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# Several Receive Stoddard County 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](mailto:michellereynolds@trcc.edu).

Pictured is 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.

From L-R: 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 Releases Spring 2018 Dean's List

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Three Rivers College has released its Dean's List for the Spring 2018 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.

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### **Advance**

Brendan Crader  
Amber Mannillo  
Jennifer McLeary  
Tiffany Merritt  
Leighton Moore  
April Perez

### **Bernie**

Adam Counts  
Amber Crow  
Christina Dowdy  
Ashley Hill  
Kayla Norman  
Alexis Northern  
Peggy Simonsen  
Billie Slusher

### **Bloomfield**

Austin Bond  
Katie Coleman  
Jessica McMillan  
Kalyn Mitchell  
Jesse Watson

**Brownwood**

Rebecca Hovis

**Dexter**

Hailey Anderson

McKenzie Anthony

Caleb Bess

David Burnett

Destiny Cagle

Christopher Cockrum

Katlyn Covey

Madison Devault

Rodger Ellis

Christina Fichtel

Angela Freeman

Laine Friedrich

Nathan Garner

Justin Godwin

Brooke Gott

Mark Hamlett

Bruce Jones

Timothy Jones

Cody King

Garrett Laramore

Abigail Mangum

Cortne Maxwell

Kelly McCoy

Derrick McNeil

David Reed

Kristi Reed

Nicole Sells

Andrew Teel

Megan Trout

Taylor Winstead

**Essex**

Terry Atchison

Katrina Duncan

John Gaddis

## Puxico

Jonathon Davis

Tyler Muller

Kendal Nolting

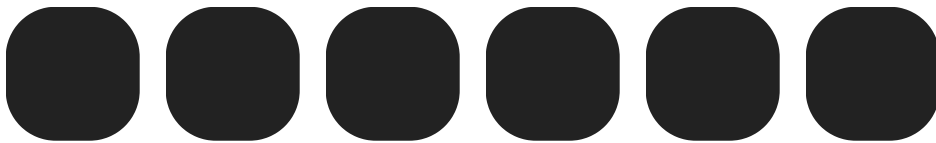
Clinton Thompson

Kristen Vincent

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## Three Rivers College Honors Top Students at Student Excellence Awards

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Three Rivers College recognized more than 50 of its highest performing students at its Annual Student Excellence Awards ceremony. Winners were chosen to represent each academic department and career education program, the Three Rivers external locations, honor societies, and major student organizations.

“The Student Excellence Awards are a celebration not only of academic success but of the hard work and commitment of our student body,” said Dr. Wesley Payne, President of Three Rivers College. “The success these students have achieved is not only an indication of natural ability and talent, but also their dedication to putting in the time and doing the work that makes them the standouts of Three Rivers.”

Winners from academic and career programs are chosen by that program’s leadership based on recommendations from faculty members. The leadership of each organization selects student organization, external location, and honor society award recipients.

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Advance  
Cynthia Allen  
Nursing – Evening Program

Bernie  
Terry Atchison  
Environmental/Occupational Safety and Health Technology

Bloomfield  
Nycole Born  
Three Rivers – Dexter

Dexter  
Shalynn Caldwell  
Philosophy

Rodger Ellis  
Go Far Club

Laine Friedrich  
Student Leadership Academy

Timothy Jones  
Business Management

Abigail Mangum  
All-Missouri Scholarship  
Music  
Phi Theta Kappa

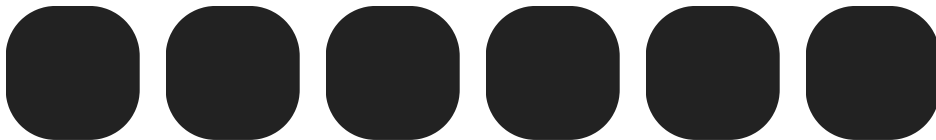
Puxico  
Misty Pryor  
Practical Nursing – Kennett Program

Pictured are Timothy Jones and Shalynn Caldwell of Dexter

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# Deken and Malone Named Three Rivers College Teachers of the Year

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## **Elizabeth Deken and Michael Malone Named TRC Teachers of the Year**

Three Rivers College has selected faculty members Elizabeth Deken, Professor of Engineering Technology, and Dr. Michael Malone, Adjunct Instructor in the Information Technology Specialist program, as the College's Teacher of the Year and Adjunct Teacher of the Year. The awards were presented at the Greater Poplar Bluff Area Chamber of Commerce Teacher of the Year Banquet.

"We're proud to honor these educators who prepare the leaders of our community," said Steve Halter, President of the Greater Poplar Bluff Area Chamber of Commerce. "We believe it's important that education and business work together to train the future workers for our businesses."

In the technical classes and math classes that she teaches at Three Rivers, Deken said she focuses on helping students learn problem-solving skills in addition to subject skills.

"Learning is a lifelong process and helping students to see that education is important and doesn't end with a degree or certificate is an important part of my approach to teaching," said Deken, who has taught at TRC for 20 years. "Treating students with respect and setting learning expectations so that each student is challenged is also important in the approach I use with all of my classes."

Deken holds a Bachelor of Science in Secondary Education, Bachelor of Science in Chemical Engineering, and Master of Science in Industrial Management.

Malone has taught at Three Rivers for three years. He teaches classes in the Information Technology Specialist program, including Server Administration and Programming.



“I focus on three things: (1) prepare, prepare, prepare; (2) don’t be afraid to admit you’re wrong; and (3) if you don’t know something, admit it, say you’ll find out, and follow through,” Malone said.

Malone said he likes the small class sizes at TRC and the College’s focus on teaching.

“At large institutions it’s difficult to build relationships between students and faculty. Here, the faculty’s focus is on teaching, not research,” he said.

Malone holds a Bachelor of Science in Computer Software, a Master of Science in Computer Information Science, and a Doctor of Philosophy in Organization and Management, with a specialization in Information Technology Management.

“Both of these instructors are committed to providing the best educational experience possible for our students,” said Dr. Justin Hoggard, TRC Dean of Instruction. “They have a passion for helping students achieve their dreams and goals for college, career and life.”

“We’re extremely proud of the work that Liz and Mike have done in our classrooms,” said Dr. Wesley Payne, President of Three Rivers College. “They are examples of the excellence that all of our instructors display and the kind of high-quality education that our students receive.”

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## Student Receives Ozark Federal Credit Union Scholarship to Attend Three Rivers

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### **Local Poplar Bluff Student Receives Ozark Federal Credit Union Scholarship to Attend Three Rivers**

Crystal Thomas of Poplar Bluff has received the Ozark Federal Credit Union Scholarship to attend Three Rivers College. Thomas is married to Sedrick Thomas and is the daughter of Mark Willyard Sr. of Pierre Part, La., and Patricia Martin of Wappapello. She is a 2004 graduate of Puxico High School. Thomas plans to obtain an Associate of Applied Science degree in Nursing while at Three Rivers.

Ozark Federal Credit Union awards up to two \$500 scholarships each year. To be eligible for the OFCU scholarship, the student must be a current OFCU member, in good standing, and planning to attend Three Rivers College. The scholarship is open to both traditional 1st-year students and non-traditional students. OFCU scholarships are determined based on merit. Funds are awarded yearly and disbursed between two semesters for the amount of \$250 per semester. The scholarship is for one year only and the student must maintain a 2.0 GPA and remain a full-time student for the entirety of the year in which the scholarship is awarded.

Three Rivers College, recognizing outstanding academic achievement as well as financial need, has a number of established institutional and endowed scholarships to assist students in realizing their educational goals. To apply for scholarships and other financial aid at Three Rivers College, visit [trcc.edu/financialaid](http://trcc.edu/financialaid). For information on contributing to scholarships at Three Rivers, contact the College Development Office at 573-840-9077.

Three Rivers College offers a wide variety of college transfer and career/technical programs on its main campus in Poplar Bluff; at locations in Sikeston, Kennett, Dexter, and Cape Girardeau; and online. For additional information, visit the college website at [www.trcc.edu](http://www.trcc.edu) or call toll-free 877-879-8722.

Pictured: Crystal Thomas (center) receives scholarship from Danielle McFadden of Three Rivers College (left) and Davine Conover of Ozark Federal Credit Union (right).

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