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Poplar Bluff, Missouri - Poplar Bluff Schools in partnership with Lindenwood University—is encouraging more local educators to earn the highest graduate degree attainable by bringing the first doctoral program to the community.

In addition to Poplar Bluff R-I educators, the initial cohort of students admitted includes teachers and administrators from Three Rivers College, Leopold and Cooter. While the two-year program is designed to serve a one-time need, the hope is for the collaboration to have long-term implications, according to officials.

"Any time people study their craft, they get better," stated Poplar Bluff Middle School Principal Dr. Brad Owings, "and we want more for our district and for our kids so Poplar Bluff will become an even better place to live."

Based in the Metro East, Lindenwood has begun its second cohort in West Plains, where Owings previously served, and the program has been the catalyst for numerous doctorates in that region in recent years. When Owings approached R-I Assistant Superintendent of Personnel Dr. Amy Jackson earlier this year with the notion of gauging interest here, she was immediately receptive.

"This was something I felt would be a wonderful opportunity for our staff as well as other schools throughout the entire area," Jackson said. "The goal is to be able to continue this opportunity for years so teachers and our administration can grow and learn."

Enrolled in the program from the R-I district are O'Neal IEP facilitator Susan Schalk, Middle School teacher Shelly Ridens and interventionist Brandy Tripp, and High School math teacher Brandi Compass and assistant principal Sheldon Tyler. The tracks include educational administration and instructional leadership, along with a higher education option.

The first set of courses, administrative decision making and 21st century issues in education, will be taught by Jackson and Owings respectively beginning in January at the R-I Administrative Building on North Westwood Boulevard.

"The beauty of the program is the people teaching are practitioners themselves," noted Dr. Terry Reid, Lindenwood director of graduate education. "There's no program convenient at all to Poplar Bluff. It's a great location because it's a regional hub for much of Southeast Missouri."

For more information about the doctoral program, email Reid at treid@lindenwood.edu.

Shown in the photo: O'Neal Elementary Principal Dr. Amy Dill (right) last month joined R-I administrative colleagues Dr. Amy Jackson and Dr. Brad Owings in earning her doctorate in educational leadership.

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Dexter, Missouri - Fourth and fifth grade students at Central Elementary recently participated in the Katherine Hinchey Cochran Writing Achievement Awards sponsored by Southeast Missouri State University.

Central teachers evaluated writing submitted by students and chose two building winners from each division of the competition - Narrative Writing, Essay, and Poetry.

The winning writing samples from Central will go on to compete with the work of other fourth through sixth grade students in the area.

Pictured are Central's winning writers. From left to right: Addie Medley and Alexis Bennett, - Essay winners; Kate Churchill and Brooklyn Link, - Narrative Writing; Marie Fees and Kelbey Rodgers for Poetry.

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Dexter, Missouri - Each year the Dexter High School Future Business Leaders of America organize a Mac & Cheese Drive for the Stoddard County Gospel Mission.

The club sponsored a competition among DHS first period classes to see which could donate the most boxes of Macaroni and Cheese.

Teachers started the competition by donating two cases each and earning the privilege to wear jeans before Thanksgiving.

Mr. James Myers' classroom collected the most boxes based on an average of the number of students in each teacher's first period class and were awarded a special Doughnut party!

In total, 1,623 boxes were collected and will join the other high school donations for the Dexter School "Stuff a Bus" campaign.

This was Sharon Guy's first year as the sponsor of the FBLA.

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Bloomfield, Missouri - Allison Statler is well known in the area for her excellent skills at playing the violin, but on Saturday she made history at Bloomfield Schools when she earned All-State Honors with her flute. Statler is the first student in the history of the Bloomfield Band Department to make the Missouri High School All-State Band.

Also this year Gabriel Waters made Honorable Mention on Bass Clarinet.

On December 3, 2016 more than 1,400 students from across Missouri met at Hickman High School in Columbia to audition for the honor of participating in the top band in the state.

Only 110 students are accepted into this elite ensemble.

The band will meet, rehearse, and perform at the Missouri Music Educators Association Conference held January 25 through January 28, 2017 at Tan-Tar-A Resort, Lake of the Ozarks.

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