Garrett Kyle.

Matney Davis also performed talent at the convention. Hannah Craft and Madison Bishop received state award medals for their Record Books. One member, Autumn Lesley, received a state award for the Chapter Scrapbook. Erika McCoy, Chelsey Massey, Paula Hagy, and Emily Peters competed on the State Poultry Judging team.

Will Baker received the State Proficiency Award for Diversified Crop Production. One member also received the highest degree given at state- the State FFA

Degree. This was Chelsey Massey. Congratulations Chelsey!

There have been a lot of people that have helped the FFA this year. Many people have brought them fruit or participated in the raffle. Some businesses even donated money, a hog for the pig raffle, and chicken for the FFA BBQs, and banquet items such as fertilizer or seed. Some have even donated their time to conduct officer interviews or help with the BBQs. The following businesses contributed: Gene and Pam Rowland of Stoddard County Seed, Tom Jarrell of the Mule Barn, Tyson Inc., Bryan Bates of Helena, Matt Blevins, Joe Pulliam, and Leonard Madigan. The FFA appreciates all that the community and area businesses have done to help our chapter.

The Star Greenhand Award was given to the ninth grade FFA member who has participated in the most FFA activities. This year's recipient has participated in the chapter fundraiser, has attended the Greenhand Motivational Conference, served as an area and state delegate, has won a state award for record book, has worked in the state media room, has won the FFA Knowledge Spelldown at parents night, competed at area and district on the FFA Knowledge Contest, and was installed as chapter vice-president. If you are thinking that is a lot of activities for one Greenhand, you are right. The FFA could not pick just one this year because two kids were so close in activities. They chose Madison Bishop and Garrett Kyle. Congratulations Madison and Garrett!

The outstanding sophomore award was given to the tenth grade FFA member who has excelled at the most FFA activities. This year's recipient has served as a chapter officer, has attended the LEAD Leadership Conference, the area Leadership Conference, and the Greenhand Motivational Conference, and was the top chapter fruit salesman. This person has also attended the State FFA Convention and has performed with the State FFA Choir. The outstanding sophomore was Jackson Hubbard. Congratulations Jackson!

The outstanding junior award was given to the eleventh grade FFA member who has excelled at the most FFA activities. This year's recipient has worked on the chapter's farm, has sold fruit, and has competed at district and state on a contest team. This person has also attended the state FFA convention and worked on the State Courtesy Corps. This person received the highest degree the state can give which was the State FFA Degree. This person was Chapter President in 2012-2013 and will be President again next year. The outstanding junior was Chelsey Massey. Congratulations Chelsey!

The outstanding senior award was given to the twelfth grade FFA member who has participated and excelled in the most activities during their years in FFA. This year's winner has been an FFA member the past three years and has earned their way to state twice. This person has attended the National FFA convention and worked on the Courtesy Corps at the state FFA Convention and National FFA Convention. This person was this year's FFA secretary. The outstanding senior was Derek Felker. Congratulations Derek!

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Encouraging scholarships is one of the main things the FFA does. The scholarship award is given to the two FFA members in each class who have the highest grade point average in all of their classes. The ninth graders awarded a scholarship were Matney Davis and Madison Bishop. The tenth graders awarded a scholarship were Jackson Hubbard and Dalton Manuel. The eleventh graders awarded a scholarship were Hunter Frampton and Will Baker. The twelfth graders awarded a scholarship were J.T. Putnam and Derek Felker.

Developing leadership is the main result of being actively involved in FFA. They presented the Leadership Award to the eight members in the FFA who have developed their leadership potential the most through participating in FFA activities this year. These eight members who were awarded with the Leadership Award were Hannah Craft, Trevor Link, Erika McCoy, Paula Hagy, Emily Peters, Shelby Edwards, Brianna Madigan, and Autumn Lesley.

Many students were honored for their commitment to the Future Farmers of America. This is the last year for Mr. Ron Shipman to teach and be mentor to such wonderful students. He has retired from Dexter Senior High School and the student honored him with a beautiful bouquet of flowers and candy. Mr. Shipman will be missed, but we wish him much success in his future endeavors!

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## 2013 DHS Scholarships

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2013 DHS Scholarships

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**Dexter, Missouri** - The 2013 Dexter Senior High School graduates proudly accepted over \$1.2 million dollars in scholarships. This money goes directly to students entering secondary educational institutions.

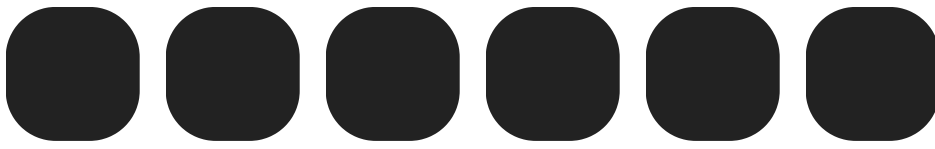
Parents should be extremely proud of the accomplishments of their children. Listed below are the students and the name of each scholarship they received.

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## Jade Triplett Graduates From Missouri State University

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**Dexter, Missouri** - Missouri State University awarded 2,404 degrees during their 2013 spring commencement ceremonies on May 17<sup>th</sup>. One Dexter native graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Criminology.

Jade Triplett, a 2008 graduate of Dexter Senior High School walked across the stage once again to receive a diploma. She graduated MSU with a Bachelor of Science in Criminology.

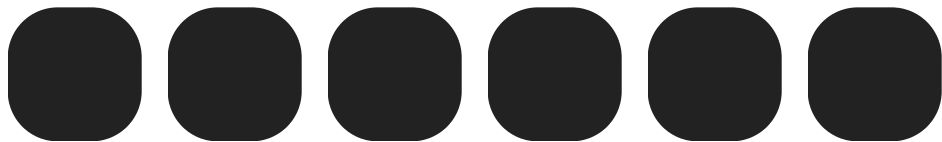
[Missouri State University](#) is a public, comprehensive metropolitan system with a statewide mission in public affairs, whose purpose is to develop educated persons. The university's identity is distinguished by its public affairs mission, which entails a campus-wide commitment to foster expertise and responsibility in ethical leadership, cultural competence and community engagement.

Congratulations Jade!



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## Missouri State University Awards Scholarships

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Missouri State University Awards Scholarships

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**Stoddard County, Missouri** - The Missouri State University recently awarded scholarships to incoming students for the 2013-2014 academic year.

These students were selected from those who applied based on their ACT (American College Test) scores, GPA, standing in graduating class and leadership shown in community and school activities.

From Advance, Missouri Tyler Drake Middleton received the Deans' Scholarship.

From Bernie, Missouri Haley Marie Stockton received the Transfer Academic Scholarship.

*From Dexter, Missouri **Tyler Wilson** received the Board of Governors Scholarship. (Shown in picture) Estimated value is \$20,000. Congratulations Tyler!*

From Essex, Missouri Jesse Barnes and Kelly Motta received the Provost Scholarship.

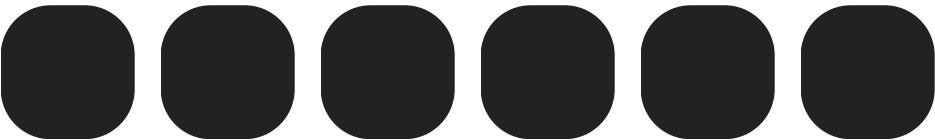
From Puxico, Missouri Josh Harp received the Provost Scholarship.

Congratulations to all of Stoddard County's best and brightest academic students.

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