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Southeast Missouri State University and Three Rivers College (TRC) officials signed articulation agreements Oct. 19 paving the way for a seamless transition for Three Rivers Associate of Applied Science in Nursing graduates into Southeast's online RN-BSN program and for Three Rivers Associate of Arts in Teaching graduates to transfer into five Southeast Bachelor of Science in Education programs.

Under the nursing articulation agreement, a slate of 15 100- to 200-level courses taken at Three Rivers by Associate of Applied Science in Nursing students, now will fulfill the requirements for the lower level University Studies (general education) requirements at Southeast, easing their transfer to Southeast's online RN-BSN program. The education articulation agreement signing eases the transfer for students from TRC's Associate of Arts in Teaching to Southeast's Bachelor of Science in Education programs in early childhood education with elementary education add-on certification; elementary education with middle school language arts add-on certification; exceptional child education with elementary education add-on certification; elementary education; and middle school education.

"We are so pleased to partner with Three Rivers College on these agreements," said Dr. Carlos Vargas, president of Southeast Missouri State University. "Southeast's online RN-BSN program recently was recognized by College Choice among the nation's best online RN-BSN programs, and just last week, Southeast's College of Education was named an

Apple Distinguished School. Southeast Missouri State University is delighted these collaborations will simplify the path for students to advance their education at Southeast in these outstanding programs as they prepare to launch extraordinary careers in education and the healthcare industry.”

Dr. Wesley Payne, president of Three Rivers College, added, “We’re proud to be able to continue working with Southeast Missouri State University to create better opportunities, and greater availability of education, for the people in our region. This agreement will make it easier for nurses across our region to continue their education and improve their skills, and will support healthcare in southeast Missouri in the process.

“We’re also pleased to sign an agreement which will make the transfer of students from our Associate of Arts in Teaching programs to Southeast’s Bachelor of Science in Education programs even easier,” Payne added. “Education is the lifeblood of the region, and we’re committed to helping provide excellent teachers to southeast Missouri.”

“Two areas of study in higher education that continue to be in demand in this region are health care and education,” said Dr. Justin Hoggard, Dean of Instruction at Three Rivers College.

“The articulation agreements signed Thursday in nursing, as well as the AAT in Education, underscore the commitment of both institutions to continue to provide quality educational opportunities for students close to home,” he said. “This means more professionals in high-demand career fields will be available for employment in southeast Missouri.”

Dr. Diana Rogers-Adkinson, dean of Southeast’s College of Education said the education articulation agreement allows students to complete Southeast education degrees on the Three Rivers campus, giving students the opportunity to save money by studying locally while still attending an award-winning program.

Similarly, Dr. Gloria Green, chair of Southeast’s Department of Nursing, said the nursing agreement allows students to complete a bachelor’s degree with a minimum amount of additional coursework and in a program recognized for excellence.

“They have the flexibility of an online program, and the assurance of an RN-BSN program of superior quality, fully accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE),” she said.

Dr. Staci Foster, Chair of Nursing and Allied Health at Three Rivers College, said, the nursing articulation agreement signed Thursday “will be a benefit to students in all of Three Rivers’ nursing programs because it provides a clear, convenient pathway to a BSN degree without ever having to leave the region. You can now get your start in healthcare through our affordable, high-quality RN programs in Poplar Bluff or our LPN-RN Bridge programs in Poplar Bluff and Sikeston, then make the jump to a four-year degree without leaving your hometown.

“In addition to providing career opportunities for area residents, this is also a great boost to healthcare providers across the region,” she said. “They now have access to an even better pool of highly skilled nurses, trained right in their backyard, because of this partnership. We’re pleased to work with Southeast Missouri State University to provide this support to our students, local healthcare providers, and the patients they serve.”

Southeast’s nursing program is accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE). Students can finish their Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) at Southeast online in as little as one year if all their general education is completed at Three Rivers College. Southeast courses are taught by qualified nursing professionals, and field experiences are tailored to students’ specific interests.

To be admitted to Southeast’s RN-BSN program, Three Rivers students must have a current RN licensure, a minimum cumulative 2.8 grade point average and completion of Chemistry, Anatomy & Physiology, English Composition II and all required documentation through CastleBranch as outlined in the RN-BSN Handbook at <http://www.semo.edu/pdf/Nursing-RN-BSN-Handbook.pdf>. A minimum of 30 credit hours must be taken in residence at Southeast. Thirty-nine upper-division credit hours at or above the 300 level are required for graduation, Southeast officials said.

Southeast educator preparation programs are accredited by the National Council for the Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE) and the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE)

For more information or to inquire about conditional admission into Southeast’s online RN-BSN program, contact Southeast Online at (573) 651-2766 or [southeastonline@semo.edu](mailto:southeastonline@semo.edu). For information on Southeast College of Education degree programs, call (573) 651-2123 or [coe@semo.edu](mailto:coe@semo.edu).

For information on the nursing and education programs at Three Rivers, as well as information on enrolling and other programs, call 877-TRY-TRCC (877-879-8722) or

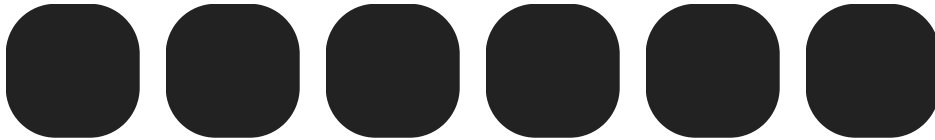
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Pictured: Dr. Carlos Vargas, President of Southeast Missouri State University, and Dr. Wesley Payne, President of Three Rivers College, sign an agreement that will smooth transfers between Three Rivers' Nursing and Associate of Arts in Teaching programs to Southeast Missouri State University's Bachelor of Science in Nursing and Bachelor of Science in Education programs.

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## Three Rivers College Student Receives Arnold Duncan Memorial Scholarship

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Poplar Bluff, Missouri - Three Rivers College student and Naylor resident Delaney Lutes was awarded the Arnold Duncan Memorial Scholarship. This scholarship is awarded to a sophomore majoring in Business Administration.

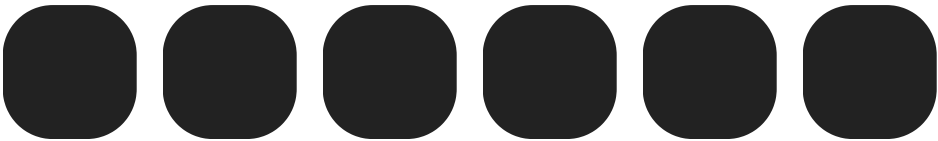
The Arnold Duncan Memorial Scholarship is administered by the Three Rivers Endowment Trust. To learn more about investing in Three Rivers College students through scholarships, contact Director of Development Michelle Reynolds at 573-840-9077 or [michellereynolds@trcc.edu](mailto:michellereynolds@trcc.edu).

From L-R: Allen Brooks, Three Rivers Endowment Trust Board Member; Mark Stidham, Three Rivers Endowment Trust Board Member; Delaney Lutes, scholarship recipient; Dr. Wesley Payne, President of Three Rivers College; and Eric Schalk, Chair of the Three Rivers College Board of Trustees.

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# Three Rivers College Student Receives James Kimbrow Memorial Scholarship

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## Three Rivers College Student Receives James Kimbrow Memorial Scholarship

Poplar Bluff, Missouri - Three Rivers College students Wesley Fluharty, Samantha Rogers, and Kevin Vaillancourt have received the James Kimbrow Memorial Scholarship. The James Kimbrow Memorial Scholarship is awarded to students majoring in Criminal Justice or Law Enforcement who have successfully completed a minimum of 12 credit hours of classes with a 2.5 GPA.

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Pictured from left to right: Allen Brooks, Three Rivers Endowment Trust Board Member; Mark Stidham, Three Rivers Endowment Trust Board Member; Wesley Fluharty, scholarship recipient; Dr. Wesley Payne, President of Three Rivers College; and Eric Schalk, Chair of the Three Rivers College Board of Trustees. Not shown: Samantha Rogers and Kevin Vaillancourt.

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## TRC Nursing Student Receives Allison Grace Daughhetee Memorial Scholarship

SEPTEMBER 05TH 2017 BY DEE LOFLIN

### TRC Nursing Student Receives Allison Grace Daughhetee Memorial Scholarship

Poplar Bluff, Missouri - Kristen Mraz, a Nursing student at Three Rivers College, has received the Allison Grace Daughhetee Memorial Scholarship. Mraz, a Poplar Bluff native, is a non-traditional (over the age of 25) student, and a returning student to Three Rivers. She received a \$1,000 scholarship for the 2017-2018 school year.

“Nursing has always been a passion I have wanted to pursue,” wrote Mraz in her scholarship essay. “Nursing is not a career that just anybody should choose. Nursing is a personality. Nursing is a field that calls to you because you have the need to help others. Not only is it a rewarding and gratifying field, but becoming a nurse will give me a higher purpose as an individual.”

The scholarship was endowed in memory of Allison “Ally” Grace Daughhetee, the daughter of Three Rivers nursing graduates Ronnie and Melissa Daughhetee, who were in the process of completing their degrees when their daughter was killed in a car accident. Three Rivers College created the scholarship fund as a gift to Allison Daughhetee’s parents, announcing the endowment to the couple as they received their degrees in nursing. The scholarship is awarded annually to a non-traditional student in Three Rivers’ nursing programs.

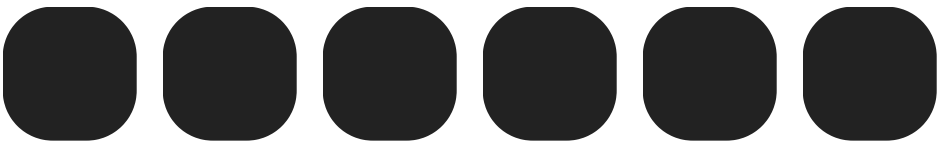
Kristen Mraz, a non-traditional student in the Nursing program at Three Rivers College was presented with the Allison Grace Daughhetee Scholarship in August. From L-R: Michelle Reynolds, Director of Development; Kristen Mraz, scholarship recipient; Allen Brooks, board member, Three Rivers Endowment Trust; and Dr. Wesley Payne, President

of Three Rivers College.

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# All Means All

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All Means All

Poplar Bluff, Missouri - “All means all” was the theme of Poplar Bluff R-I Superintendent Scott Dill’s state-of-the-school address at the annual convocation on Monday, Aug. 14, at the Black River Coliseum.

The statement served to affirm the district’s mission – Achieving excellence through learning: Every child, every hour, every day.



Having the entire staff together – nearly 800 employees, Dill took the opportunity to announce this year's focus with major construction now in the rearview: to strengthen the district's PLC model, which stands for professional learning community.

“For my money, if there's a better way to improve performance, I have not found it,” Dill stated, noting that it is the golden era of educational research.

A PLC is defined in school literature as an ongoing process in which educators work collaboratively in recurring cycles of collective inquiry and action research to achieve better results for the students they serve.

Dill and his administrative team participated in a PLC Institute over the summer to brush up on the guiding principles in order to ensure the process is being implemented with fidelity from building to building, in light of routine turnover that has taken place.

The district initially engaged in the process several years ago, instituting Collaboration Day, contractual time built into the academic calendar for teachers to work together interdependently analyzing data and aligning curriculum in order to help individual learners excel.

“I see this as a retooling of what we're doing really well in a lot of places,” said Dill, reflecting on his first year in Poplar Bluff. “We have to move past talking about my kids and start talking about our kids.”

The Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education posted last week that this year's graduation rate for PBHS is 91.8 percent, an increase of 4.2 percent over 2016, and more than 13 percent since 2011. Dill commended the faculty on the substantial strides. Even still he pointed out there are about 8 percent of students not walking across the stage.

“The stakes are high, ladies and gentlemen,” Dill concluded upon sharing some eye-opening statistics about the negative effects of an incomplete education.

Prior to the address, faith partners united to deliver a prayer, the JROTC presented the colors and vendors raffled off prizes. Each principal introduced their new staff members. The convocation serves as a pep rally for employees as they enter a new school year.

Pictured: Superintendent Scott Dill deliver the state-of-the-school address.

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