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Dexter, Missouri – Dexter High School’s Student Council has been awarded the Missouri Association of Student Councils **Gold Honor Council Award** by the Honor Council Committee of the Missouri Association of Student Councils. The award was presented at the annual MASC Convention recently held in Windsor High School in Imperial, Missouri.

“Dexter High School met the criteria as established by the Honor Council Committee and the MASC Advisory Board,” stated MASC Chairman Karen Haak.

The criteria established honors those who have a comprehensive program established to promote student activities and student leadership. These activities include school service, spirit, community service, student and teacher recognition, and leadership training activities.

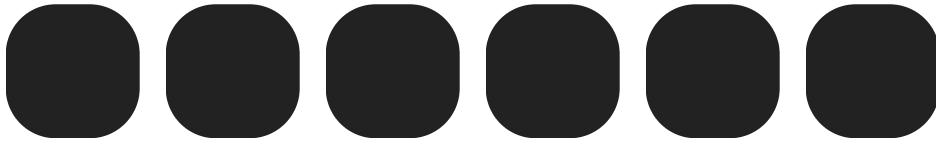
“Missouri Association of Student Councils recognizes the advisorship of Advisor Jennifer Miller who certainly played a large part in the acquisition of this award,” said Haak, of Moberly, Missouri. “Dexter High School Principal Dan Pollock should also be commended for supporting the young leaders of Dexter Senior High School.”

Photo provided by Jennifer Miller, DHS Counselor.

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Poplar Bluff, Missouri - Ingram's Magazine has ranked the Nursing program at Three Rivers College among the top nursing programs in Missouri and Kansas. The list includes 25 colleges and universities from across the two states, with

Three Rivers ranking in the top 20 alongside Southeast Missouri State, St. Louis University, and the University of Missouri-Columbia.

Among the top 20, Three Rivers is the only institution listed with accreditation by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing. With a student-focused faculty/pupil ratio of 8-to-1, Three Rivers' Nursing program also has the lowest in-state tuition among the top 20. In 2012, Three Rivers' nursing tuition was one-sixteenth the cost of SLU's program.

“One of our keys to success is our high hiring rate,” said Staci Campbell, chair of Three Rivers' Department of Nursing and Allied Health. “Many of our students get hired on before they even graduate. Healthcare providers like the Poplar Bluff Regional Medical Center make great efforts to woo our students to their organization.”

The Three Rivers Nursing program was established in 1971, with its first class of students graduating in 1973. Three Rivers offers a two-year Associate of Applied Science Degree in Nursing, which is designed to prepare graduates to pass the state nursing board licensing exam of Missouri.

Three Rivers is still accepting applications for its Fall 2014 day and evening nursing classes in Poplar Bluff. Applicants for the Nursing programs must be enrolled in or have passed MATH 103 or 153, have completed or be enrolled in CHEM 111, take the NLN-PAX-RN pre-entrance exam and achieve a minimum score of 105, and have a minimum 2.5 GPA across all college credit hours completed to be eligible for admission into the programs. The application deadline is March 1. For more information on applying, call the Nursing and Allied Health department at (573) 840-9680.

Three Rivers College is committed to contributing to the quality of life in Southeast Missouri with quality, affordable higher education opportunities and community services that support and encourage the economic, civic, and cultural vitality of the region. For more information about college and workforce programs and upcoming events, visit trcc.edu.

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Missouri - Congressman Jason Smith announced the opening of the annual Eighth Congressional District Art Contest and invited high school students in Missouri's Eighth Congressional District to participate in the contest. Contest entrees need to be submitted to one of Smith's offices by Friday, April 25th.

Each spring, this nationwide high school art competition recognizes and encourages artistic talent. Since the competition began in 1982, more than 650,000 high school students have participated. Students in grades 9-12 can submit original paintings, drawings, collages, mixed media, computer-generated art, and photographs.

A panel of art experts will select a winning work of art to represent Missouri's Eighth District. The art will be displayed on Capitol Hill for one year. In addition, the winner of the Eighth Congressional District Art Contest will receive free airfare to attend a national recognition reception in Washington D.C. held in June.

"The Congressional Art Contest is a great way to recognize talented high school students in our Eighth Congressional District. In addition to being recognized locally, the winner of the contest will also be invited to Washington D.C. to attend a recognition ceremony and see their art displayed on Capitol Hill," said Smith. "We hope to have participation from schools across our district. I encourage anyone who is interested in participating in the contest to contact my office."

Entries must be submitted to one of Smith's offices by Friday, April 25th. Artwork can be dropped off at:

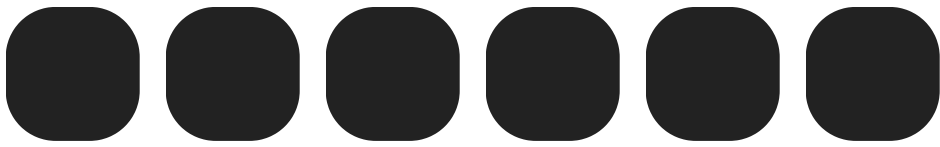
- Cape Girardeau Office: 2502 Tanner Drive, Suite 205, Cape Girardeau, MO 63703, 573-335-0101
- Farmington Office: 22 East Columbia Street, Farmington, MO 63640, 573-756-9755
- Poplar Bluff Office: 2911 North Westwood Blvd., Suite C, Poplar Bluff, MO 63907, 573-778-6679
- Rolla Office: 830A South Bishop, Rolla, MO 65401, Rolla, MO 573-364-2455
- West Plains Office: 35 Court Square, Suite 300, West Plains, MO 417-255-1515

For more information, students may contact Leslie Herbst at 573-335-0101 or email leslie.herbst@mail.house.gov. In addition, student can get more information by visiting: http://www.house.gov/content/educate/art_competition/

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Dexter, Missouri - Dexter Senior High School art students, under the direction of Clint Twaddell, brought home several awards from the Annual High School Art Exhibition in Cape Girardeau on the campus of Southeast Missouri State University.

Mr. Twaddell said this was the most ever awarded in his 12-year career at Dexter High School, including Best of Show. "As a school, we had 12 of 15 pieces accepted into the show and we earned six awards, which is a record in my tenure in Dexter," Twaddell said of the competition. "I'm extremely proud of these students."

More than 300 art pieces from high school juniors and seniors across the area with over 100 pieces chosen to be on display through March 16th at the Crisp Museum at SEMO. The student mediums included sculpture, ceramics, printmaking, mixed media, photography, fibers, drawing and painting.

Shelby Creado, a junior at Dexter, earned a Best of Show award for her drawing, "The Peacock Feather" Her first place earned her a \$1,000 academic scholarship to Southeast Missouri State University.

Senior, LaceAnn Sumner, had four pieces accepted into the show and she received one award, a third place honor in the Drawing category.

Kasity Twaddell, a senior, had five separate pieces accepted into the show, and she received three awards. She placed first in Mixed Media, third in Painting, and earned an Honorable Mention in Drawing.

Tesa Martin, another senior, had one piece accepted into the show, which earned her a second place honor in Painting.

Bridget Dixon, also a senior, had one piece accepted into the display.

Shown in the submitted photo are: Tesa Martin, Kasity Twaddell, and LaceAnn Sumner. Seated in back are Bridget Dixon and Shelby Creado.

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Artwork by Kasity Twaddell

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Richland High School News

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Richland High School News

Essex, Missouri - Third Quarter is officially over (after being extended an extra week due to the winter weather) and we are moving into Fourth Quarter, which means the Junior High will soon be taking the MAP test and high schoolers will be taking their EOCs.

High School News from Principal Mrs. Cindy Rhodes:

Believe it or not, we are entering the MAP and EOC Zone! It is a little nerve wracking for everyone involved to think that we have missed so many school days and are getting ready to be assessed on things that should have been covered in class when...we haven't even been in class! The students may begin to feel the pressure as teachers try to make up for lost time and cover as much as they can prior to testing to make sure they are prepared as they possible can be. Seventh and eighth grade will begin testing April 23rd through May 15th. High school will begin taking EOC's April 6th and will also go through May 15th. More information on testing times, dates, and subjects will be released at a later date. Since we have missed so many days, good attendance is more important now than ever.

Also, a big congratulations is in order for Mrs. Stephanie Monroe for receiving the National Beta Gold Seal Sponsor Award. She receives a pin and will be recognized at National Convention this summer. Also, there are several students who have won recent events and/or elected for an office in an organization. It is quite an impressive list and congratulations to all of them!

Eighth grader Luke Rhodes placed second in the State Junior Beta Social Studies test. He will be competing in Richmond, Virginia in June during the Junior Beta National contest. Eighth grader Joshua Shidler finished fifth in the Wire Sculpture category for Richland at the Beta contest as well.

Congratulations to Richland's FCCLA chapter! We made quite the impression on our Regional FCCLA chapter after competing for office back in January. Charlie Atchison

was elected Regional President, Tristan Montgomery was elected Regional Vice President, and Alexis Accord was elected as Regional Secretary. They were sworn into office in late February.

Today was also the District History Day Convention, where we had a large amount of students go to compete in!

Senior Division (Individual): 1st place Josh Thornton, 2nd place Mickala Tubbs, 3rd place Aleena Robbins

Historical Paper: 1st place Joe Foster, 2nd place Kayla Uhles, 3rd place Mckenzie Hillis

Group Website: 1st place Charlie Atchison, Tristan Montgomery, 2nd place Jerry Craft, Garett Phillips, and Preston Tilley, 3rd place Dawsey Horton and DJ Kimbrel

Group Exhibit: 1st place Gerlynn Grossius and Madison Snyder, 2nd place Skie Pinkley and Breanna Williamson, 3rd place Alicia Meeker and Jamie Smith.

Junior Division (Individual Web Design): 1st place Maddie Howard

Group Performance: James Burton and Riley Glass

Group Exhibit: 1st place Bradley Billingsley and William Smith, 2nd place Jordan Carmack and Andrew Walley, 3rd place Natalie Clark and Riley Thornton.

Historical Paper: 1st place Kate Wyman

Individual Exhibit: 1st place Megan Cullum, 2nd place Emily Blunt, 3rd place Luke Rhodes

Dates to remember:

March 17th marks the beginning of Fourth Quarter

March 17th is the Junior High Volleyball game that will be played at Dexter

March 18th is the Essex Area Development Chicken and Dumpling Dinner

March 18th is also the Junior High Volleyball game at home against Puxico

March 21st is the first High School Baseball game of the year at Southland

March 21st is the Junior High Dance that will be put on by Junior High Student Council and will be held in the cafeteria

March 24th is High School Baseball at Risco

March 25th is a home High School Baseball game against Woodland

March 25th is also a home Junior High Volleyball game against Risco

March 25th is also the first Junior High Baseball game at Campbell

March 28th there will be no school

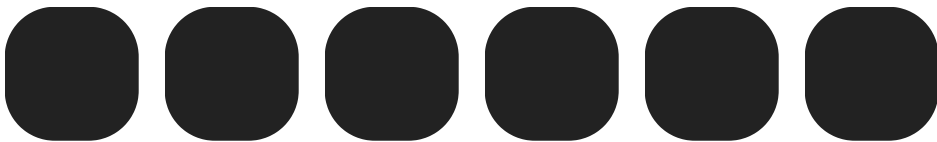
April 3rd the juniors will take the Compass Test

April 4th the school talent show will be held

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