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Columbia, Missouri - Musicians in the Dexter Senior High School Band competed recently in the Missouri State Music Contest.

The Missouri State Music Contest is the musical equivalent of an athletic state championship. Student soloists and ensembles qualify to participate in the state contest by first receiving a I rating at district contest.

In the state contest judges rate everything from length, intonation, accuracy of notes, dynamics, interpretation, difficulty - even if the music presented to the judge has been properly numbered. This is serious business and students are graded on the highest of levels by college-level professors and judges.

Students from Dexter participating in the Missouri State Contest include:

Brass Quintet: Layla Brown, Emily Johns, Brooks Propst, and Ethan Gillum - Brass Quintet - 1 rating

Saxophone Sextet: Toni Curran, Layla Brown, Landen Stites, Erin Lauters, Shelby Smith, and Sarah Durham - 1 rating

French Horn Solo: Emily John - 1 rating

Percussion Trio - John Durham, Zach Kester, and Addison Moore - 1 rating

Trumpet Solo: Gina Magarian - 2 rating

Trombone Solo: Brooks Propst - 1 rating

Saxophone Solo: Toni Curran - 2 rating

Xylophone Solo: John Durham - 2 rating

Clarinet Solo: Chandler Crowley - 1 rating

Shown in the photo are row one (left to right): Erin Lauters, Sarah Durham, Chandler Crowley, Toni Curran, Alyssa Teets, and Gina Magarian. Row two (left to right): Ethan Gillum, Emily Johns, Zach Kester, John Durham, Addison Moore, and Brooks Propst.

Congratulations to all of the talented musicians who participated and earned a great rating!

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Missouri - Area high school graduates may be missing valuable opportunities to receive financial aid for summer college classes by neglecting their A+ eligibility, according to officials at Three Rivers College.

“Most eligible students don’t realize that A+ works on summer classes, as well as the fall and spring semesters,” said Chris Adams, Director of Enrollment Services at Three Rivers College. “A+ allows you to get a head start on your education at an extremely low cost.”

To be eligible, students must first complete Missouri’s A+ Schools Program in their high school and submit a final high school transcript stamped with the school’s A+ seal. Qualifying students may receive up to six semesters of tuition and common fees at any participating Missouri community college, area vocational-technical school or state technical school, as long as they are enrolled in an approved program of study. Students may use A+ any time within four years of graduating high school.

A+ funding applies even if a student has used up or is ineligible for other financial aid such as Pell Grants, according to Adams. However, if a student is receiving a Federal Pell Grant, SEOG, or Access Missouri Grant, the Missouri A+ Incentive will pay only the allowable costs that exceed the above grants.

Registration for summer classes continues through May 30, with summer classes beginning on June 2. Registration is also open for Fall classes at all of Three Rivers’ locations. For more information on the A+ program, or on how to register

for classes at Three Rivers, call 573-840-9605 or visit .

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Cape Girardeau, Missouri – Southeast Missouri State University has named 2,504 students to the Dean's List for academic achievement during the spring 2014 semester.

Students named to the list earned at least a 3.5 grade point average on a 4.0 scale and completed at least 12 degree credit hours during the spring semester.

Below are area students by city who achieved a 3.5 GPA or higher. For the complete list click **[HERE](#)**.

Advance

Ashton Anderson, Ethan Barr, Hannah Barr, Tyler Bowman, Sara Mace, Kayla McCabe, Tyler Middleton, Miranda Nixon, Richard Nixon, and Lindsey Sullinger.

Bell City

Casey Hicks

Bernie

Alex Beard, David Blevins, Jerica Burton, Angelina Champion, Justin Curtis, Jessica Lane, Sarah Potter, Morgan Riley, Krystal Santos, Adam Slinkard, April Suell, Rachel Tilmon, and Cynthia Williams.

Bloomfield

Joshua Abner, Becca Bolin, Ethan Bryeans, Alexander Collier, Rachel Hankins, Michaela Heaton, Ashley Overstreet, Sarah Patrick, Grace Taylor, Rebecca Taylor, Erika Thomlinson, Matthew Tompkins, Elizabeth Willard, Jason Williams, Ellen Yates, Andrew Yeakey, and Jacob Young.

Dexter

Joseph Adams, Angela Alford, Jennifer Aslin, Carla Bradley, Hunter Bruce, Abbey Christian, Amanda Cooper, April DeBerry, James DeBerry, Brianna DeWitt, Damian Glasener, Landon Hall, Heather Hann, Bryan Hubrecht, Hannah Huls,

Emily Hutchcraft, Emily Hutchcraft, Erika Hutchcraft, Rilee Jones, Katie Justice, Jeffrey King, Shelby Lintz, Jessica Loflin, Zane Olson, Taylor Parker, Lauren Powers, Courney Razor, Tejay Riddle, Sydnie Rinehart, and Sydney Townsend.

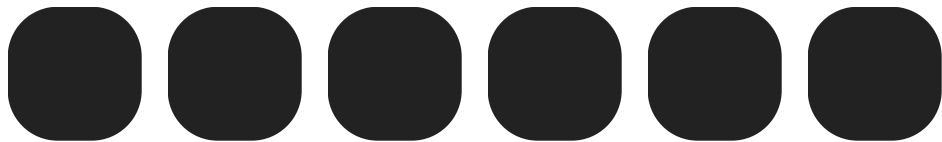
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Chelsea Brewer, Brandi Crain, Miranda Foster, Peggy Fowler, and Heather Gillock.

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Dexter Jr. Beta Ready for Nationals

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Dexter, Missouri - T.S. Hill Middle School students have something to be very proud of as they travel all the way to Richmond, Virginia. They are competing at the National Jr. Beta Convention in June.

Robert Shell (far right in the photo) of Bud Shell Ford presented Principal Scott Kruse with a check in the amount of \$5,080 to go towards their expenses for the trip.

The money was raised through a "Drive 4 Your School" campaign held last month at the Bearcat Event Center.

Any business wishing to contribute to the Jr. beta Club are asked to call Scott Kruse at 573-614-1010.

This group of students will depart Dexter on Friday, June 20th. The competition is June 21st - June 24th. The theme this year is Making History With Beta. Students will have the opportunity to compete in speech, spelling, language arts, math, science, poetry, and social studies. There will also be entertaining competitions like the Songfest Competition or various skits to be performed. There will also be a Quiz Bowl Competition, Living Literature, and Poster Competition.

Students will also have fun with Black & White Photography, Color Photography, Digitally Enhanced Photography and Oil or Acrylics in the Arts Division. There is even a section on crafts that will include Cross-Stitch, Handmade Jewelry, and Quilting.

Members who are competing are Madelyn Webb, Amber Scott, Abbie Dorton, Anna Bishop, Shawna Thompson, Maycie Martin, Michaela Gard, Cassie Bess, Caleb Hoggard, Jordan Adams, Sean Rybolt, Dylan Long, Logan Elder, Joe Rice, and Matthew Chesser.

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Poplar Bluff, Missouri - Three Rivers College packed the Black River Coliseum to celebrate the institution's newest graduating class on Sunday, May 18. The ceremony saw the awarding of over 550 associate degrees and certificates this year.

Political analyst and former press secretary to Governor Mitt Romney, Kevin Madden, gave the keynote address at the event. In his speech, Madden encouraged the graduates to choose not only academic excellence but also great character.

"Your graduation today is an achievement. You have embraced your God-given talent for learning. You have sought and found greater wisdom, wisdom granted upon you as a gift from our Creator," said Madden. "But, how you choose to use these gifts will reveal your character...remember, 'Talent is a gift. Character is a choice.'"

Musical guests “Geron Davis and Kindred Souls” out of Nashville, Tennessee, performed “I Will Sing” and “God Bless America” prior to Madden’s remarks. Other speakers included Randy Grassham, Chair of the Board of Trustees for Three Rivers; Dr. Devin Stephenson, President of Three Rivers College; and State Representative Todd Richardson.

“Each candidate today is part of an historic year at Three Rivers, and we say thank you for helping us reach this milestone,” said Stephenson, during the ceremony’s opening remarks. “The experiences that you have had at Three Rivers have enabled you to learn new things, to hone your skills and to enter a job market with great qualities and qualifications.”

This year marks the 46th anniversary of the college’s first commencement ceremony since its founding in 1966. Since then, Three Rivers has served over 100,000 students from its degree, transfer, and career development programs. Registration is currently open for Summer and Fall classes at Three Rivers. To learn more about taking classes, or to schedule a registration day, call 573-840-9605.

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