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## A letter from the Superintendent

Dear Friends,

On May 22, 2014, the Camdenton R-III School District held its 83rd Commencement exercises. Three hundred forty-six seniors were awarded their high school diplomas. Due to the threat of storms in the area our ceremony was held in the Ron Hendricks Gymnasium at Camdenton High School. The success of the evening would not be possible without the efforts of our faculty, staff, parents, and community members. This is also true for the success of the 2013-2014 academic term. The accomplishments of our students and our district are realized through the joint efforts of many.

The accomplishments of our district are being noticed. Governor Jay Nixon and Representative Diane Franklin took time out of their schedules to help celebrate our students. Governor Nixon chose to visit our district due to our very high academic performance on state exams, the ACT, and our graduation rate.

During the graduation ceremony I am honored to shake hands with our graduates and congratulate them on their accomplishment. As the students' names are read we hear applause or cheers from family and friends. This always reminds me our students need a support system to make their dreams come true. This system includes loving parents and guardians and a community which values learning.



Pictured left to right: Superintendent Dr. Tim Hadfield, Governor Jay Nixon, and High School Principal Brett Thompson

This year local individuals, businesses, clubs and civic organizations provided scholarships for our graduates which totaled \$247,350. We wish to thank these individuals and groups for their support of our Lakers.

As a district, we welcome Courtney Hulett to the Camdenton R-III Board of Education. We also welcome back Selynn Barbour and Jackie Schulte to the Board. Mrs. Barbour and Mrs. Schulte will serve their second term on the Camdenton R-III School Board.

Our current construction projects are progressing well. The new Osage Beach Elementary School and the additions and renovations at Hurricane Deck Elementary are on budget and on schedule for completion. Masonry and concrete work are currently taking place. Our staff and students are very excited to see this construction on the buildings.

Finally, I would like to thank our patrons for the support you have given our district. Through your support our students and staff highlighted on the following pages are able to achieve their dreams. Our district is grateful and I am honored to serve as your superintendent.

Your Partner in Education,

Tim Hadfield, Superintendent

GRADUATION 2014





**Certified Staff** 









Karin Brambilla
Mathematics
Middle School
15 years Camdenton
32 years in Education



Becki Long-Ruggles Counselor Middle School 4 years Camdenton 21 years in Education



Mindy Rosenbach Sixth Grade Oak Ridge Intermediate 21 years Camdenton 29 years in Education



Cindy Davis (James)
Literacy Coach
Hawthorn
33 years Camdenton
37 years in Education



Denise McEachern Social Studies High School 29 years Camdenton 29 years in Education



Jane Seifert
Language Arts Teacher,
Substitute, and
Paraprofessional
Middle School
11 years Camdenton
29 years in Education



Nancy Groves
Language Arts
Middle School
12 years Camdenton
25 years in Education



Mary Beth Otto
Family & Consumer
Science
Middle School
26.5 years Camdenton
26.5 years in Education



Sharon Kay Tussey
Fourth & Fifth Grade
Oak Ridge Intermediate
13 years Camdenton
21 years in Education



Terry Jacob
Principal
Oak Ridge Intermediate
6 years Camdenton
38 years in Education



Cyndi Porter Computer Applications Middle School 17 years Camdenton 24 years in Education



John David Tyler Process Coordinator High School 27 years Camdenton 40 years in Education



Brenda Kenagy Interventionist High School 9 years Camdenton 26 years in Education



Sherry Rickerson Science & Mathematics Middle School 16 years Camdenton 35.5 years in Education



Dr. Gail White
Director
Lake Career and
Technical Center
18 years Camdenton
28 years in Education



**Classified Staff** 









Jerry Adams
Transportation
19.5 years Camdenton



Donna Lawson Custodian Oak Ridge Intermediate 7 years Camdenton



Jim Portwood Transportation 21.5 years Camdenton



Mary Coffey
Special Education
Paraprofessional
Middle School
6 years Camdenton
10 years in Education



Art Meddows
Transportation
11 years Camdenton



Debbie Teel
Computer Lab
Paraprofessional and
Data Support Specialist
Administration
10.5 years Camdenton
27.5 years in Education



Joseph Larson Custodian Hawthorn 1 year Camdenton



**J.C. Newell**Transportation
14.5 years Camdenton





Missouri Scholars 100 Program

Each year the Missouri Association of Secondary School Principals sponsors the Missouri Scholars 100 program. This program recognizes 100 of Missouri's top scholars statewide. Students are selected based on a ten-event academic decathlon including grade point average, ACT/SAT scores, activities, advance classes, leadership and community service. Seniors **Madison Stehle** and **Paula Zaretzky** were selected as "*Honorable Mention*" students.





# Missouri Scholars Academy

The Missouri Scholars Academy is a three-week academic program for approximately 330 of Missouri's gifted students who are ready to begin their junior year in high school. Schools nominating students for the academy are required to provide specific information to the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education. Participants are selected on the basis of criteria set by the Department of Education. **Stephanie Creach** and **Brian Dame** represented the class of 2014 at the Scholars Academy.

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## 2014 Elementary Teacher of the Year



### Angela Biggers

Hurricane Deck Elementary preschool teacher Angela Biggers has been awarded Teacher of the Year, having been nominated by her peers and selected by an interview panel. She has been an educator for eight years and has served

in the Early Childhood Program for the past two years.

Biggers chose teaching because of the relationships she experienced with her teachers. "The ones who cared, the ones who pushed me to my limits, the ones who made learning fun," states Biggers, "I remember those teachers still today." Her third grade teacher was a special inspiration to her due to her ability to make every child feels valued and cared for every day in her classroom. This made such an impact on Biggers that she continued to visit that teacher, and did some training with her as she was earning her degree.

Developing relationships in her own classroom is a huge reward for Biggers. She enjoys getting to know the volunteers who come to her classroom to assist with computer time. She is also enthusiastic about her contact with parents of her students through her active involvement in the Parents As Teachers program. Watching the parents of her students gain confidence

and learn new techniques through relationship building is a big reward for Biggers. "I think the most rewarding aspects of teaching are building relationships within our classroom, within our building and most importantly, within our community," enthuses Biggers. She wishes she could have more time in the day, but has implemented "The Leader in Me" curriculum which has helped not only her, but also her students use the "Putting First Things First" method to prioritize focusing on the task at hand.

For the past two years, Biggers has concentrated on helping her students set goals and attain them. She feels having the students set their own goals allows them to gain confidence and a sense of success in the mastery of those goals. Again she is building relationships by providing positive opportunities for her students to be successful.

Having graduated from Missouri State University, Biggers is married and has a two-year-old. Congratulations to Angela Biggers of Hurricane Deck Elementary!



# 2014 SECONDARY TEACHER OF THE YEAR



### BETH HINES

High school math instructor Beth Hines has been honored as the Secondary Educator of the Year. She earned her undergraduate degree at Central Methodist University and received her master's from Southwest Baptist University with

additional graduate hours from UMKC and Truman State University. Hines has taught for 11 years, six of those at CHS.

Her enthusiasm for teaching overflows as she talks of her own childhood. "My grandpa would talk about how a good education gives a person options and a bit of freedom," says Hines. "I believe this is where my passion for teaching began." She wants to share her passion for learning and loves watching her students mature through the learning process. The stability she grew up in is another "lesson" she would like to pass on to her students. "I am extremely grateful that I am in the position to provide some small measure of hope, love, and support to my students. I wish all my students had the home life I was able to have, but if they do not have that support, at least I can give them something here." She is equally excited that her coworkers share her passion!

Hines counts among her "teaching jewels" the students who begin the year disengaged yet end up accomplishing a difficult task by the end of the year. She finds it rewarding that those hard processes might translate when handling other difficult decisions they might face in their lives. She cares about her students and their future success, often convincing a reluctant senior that a "fourth" math course is in his/her best interest. "Seeing students accomplish something that is good for their future makes me feel as if I am making a difference," states Hines.

In her Algebra loop class, Hines found the need to differentiate not only in lesson planning, but also in pacing. She incorporated technology with direct instruction and the results were spectacular. To motivate her students she uses "sticks of destiny", which involves even the most reluctant student. In the future, she hopes to use Screencast-o-Matic in her room to record and archive lessons for student use. Their success is her passion.

A native of Camdenton, Hines and her husband, Scott, moved back to the lake from Kansas City six years ago. They are the proud parents of two little girls, Amy and Ava, and a son, Cole Michael, who was born in November. Congratulations to Beth Hines on her well-deserved honor!

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## 2014 EDUCATOR OF THE YEAR



### MELINDA WHITNEY

For the past 21 years, Melinda Whitney has been a friendly, familiar face in the hallways of the Camdenton High School. This year she has been chosen to represent her fellow educators as the Camdenton R-III School District Educator of the Year.

Nominated by her building principal, Brett Thompson, Melinda is well liked and respected by peers and students alike.

Choosing math as a field of interest came naturally to Melinda. "I had a math professor my freshman year who inspired me," enthused Whitney, "and I thought: I want to do that!" She had always enjoyed helping her friends with problems. Working with kids through scout camps and church was always a pleasure for her. Another inspiration in her life was her father, who spent his professional career as an educator. "I loved the atmosphere of school!" says Whitney. "I feel that being a teacher and working with kids is my calling."

Seeing relationships building with her students in and out of the classroom is one of the most rewarding aspects of her position.

She is especially motivated by the students who begin the year with an "I can't" or "I don't like math" attitude. When those students have that "light bulb" moment, and persevere through tough problems, that is a special joy for Whitney. "It is very frustrating when students don't realize their potential and give up," states Whitney. She finds it difficult to have students who do not have support outside of school, or who have to worry about something as essential as a place to sleep or a meal.

To motivate her classes, Whitney has been incorporating technology in her methods of instruction. While she considers herself "old school", she is working to use technology for immediate feedback and to assist students with pacing their lessons and/or catching up on lessons missed through absences.

Melinda Whitney holds a Bachelor of Science from Southwest Baptist University and a Masters in Curriculum and Instruction from the University of Missouri-Columbia. She has shared 25 years of marriage with Jeff, and they have two children: Hannah, Class of 2013, and Connor, 14. Congratulations to Melinda on a well-deserved honor!

# CAMDENTON R-III SCHOOL DISTRICT 2013-2014 CANDIDATES

#### Teacher of the Year Candidates

#### Angela Biggers, Hurricane Deck Elementary

Susan Casey, Osage Beach Elementary

Karen DenHartog, Dogwood Elementary Vicki Luber, Dogwood Elementary

**Christi Calvert**, Oak Ridge Intermediate **Tabitha Thompson**, Oak Ridge Intermediate

**Denise Richardson**, Hawthorn Elementary **Allison D. Jolly**, Hawthorn Elementary

**Tim Mulford**, Camdenton Middle school **Jane Seifert**, Camdenton Middle School

Beth Hines, Camdenton High School Chris Garstang, Camdenton High School

Jeff Kitchen, Lake Career and Technical Center

#### **Educator of the Year Candidates**

Candice Thomas, Hurricane Deck Elementary

Karen Miller, Osage Beach Elementary

Stefanie Wirths, Dogwood Elementary

Toni Edwards, Oak Ridge Intermediate

Marcie Rollings, Hawthorn Elementary

Beth Blansett, Camdenton Middle School

Melinda Whitney, Camdenton High School/Horizons

Garry Briscoe, Lake Career and Technical Center

# **Graduation 2014 - Honors and Awards**



## Summa Cum Laude 4.2 GPA and higher

McKena Baumert
<b>Ashley Beard</b>
<b>Grace Bommel</b>
<b>Zachary Brown</b>
Tyler Carpenter
<b>Stephanie Creach</b>
<b>Brian Dame</b>
Rachel D'Arcy
Sarah Fuller
<b>Dalton Gray</b>

Daniel Hall
Morgan Henry
Nicholas Horne
Bobby Johnson
Garrett Johnson
Joshua Kerstetter
Karol Knierim
Alexis Lumley
Maria Martin
Jonathan Pinson

Megan Prather
Jacob Rabenold
Grace Scheidemantle
Alaina Sonksen
Macy Sparks
Madison Stehle
Sarah Wages
Casey White
Rebecca Woltemath
Paula Zaretzky
Sydney Zuraski

# Magna Cum Laude 4.0 to 4.19 GPA



**Brendan Babbs Louis Brother** Olivia Campbell **Emily Crickard Tyler Cunningham Eric Frandsen** Meghan Gahn **Ashley Goodman Anne Holland Alexis Jenkins** Ryan Lapeyre **Abigail Moulder Austin Moulder Ashleigh Pool McKenzie Wright** Katherine Zgiet

### Cum Laude 3.8 to 3.99 GPA





Brett Kincaid Briana Knopf Justin McGuire Brian Oliver Kristopher Paschel Eric Sinner MacKenna Surdyke Kemper Virtue



### MILLIONS AWARDED



Camdenton High School held a Senior Scholarship Assembly in the RC Worthan Auditorium on Friday

afternoon, May 16, 2014, where members of the local community, clubs, civic organizations, businesses, and churches gave seniors scholarship

monies totaling \$225,500. In addition, colleges and universities provided scholarships totaling \$1,805,958. Military scholarships awarded \$1,745,108. A+ scholarships honored \$414,056. This generated awards of

**\$4,190,622** to the

graduating Class of 2014.



# **Armed Services**

The following students have made a commitment to the United States Military Service:

Air Force Army Navy
Caleb Crockett Shane Elder Karol Knierim
Montana Reed Trenton Selby Ace Martin
Marines Aaron Pfeiffer
Nathan Koch John Stout

#### **Army National Guard**

Blane Curley Alex Martinez Stephen Riner
Eric Frandsen Jordan Masters
Alison George Kris Paschel
Joseph Johnson John Payne Ian Ward
Brett Kincaid

US Army Reserve Scholar Athletes McKenzie Wright Kullen Carlock

US Marine Corp Scholastic Excellence Award Garrett Johnson

US Marine Corp Distinguished Athlete Award

Abigail Moulder

US Marine Corp Sempre Fidelis Musical Excellence Karol Knierim

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Camdenton High School is one of 522 high schools in Missouri designated as an A+ School by the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education. The A+ Schools Program was created by state law as an incentive for improving Missouri's high schools. The primary goal of the A+ Schools Program is to ensure that all students who graduate from Missouri high schools are well prepared to pursue advanced education and/or employment.

One of the significant benefits of the program is that a designated A+School may offer scholarships to students who maintain a minimum of a 2.50 Grade Point Average (GPA), attend school with a 95 percent attendance rate, complete 50 hours of unpaid tutoring and remain a good citizen.

Camdenton High School is pleased to present the following 156 students who qualified for A+ Scholarships, which may provide tuition monies to any community college or technical school in Missouri:

Michael Alderman William Anderson **EmilyAngell Brendan Babbs** Zachary Bailey Lashonda Balentine McKena Baumert Sophia Bayer Lydia Beanland **Ashley Beard Dylan Bergthold** Rvan Boatman **Alexander Bobe Alizabeth Bradney Destinie Brooks Louis Brother** Amanda Brown **Zachary Brown Zachary Burns Lukas Burris Macy Burtin** Olivia Campbell **Madeline Carasco** Kullen Carlock Jesse Collum **Alexis Cooney Stephanie Creach Emily Crickard** Kali Crockett **Tyler Cunningham Kaden Curtis** 

Rachel D'Arcy

**Brian Dame** Rachel Danforth **Bailey Danuser Zachary Del Valle Tatum Donald Allyson Donley Dalton Dyer Rvan Elliott** Samantha Eno **Chase Fowler** Eric Frandsen John Fritz Sarah Fuller Meghan Gahn Liam Gardner **Nicole Gibbs** Ashlev Goodman **Dalton Gray Lindsey Griffin** Daniel Hall **Dustin Hall Ariel Harris Morgan Henry Connor Hickman** Sarah Hockley Anne Holland Samantha Holmes Megan Hoover Nicholas Horne McKayla Humiston **Montana Huston** Dimitri Iordanou

**Zachary Ireland Alexis Jenkins** Luke Johns **Bobby Johnson Garrett Johnson Trevor Johnson Alvssa Jones** Joshua Kerstetter **Judy Keys Brett Kincaid** Karol Knierim Brianna Knopf Kayla Kuse Ryan Lapeyre **Kyle Lemay Kailey Lembke** John Luttrell **Bailee Maher** Maria Martin Hannah McDaniel **Stephanie McQueen** Alyssa Meeker **Austin Mizer Lindsey Morice** Abigail Moulder **Austin Moulder Katie Moulder Kiana Mounts Brian Oliver Raymond Ollison Sadie Osment** Alex Palomo

**Benjamin Parish Landon Parker Kristopher Paschel Michele Patrickus** Joshua Pian **Jonathan Pinson** Karissa Pirrie **Ashleigh Pool Teasha Powell Megan Prather** Alicia Ramshead Hailee Randall **Montana Reed Rachael Reed** Rebecca Reed Melissa Riedel **Grant Roberts Alex Rogers Laura Rounds Ivy Rush Alexander Scarey Grace Scheidemantle Cade Schumann Colby Shadrick Kaitlyn Shannon Nicholas Sherrell Eric Sinner** Joshua Skelton **Heather Smith** 

Whitney Snow

Mikayla Sollazzo

Alaina Sonksen

Logan Sousley Danielle Spanburg **Macy Sparks Alexus Stanford Brianna Starr Madison Stehle** Autumn Stelmaszak Tori Stonitsch **Jett Strand** Kesha Stubblefield MacKenna Surdyke **Mason Taft Austin Vandiver** Joaquina Vasquez Kemper Virtue Sarah Wages Sierra R. Weber Jordan Webster **Abbigail White Christine Wilkening Ashley Willis** Cale Wirths Rebecca Woltemath Marissa Wood Mitchell Woodside Paula Zaretzky Katherine Zgiet Sydney Zuraski

## President's Education Award

The President's selection criteria for this award include a 3.5 grade point average on a 4.0 scale, and a score at or above the 85th percentile in reading or math on a test such as the ACT.

Emily Angell
McKena Baumert
Ashley Beard
Grace Bommel
Zachary Brown
Olivia Campbell
Tyler Carpenter
Stephanie Creach
Rachel D'Arcy
Brian Dame
Eric Frandsen
Sarah Fuller

Dalton Gray
Daniel Hall
Morgan Henry
Anne Holland
McKayla Humiston
Alexis Jenkins
Bobby Johnson
Garrett Johnson
Joshua Kerstetter
Karol Knierim
Brianna Knopf
Ryan Lapeyre

Elissa Levy
Alexis Lumley
Maria Martin
Brian Oliver
Jonathan Pinson
Ashleigh Pool
Megan Prather
Jacob Rabenold
Nicholas Rector
Grace Scheidemantle
Alaina Sonksen

Macy Sparks

Madison Stehle
MacKenna Surdyke
Sarah Wages
Casey White
Rebecca Woltemath
Mitchell Woodside
Paula Zaretzky
Katherine Zgiet
Sydney Zuraski

## **NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY**

National Honor Society members must maintain a cumulative weighted GPA of 3.75, complete at least 20 community service hours each year of membership, and earn a minimum number of activity points.

Emily Angell
Brendan Babbs
McKena Baumert
Ashley Beard
Grace Bommel
Louis Brother
Zachary Brown
Tyler Carpenter
Emily Crickard
Rachel D'Arcy
Brooke Daly
Eric Frandsen
Sarah Fuller
Meghan Gahn
Morgan Henry

Anne Holland
Samantha Holmes
Nicholas Horne
McKayla Humiston
Alexis Jenkins
Bobby Johnson
Joshua Kerstetter
Karol Knierim
Maria Martin
Abigail Moulder
Austin Moulder
Brian Oliver
Jonathan Pinson
Megan Prather
Jacob Rabenold

Laura Rounds
Grace Scheidemantle
Heather Smith
Alaina Sonksen
Macy Sparks
Kemper Virtue
Sarah Wages
Casey White
Rebecca Woltemath
McKenzie Wright
Paula Zaretzky
Sydney Zuraski







## Missouri Bright Flight Scholars

Camdenton High School continues the tradition of recognizing several Missouri Bright Flight Scholars. To be recognized as a Bright Flight Scholar, students must be a Missouri resident enrolled as a full-time student at an approved Missouri post-secondary institution and achieve the qualifying score as set by the Missouri Department of Higher Education on the ACT or SAT. To qualify, students graduating in the class of 2014 must score in the top 5% of all Missouri students taking those tests.



Stephanie Creach Rachel D'Arcy Brian Dame John Fritz Dalton Gray Daniel Hall Taylor Hughes Alexis Jenkins Bobby Johnson Garrett Johnson Tristan Newman Madison Stehle Rebecca Woltemath Paula Zaretzky

### **International Baccalaureate Students Graduate**



Students earning the **IB Diploma** completed rigorous coursework in six subject areas, wrote a 4,000-word extended essay, fulfilled 150 hours of CAS (Creativity, Action, and Service), and completed a course called Theory of Knowledge. Students may also earn **IB Certificates** by taking courses in individual IB subjects.





McKena Baumert

**Alexis Lumley** 

IB Diploma Candidates:

Karol Knierim

**Rebecca Woltemath** 

Paula Zaretzky



#### **IB Certificate Students:**

Brendan Babbs
Lashonda Balentine
Louis Brother
Zachary Brown
Olivia Campbell
Tyler Carpenter
Stephanie Creach
Emily Crickard

Rachel D'Arcy Brian Dame Erica Dorhauer Eric Frandsen John Fritz Ashley Goodman Daniel Hall Morgan Henry Sarah Hockley Nicholas Horne Taylor Hughes McKayla Humiston Dimitri Iordanou Elissa Levy Tristan Newman Sadie Osment Landon Parker Michele Patrickus Jonathan Pinson Megan Prather Derrick Ritchie Eric Sinner Heather Smith Macy Sparks

Madison Stehle Mickala Terry Sarah Wages Casey White Sydney Zuraski

### Camdenton R-III School District Education Foundation, Inc.

The Camdenton R-III School District Education Foundation Scholarships were started with the Class of 2004. From 2004 through 2014, 87 scholarships have been awarded. Students awarded this \$1,000 scholarship are selected from the top twenty students of their graduating class.

Steering the Course for the Future



Rachel D'Arcy McKena Baumert Ashley Beard Tyler Carpenter Daniel Hall Morgan Henry Alexis Lumley Madison Stehle Paula Zaretzky Sydney Zuraski

**Bobby Johnson** (RC Worthan Scholarship)

# Senior Scholar Athlete Award A weighted GPA of 3.0 and above is required.

Brendan Babbs
McKena Baumert
Mason Bennett
Dillon Bergthold
Grace Bommel
Danica Brewer
Louis Brother
Zachary Brown
Zachary Burns
Luke Burris
Kullen Carlock
Tyler Cunningham
Blake Depperschmidt

Girls' Soccer

Tatum Donald
Ryan Elliott
Eric Frandsen
Denver Hansen
Ryan Harris
Morgan Henry
Connor Hickman
Sarah Hockley
Anne Holland
Samantha Holmes
Dimitri Iordanou
Bobby Johnson
Judy Keys

Brianna Knopf Morgan Laufer Alex Lowther Maria Martin Lindsey Morice Abigail Moulder Austin Moulder Ben Parish Kris Paschel John Payne Josh Pian Jonathan Pinson Jacob Rabenold Jimmy Sanders
Grace Scheidemantle
Tyler Scheig
Whitney Snow
Logan Sousley
Macy Sparks
Kemper Virtue
Jordan Webster
Abbigail White
Cale Wirths
Rebecca Woltemath
Kiana Wood

McKenzie Wright

Ozark Conference All-Academic

Criteria require athletes to earn a varsity letter and a 3.85 to 4.0 GPA on a non-weighted scale.

Baseball
Brady Kempf

**Boys' Track** 

**Bobby Johnson** 

Jacob Rabenold

Justin Murdock

Blake Jesse

Girls' Track Stefani Baker Charlotte Blair Maria Borden Daphne Dinsdale Josie Dinsdale Polly Dinsdale

Reghan Hollingworth
Sophie Shore

\*Denotes Academic All-State

Faith Scheidemantle

Natalie Schulte

Allison Smith

\*Grace Scheidemantle

### **Ozark Conference All-Academic Honorable Mention**

Criteria require athletes to earn a varsity letter and a 3.5 to 3.84 GPA on a non-weighted scale.

Tennis
Grant Burton
Zachary Brown
CJ Borden
Logan Hollingsworth

Katie Bird

Abby Brauer

Molly Henry

Holly LaRue

Madison Henry

Baseball
Tyler Cunningham
Jake Decker
Brett Lange
John McRoberts

Cole Wilson

Golf Brendan Babbs

Boys' Track
Cole Roam
Kemper Virtue

Girls' Track Mariah Hadfield

Marian Hadfield Macy Sparks Tessa Weber McKenzie Wright Girls' Soccer Danielle Ballard Shayla Brock \*Morgan Henry Whitney Snow

#### **All-State Honors**

#### **Track**

Judy Keys 3rd place Pole Vault

Denver Hansen 3rd place 300 m Hurdles

### McKenzie Wright

3rd place High Jump Triple Jump

#### Soccer

Morgan Henry Midfielder

All-Midwest & All-State
Whitney Snow
Forward

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# **Camdenton LASER Teams represent at the** FIRST® World Championship!



A sea of purple descended on the Edward Jones Dome the week of April 20th in St. Louis, Missouri, as members from the LASER robotics afterschool program represented Camdenton R-III with

LAKER pride.

The High School LASER program competed at the championship on the Newton Field, overcoming insurmountable odds and finishing as the 8th ranked alliance in the semifinals. It was a hard-fought contest with the LASER 3284 robot, the Scorpion, performing well.

The Middle School *FIRST*® Tech Challenge teams hosted a team from Shanghai, China. LASER provided



tools, knowledge and worked in partnership with "The Bolts" to help them understand and explore America while staying in St. Louis and competing.

One LASER Jr. FIRST® LEGO® League team also qualified for the World Championship and participated in the 2014 challenge "Disaster Blaster". Team 2293 brought home the "Team Spirit" award. Forty Jr. FIRST® LEGO® League teams from around the world showcased at the championship.

On Friday the remainder of the 240+ LASER team members made the trip to the Dome to participate in the exciting championship. Students from Osage Beach

Elementary, Hurricane Deck, Dogwood, Hawthorn, and Oak Ridge Intermediate participated in robot related scavenger hunts, watched the



LASER High School and Jr. FIRST® LEGO® League LASER teams compete. They also visited with representatives from NASA, Boeing, LEGO®, National Instruments and numerous other technological-based companies. Many celebrities participated in the week-long championship events including: Dean Kamen, Will.i.am, Seahawks running back Marshawn Lynch, Ken Paves, and Sam Champion from the Weather Channel. In addition students were able to visit with the Dean of Admissions from prestigious universities such as Yale and MIT.



Two LASER team members were awarded prestigious FIRST® scholarships. Garrett Johnson and Mitchell Woodside will both be attending the University of Missouri Science



and Technology in Rolla this fall. Garrett will major in Petroleum Engineering and Mitchell will pursue a degree in Electrical Engineering. MS&T is one of the top engineering schools in the United States. Over twenty million dollars' worth of scholarships are awarded through FIRST® every year.

If you are interested in learning more about the Camdenton 4-H FIRST® LASER teams please visit www.laser3284.org or contact the Afterschool Services department at 573-346-9233.



#### Lake Career and Technical Center Achievements



COLUMBIA, MO, April 24, 2014.
Dalton Hunter of Linn Creek, MO,
won the Missouri FFA Forest Management
Entrepreneurship and Placement Combined
Proficiency Award at the 86th Missouri
FFA Convention.

Hunter, a senior at Lake Career and nter, is the son of Robert and Melisa Hunter.

Technical Center, is the son of Robert and Melisa Hunter. He is a member of the Lake Career and Technical Center FFA Chapter. His advisors are Jeffrey Kitchen and Cassie Wilmes.

Hunter's supervised agricultural experience (SAE) program began at High Brothers Lumber Company. At High Brothers Lumber he learned about milled logs, hardwood flooring, and treated and untreated lumber. He helped with sales, learned how to install wood products and operate equipment in the lumberyard.

In 2013, he decided to add a forest management project to his SAE. He asked to use a friend's land for the project. First, he interviewed the landowner and asked about his goals for the 57 acres. The landowner wanted a wildlife habitat, spring fed pond cleaned, a dam cleared of trees, and land cleared for a horse pasture. Dalton worked with Paul Johnson, Missouri Department of Conservation Forester, and started by taking inventory and a site index of the property. He used a soil mapping website, plot

maps and topographic maps to recommend forest improvement practices.

As an FFA member, Hunter attended state and national conventions. He competed at Districts and State in the Forestry Career Development event. His chapter activities include alumni barbecue, softball team, and greenhand initiation. Hunter's high school activities are baseball and he is an active member of his local church.

After graduation, Hunter plans to attend the University of Missouri and major in forestry. He hopes to get a job with the Missouri Department of Conservation as a forester and work alongside the men who have mentored him through the years.

Proficiency awards recognize FFA members who excel as agricultural entrepreneurs, employees or volunteers while gaining hands-on career experience. Forest Management is one of 50 proficiency award areas recognized at the state level. This Forest Management Entrepreneurship and Placement Proficiency Award is sponsored by the Missouri Tree Farm System.

The Missouri FFA has 25,852 members representing 334 chapters. The national organization has more than 579,000 members representing 7,570 local chapters in all 50 states, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands.



The Lake Career and Technical Center students represented the building well at the Skills USA State competitions, held at the Linn State Technical Center, in Linn, MO. The LCTC had several students with respectable performances. Each April, Missouri Skills USA chapters gather to compete in over 70 different career and technical related contests. Medal winners are awarded to the top three finishers while the top place

winner qualifies for the National contest in June that has students compete against all fifty states along with Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

Kris Paschel received 1st place in state in Marine Service Technology. Blake Clayton won 1st place finishes in both Marine Service Technical Information and Marine Service Technology, as an adult student. Shelby Briscoe received 2nd place at State in Photography. Bailey Bilyeu, Kirstie Hunter, Makinley McCaffrey, MacKenzie McGuire, Jessica Schmidt, Kirstin Thompson, and Schae Vanderploeg received a 2nd place finish in Opening and Closing Ceremonies. Kenton Bressie received 2nd place finishes in both Marine Service Technical Information and Marine Service Technology, as an adult student. Alex Bryant received a 3rd place honor in Screen Printing. Ryan Boatman, Amanda Mayer, and Jett Strand also achieved a 3rd place finish in Vinyl Sign Making. Alex Scarey won 3rd place in both Motorcycle Service Technical Information and Motorcycle Service Technology. Cody Riedel won 3rd place finishes in both Marine Service Technical Information and Marine Service Technology, as an adult student.



On April 24 and 25, the Lake Career and Technical Center FFA participated in the 86th Missouri State FFA Convention in Columbia.

Each contest area involved approximately 48 teams and 175 contestants.

Group 1 Rated Teams

Horse Judging: team members, Tori

Stonitsch and Marissa Wood received
Group 1 Individual Ratings, and

Lukas McGuire and April Thompson

Floriculture: team members
Ashleigh Barber and Kemper Virtue
received Group 1 Individual Ratings,
and Madison Witte and Kayla Hertzler,
team placed 1st in Districts

Group 2 Rated Teams

Agricultural Mechanics: team members:

Austin Vandiver received a Group 1

Individual Rating, and Jordan Webster,

Mandi Vaupel, and Dylan McGuire

Nursery Landscape: team members: Dalton Hunter, Nick Sherrell, Codi Stonitsch, and Alexis Stanford

Livestock Judging: team members: Bailey Parish received a Group 1 Individual Rating and Ben Parish, Ali Bradney, and Ivy Rush

Proficiency Awards - Outstanding Supervised Agricultural Experiences

**Sara Kitchen** was recognized for her area winning Nursery Landscape SAE

**Dalton Hunter**, 1st Place State Forestry SAE - Qualifies for National Competition

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## VIPS - Volunteers In Public Schools - Appreciation Dinner



Capping off a banner year for the VIPS (Volunteers in Public Schools)
Program, Director, Joi Dickemann, applauded the record number of 100 Hour Volunteers, revealed the highest total volunteers in the program (310), and crowned the 2014 Volunteer of the

Year, Brian Pruellage.



Beginning with a delicious meal prepared by the Camdenton R-III Food Services staff which included a

beautiful chocolate caramel dessert, the volunteers and their guests were entertained by the Hawthorn Elementary Honor Choir under the direction of Andrea Mack and accompanied by Peter and Amy



Hernandez of La Roca Dance Studio. The room was packed and the spirits were high as Ms. Dickemann thanked the hundreds of volunteers who give of their time through business partnerships, church affiliations and personal passion to school programs such as Looking Good, OARS, Buddy Pack, and classroom/workroom hours.

Undoubtedly, the highlight of the evening was the naming of the 2014 Volunteer of the Year. Judges from out of state chose the winner, based on the written nominations received from the teacher or staff member with whom the volunteers worked. There were a total of 30 volunteers nominated this year. Each person was presented with a sash as Dickemann shared stories with the audience about each



Dr. Tim Hadfield, Superintendent, Brian Pruellage, and Renee Slack, Principal Osage Beach Elementary.

nominee. This year's winner was a faithful and enthusiastic volunteer from Osage Beach Elementary, Brian Pruellage.

"At Osage Beach Elementary, we have a wonderful volunteer who takes on many different roles for our building. Having been a public servant (police officer), Pruellage is an excellent male role model for our students. He spends much of his volunteer time reading one-on-one with students to increase their confidence and ability. While spending time at the school, he goes to recess with the kindergarteners and plays alongside the students, which they love. He is a good listener and has developed relationships with students that will last long into the future. Congratulations, Brian!" states Erin Kaminski along with Jeanne Butkovich and Anna Leezer, teachers in the building.



If you are interested in joining this passionate group of volunteers, contact Joi Dickemann at (573) 346-9243 or visit the website at *www.camdentonschools.org*, click on program/services tab, then choose school volunteer program.