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Dexter, Missouri - As part of the annual Faculty Awards that were presented at the Bearcat Event Center on Monday, Citizenship Awards were presented to outstanding juniors at Dexter High School.

Delaney Pullen received the female "I Dare You Citizenship Award" and Tyler Stevenson received the male "I Dare You Citizenship Award".

William F. Danforth, founder of Ralston Purina, wrote the book, "I Dare You" from his personal experience. He challenged young students to their highest potential in service and good citizenship.

The Danforth "I Dare You" Award recognizes youth who have an in-depth knowledge of the 4-H program. It is to challenge them to develop their skills for future endeavors through life and most importantly service to others.

Students must be a junior in high school and demonstrate leadership skills and good citizenship at an outstanding level.

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Poplar Bluff, Missouri - The Libla family finalized a seven figure donation to the Three Rivers Endowment Trust during a signing event held at Three Rivers College on Monday, May 8. In return, the college announced that institution's proposed athletics building would be named the "Libla Family Sports Complex."

"We're proud to help Three Rivers College launch this endeavor, and this is part of our commitment to giving back to the community as much as we can," said David Libla. "By having this project named for the Libla family, it serves as a remembrance of our parents, and hopefully inspires our children and grandchildren to continue giving back to this community which has given so much to us."

Attending the signing ceremony were Sen. Doug and Elaine Libla, and David and Mary Libla. The agreement was also signed by Dr. Wesley Payne, President of Three Rivers College; Ben Ressel, Chair of the Three Rivers College Board of

Trustees; Phil Davis, Vice Chair of the Three Rivers Board of Trustees, and Emily Parks, Executive Director of the Three Rivers Endowment Trust.

“It’s so amazing to see a self-made family building businesses, living the American dream, then giving back to their community,” said Ressel. “On behalf of the Board of Trustees, thank you to all those who have made this project possible.”

The donation makes possible the construction of the college’s new Sports Complex on its Poplar Bluff Campus, which will replace the Bess Activity Center as the home of the Raiders and Lady Raiders basketball teams. The current proposal is for a 75,000-square-foot structure incorporating a 3,000-seat gymnasium, offices for all of Three Rivers’ coaches, improved training and locker room facilities, and a Three Rivers Sports Hall of Fame. The facility also will have a FEMA-certified safe room capable of withstanding an F5-strength tornado funded by a \$2.5 million SEMA/FEMA grant.

“The Liblas have supported our community in many ways, both seen and unseen, and their generous donation is making the Libla Family Sports Complex possible,” said Dr. Payne. “With this, we should be able to move forward with this state-of-the-art facility, that will serve Three Rivers for many years to come.”

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.

Members of the Libla family, the Three Rivers Board of Trustees, the Three Rivers Endowment Trust, and Three Rivers College’s administration pose for a photo after finalizing a major donation agreement. From L-R: Phil Davis, Vice Chair, Three Rivers College Board of Trustees; Dr. Wesley Payne, President of Three Rivers College; Emily Parks, Executive Director of the Three Rivers Endowment Trust; David Libla; Mary Libla; Elaine Libla; Sen. Doug Libla; and Ben Ressel, Chair, Three Rivers College Board of Trustees.

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Soeter Completes 100-Book Challenge

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Poplar Bluff, Missouri - Poplar Bluff High School senior Ben Soeter is the first student in three years to read 100 novels and earn a \$1,000 scholarship via the Designing Women Foundation's Charlie Classics reading program.

The 17-year-old has placed first in his class each year for reading the most teacher-approved literary works, resultantly winning thousands in bank cards in addition to the scholarship. When Soeter was a freshman, he generously donated \$500 back to the PBHS library so the school can replace some of its titles in the Charlie Classics collection. At the time, he declared that it was a goal of his to complete the challenge.

Reflecting on all the books, Soeter said: "It changed the way I think, broadening my outlook of the world and the way I understand it for the better." He added that he has

enjoyed the select pieces of literature because they contain morals that he later contemplates. His favorite title of late was "I, Robot" by Isaac Asimov.

Having gotten a jumpstart on reading prior to starting high school, Soeter reviewed his first book with a voluntary program mentor in June of 2011. Students can begin working toward the scholarship in Junior High.

Soeter has been accepted into Rice University in Houston, Texas. His predecessor in the contest, Fathom Hefner, attends the University of Mississippi in Oxford, according to Stacey Scobey, who is the president of the Designing Women Foundation, and also a past scholarship recipient.

The Charlie Classics program, which celebrated its 25th anniversary this year, was originally founded by writer/producer Linda Bloodworth-Thomason and has been sustained by individual donors and local businesses in recent years, most notably U.S. Bank.

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Dexter, Missouri – It's that time of the year!!! GRADUATION!!! And it's time for Swafford Photography to take their awesome graduation photos!

To help parents get a head start below is the 2015 Dexter High School Senior Graduation Photo price list, etc. On Friday evening beginning at 5:30 p.m. until 6:30 p.m. Swafford will be on hand to take formal portrait photos of graduates and their families. If you wish to purchase the photos please choose from the packages listed below!

All orders must be paid in full and placed before GRADUATION begins. You can pick up your photos at the high school office when they are available and the ShowMe Times will announce on their Facebook page when the photos are available.

Good luck to all the graduates!

Photo by Dee Loflin at the 2015 Baccalaureate in Dexter.

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Dexter, Missouri - Each year the faculty choose students with who have achieved greatness in the classroom. Students are then presented awards at the Annual Awards Assembly in the Bearcat Event Center.

Scholarships were also announced for the Class of 2015 and will be listed in another article after Graduation on Friday evening. More scholarships are expected to be announced.

Mr. Dan Pollock, principal, recognized each student had earned a place in the Dexter Honor Society. He also named all those who made Top Ten Percent at Dexter High School.

Many teachers wrote notes about the students they chose to receive the faculty awards.

Mr. Derek Urhahn presented each student their award and read the letter from the teacher.

2015 Faculty Awards Presented

Agriculture - Jackson Hubbard

Art - Honey Patel
Band - Brooks Propst
Business - Jacob Harris
Choir - Shelby Gathings
C.C.E. - Dakota Silliman
Debate/Speech/Drama - Nolen Dixon
Family and Consumer Science - Jessica Ladd
Foreign Language - Caprese Bostic
Industrial Technology - Brandon Berry
Language Arts - Honey Patel
Math - Alexis Smith
Physical Education - MaKayla Waldner
Publications/Yearbook - Shyann Jines
School Spirit - Blake Horton
Science - Honey Patel
Social Studies - Lacey Midgett
Student Council - Alexis Smith
Special Recognition Outstanding STUCO Officer/Member - Hayli Petty

Shown in the photo are front row from left to right: Shyann Jines, MaKayla Waldner, Dakota Silliman, Alexis Smith, Jessica Ladd, and Lacey Midgett. Middle Row from left to right: Shelby Gathings, Jackson Hubbard, Brandon Berry, Blake Horton, Honey Patel, and Hayli Petty. Back row from left to right: Nolen Dixon, Caprese Bostic, and Jacob Harris. Not shown is Brooks Propst. He was at Arkansas State University today scheduling class for the fall semester.

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