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# Alexis Smith Accepted to Vanderbilt University!

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**Dexter, Missouri** – It’s always impressive to be admitted to attend a college or university, but to be accepted to one of the top schools in the country is quite the honor. Alexis Smith has always dreamed of working in the medical field and she is one step closer to accomplishing her goal.

Alexis Smith received her letter of acceptance to Vanderbilt University! She was selected from the largest, most qualified early decision 1 applicant pool in Vanderbilt’s history. She will major in Mathematics with a pre-med track and once she has earned her Bachelor of Science degree will apply to medical school and become a Pediatric Neurosurgeon.

“It feels incredible to be able to say I am officially a Vanderbilt Commodore!” stated Smith. “I am speechless!” Alexis wanted to thank everyone who helped her along her journey and believed in her dream. Vanderbilt Class of 2019 is a dream come true for her.

Alexis is the 17-year-old daughter of Gabe and Brooke Smith. She is the student body President at Dexter Senior High School and is active in the Robotics Club, Rotary Interact, TARS, FLC, Future Business Leaders of America, and Scholar Bowl. She has also participated in Cross Country all four years of high school.

Smith is also in Dexter Honor Society and Top 10%. She attended Missouri Girls State last summer and attended Washington University – St. Louis Scholars

summer program. Alexis is a National Merit Semi-Finalist and is in the running to be a finalist.

She is the co-founder of End Poverty in Stoddard County, a non-profit group with a mission to help those in Stoddard County with food, coats, and clothes.

Alexis will graduate in May at Dexter Senior High School and move to Nashville, Tennessee to attend Vanderbilt.

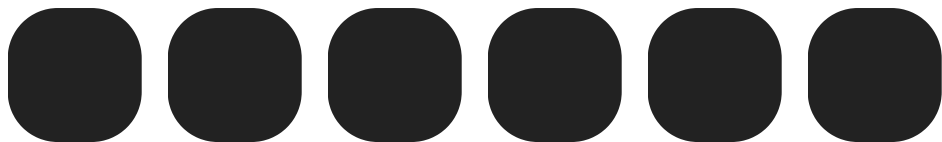
Vanderbilt University is a private institution that was founded in 1873 and is ranked among the top 20 institutions in the United States. In 2013, the Office of Undergraduate Admissions accepted 11.97% of applicants, thus making Vanderbilt one of the most selective universities in the United States.

Congratulations Alexis Smith! The Dexter community is extremely proud of your accomplishment and we can't wait to see what the future holds for you!

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# DHS Bands Host Christmas Concert

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## DHS Bands Host Christmas Concert

**Dexter, Missouri** - Under the direction of Scott Rybolt and Cody Jinkerson, the Dexter High School Varsity Band and Jazz Cats took the stage for their annual Christmas concert at the DHS auditorium on Monday, December 15th.

The Varsity Band Program consisted of four instrumental pieces, "The 13 Days of Christmas" by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, "Ave Maria" by Franz Schubert, "Of Dark Lords and Ancient Kings" by Roland Barrett, and "Highlights from *Frozen*", arranged by Sean O'Loughlin.

Performing on flutes were Abigail Bates, Callie Bradley, Kerigan Brady, Bailey Caldwell, Macy Cecil, Alicia Dees, Kirsten Durrow, Bethany Hyten, Michaela Gard, Halli Huls, Cadence Pullam, and Kirsten Teffertiller.

Performing on clarinets were Hannah Gibson, Courtney Grindstaff, Johnna Hinklin, Erin Lauters, Victoria Meritt, Tiffany Sanders, Courtney Scholl, and Amber Scott.


Abby Mangum played oboe. Darian Harding played the bassoon. Tuba players were Ethan Gillum and James Hill. Euphonium musicians were Blayne Goodman, Aaron Haynes, and Dason Milam.

Alto saxophones consisted of Toni Curran, Logan Elder, Tyler Robinson, and Alyssa Teets. Tenor saxophone players were Chance Jarrell and Shelby Smith. Dylan Long played baritone saxophone.

Brandon Parks, Brooks Propst, and Josh Webb played trombones and on trumpets were Layla Brown, Austin Carmack, Elizabeth Curran, Caleb Garcia, Brianna Gourley, Gina Magarian, Jonah Reiker, and Adam Webb.

Lacey Midgett played contra alto clarinet and Morgan Ross played the bass clarinet.

French horns were played by Emily Johns and Jonni Hill. Tubas players were Ethan Gillum and James Hill.

On percussion were Caleb Bess, Matt Chesser, Brad Freeman, Caleb Grogan, Seth Harris, Addison Moore, Sean Rybolt, and Scott Strickler. 

After a short intermission, the Jazz Cats performed "Otra Vez" by Craig Biondi, "Bus Dust" by Dennis Mackrel, "Buffalo Breath" by Bob Secor, "A Charlie Brown Christmas" by Vince Guaraldi, and "Channel One Suite" by Bill Reddie.

Those participating in Jazz Band are on Lead Alto - Toni Curran, 2nd Alto - Alyssa Teets, Lead Tenor - Erin Lauters, 2nd Tenor - Shelby Smith and Logan Elders, Baritone Saxophone - Dylan Long, Lead Trumpet - Gina Magarian, 2nd Trumpet - Adam Webb, 3rd Trumpet - Layla Brown, 4th Trumpet - Emily Johns and Elizabeth Curran, Drum - Matt Chesser and Addison Moore, Lead Trombone - Brooks Propst, 2nd Trombone - Blayne Goodman, 3rd Trombone - Dason Milam, Bass Trombone - Brandon Parks, Piano - Jonni Hill, and on Bass Guitar - Sean Rybolt.

The Jazz Cats also perform in the SEMO Phi Mu Alpha Jazz Festival, SIU Carbondale Jazz Festival, MAC Jazz Festival, North County Jazz Festival, and Valley View Jazz Festival and are often seen on the stage of a home Bearcats basketball game.

The DHS Varsity Band will perform again at their Winter Band Concert scheduled for Thursday, March 12, 2015 and they will also perform in Poplar Bluff at the Annual Band Festival on Tuesday, March 17, 2015.

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## Band Students Earn Special Recognition at State

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**Columbia, Missouri** - On December 6, 2014, over 1,200 students from across Missouri met at Hickman High School in Columbia to audition for the honor of participating in the top honor band in the state. Only one hundred and eight students are accepted into this elite ensemble.

Three DHS band students earned special recognition and one was selected to the All-State Band.

Brooks Propst made call backs for Concert Band and Jazz Band for Trombone. Emily Johns made call backs and was selected to the Honorable Mention Band - 8th Chair for French Horn. Toni Curran made call backs and was selected to the Honorable Mention Band - 5th chair for Alto Saxophone.

Lacey Midgett, a senior at Dexter High School, was selected to Missouri All-State Band earning her 2nd chair on Contra Alto!

The band will meet, rehearse, and perform at the Missouri Music Educators Association Conference held January 28th through January 31st, 2015 at Tan-Tar-A Resort, Lake of the Ozarks.

The conductor and clinician for the 2014-2015 Missouri All-State Band is Dr. Thomas Leslie. Dr. Leslie is a nationally acclaimed conductor/clinician, and his bands have been considered some of the finest in the world.

The 2014-2015 Missouri All-State Band will be performing the following:

Ponte Romano.....VandDer Roost

Second Prelude.....George Gershwin, arranged by Krance

Celestial Seas.....Julie Giroux

The Last Spring.....Grieg, arranged by Curnow

On the Air.....Michael Daugherty

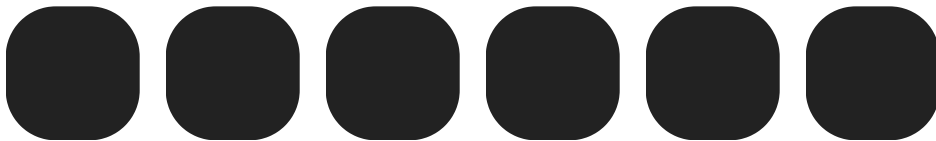
The only performance of the Missouri All-State Band will be at 12:30 p.m. on January 31, 2015 in the Salon A of Marriott's Tan-Tar-A Resort.

Shown in the photo are from left to right: Brooks Propst, Emily Johns, Toni Curran, and Lacey Midget.

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# T.S. Hill Middle School Weekly Activities

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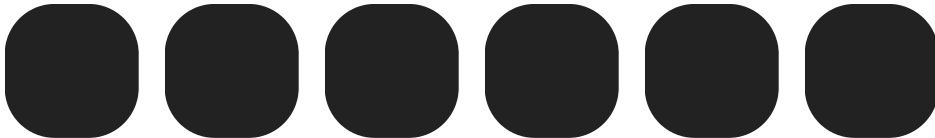
We hope you will mark your calendar and we encourage everyone to support our local students and their activities. The education and growth of young people in our community is the key to everyone's future!

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# Elks Lodge - December Students of the Month

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## Elks Lodge - December Students of the Month

**Bernie, Missouri** - Each month the Dexter Elks Lodge choose Students of the Month. Larry White, Dexter Elks Lodge member presented certificates and \$50 Savings Bonds to Bernie seniors Lari Spitzer and Caleb Ellenburg.

They are the Elks Lodge December Students of the Month!

Lari is the daughter of Kevin and Lisa Spitzer. Caleb is the son of Allan and Tommie Ellenburg.

Lari and Caleb are competing with honorees from the other county schools for the Dexter Elks Students of the Year. Both students, along with their parents and counselor, Mindy Jackson, will be honored with a banquet to be held at the Dexter Elks Lodge later next spring. The Elks Students of the Year will be announced at the spring banquet.

Congratulations Lari and Caleb!! The Bernie community is extremely proud of you and your accomplishments!!

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