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Dexter, Missouri - Three Rivers College recognized over 50 of its highest-performing students at its Annual Student Excellence Awards ceremony on May 13. Winners were chosen to represent each academic department and career education program, the Three Rivers external locations, honor society students, and major student organizations. MacKenzie Young, Alexa Ash, and Stephani Fulford are from Dexter.

“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, external location, and honor society award recipients.

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.

Shown in the photo above are from left to right: MacKenzie Young, Alexa Ash, and Stephani Fulford from Dexter, Missouri.

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## Nearly 400 Graduate from Kindergarten Center

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**Poplar Bluff, Missouri** - About 400 students received their certificates of completion during the annual “celebrations” held last week at the Poplar Bluff Kindergarten Center.

Kindergartners demonstrated to their families what they have learned including the alphabet, numbers to 100 and colors in a musical performance led by teacher Fawn Luecke. This year’s theme was: “Through the looking glass into... first grade.”

Shown in the photo are students in the classes of Rebecca Burgin, Tonya Hill and Jannette Walk sing the “Goodbye Song” by The Learning Station.

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## Tyler Heil Receives Jamie D. Sifford Memorial Scholarship

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**Dexter, Missouri** - Tyler Heil was awarded the first ever Jamie D. Sifford Memorial Scholarship sponsored by Biovante located in Bernie, Missouri.

Jamie Sifford, a well known farmer from the community suffered a fatal accident in April of 2016. "I have known Jamie for about four years," commented Chris Masters, President of Biovante. "We worked together on his farm and has always been a student of products and new technology. I was kind of a new kid on the block for our company, Biovante, and he gave me a shot to use some of our products."

"He understood why we do what we do and this year he had set up on his corn, he had set up some plots and we were going to evaluate them throughout the season to emergency all the way until harvest time," continued Masters. "I just felt that with the situation that as much as a passion he had for farming if we could facilitate something to another student to help keep that passion alive and keep it going would be a great honor for him."

Tyler is a senior at Dexter High School and is the son of Dan and Connie Heil. He has played football his freshman and sophomore years, Cross Country his junior year, Baseball and Basketball all four years of high school. Tyler is a member of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Future Farmers of America, and Student Council.

His future plans are to attend Missouri State University and Study Agri-Business.

"Tyler was one of four applicants that we received and we narrowed it down to two," stated Masters. "One major criteria was GPA and with Tyler's history of being involved with different groups, not that basketball was part of it, but he was heavily involved in the program and that was a passion for Tyler as much as it was for Jamie. I think there were some similarities between this applicant and Jamie, but overall his history of being in school, education, and GPA along with his primary studies going into Agri-Business.

This scholarship will be part of Jamie's legacy. "As long as I am alive and Biovante is alive we are going to have Dexter Schools who are interested in agriculture receive a scholarship for many years to come and we will do this every single year," stated Masters.

Shown in the photo are from left to right: Chris Masters, Meagan Masters, J.D. Sifford (father of Jamie), Tyler Heil, Dan Heil, and Connie Heil.

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## Five Earn Trip to State Tennis Tournament

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### Five Earn Trip to State Tennis Tournament

**Imperial, Missouri** - Singles and doubles sectionals were postponed due to weather this week, but were finally played on Wednesday afternoon. Four Dexter seniors and one junior earned a spot in the MSHSAA State singles and doubles tournament in Springfield, Missouri.

Dexter senior, Ethan Flowers, (Ethan graduated on Friday, May 13th) secured his 3rd trip to the State Tennis Tournament with a singles win over Caleb Rueweler from Windsor 6-0, 6-3.

The doubles team of Josh Kohlbaker (senior) and Zach Potts earned their first trip to State with a 6-2, 6-1 win over a doubles team from Lutheran South.

Addison Moore (senior) and Tyler Stevenson (senior) won their doubles match in 3 sets over St. Mary's.

The State singles and doubles championship tournament will be held at Cooper Tennis Complex in Springfield, Missouri on Friday, May 27th and Saturday, May 28th.

The Dexter (11-2) will play the Team Sectionals on Saturday, May 21st against John Burroughs (13-2).

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## DMS Students Chosen for MCDA Honors Choir

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**Dexter, Missouri** - The Missouri Choral Directors Association sponsors Honors Choirs for their summer conference which is held in Jefferson City, Missouri.

Mrs. Jamie Sepulvado, Choral Director, for Dexter Public Schools submitted recordings of the students who wished to audition in March. They received the results on May 1, 2016. These 7th and 8th grade students competed against students from all over the state of Missouri.

They will now travel to Jefferson City on July 20, 2016 to sing with other students from around the state in the Honors Choir program.

Since their founding in 1959, the Missouri Choral Directors Association has made this even possible in part by relentlessly pursuing the first objective in their constitution: to encourage higher standards of choral singing and its performance. they are proud to sponsor several honor choirs which represent excellence in choral music from elementary age to adult. They will feature Missouri Youth Honor Choirs, All-State ShowChoir, and Vocal Jazz Ensembles, and the Church/Community Honor Choir.

Shown in the photo front row from left: Bryston Pemberton, Sydney Patrick, and Keiton Buck. Back row from left: Cole Barker, Dalton Granger, Nate Bryant, Jeb Hubbard, and Justin Viers

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