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Stoddard County Residents Receive Development Foundation Scholarships

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Three Rivers College students from Stoddard County have received scholarships from the Stoddard County Development Foundation. The recipients were honored at the college's "Fulfilling Dreams" reception for students awarded Three Rivers College and Three Rivers Endowment Trust scholarships. Recipients are listed below by hometown.

Advance: Jordan Clark

Bernie: Christina Dowdy

Dexter: Ramona Baker, Haley Cornett, Angela Freeman

Essex: Lane Brown

Puxico: Mariah Fowler

Risco: Miranda Wake

The Stoddard County Development Foundation 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.

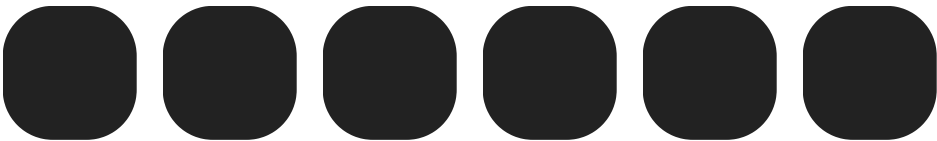
Christina Dowdy, one of several Three Rivers College students who received scholarships from the Stoddard County Development Foundation, was recognized at a “Fulfilling Dreams” reception held in the Tinnin Fine Arts Center.

Pictured from left to right: Allen Brooks, Three Rivers Endowment Trust Board Member; Mark Stidham, Three Rivers Endowment Trust Board Member; Christina Dowdy, scholarship recipient; Dr. Wesley Payne, President of Three Rivers College; and Eric Schalk, Chair of the Three Rivers College Board of Trustees. Not shown: Ramona Baker, Lane Brown, Jordan Clark, Haley Cornett, Mariah Fowler, Angela Freeman, and Miranda Wake.

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Three Rivers College Student Receives Sarah White Memorial Scholarship

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Three Rivers College student and Poplar Bluff resident Frances Dunivan has received the Sarah White Memorial Scholarship from the Three Rivers Endowment Trust. The Sarah White Memorial Scholarship is awarded to a Poplar Bluff High School graduate with a GPA of 3.0 or higher who is seeking a degree in Education.

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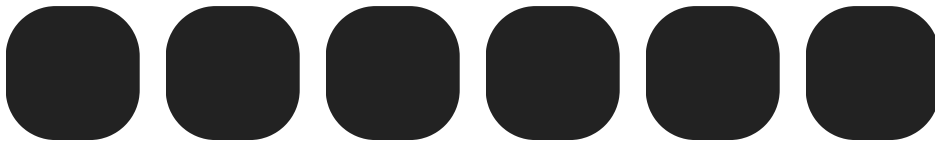
Pictured back row from left to right: Katie Jarboe, mother of Sarah White; George Jarboe, father of Sarah White; and Frances Dunivan, scholarship recipient.

Front row from left to right: Nolan White, son of Sarah White; and Ella White, daughter of Sarah White.

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Three Rivers College Releases Fall 2017 Dean's List

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Three Rivers College has released its Dean's List for the Fall 2017 semester. The honor is awarded to students taking 12 or more credit hours in a semester, who achieve a grade point average of 3.5 or above. Dean's List honors are also used at graduation to help determine eligibility for honors or highest honors.

Advance - Jordan Clark, Jennifer McLeary, Logan Middleton, Leighton Moore, Heather Shirrell

Bernie - Adam Counts, Morgan Mayberry, Alexis Northern

Bloomfield - Austin Bond, Jennifer DeVore, Isebel Hartle, Natasha Julius, Jesse Watson

Dexter - Brooke Anderson, Hailey Anderson, McKenzie Anthony, Ramona Baker, Caleb Bess, Katie Coleman, Katlyn Covey, Brandi Craft, Madison Devault, Rodger Ellis, Christina Fichtel, Jodi Fortner, Jocelyn Frederick, Angela Freeman, Veronica Hampton, Elexis Heitman, Michelle Jacques, Melanie Jennings, Bruce Jones, Timothy Jones, Karaline Keirse, Cody King, Garrett Laramore, Abigail Mangum, Kelly McCoy, Kalyn Mitchell, Danielle Owens, Blake Palmer, April Perez, Emily Peters, Cody Pullum, Brenda Reazin, Miranda Rogers, Andrew Teel, Sandra Telker, Jeffery Wells

Essex - Misty Stucker

Puxico - Shalynn Caldwell, Jonathon Davis, Laine Friedrich, Kristen McGowen, Misty Pryor, Levi Wilhelm

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Oak Grove Nationally Recognized for Student Success

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Oak Grove earned national recognition for achieving the largest gains in the state for closing the achievement gap among student groups, according to Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education officials.

Missouri Assessment Program scores for English language arts jumped from 46.56 percent in 2016/17 to 81.33 the following year while math scores increased from 48.09 to 61.33 percent proficient or advanced, averaging a 24 percent improvement rate for subgroups, reported DESE's Amanda Cash.

The elementary school was recognized among 100 distinguished Title I schools across the country during the National Title I Conference held Friday, Feb. 9, in Philadelphia.

"They broke down the walls of the classroom and started looking across the whole building rather than strictly looking at the needs of their own classroom," explained Patty

Robertson, Poplar Bluff R-I assistant superintendent of curriculum. “The students can all get intervention if needed and the interventions are targeted to make sure kids learn. And if they don’t (learn), they reteach.”

Oak Grove Principal Jenifer Richardson, who Robertson called her hero, attributes the extraordinary success to initiatives implemented last year including the school-wide positive behavior support program, focusing on developing a common language for teaching social skills and providing positive reinforcement.

“Our teachers do a great job building confidence in students, making sure they know (their teachers) believe in them, and building that relationship,” Richardson said. “When students know you believe in them, (the students) work hard for it.”

Richardson also credits a reemphasis placed on educators collaborating in recurring cycles of collective inquiry and action research to achieve better results for students, the foundation of the Professional Learning Community model.

“They didn’t buy a new program or spend money to accomplish this,” stated JoAnne Westbook, Poplar Bluff Title I director. Richardson added: “We changed the way we do business. My father always said, ‘Getting players is easy. Getting them to play together is the hard part.’”

Structured team meetings using data to drive instruction take place biweekly at Oak Grove. Reading interventionist Michelle Farmer said what used to be more of a pull-out model is now a full classroom of students working in small groups of differentiated instruction. Third grade teachers break down MAP test questions regularly and work on vocabulary building.

Farmer, who made note it is a group effort, admitted that the change made her a little uncomfortable at first being a 28-year veteran, but she is proud of her “Oak Grove family” for all the progress. “If the data shows it’s working, then it’s what’s best for kids,” Farmer concluded.

Pictured: Poplar Bluff personnel (from left) Michelle Bates, Patty Robertson, Jenifer Richardson, Christy Young, Ashley Blume, Staci Barker, Michelle Farmer and Kristie Robinson accept a national award on behalf of Oak Grove Elementary.

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2018 - 2019 Dexter Public Schools Kindergarten Screening

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Dexter, Missouri - Dexter Public School Kindergarten Screening for the 2018 - 2019 academic year will be on Thursday, March 22nd and Friday, March 23rd by appointment only.

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Children must be 5 years of age before August 1, 2018.

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