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Kate Wyman, a 2019 graduate of Richland High School, was honored recently for having been awarded the P.E.O. Star Scholarship.

Wyman was nominated for the prestigious scholarship by P.E.O.'s local Chapter CP. She is the daughter of David and Carrie Wyman of Essex. A luncheon was held in her honor on July 13, at the home of Rex and Donna Keller of Dexter.

The P.E.O. Star Scholarship is a \$2,500 scholarship based on excellence in leadership, extracurricular activities, community service, academics and potential for future success.

The program is open to young women who are citizens or legal permanent residents of the US or Canada who are graduating high school seniors at the time of application.

A student must be recommended by a P.E.O. chapter.

The P.E.O. Sisterhood was founded in 1869, and is an international philanthropic and education organization which promotes increased education opportunities for women.

Wyman will be attending the University of Missouri in Columbia in the fall and will pursue a double major in Journalism and Vocal Performance. In nominating Wyman for the award, Chapter CP noted her academic excellence, as well as church and community service. As both a vocal and performance artist, she has been involved with theater groups from childhood, including Sikeston's Little Theater and locally, Showstoppers, directed by Mary Ruth Boone of Dexter.

Additionally, Wyman has been active in numerous extracurricular activities at Richland High School and currently serves as secretary of BETA on the state level. She has been instrumental in organizing numerous programs and youth activities at the First United Methodist Church in Essex and is recognized for having co-founded the Fellowship of Christian Rebels, supporting Christian principles at Richland Schools. In May, she represented Richland High School as the 2019 class valedictorian.

Under the direction of Richland teacher, Kyle Carter, Wyman has earned repeated state and national recognition for her efforts in both photography and videography skills.

“We are so proud that Kate was selected for one of P.E.O.’s Star Scholarships,” said Chapter President Riley Taylor. “She is one of the most accomplished young women I’ve ever known. Her strong moral compass and academic record, coupled with a history of dedicated church and community service made her the perfect candidate.”

Photo above by Brandon Martin - Kate Wyman, 2019 Richland graduate, pictured at center, is the recent recipient of a \$2,500 Star Scholarship from P.E.O. Chapter CP. She is shown with the chapter's Star Scholarship Chair, Mary Ruth Boone, at left, and Chapter CP President Riley Taylor.

Photo below by Brandon Martin - Several members of P.E.O. Chapter CP gathered recently to honor Star Scholarship recipient, Kate Wyman. Pictured in front are Carol Vinson, Olivia Zunkle, followed by four generations of Kate Wyman's family: (Great-grandmother) Merle Taylor, (Mother) Carrie Wyman, Kate Wyman, and (Grandmother) Marsha Keller. At far right are Mary Ruth Boone and Nona Robinson. Also pictured are: Jean Isbell, Pam Horton, Ann Dubrouillet, Noreen Hyslop, Donna Keller, Megan Keller, Cathy Bagby, Betsy Taylor, Pam Kruse, Jeanie French, Sharon Guy, Janice McCane, (and in back) Judy Crump, Susie Grobe, Shirley Gantner and Riley Taylor.

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