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Poplar Bluff, Missouri - The Poplar Bluff Technical Career Center will continue its long-standing tradition of upholding full accreditation, ensuring that adult students can receive federal Title IV loans, grants and financial aid.

The TCC had to restart a rigorous compliance process after its previous regional accrediting agency—utilized by post-secondary education institutions in 19 states—dissolved in 2014.

The reaccreditation granted Thursday, Sept. 22, through the national Council on Occupational Education will remain effective for six years if annual benchmarks are met.

“I believe as an institution we have improved a lot of our processes that were previously known, but not necessarily followed in a structured manner or written in a course manual,” reflected Charles Kinsey, TCC director. “This high standard of documentation is designed to improve student success, and their ability to find gainful employment.”

Under the U.S. Department of Education, the COE requires institutions to maintain a program completion rate of at least 60 percent, a student placement rate in related industry or continued education of 70 percent, and a licensure pass rate of 70 percent if a license is required following graduation.

After more than two years of reviewing policies and practices, the COE issued provisional accreditation to the TCC over the summer. Officials cited only a handful of findings

which have since been addressed, including making the restroom facilities of the near 50-year old building ADA-compliant.

“The review team was very complimentary, telling us it was outstanding for a school going through an entirely new accreditation process to only have five minor issues identified—mostly paperwork related—and corrected within two months,” Kinsey said.

The director thanked his faculty for performing intensive self-studies over each of their programs, and his office staff namely retired administrative assistant Sherry Tinsley for sacrificing many lunch hours and evenings.

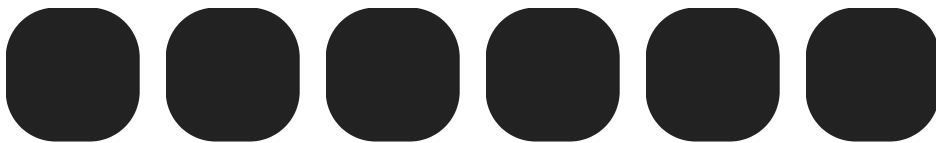
Pictured from left to right: HVAC instructor Ron Hedrick Jr., and adult students James Hayes, Eric Garris, Erika Lamb, Jeffery Higgs, Dale Denson, Dustin Urich and Charles Nunnery are a small representation of the beneficiaries of a fully accredited institution.

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Dexter, Missouri - The 2016 Football Homecoming Queen is Margo Nea. First Alternate was Lexi May and 2nd Alternate was Michaela Gard.

Margo is the daughter of Mark and Amber Nea and is a freshman at Dexter High School.

Lexi May is the daughter of Perry and Patty May and is a senior at Dexter High School.

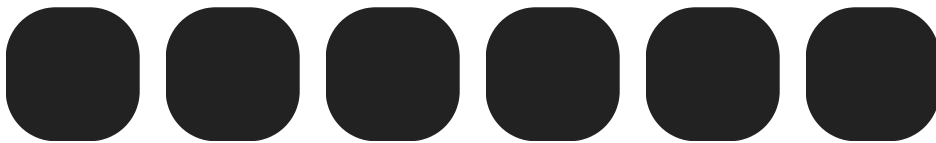
Michaela Gard is the daughter of Paul and Cammy Gard and is a junior at Dexter High School.

Congratulations ladies!

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Crowning the 2016 Homecoming Queen was Miss Caroline Powers.

Caroline was the 2015 Homecoming Court 2nd Alternate.

She is a senior at Dexter High School and is the daughter of Chuck and Felicia Powers.

Caroline is active in Fellowship of Christian Athletes, FLC, United Nations, SEMO Showstoppers, Honors Choir, A-Capella, Refuge youth Group, and Resonate Praise Band.

She is currently serving as president of Future Career and Community Leaders of America and on the executive board for Sr. Beta Club. She is also in Top 10% of her class and a member of the football cheer squad and Kickin' Cats Dance Team.

Her future plans are to attend Columbia College and earn a nursing degree with an emphasis in pediatrics.

Caroline was escorted by Joe Rice.

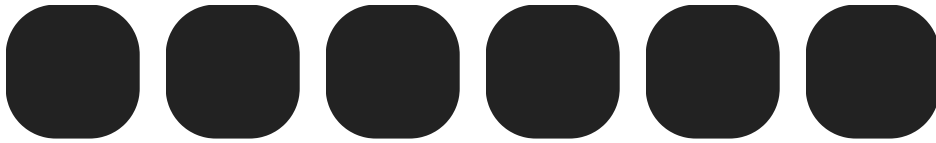
Joe is a sophomore and is the son of Lloyd and Heather Rice.

He is a member of Sr. Beta Club, Student Council, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, football and basketball.

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The tenth and final candidate of the evening was Miss Shelby Smith.

She is the daughter of Gregg and Jackie Smith and is a junior at Dexter High School.

Shelby was nominated by the cross country team.

She is a member of the Robotics Club, Student Council, Sr. Beta Club, Band, Jazz Band, and cross country.

Her future plans are to attend Oregon State University where she plans to study marine biology.

Sean Rybolt escorted Miss Smith.

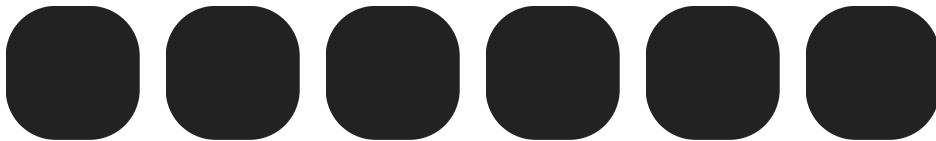
He is the son of Scott and Julie Rybolt and is a junior at Dexter High School.

He is a member of Sr. Beta Club, Band, Scholar Bow, the Robotics Club, Jazz Band, cross country and track & field team.

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The ninth candidate of the evening was Miss Margo Nea.

She is the daughter of Amber and Mark Nea and is a freshman at Dexter High School.

Margo was nominated by the football team.

She is a member of Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Future Business Leaders of America, Honors Choir, girls basketball, cross country, and field & track teams.

Her future plans are to attend college at the University of Missouri - Columbia and earn a degree.

Gabe Jackson escorted Miss Nea.

He is a junior at Dexter High School and is the son of Dale and Kim Jackson.

He is a member of Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Future Business Leaders of America, Honors Choir, varsity football, and varsity basketball.

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