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# Three Rivers Closes Capital Campaign with Victory Celebration

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**Poplar Bluff, Missouri** - Three Rivers College closed its “Changing Lives, Building Futures” fundraising campaign with a “Victory Celebration” held at the college’s Poplar Bluff campus on April 1. The multi-year campaign was focused on raising donations for the college’s major building projects in Sikeston and Poplar Bluff.

“This isn’t a victory just for one person, but for everyone who has worked hard to support the college and make this campaign a success,” said Dr. Wesley Payne, President of Three Rivers College. “And while we are closing the capital campaign, we’re going to continue to move the college forward.”

Over the course of the “Changing Lives, Building Futures” campaign, Three Rivers raised approx. \$7.5 million through over 400 private donations. The funds raised supported three major capital projects for the college: the construction of a major instructional facility in Sikeston; the Robert W. Plaster Center for Free Enterprise on the Poplar Bluff campus; and the Libla Family Sports Complex, also on the Poplar Bluff campus.

“Because of this campaign, where six years ago there was just a corn field, today there is one of the most modern education facilities in Missouri,” said Scott Matthews, a major donor to the Three Rivers – Sikeston project. “Three Rivers, at all of its locations, embodies the dreams of the area, and is truly changing lives and building futures.”

Construction on Three Rivers – Sikeston completed in 2014, while the Robert W. Plaster Center for Free Enterprise opened for classes in 2015. The final project supported by the “Changing Lives, Building Futures” campaign, the Libla Family Sports Complex, began construction in 2016, with an official groundbreaking on April 1 prior to the Victory Celebration.

In addition to financial donations, the campaign also generated numerous donations of property and equipment. Major property contributions included a 68-acre donation of land from the Matthews family, which made possible the Three Rivers – Sikeston building; and a significant land donation from Dr. Richard Camp, which was used to complete the college’s Main Entrance project.

While Three Rivers has completed the “Changing Lives, Building Futures” campaign, the college is still seeking donations for multiple initiatives, including one-time and endowed scholarships, the college’s “Excellence Fund,” and continuing support of Three Rivers’ capital projects. For more information on how you can make a difference at Three Rivers, or to make a donation, contact Director of Development Michelle Reynolds at 573-840-9077, or [michellereynolds@trcc.edu](mailto:michellereynolds@trcc.edu).

**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](http://trcc.edu)

**Shown in the photo is Scott Matthews, a Sikeston resident and major donor to the “Changing Lives, Building Futures” campaign at Three Rivers College, speaks at a Victory Celebration held April 1 to commemorate the completion of that campaign.**

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## Positive Office Referrals at Southwest Elementary

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### Positive Office Referrals at Southwest Elementary

**Dexter, Missouri** - Southwest Elementary honors Amyah McKinnis, Campbell Neely, Rebecca Holt, Colton Smith, Drake Carmode, and Ethan Parish with the Positive Office Referral certificate.

This award is presented to students who consistently show the 3R's RESPECTFUL, RESPONSIBLE, and READY TO LEARN at Southwest Elementary in Dexter.

Amyah McKinnis is in kindergarten and was referred by Mr. Eldreth. "Amyah is a pleasure to have in class. She always shows the 3R's and sets a great example for her class."

Campbell Neely is also a kindergarten student and was referred by Mr. Eldreth. "Campbell sets a wonderful behavior example for his peers. He is always showing the 3R's."

Rebecca Holt is a kindergarten student and was referred by Mr. Eldreth. "Rebecca is a wonderful behavior model for her class. She is always showing the 3R's."

Colton Smith is in the 2nd grade and was referred by Mrs. Jarrell. "Colton is responsible and brings his folder to class each week. He is also respectful of the teacher and other students."

Drake Carmode is a kindergarten student and was referred by Mr. Eldreth. "Drake is a thrill to have in music class! He is always showing the 3R's and behaves extremely well!"

Ethan Parish is a second grade student and was referred by Mrs. Jarrell. "Ethan is responsible and brings his folder to class each week. He is respectful of the teachers and other students."

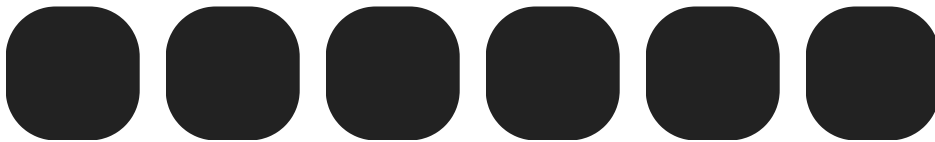
Congratulations!

**Front row from left to right Colton Smith, Drake Carmode, and Ethan Parish Back row from left to right Amyah McKinnis, Campbell Neely, and Rebecca Holt.**

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## Dexter Kindergarten Screening

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### Dexter Kindergarten Screening

**Dexter, Missouri** - Gabrielle Guethle was one of several students taking part in the 2016 Dexter Kindergarten Screening held over a two-day period.

Children had to be 5 years old before August 1, 2016 to be eligible for the 2016-2017 school year.

A total of 143 incoming kindergarten students attend this year's screening.

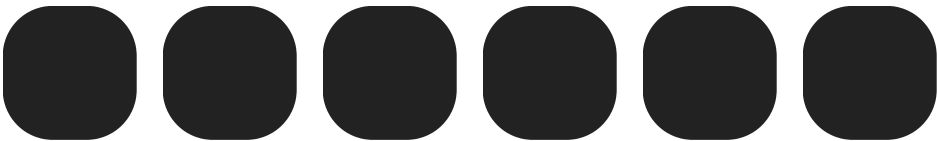
If your child did not attend the screening and should be attending school in the fall please contact the Southwest Elementary office at 614-1015.

Photo submitted by Shannon Putnam, first grade teacher at Southwest Elementary.

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## Second Grade Students Earn 3Rs Flag

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**Dexter, Missouri** - The second grade classroom of Mrs. Keena earned the Southwest Elementary Positive Behavioral Support Reward Flag.

School Wide Positive Behavioral Support (SWPBS) award is presented at the start of each month at Southwest Elementary. One classroom in each grade is recognized for exhibiting the high character with regard to observing the school's 3R's.

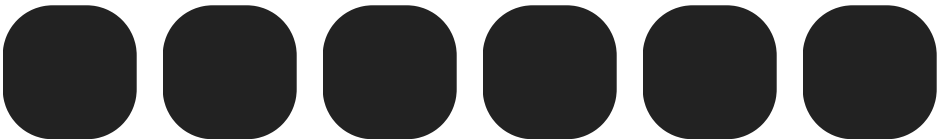
The 3R's stand for being Respectful, Ready to Learn and Responsible. The class with the highest attendance average, combined with the fewest disciplinary measures and general good character are awarded a 3R red flag to be posted in their classroom for the next month. The students are also awarded "superhero" capes to wear and parade around the gym before returning to class.

Front Row - Carter Lacy, Logan Fritch, Jonas Shoemaker, Allyson Hawkins, Alexis Ezell, Hannah Maclin  
Middle Row - Jack Carey, Stryker Muzny, Savanah Lucas, Merideth Benton, Sera Churchill, Luke Fichtel, Cheyanne Williams  
Back Row - Drew Martinez, Nikoi Jarrett, Austin Lasater, Presten Rose, Makalie Mekan, Micah Rivera

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# Thorton and Nea Earn Positive Office Referral Certificates

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## Thorton and Nea Earn Positive Office Referral Certificates

**Dexter, Missouri** - Southwest Elementary honors Lucy Thorton and Meredith Nea with the Positive Office Referral certificate.

This award is presented to students who consistently show the 3R's RESPECTFUL, RESPONSIBLE, and READY TO LEARN at Southwest Elementary in Dexter.

Lucy Thorton is in the 2nd Grade classroom of Mrs. Nelson.

"Lucy is so kind hearted."

Meredith Nea is also in the 2nd Grade classroom of Mrs. Nelson

"Meredith is always so kind to everyone and is a great helper in class."

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