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Dexter, Missouri - Matt Thurmon of Shelter Insurance presented a scholarship to Zach Kester of Dexter Senior High School.

Zach is the son of Terry and Rosetta Kester.

He plans to attend Southeast Missouri State University in Cape Girardeau, Missouri and will obtain a degree in Mathematics Education.

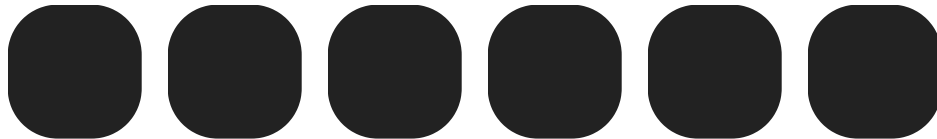
The scholarship was valued at \$2,000 and is partially funded by the Shelter Insurance Foundation, a not-for-profit corporation for charitable and educational purposes and Shelter Agent Matt Thurmon.

A committee of local high school officials and community leaders selected Zach. They considered each applicant's achievements, educational goals, citizenship, moral character and participation and leadership in school and community activities.

Congratulations Zach!

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Dexter, Missouri – In less than 24 hours, the DHS Class of 2014 will walk across the stage and graduate. No longer high school students they will begin a new chapter in their life. Some will go to college, some will serve our country in the military, and others will join the workforce. No matter what life holds in front of them, they have already been successful by earning a high school diploma.

Today around 4 p.m. Mr. Dan Pollock, DHS Principal, confirmed the names of the top two students in academics. Mr. Jacob Robinson will serve at valedictorian and Miss Kelsey Holder will serve at salutatorian of the Dexter Senior High

School Class of 2014.

Jacob is the son of Mark and Rhonda Robinson, has consistently been a top 10% student all four years of high school. He has served as Dexter Honor Society president, attended Summer Scholars Program at Washington University in St. Louis, and a Secondary Summer School Program at Harvard University.

He has also served as Student Council and Class President, a member of the Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) and District President of FBLA. He is a member of the Foreign Language Club, Robotics Club, and Stoddard County Teenage Republicans. He even co-founded a charitable organization locally, End Poverty in Stoddard County.

Jacob Robinson will be attending the University of Alabama in the fall, where he will major in Chemical and Biological Engineering. He will then attend medical school to become a physician.

Kelsey Holder is the daughter of Tim and Kaye Holder. She has also been consistently in the top 10% of her class. She has been an active member of FCCLA for the past three years, Future Business Leaders of America for three years, Future Teachers of America for two years, and is a Dexter Honor Society member. She has also been involved in the Speech and Debate Club and the Dexter High School Pep Club.

Kelsey plans to attend Saint Louis College of Pharmacy in the fall, where she will attain her Doctorate in Pharmacy in an eight-year program there.

Congratulations to Jacob and Kelsey! Graduation will take place in the Bearcat Event Center at 7:30 p.m. Friday, May 16, 2014.

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Valley View Jazz Festival

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Dexter, Missouri - The Dexter Senior High School Jazz Cats traveled to Jonesboro, Arkansas, for some new advice.

Departing early Saturday morning on April 26, The Jazz Cats embarked on an adventure of a lifetime, meeting Ron Carter and his son Bryan Carter.

Ron Carter is a jazz professor, and saxophonist, who has helped the Duke Ellington program and many other programs like it. His son, Bryan, was a drummer in the Grammy Award's band.

These clinicians called the group 'young swingers' because of the swing style of jazz. The band played "Afro Blue", "Won't You Come Home Bill Bailey", "After You've Gone", and "Honk". This being the first time the Dexter Cats traveled to Valley View High School for this music festival, some would say the clinicians were impressed.

The Middle School Jazz Cats then took the stage and played "Misty", "Take Five", "A Night In Tunisia", and "Salt Peanuts". Landon Stites, Lead Alto and eighth grader took a solo on "Misty". Lead Trumpeter and eighth grader Layla Brown and Lead Tenor Shelby Smith had a solo on "A Night In Tunisia", and Travis Propst, a seventh grade trumpet player took a solo on "Salt Peanuts."

After a break for lunch, the clinicians spoke about subdivision of the beat and the feel or style of music. They soon afterwards had another break and came back for a concert. The Valley View Junior High School Jazz Band performed first followed by the Valley View High School Jazz Band. The night closed out with a performance by the ASU, Arkansas State University, 11 O'clock Band.

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DAR Award Scholarships

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Campbell, Missouri - The Chalk Bluff Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution have awarded scholarships to three graduating seniors of Dexter High School.

Regent of Chalk Bluff Chapter, Ann Polsgrove was available to honor these individuals. Congratulations to Ashley Long, Kendra Stevenson, and Emily Long on your achievement.

The Chalk Bluff Chapter was organized on October 10, 1986 with a mission to promote historic preservation, education, and patriotism. Their motto is "God, Home and Country."

The DAR Chapter is dedicated to perpetuating the memory and spirit of the men and women who achieved American Independence and to develop and enlighten public opinion and to foster true patriotism and love of country.

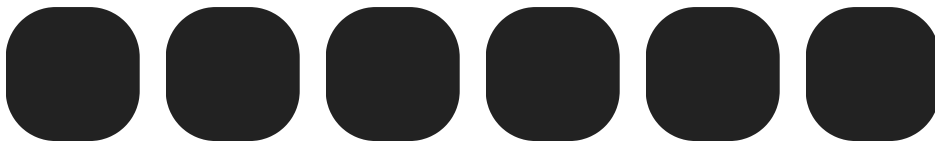
If you would like more information about the DAR please send an email to moboothelroots@yahoo.com or browse their website by clicking **HERE**.

Shown in the photo are from left to right: Ashley Long, Kendra Stevenson, Ann Polsgrove, and Emily Long.

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SEMO to Offer Summer Theatre and Dance Academy

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Cape Girardeau, Missouri - The Southeast Missouri State University Department of Theatre and Dance will offer its annual summer Theatre and Dance Academy June 2-6 and June 9-13 at Southeast's River Campus.

The Theatre and Dance Academy is an intensive theatre and dance educational experience for students in kindergarten through high school. The classes cover a variety of interests from dancing to acting. New classes this year are "Mama Mia" and "Wicked," two well-known Broadway shows.

All classes will be taught by a highly experienced and qualified faculty member of the University or a senior-level theatre and dance student. Each instructor will also have a student assistant.

Theatre and Dance season ticket holders and families enrolling multiple children receive a 15 percent discount. Partial tuition assistance is available for qualified applicants.

For more information, contact Kim Lanning at (573) 651-2149.

Students will need to provide their own dance shoes and dance attire. Students participating in ballet classes will need ballet slippers, a leotard and tights. Jazz dance participants will need a soft jazz shoe, leotard and tights or jazz pants.

Registration for the Theatre and Dance Academy is now open. Deadline for registration is May 31 or until all classes are filled. Some classes may be cancelled if enrollment requirements are not reached. For more information about the Academy, call Kim Lanning at (573) 651-2149 or email **klanning@semo.edu**.

Mama Mia

Sing, dance and act your way through the Broadway hit "Mama Mia." Students will spend the week rehearsing popular songs including "Honey, Honey," "Mama Mia" and "Dancing Queen." They will also play a mix of favorite theatre games and exercises to keep them on their toes. A snack will be provided, and a performance for family and friends will take place on the last day. "Mama Mia"

runs June 2-6 and is open to children in 1st-5th grade. It will be from 9 a.m.–noon in Room 403 at the River Campus. Tuition is \$150.

Wicked

Spend your afternoons singing, dancing and acting your way through the Broadway hit “Wicked.” Students will spend the week rehearsing songs including “Popular,” “The Wizard and I” and “Defying Gravity.” They will also play a mix of favorite theatre games and exercises to keep them on their toes. Snacks will be provided, and a performance for family and friends will take place on the last day. “Wicked” runs from June 2-6 and is open to children in 3rd-6th grade. It runs from 1-4 p.m. in Room 403 at the River Campus. Tuition is \$150.

Super Hero Combat

Transform into a superhero for the stage and screen. Students will learn the basics of safe, unarmed combat and create scenes revolving around their superhero creations. The day will include physical and vocal warm-ups, improvisation, and stretching and exercise. Students will have the opportunity to make their own mask and cape, and create a script. Please bring knee and elbow pads. Snacks will be provided, and students will perform for family and friends in the classroom at 2:30 p.m. on Friday, June 6. Super Hero Combat runs from June 2-6 and is for children in 6th-8th grade. The class will run from 1-4 p.m. in the Parker Hall Dance Studio. Tuition is \$150.

Ballet and Jazz

This class will mix and match its way through the dance techniques of jazz and ballet, exploring the connection between classical ballet and contemporary jazz. Students will learn musical theatre, funk and contemporary jazz styles while fusing them with classical ballet. Snacks will be provided, and a final performance will take place at 10:30 a.m. on Friday, June 13. Ballet and Jazz begins June 9-13 and is for children in kindergarten-3rd grade. It will run from 9-11 a.m. at the River Campus Dance Studio. Tuition is \$125.

Acting

Actors will find their voice and gain self-confidence in this artistic environment. The day will include physical and vocal warmups, improvisational games, character-building exercises, script writing, props construction, snacks and

rehearsal for their performance for family and friends at 3:30 p.m. on Friday, June 13. The class will run from June 9-13 and is for students in 9th-12th grade. It will run from 9 a.m.-noon in Room 403 at the River Campus. Tuition is \$150.

Here and Now – Contemporary

This class will focus on the newest and most up-to-date aspects of contemporary dance techniques working towards creating an exciting and challenging end of the week piece. Snacks will be provided, and a final performance for family and friends will take place in the dance studio at 2:30 p.m. on Friday, June 13. It runs from June 9-13 and is for children in 5th-8th grade. It will run from 1-3 p.m. at the River Campus Dance Studio. Children in 5th-8th grade are welcome. Tuition is \$125.

Acting

Find your voice and gain self-confidence through this workshop. The day will include warm-ups, improvisational games, script writing, prop making, snacks and rehearsal. This class is open from June 9-13 and is open to children in 9th-12th grades. The students will perform for family and friends in the classroom as part of a final performance at 3:30 p.m. on Friday, June 13. It will run from 1-4 p.m. in Room 403 at the River Campus. Tuition is \$150.

Design/Tech

Learn all about the backstage elements required for a full theatrical production from costume and scenic design to directing and producing a show. A week filled with college prep level classes and hands-on experience in the scene shop will give students a view of what it would be like to attend college as a theatre major in design and technical theatre. Students will be supplied with all materials required for these classes in addition to the guidance of experienced instructors and staff at the River Campus. Overnight campers will stay in the new residence halls on the main campus where they will experience campus life and activities including a pool party at the Student Aquatic Center adjacent to the Student Recreation Center-North. This camp is strongly recommended for students planning to attend the University as a theatre major in 2014 or 2015 and is open to students with all levels of interest and experience. It will run from June 9-14. Students in 8th-12th grades are welcome. For students who stay overnight, tuition is \$475. For students who commute, tuition is \$325. To register, visit semo.edu/camps.

Acting Intensive

Learn all about the backstage elements required for a full theatrical production from costume and scenic design to directing and producing a show. A week filled with college prep level classes and hands-on experience in the scene shop will give students a view of what it would be like to attend college as a theatre major in design and technical theatre. Students will be supplied with all materials required for these classes in addition to the guidance of experienced instructors and staff at the River Campus. Overnight campers will stay in the new residence halls on the main campus where they will experience campus life and activities including a pool party in the Student Aquatic Center adjacent to the Student Recreation Center–North. This camp is strongly recommended for students planning to attend Southeast as a theatre major in 2014 or 2015 and open to students with all levels of interest and experience. It will run June 16-21. Students in 8th-12th grades are welcome. For students who will stay overnight, tuition is \$475. For students who will commute, tuition is \$325. To register, visit semo.edu/camps.

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