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Three Rivers College selects Karon Campbell as the recipient of the 2018 Distinguished Alumni Award

Three Rivers College will honor Karon (Walker) Campbell, the recipient of its 2018 Distinguished Alumni Award, at a reception at the Tinnin Fine Arts Center on Thursday, April 26, from 4:30 to 6 p.m. The reception will be open to the public.

“We’re proud to honor Karon Campbell for her contributions to Three Rivers College and the region,” said Dr. Wesley Payne, President of Three Rivers College. “She has longtime ties to this College and serves as a great example for many.”

Campbell, who lives in Qulin, is a 1977 graduate of Three Rivers College. She earned an associate of applied science degree in business management. For several years, she worked at Whitworth’s Gift Chest Jewelers in Poplar Bluff. She then stayed home briefly to raise her children. She also worked as a substitute teacher. In the mid-1980s, Campbell completed a continuing education course, “Principles of Real Estate,” at Three Rivers and briefly worked in real estate. In 1991, she earned her EMT certificate at Three Rivers and worked at Lucy Lee Hospital – later known as Three Rivers Healthcare - for 10 years. She then decided to assist her husband on the farm while catering part time. In 2001, her catering business, Tasteful Creations, became a full-time job. Her company now caters numerous events annually.

“Karon is a great friend of Three Rivers College and well-respected by so many people in this community,” said Michelle Reynolds, Director of Development for Three Rivers. "She has provided invaluable support to Three Rivers both personally and professionally."

In addition to receiving the Distinguished Alumni Award, Campbell has been selected as the Keynote Speaker at Three Rivers' 2018 Commencement ceremony, which will be May 18 at the Black River Coliseum.

Those wishing to attend the April 26 recognition reception should RSVP with Michelle Reynolds at michellereynolds@trcc.edu or 573-840-9077.

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.

Pictured: Karon (Walker) Campbell is the recipient of Three Rivers College's 2018 Distinguished Alumni Award. She will be honored at a reception from 4:30 to 6 p.m. April 26 at the Tinnin Fine Arts Center on the TRC Poplar Bluff campus. The reception will be open to the public.

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