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Three Rivers College Honors Top Students at Student Excellence Awards Bloomfield and Dexter Students Receive Awards

Poplar Bluff, Missouri - Three Rivers College recognized over 50 of its highest-performing students at its Annual Student Excellence Awards ceremony on May 8. Winners were chosen to represent each academic department and career education program, the Three Rivers Centers, honor society students, and major student organizations.

“The Student Excellence Awards are a celebration not only of academic success, but of the hard work and commitment of our student body,” said Dr. Wesley Payne, President of Three Rivers College. “The success they’ve achieved is not only an indication of natural ability and talent, but their dedication to putting in the time and doing the work that makes them the standouts of Three Rivers.”

To be eligible to receive an Academic Excellence Award, a student must have completed at least 15 credit hours and have a 3.0 cumulative GPA. Winners from academic and career programs are chosen by that program’s leadership based upon recommendations from individual faculty members. The leadership of each organization selects student organization, Center, and honor society award recipients.

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Bloomfield

Micaela Griffin
Honor Society: Phi Theta Kappa

Dexter

Ryan Humphrey
Academic Excellence: Philosophy

Adrian Scallion
Academic Excellence: Environmental/Occupational Safety & Health Technology

Tabatha Crow
Academic Excellence: Information Systems Technology – Legal Option

Jamie Garrison
Academic Excellence: Nursing – Evening Program

Sara Gentry
Academic Excellence: Three Rivers - Dexter

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Libla Family Gives Major Donation to Three Rivers College

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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."

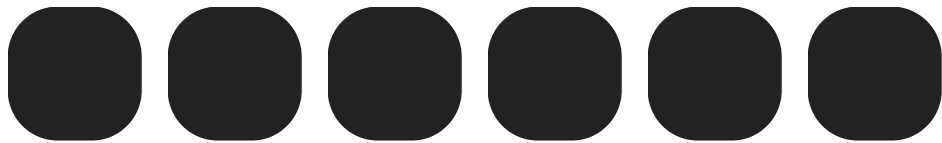
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Members of the Libla family, the Three Rivers Board of Trustees, the Three Rivers Endowment Trust, and Three Rivers College's administration pose for a photo after finalizing a major donation agreement. From L-R: Phil Davis, Vice Chair, Three Rivers 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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Three Rivers to Honor Gene Bess for 1,200 Win Milestone

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Poplar Bluff, Missouri - Three Rivers College will hold a ceremony to honor Coach Gene Bess for achieving 1,200 lifetime wins as coach of the Raiders basketball team on Saturday, February 7, in the Bess Activity Center on the college's campus in Poplar Bluff, following the Raiders game against State Fair Community College.

The game begins at 7 p.m. All interested media outlets are invited to attend.

The ceremony will include a presentation of the game ball from Coach Bess' historic 1,200th win. There will also be presentations from Three Rivers College, the Three Rivers Booster Club, and distinguished guests such as State Senator Doug Libla and State Representative Steve Cookson.

Bess is the only coach in all of college basketball to achieve 1,200 lifetime wins, and is now one of the top five highest-winning coaches in all of basketball. Bess achieved his milestone win with a 91-51 win vs. State Fair Community College on January 8, 2015, in Sedalia, Missouri.

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Three Rivers College Announces Fall 2014 Dean's List

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Three Rivers College Announces Fall 2014 Dean's List

Poplar Bluff, Missouri - Three Rivers College has released its Dean's List for the Fall 2014 semester. The honor is awarded to students taking 12 or more credit hours in a semester, who achieve a G.P.A. of 3.5 or above. Dean's List honors are also used at graduation to help determine eligibility for honors or highest honors.

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Advance

Megan Bates, William Below, Michelle Conley, Kelcee Davault, Shelby Courtney, and Kelsi Sturgeon.

Bell City

Sierra Bradshaw

Bernie

David Baker, Angelee Barnes, Kaitlyn Blanchette, Marcena Briles, Amy Cluck, Courtney Counts, Caleb Ellenburg, Courtney King, Jodie McGowan, Jeffery McNece, Alyssa Phillips, Lari Spizer, and Brittany Ward.

Bloomfield

Amy Adkins, Donita Birk, Marsha Blakenship, Harley Durall, Lindsay Hutchinson, Rebekah Northern, Jean Perason, Kasity Twaddell, Kristi Venable, and Ruth Zook.

Dexter

Faith Anderson, Hali Bahner, Kristin Bailey, Brooke Baker, Chelsea Burch, Austin Burns, Adam Carlson, Brittney Cato, Bethany Christian, Kimberly Christian, Justin Cowart, Tabatha Crow, Bridget Dixon, Maci Dowd, Larry Durham, Hunter Frampton, Stephani Fulford, Sara Gentry, Sarah Gibson, Micaela Griffin, Jennifer Hayes, Christopher Helton, Kayla Hester, Lindsey Hindman, Hailee Hubbard, Haley Hutchinson, Miranda Johnson, Jessica Kinchen, Elizabeth Kohlbaker, Savannah Mace, Haley Machado, Michael McCollough, Teyrsa McDonald, Tate Midkiff, Tisha Moore, Dialina Morgan, Jordan Meyers, Nicholas Noble, Kara Owens, Taylor Owens, Jonathan Page, Alexis Rauls, William Rudd, Sarah Skinner, Christina Smith, Marife Smith, Joseph Tafoya, Brandi Thurman, Sarah Tolbert, George Warren, Victoria Wiley, and Mackenzie Young.

Puxico

Charles Arnold, James Bowling, Ashley Cupp, Melissa Price, and Trentan Rogers

Congratulations to all of the students!

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Three Rivers College Receives Donations for Patron of the Arts

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Three Rivers College Receives Donations for Patron of the Arts

Dexter, Missouri - Thanks to the generosity of local businesses and civic organizations, Dexter schools will be provided the opportunity to see two live plays at the Dexter High School auditorium.

Three Rivers College Patron of the Arts is sponsoring the performances of Robin Hood and The Emperor's Clothes on February 2nd and March 2nd. The plays will be presented by The Imaginary Theater Company out of St. Louis.

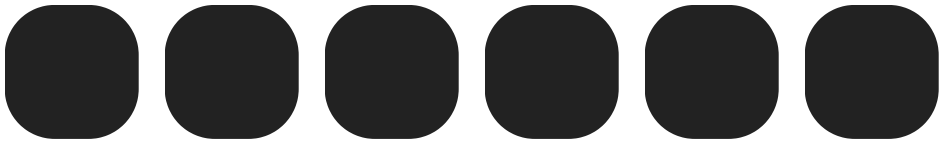
Shown in the photo are Randy Northington of the Dexter Kiwanis Club, Davy Crockett of the Dexter Elks, Michael Hobbs of First National Bank, Janice Nichols of Southern Bank, Billy Fowler of the Dexter Lions Club, and Three Rivers Dexter Campus Coordinator Bill Hampton.

The businesses and civic organizations furnished the funding for the student tickets, assuring a seat for every elementary student in Dexter.

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